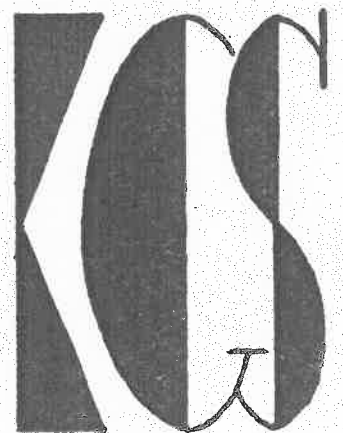


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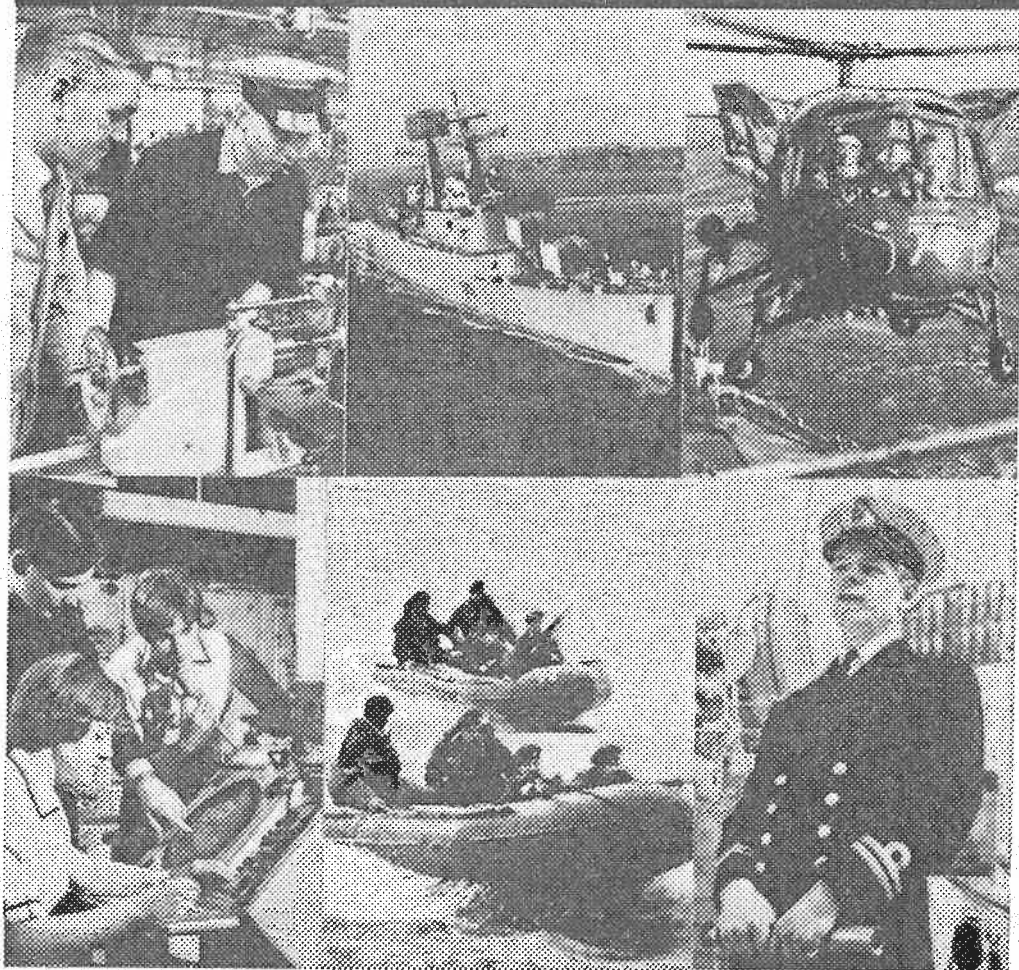
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## EDITORIAL

*Chairman:* MR. H. B. WILSON.

*Co-Editors:* T. L. ARMSTRONG, G. J. GRIMBALDESTON.

*Committee:* D. I. LITTLE, R. A. COSSINS, M. G. CLEMENT.

Throughout the magazine there will be references to the House competitions, how "we were unlucky to lose" or "our victory was essentially a team effort," phrases which keep recurring in every magazine in every school. Yet some question the value of a system which creates competition within the basic unit of the school.

The value of the House system lies with the people who are not school representatives, who are not, and who never will be, able to find a place in a school team, no matter how great their enthusiasm might be. The House is something to which they can make a worthwhile contribution, and with which they can identify themselves and find the security of actually belonging to something. This is why the standard points competitions in the Athletics and Swimming are so important.

Furthermore, competition within a school is not necessarily a sign of disunity. Competitive games can only breed a competitive spirit which is invaluable in school matches, but which after house matches is soon forgotten. As long as inter-house rivalry does not encroach too much into everyday school life, little threat can result to the general unity of the school.

Finally, it is with regret that Kirkham Grammar School and Mr. Higgins may part company after only a year of acquaintance. His work with the Under 13 XV and the French department was invaluable, and I am sure that he will be missed by at least two institutions of Kirkham, ourselves and the ancient "Con" Club. Also leaving is M. Fulchiron, who goes back to France with a Trotsky-type beard and our best wishes.

Since going to press we have learnt that Mr. Fearnhead is leaving us to take up an appointment at Worsley College of Further Education, near Bolton. Our best wishes go with him.

The editors wish to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines: The Rossallian, The Arnoldian and The Pomfretian.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **“Hounds of Spring”— Holcombe Moor**

We arrived there at 7.00 p.m. and met our friends and our enemies, varying from Liverpool College to Arnold School and having been fully kitted out, we were split into two armies, Lancastrian and Yorkists.

Much to our dismay we were Yorkists! Each army (consisting of about 30 men) then set off to its own pre-arranged base camp with its own secret weapon (one empty ammo' box). The idea was for each side to conceal its own camp as best as possible and then to try to capture the enemy's secret weapon.

Once camp had been set up and we'd had a bite to eat (war wasn't officially declared until 9.00 p.m.) the sentries were posted and “recce” patrols were sent out, to locate their camp. Our patrol was unsuccessful, but one of the other patrols was able not only to find their camp but also the password.

Having returned from patrol (time, midnight) and having had a short rest, we were posted as sentries whilst the previous sentries went out on fighting patrol to capture the enemy's secret weapon. This they did with enormous success using a diversion attack.

During this period our camp was heavily attacked but the onslaught was repulsed with heavy casualties for the Lancastrians. We took six prisoners (including one Welsh radio-operator-cum-umpire who shall not be named) and replenished our much-depleted ammunition supply. Our morning dawn-attack finished them off completely and by six o'clock on Sunday morning the day and battle were ours and the enemy had been thoroughly beaten.

Both sides then returned to the Holcombe base for breakfast, for us “compo” meat and vegetables whilst others (much to the envy of one cadet Ward) ate its “sunshine” breakfast and scrambled eggs.

A most interesting morning was spent on the range, shooting with S.L.R. and Sterling machine gun (S.M.G.) We left at about 1.30 and were back at school for 3.00 p.m., tired, dirty, but having had a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

J. F. COOMBER, L.VI.m.

The sight of his beloved old dog lying prostrate in a pool of righteous blood was beyond Stephen's comprehension. How could it be right to take away his only warmth? Was this the justice of the world? The pulse beat madly, a vast vibrating. A silence for remembrance? No—just another screeching of brakes . . .

R. W. SHEARMAN, U.V.x.

## The Drop-out

As November (more or less) approaches, some people's fancies are likely to turn to thoughts of pyrotechnics. For those who think that the display of 1605 lacked the necessary sparkle, B. Smurthwaite relates a later, if less famous incident . . .

Once upon a time, there was a student at a certain University, and his name was Guy Forks. Well, I say student, and technically he was. Twenty-four last birthday, and, by some freak of nature and a little judicious alteration of the university records carried out under cover of darkness, still a second-year, recognised student eligible for maximum grant. Thus he had been for the past three years and one month, and very nice it was, thank you. Not that he went to lectures or anything—after two years of the same lectures he effected the removal of his name from the lecturer's lists due to acute boredom. But now life was good, living in his own little room in the Hall of Residence. Camping out on the campus on starlit evenings in summer, demos. twice weekly (tickets 2/- from the Student's Union, banners extra, wide variety of weapons available, also garden tools for cricket matches. Wide selection of past trophies—helmets, false teeth etc. on show at all times). Playing his guitar to himself along with fifty other hippies all doing the same. Not that he could play the guitar, but when the others were "high" they made a comparable noise to Guy when the latter was in a state that can only be described as "low." Anyway, it looked good, even if his hair did keep getting tangled up in the strings, and he had to wear wicket keeper's gloves. And Elastoplast. (He was usually plastered after twenty minutes in the pub anyway).

But then, just as he could see a peaceful middle-age and retirement ahead, a rest from beating up people who didn't agree with his ideals of peace, just then, tragedy struck. He noticed a sudden tailing-off in invitations to demos, a curtailment of some regular social events. He was even thrown out of the Under-twenty's Drug-In in the vice-chancellor's office (with the emphasis on the vice)—*because he was too old!* For the first time he felt the first pains of dotage. For the first time he knew what loneliness really is. For the first time he had been dropped out of the drop-outs. He had to do something. But what? Poison the principal's coffee? No, that had been tried. The cunning old fool had switched cups. If only he had the inventive and genius-like brain for revolution of their great leader, Tartariq Acid, (who was twenty-six and a half). The trouble was that just about everything

worth doing had already been done. Several times. Then it came—the perfect new (which just shows you how out of touch he was) brain-wave. He would blow up the University Senate. He would show them.

The first step in blowing anything up, is, of course, to procure something with which to blow. This might prove difficult to ordinary mortals, but not to the Student's Union. They had been working on this very problem non-stop, night and day, untiring, unrelenting and determined for all of two weeks, and had perfected a member's theory that any three of Jimmy Young's recipes cooked together can provide enough power to blow up any medium-sized building (or, if eaten, generate enough digestive acids to melt the wretched thing). So, opting for the former method, Guy waited till the night before the Senate was due to meet, November 4th. Then he made his preparations—steak and kidney pudding, tripe and onions and haggis. This would be sufficient to blow the senate to bits—once mixed with the fuses: sixpenn'orth of chips. Carefully he mixed the pud, tripe and haggis, heating gently, added salt, and started to wrap the chips in a separate sheet of newspaper. But disaster! He dropped a chip into the pan of high explosive and blew himself clear through to Hell, where he founded the head office of Hell's Angels.

And so to the moral—for what would our story be without one?—If you want to end up in the right place, get out while the going's good, *or*: when the chips are down, beware!

B. M. SMURTHWAITE, PRE.



## HOUSE REPORTS

### Ashton House

*Housemaster:* MR. H. B. WILSON.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. G. S. CHEESBROUGH, MR. D. E. WORTH, MR. D. BROWN.

*House Captain:* T. A. MUSSON.

*Vice-Captain:* T. L. ARMSTRONG.

*House Prefects:* T. P. BUCKLEY, J. G. GRIMBALDESTON, R. J. REID, P. MATTHEWS.

This year has been one of the most successful in the history of Ashton House. In the winter term Ashton won the Senior Rugby, Senior Cross-Country and the 7-a-side. We then went on to win the Music Competition (thanks go to T. P. Buckley and C. D. Anderson), and the Gymnastics Competition.

Ashton are now in line to win the Tennis Cup (with such outstanding players as Cheetham, Musson, and perhaps Reid), Junior and Senior Cricket, and (maybe even) the Swimming Cup. In the Junior Cricket Ashton have already chalked up a victory against Lytham, with a truly magnificent score of 33 all out. Splendid performance by the Juniors! Our thanks go to Reeder T. A. who is their coach and manager.

In the Athletics Standard Points Cup, Ashton were narrowly beaten by School. On Sport's day, we were again unlucky and were beaten by Preston House by the narrow margin of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points (Ashton 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Preston 102). Congratulations to all Ashton House members on a fine effort, and especially to Aitchison T. S. K., Collins, and Matthews P., who performed exceptionally well on the day.

In the Debating Competition, Ashton beat Kirkham, and were proposing the motion "This House will not stand for the National Anthem!" Smurthwaite gave an excellent speech, and although seconded by only a "mediocre" Scot, took the Ashton House team to victory. The same team will meet School House in the Final.

The house must congratulate T. L. Amrstrong on his appointment as Vice-Captain of the school. It is rumoured he will be back next year, along with his Scottish companion, and so it looks as if Ashton House may once again have the Captain and Vice-Captain of the school.

Exams are upon us, and the elder brethren are about to take their holidays, and we wish them the best of luck with their exams.

T.A.M.

## Fylde House

*Housemaster:* MR. D. H. BUTTERWORTH.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. J. A. SUTCLIFFE, MR. F. W. SAYER,  
MR. B. GORNALL.

*House Captain:* E. J. PATTON.

*House Prefect:* N. M. PATTERSON.

All our hopes of winning the Junior Rugby Cup slipped away as the end of the final drew near. We lost to a fitter School House side who beat us by 11 points to 5. All the junior members who were in the team deserve credit, both for their performance in the final, and for their enthusiasm in training.

With the seniors, the story is again mainly one of defeat on the rugby field. In the semi-final we met Lytham House who beat us by 11 points to 3. Lytham House did not, however, have it all their own way and it was not until the last quarter of the match when they came out on top. The outstanding player of the day was our own Welsh rugby hero—Taffy Metcalf.

Now to the 7-a-side. We were finally placed fourth in what was a hard and bruising competition. In the final match against School House we fielded only six players, but even with this reduced number we managed to show them how 7-a-side rugby should be played (with only six men). We beat School House by 5 points to nothing.

Both these performances by the seniors proved that the enthusiasm and the fight was still there, and what is more important, that there is greater hope for the future.

The next competition was the Inter-House Athletic Sports in which we were placed fourth in both the standard points and on the day. We gained a number of first and second places in both the Senior and Junior events, showing that Fylde House is still up there amongst the winners!

Another competition which must not go without mention is the House Music Competition. With what I thought was our one and only musician, Johnnie Porter, leaving us last year, the house seemed doomed. However, this was not to be. Effort and practice on behalf of our music team, under the supervision of Patterson and Bagshaw (Chopin and Handel) we gained a very commendable fifth position, only a half point behind the House in third position.

I would like to thank the Housemasters for their support in organising and training the junior teams.

Finally, I would like to wish our ex-House Captain, P. C. Bryenton, the very best in his new found career.

For the future—I can say with complete confidence that in the near and distant future it will be Fylde House at the TOP!

E.J.P.



## Kirkham House

*Housemaster:* MR. H. J. REAY.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. L. A. REDMAN, MR. A. R. BAINES.

*House Captain:* S. W. PEMBERTON.

*House Prefects:* A. W. COX, M. P. CUNNINGHAM, P. J. DERNIE,  
D. W. SOWERBUTTS, A. TURNER.

Up to the time of writing, Kirkham House has failed to show supremacy in any competition and there are still no trophies to show for the hard work put in by all. The first activity of the spring term was the seven-a-side rugby, and we ended up as fourth equal to Ashton, Preston and Lytham Houses.

In the Junior Cross Country we came an overall fifth, but Kirkham J., who is to be congratulated on coming first, unfortunately had no back-up runners. The Senior Cross Country race was much the same story as the Junior. Fisher R. came in second but the overall position of the house was fourth.

The music competition was very successful and we came third, only two marks behind the leaders. Irving accompanied the choir who sang "*Consider Yourself*" and "*This world goes round and round.*" Irving also played the second movement of Beethovens "*The Pathétique Sonata.*" The third item was the group which scored nine out of ten points. Thanks must go to D. W. Sowerbutts whose untiring effort gained us a high place.

In the Gym Cup the seniors did very well, coming first, and as all the team will be back next year we should have a very strong team. The junior team tried very hard and full credit must go to Fisher and Dickinson who at very short notice put on quite a polished performance. The final position of the House was fifth which doesn't show the true enthusiasm of the team.

The first activity of the summer term was Athletics in which there are two cups. We came fifth in both, although with a little more effort we could have improved our position in the standards cup. Tennis held more for us than Athletics and in the first round we beat School House by five games to four; we meet Fylde House in the semi-finals.

Probably the most exciting cricket match for some years occurred when we played Preston House in the first round of the junior cricket. Preston won the toss, elected to bat first and made 70 runs all out; Jenkins taking 9 wickets for 24 runs in 14 overs. We got off to a bad start having only 14 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. From then onwards the Kirkham batsmen showed much more determination. Dickinson scored 9 in a long innings, Swift 12 and Fisher a fine innings of 22, but we were bowled out for 67, only 4 runs short of victory.

Practices for shooting, senior cricket and swimming have begun; these competitions all taking place at the end of the summer term. Finally I'd like to wish all those members of the House who are taking external examinations every success.

S.W.P.

## Lytham House

*Housemaster:* MR. R. T. BENTLEY.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. J. BRADBURY, MR. J. MURRAY, MR. B. F. TAYLOR.

*House Captain:* S. CLEGG.

*Vice-Captain:* R. FISHER.

*House Prefects:* P. A. SUMNER, A. MOLLOY, D. J. TAYLOR, P. G. JONES, C. C. TAYLOR.

The Spring term has been an extremely busy one, beginning with the second round of the Senior rugby competition in which we played Fylde House whom we beat by 11 pts to 3. This victory saw the house through to the final of the competition for the first time in a number of years.

Our opposition in the final was Ashton House who fielded an exceptionally strong side and the House which was to evolve as our arch-rivals over the rest of the spring term. Although the team was defeated by 21pts to 3 they undoubtedly played their best rugby of the three matches, strong rugby being played by the forwards, especially Taylor D. J. and quick tackling by the three quarter line.

In the Junior Cross-Country we were placed second behind Preston, an excellent performance by all the members of the team, especially Allan, Burke and Heath who were placed 3rd, 5th and 9th respectively.

In the Senior Cross-Country we were placed sixth, the seniors obviously showing keenness but a lack of ability. However, all the team tried their best and no more could be asked of them.

In the debating competition we were knocked out by Preston in a very closely fought debate which had as its motion "This house believes that religion is still the opium of the masses." The two speakers for the House, Sumner and Collins, proposed the motion with excellent speeches and our thanks go to them on this account (even though they failed to keep the Christian religion alive at K.G.S.)

The Gym competition was probably the biggest surprise with the house being placed second, its highest position since the inauguration of this competition. Congratulations must go to all the team for putting up such a fine effort and to Heath particularly for winning the individual junior competition.

In the music competition our hopes were high in retaining the music cup for the fourth year in succession; however, the adjudicators decision, which was not unfortunately the same as the renowned music critics of Lytham House (and other houses), placed us in second position. Our thanks go to the entire music "ensemble" and especially Hill S. whose work will, I am sure, bring the trophy back to its rightful home next year.

In the seven-a-side rugby competition we finished in second place once more behind Ashton, the team playing exceptionally well in every game.

Two chess matches have been played in the Spring term, the chess team being victorious in both of them.

So far this Summer term we have been placed third in the athletics competition, the highest position ever gained by the house. Congratulations go to Allan, Meakin and Hunter who gained first place in the 400m and 800m, pole vault and junior long jump respectively.

In the junior cricket we were beaten by Ashton juniors by 8 runs. White took six wickets for seventeen runs.

For the rest of the term we can look forward to the shooting, senior cricket, and swimming competitions in the hope that we can do better than second place and finally reach that elusive first position.

S.C.

## **Preston House**

*Housemaster:* MR. T. JACKMAN.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. R. M. CLARKSON, MR. D. C. FEARNHEAD.

*House Captain:* P. WORRALL.

*House Prefects:* D. G. ELLIOTT, D. A. HOUGH, D. I. PILKINGTON, C. J. WISEMAN.

At the end of the Spring term the House bade farewell to that inspiring leader of men, D. E. Cowell. His loss will certainly be great and our best wishes go with him.

Since the past report the House has tasted success on more than one occasion. The Junior Cross-Country Cup came to Room 9 for the second year in succession. In the Senior race we were placed, as in 1969, a creditable 3rd.

In the Sevens Competition we defeated School, Fylde and Kirkham Houses easily and drew with Ashton House 3-3 in a tremendous game. But the team played below standard against Lytham House, losing 10 points to 3. This defeat placed us a rather disappointing 3rd.

However, the House has got off to a tremendous start in the Summer term. The greatest victory has been in the Athletics. Excitement was maintained right up to the last event when we were  $\frac{1}{2}$  point behind Ashton House, but the Senior Relay team ran superbly to break the record and push Ashton House into 2nd place; Preston House 102 pts; Ashton House 99 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Essentially this was a magnificent team effort and everyone performed exceptionally, in fact out of all the 36 events on Sports Day there were only seven in which we failed to score. P. Beaven and J. Martindale dominated the Senior events but probably the most pleasing aspect of the sports was the juniors, who out of nine events gained six first places, one second and one third.

The Juniors also deserve praise for a good win over a strong Kirkham House team in the first round of the Junior Cricket. Batting first, Preston scored a creditable 71, Wright scoring 32 and Bramwell playing very sensibly to carry his bat for 27 not out. Tension mounted as Kirkham chased the runs and the last Kirkham man came to the wicket with them needing seven runs to win. However, they were bowled out for 66 for Preston to win by five runs. Certainly the Juniors have the support of the whole House in their pursuit of another trophy.

The House has been on top of the Work Cup table all year but a really strong final effort must be made in the examinations to consolidate this position.

This has been one of Preston House's more successful periods. I would like to thank and congratulate everybody for their spirited attempts in whatever their field may be and I only hope our success can be maintained.

P.W.

## School House

*Housemaster:* MR. R. A. KNOWLES.

*Assistant Housemasters:* MR. G. BELLIS, MR. S. C. CROOK, MR. S. K. HIGGINS.

*House Captain:* M. D. HEYES.

*House Prefects:* D. I. LITTLE, S. F. H. PRIOR, C. E. RAYNER.

The first major event since the last report was the Junior Rugby Final against a strong Fylde House. In the closing few minutes, Yates crossed the line equalise, three points each. Shortly afterwards Morgan repeated the performance and the House's first cup was duly obtained.

There followed the much disliked cross-country running season. The juniors, despite hard training, only managed third place in their competition. This was, however, a creditable performance. The seniors also turned out an impressive team in an effort to retain the cup against strong Ashton House competition. Unfortunately, Ashton, who have the best runners in the school, managed to overcome our dominance in this field and for the first time in four years the cup left School House.

The House was, however, more successful in airing its views and beat a strong Preston House debating team in the semi-final of the debating competition. It is hoped that the trend of increased participation by House members will continue in the final, when the debating team of Heyes and Tyldesley clash with the Ashton speakers.

The lack of any outstanding musicians in the House had the inevitable effect of placing the House last in the music competition but the skill of Rybicki and the courage of the trio are points that should be kept in mind for future occasions.

The Athletics Standard's Cup provided the usual amusement and annual protests so it was gratifying when, even whilst abiding by the new regulations, we again won it.

The Gym Cup was postponed until the spring term and was unfortunately held during the last week of term when our best gymnast, Witting, had already left on a globe-trotting holiday. Our hopes of regaining the cup were further smashed when our best senior gymnast, Haynes J, injured himself whilst practising. Congratulations must, however, go to the scratch team of Brandon, Higgs, Crichton T., Aitchison, Wood and Hunnisett who managed to place the House third in the face of strong competition.

The House chess team, coached by J. Coomber, were justly rewarded for much practice when they won the Cup after beating Preston House. The team included Brandon, Higgs, Riding, Smith, Aitchison, Rich and Sheppard.

The House now looks forward with confidence to the Swimming Cup, since Kirkham have lost two fine swimmers in Smith and West, and a strong effort should see both the Points and Sports Cups within our grasp.

In both senior and junior cricket competitions we hope to do well but judging by House representation in school teams it appears to be a forlorn hope.

Another competition to be completed this term is the Work Cup in which the House has made a startling recovery and is now lying second.

Congratulations must go to Ward J. and Brandon on being awarded half-colours for their efforts in the school first XV rugby team, and also to Little and Lewis for obtaining their half-colours in the Harriers.

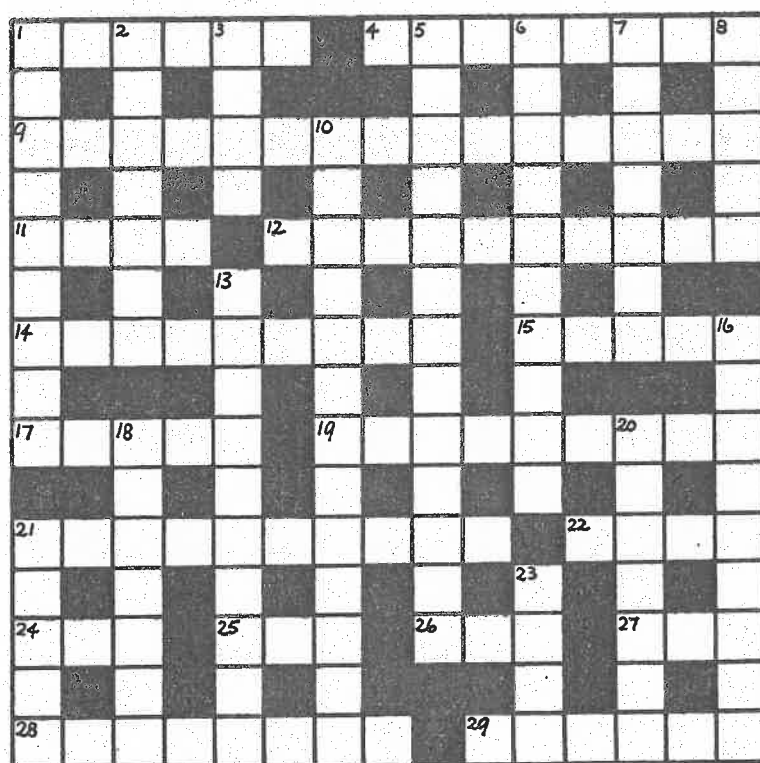
Representation in school teams this term has so far been poor with only Brandon in the first XI, Strong B. and Coomber in the second XI, and Little in the Tennis team.

With very few leavers at the end of this term the House will be equally strong next year and despite our few numbers our former greatness should return with the leaving of all the seniors in the rival houses.

M.D.H.

# THE KIRKHAMIAN CROSSWORD

*Compiled by C. R. Tyldesley*



*Solution on page 545*

#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1 The centre changed not too long ago (6).
- 4 Breezy girl found in a well (8).
- 9 The bands at the wedding don't play D and finish up as a church notice (5, 2, 8).
- 11 Look at a rose to see Cupid (4).
- 12 The state of panic a jig-saw gets in, when dismantled (2, 2, 6).
- 14 The retired teacher is a maestro (3, 6).
- 15 Mr. Fawkes, helped partly by Edward, secured the tent (5).
- 17 To be quite candid, this is what the French thieves want (5).
- 19 Bob astern can be very spongy (9).
- 21 Overcome a night flier, that is what the bowler aims to do (4, 3, 3).
- 22 Real Shakespeare character (4).
- 24 The seal loses 50 in the water (3).
- 25 I owe this grief to a change round near the beginning (3).
- 26 One's own example of a circle (3).
- 27 Card the great player would play (3).
- 28 A mat's lock of hair on the bed (8).
- 29 Somewhere in that square pentagon, he'll apologise (6).

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Looks like a command to get rid of the bed, but is only erased (6, 3).
- 2 A harmonious flier (7).
- 3 Search pine stems for a bird's home (4).
- 5 Wrecked, in an apologetic country (2, 1, 5, 5).
- 6 Dr. Reg Rines looks like the source of these American guns (10).
- 7 An ancient entrance widens but destroys all government (7).
- 8 Notice the extra note at the end of the letter oozes out (5).
- 10 How the leading young attendant would appear in the papers (5, 4, 4).
- 13 A look-out tower which may have a clock on it (5, 5).
- 16 French ground inside a dent provides a remedy (9).
- 18 Adam the strong (7).
- 20 Rise from late eve (7).
- 21 Booms like the breasts (5).
- 23 A rodent spot on the skin (4).



## SOCIETY REPORTS

### Auto Society

*Chairman:* MR. D. BUTTERWORTH.

*Secretary:* C. CHEETHAM.

*Treasurer:* D. G. ELLIOTT.

*Committee:* D. I. PILKINGTON, R. BAGSHAW, G. E. POOL, J. H. DUCKWORTH, C. R. BUTTERFIELD.

The Society has had a very inactive year indeed. This is largely due to heavy booking of films by motor clubs, but there will be three films next term from the Castrol film library. It seems likely that the society will find difficulty in acquiring officials next year with many of this years' officials leaving.

C.C.

### Badminton Club

*Chairman:* MR. J. A. SUTCLIFFE.

*Secretary:* J. K. COWELL.

*Captain:* T. A. MUSSON.

*Committee:* S. J. B. MARTINDALE, T. A. REEDER, C. J. CHEETHAM.

**Results:** played 9; won 3; lost 6.

The season on the whole has been one of disappointment. In the Winter term the team suffered five heavy defeats and only managed to beat Preston College.

However, the Spring term showed more promise, the team winning two and losing one. The two victories were against Arnold at Hutton, and the team losing narrowly (5-4) to King Edwards, displaying in this match the true ability of the team.

With four team members returning next year, next season should produce a better standard of success.

Special thanks should go to T. A. Musson as captain of the team, and often the outstanding player during matches. Musson, ably supported by T. A. Reeder, provided the first pair, winning most of their matches.

Second pair J. K. Cowell and M. J. Higgs showed promise for next year, with S. J. B. Martindale and C. J. Cheetham making up the third pair.

This year has been one of internal activities, and a new coaching system has been started. Under the supervision of Mr. Sutcliffe junior members have been instructed, by team members, in the basic skills of badminton. This coaching is intended to give juniors the opportunity of playing, with the view of becoming team members in the future.

As a result of this system, the Badminton Club has reached its highest membership ever, catering for the whole school.

J.K.C.



## Geographical Society

*Chairman:* MR. R. A. KNOWLES.

*Secretary:* D. I. LITTLE.

*Treasurer:* J. HALL.

*Committee:* C. R. TYLDESLEY, J. KIRKHAM, W. BRAMWELL.

The Society has shown a programme of eight films in the last two terms. They have come, in part, from some new sources, and owing to the fairly consistent attendance of many from the Junior forms, we have felt justified in re-showing some of the better films of recent years. Perhaps the most successful was a film called "Antarctic Crossing" which was shown in two halves during different lunch hours. The Christmas Quiz produced some very good entries, but we suspect that a great number of people complete as much of the quiz as they can manage, and then omit to hand it in.

Finally, we would like to thank B. Smurthwaite and C. R. Tyldesley for their valuable work as projectionists.

D.I.L.

## Gym Club

*Chairman:* MR. D. E. WORTH.

*Secretary:* T. L. ARMSTRONG.

The climax of this year's activities in gymnastic circles was, as always, the Inter-House Competition held on Monday, 23rd March.

All the teams gave creditable performances and evidence of much practice was prevalent throughout the competition. Ashton and Lytham houses were the two main rivals and only a controversial decision to allow D. Short, a member of the Ashton House team, several attempts at a difficult vault gave Ashton the final victory.

Kirkham House are to be commended on a courageous performance, since two members of their team were found to be absent on the day.

The final results were:

1	Ashton	..	..	..	..	..	..	972 pts.
2	Lytham	..	..	..	..	..	..	969½pts.
3	School	..	..	..	..	..	..	884 pts.
4	Preston	..	..	..	..	..	..	876 pts.
5	Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	..	863½pts.
6	Fylde...	..	..	..	..	..	..	781 pts.

In the individual competition:

**Senior:**

1	C. J. Riley	..	..	..	..	..	..	229 pts.
2	D. S. Short	..	..	..	..	..	..	228 pts.
3	A. M. Hird	..	..	..	..	..	..	215½pts.

### Junior:

1	S. D. Heath	..	..	..	..	..	148 pts.
2	S. M. Aitchison	..	..	..	..	..	137 pts.
3	J. Cooper	}	..	..	..	..	133 pts.
	H. Morgan		..	..	..	..	

This term, too, has not been as dormant as usual for the gymnasts.

On Wednesday 6th May, a team consisting of J. Kirkham, S. Heath, H. Morgan, C. Riley and P. Whitting travelled to Arnold School and came away with a good victory. The final result was:

Arnold	..	..	..	..	..	..	120.6 pts.
Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	..	128.7 pts.

Apart from this, however, there will be little activity throughout the term, outdoor sports taking precedence over gymnastics.

T.L.A.

## Library

*Co-Chairmen:* MR. S. CRANE, MR. S. C. CROOK.

*Secretary:* G. J. GRIMBALDESTON.

*Treasurer:* A. W. COX.

*Committee:* T. L. ARMSTRONG, S. CLEGG, P. J. DERNIE, J. H. DUCKWORTH, S. N. JENKINSON, D. I. LITTLE, P. C. MATTHEWS, M. D. O'NEILL, E. J. PATTON, D. I. PILKINGTON, R. J. REID, P. A. SUMNER, C. C. TAYLOR, P. WORRALL.

It is always very heartening to see the number of junior members of the school who have made full use of the library facilities. Whilst the sixth-form are traditionally the major users of the library, the dinner-time sessions are now regularly well-filled with juniors, to the extent that we have felt justified in opening the library to the whole school four times a week during the summer term, instead of only twice a week as is usual at this time of the year.

We await with both hope and anxiety the end of term book-check, when we trust that the number of missing books will be an all-time low. It is up to every member of the school to make sure that the library is used properly, that all books are stamped out and returned promptly, and that any books found outside the library are handed in. Every person can use the library, and it is only if every person realises his responsibility that this important problem can be solved.

G.J.G.

## **Model Racing Club**

*Chairman:* MR. G. T. BROWN.

*Secretary:* L. J. HOULDEN.

*Treasurer:* B. C. CRAWLEY.

*Committee:* S. B. BAMBER, N. DAWSON, M. BOWSER.

The club has started to build a track with a chipboard base surfaced by hardboard strips, to be approximately 35 feet long. We hope to have members of the club building it in the near future.

L.J.H.

## **Model Railway Society**

*Chairman:* MR. R. M. CLARKSON.

*Secretary:* J. S. DAVISON.

*Treasurer:* T. R. M. JONES.

*Committee:* B. WHITE, D. O. SLACK, G. K. GREGORY, R. GREEN.

The society continues to hold its weekly meetings, although the attendance is sometimes disappointing. Nevertheless, those who *do* attend show considerable enthusiasm, and the construction of our layout is progressing satisfactorily. By the time this report is read the trackwork on the first section of baseboard should be almost complete. The reference library is used by only a few members, but provides them with useful information. Next year the society hopes to benefit from the presence of new boys, who will be given every encouragement to join the society and help in constructing the model railway.

J.S.D.

## **Music Society**

*Chairman:* MR. J. MURRAY.

*Secretary:* C. D. ANDERSON.

*Treasurer:* T. P. BENTLEY.

*Committee:* J. H. DUCKWORTH, B. BAGSHAW, C. E. TAYLOR, S. HILL.

The main event for the Music Society this term is the Founders' Day Service at Kirkham Parish Church on 4th July. The choir has started practising two choruses from Mendelssohn's "*Hymn of Praise*," but as yet it is undecided which one will be performed.

Regarding the orchestra; this will be rather more redundant this term than usual, mainly because no C.C.F. inspection is being held. So, apart from a few members helping with the hymn playing at the Founders' Day Service, little music will be performed by the orchestra.

C.D.A.

## Natural History Society

*Chairman:* MR. A. R. BAINES.

*Secretary:* D. O. SLACK.

*Treasurer:* C. A. LEWIS.

*Committee:* T. R. BALL, J. A. BLACKIE, S. R. BEAVEN, C. E. TAYLOR,  
C. C. WEBB.

This society has held a meeting every Tuesday lunch time, so far, during this school year—its large membership and enthusiastic support have seen to that.

Since our last report in February, nine meetings have been held, including four films, and we prepared an exhibition for the Easter Fair held at the school on Saturday, March 14th. This year the Exhibition had as its theme "Skeletons" (dem bones, dem bones, them dry dem bones!) It showed various examples of exoskeletons in plants and animals and how to prepare and mount a mammal's endoskeleton for use in demonstration lessons. Almost 300 people visited Room 17 during the afternoon and therefore we were able to hand over £14 15s 6d, the total from the various Science Exhibitions, to the G.S.C. funds at the end of the day—our contribution to this year's record total of £289 4s 1d which was reported after the School Concert collection had been taken on the evening of March 21st.

An average of 49 people have attended the four films shown since February. These were "*The Living Pattern*," "*Genetics in Plants*," "*Oliver Kites Fawley*" and "*The Rival World*." Before the end of the school year we have two more films booked, "*Beauty in Trust*" and "*Reptiles*." Our film shows are held in Room 11 and our sincere and grateful thanks are due to Mr. R. A. Knowles for the use of this room and to B. M. Smurthwaite (U.6 modern and prefect), the projectionist.

Our talks, given by members of the school, are less well attended but about 18 people on each occasion have heard about "Different Modes of Nutrition" (Mr. A. R. Baines), "Sixth Form Ecology Work 1970" (T. R. M. Jones and D. O. Slack, L.6.Sc.), "Coarse Fishing" (C. A. Lewis, L.6.Sc.) and "Tropical Birds" (N. W. Cross, L.6.m).

Apart from the two films yet to be shown, members have the opportunity during the four weeks of external examinations to work "in the field" on topics of their own interest. Our programme will end on July 7th with our A.G.M. at which the events for 1970-71 will be discussed.

D.O.S.

## Photographic Society

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

*Secretary:* T. R. M. JONES.

*Treasurer:* P. H. BUTTERWORTH.

*Committee:* D. CONROY, N. M. FISHER, G. W. GASKARTH.

The society, during the year, has had quite an interesting time.

Since last year the darkroom has been completely redecorated and all the equipment, with the exception of the two enlargers, has been replaced.

After the last magazine had gone to press the society achieved the distinction of photographing all school sports events and teams. This has resulted not only in a saving for the team members but additional money for the photographic society and the games society concerned, from the profits of selling the photographs.

Next year it is hoped to show some cine-films on "*How to Develop, Print and Enlarge*"; "*How Films are Made*," and "*Better Photographic Technique*." Unfortunately the cost of the hire of these films is 30s which will probably mean only two films out of the set of five can be shown in a year.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity in thanking P. Butterworth for his untiring efforts to keep the society's books in order.

T.R.M.J.

## Scientific Society

*Chairman:* MR. J. BRADBURY.

*Secretary:* R. J. REID.

*Treasurer:* T. L. ARMSTRONG.

*Committee:* G. POOL, H. DUCKWORTH, C. A. LEWIS.

Since the last magazine P. C. Bryenton, former secretary of the society, has left and many thanks must go to him for all the work he put in for the Society. The Society has been somewhat inactive this year but we certainly roused ourselves for the Easter Fair where a very comprehensive Scientific Exhibition was displayed in the Norwood Block.

On display was a great deal of advanced physics apparatus, and a restricted number of chemical experiments, due to the general lack of expertise among our members. Nevertheless, many thanks must go to G. Pool, H. Duckworth, N. Patterson and T. L. Armstrong for their tireless efforts on the day.

Next year the bulk of the committee will be returning and it is hoped that some of the present L. VI will be recruited to help out with a programme of meetings and Society activities.

R.J.R.

## Swimming Club

*Captain:* R. PURNELL.

*Secretary:* J. BARTON.

*Committee:* I. BRETHERTON, A. DIXON, J. WARD, T. IRVING.

The swimming squad has been training regularly throughout the term, juniors on Wednesday dinner time and seniors on Thursday dinner time. We are all now waiting for the Inter-Grammar Schools Swimming Gala at Blackpool's Derby Baths, where I am sure we will give a creditable performance.

J.G.B.

## Table Tennis Society

*Chairman:* MR. D. C. FEARNEHEAD.

*Secretary:* S. P. J. WHITE.

*Treasurer:* S. J. B. MARTINDALE.

*Committee:* P. M. BAMBER, J. G. BARTON, A. A. BLAKE, R. A. COSSINS.

By its own standards, the society has had a very successful year. Membership has been higher than usual and enthusiastic members have attended regular dinner-time and after-school meetings. The standard of play on the whole is good, and this prompted the society to play two inter-school matches. In one of these the society met a very strong team from St. Annes College and a team of R. A. Cossins, J. G. Barton, S. P. J. White, R. Matthews, I. B. Taylor and E. Easter was soundly beaten. However, in the only other match, a team of J. D. H. Smith, R. A. Cossins, J. G. Barton, S. P. J. White, R. Purnell and N. E. Fleet was sent to play at Blackpool Grammar School, and emerged worthy winners by 15 games to 6.

A ladder has been in progress since the last half term of the year, and also one knock-out competition has been held. This resulted in a singles victory for J. D. H. Smith, while N. E. Fleet and S. P. J. White emerged triumphant in the doubles.

The society also issued several challenges to the masters' common-room for a match, but apart from brief appearances from Mr. Bradbury and Mr. Clarkson, and a short season from Mr. Worth and Mr. Gornall, this gauntlet has not been accepted.

S.P.J.W.

## **Tennis Club**

*Chairman:* MR. R. T. BENTLEY.

*Captain:* C. CHEETHAM.

*Secretary:* D. L. ROBINSON.

*Committee:* T. A. MUSSON, D. I. PILKINGTON, D. I. LITTLE, C. C. TAYLOR.

This year's tennis team has not yet met with the success it enjoyed last season, being defeated by King Edward's Lytham and by Hutton. However, the team lacked early season practice and were without their stalwart, Musson. The remaining matches are all at home, including a fixture against the Old Boys. The team for the first two matches was:

First pair: Reid and Robinson

Second pair: Cheetham and Thompson

Third pair: Little and Butterfield.

The House tennis matches are progressing well, with the probable finalists being Kirkham and Ashton houses.

D.L.R.



## C.C.F. REPORT

### Army Section

*C.S.M.*: T. L. ARMSTRONG.

*Sgts.*: R. FISHER, J. G. GRIMBALDESTON, N. M. HURST, P. C. MATTHEWS, R. J. REID, P. A. SUMNER.

*Cpls.*: C. D. ANDERSON, D. I. LITTLE, P. G. JONES, P. J. DERNIE, T. A. MUSSON, M. D. O'NEILL, G. E. POOL.

*L/Cpls.*: S. A. HUGHES, A. TURNER, J. BRANDON, J. COOMBER, J. COWELL, M. HIGGS, T. JONES, R. MATTHEWS, D. ROBINSON, B. STRONG, I. TAYLOR, S. WRIGHT.

Last term saw the completion of the U.V's training scheme, who were well rewarded for their efforts with a 100% pass rate. Thirty cadets passed their proficiency, Dalley, Irving and Phizacklea gaining commendable credits. Captain P. Mileham deserves much of the praise for this high success rate, as do the senior N.C.O's who evidently taught the cadets thoroughly and efficiently.

This year's Easter Camp was held in Longsleddale (in the Lake District), and thanks must go to Mr. Kremer, an ex-K.G.S. master, for his co-operation in the training area. Snow, rain and generally poor weather did not prevent the camp from being a successful one. Activities included canoeing, mountaineering and rock-climbing. Although the activities fully merited the description "arduous," experience under adverse conditions was gained by all and I am certain that much of the enjoyment lay in the personal achievement of each cadet.

This year saw the absence of a General Inspection and, coupled with exam pressures, was responsible for a slight lapse in general enthusiasm. This, however, will be shortlived.

Throughout the year, the M.T. section has benefited from the services of L/cpls. Hughes and Turner to whom thanks are due for injecting new life into the garage activities. The A.T., too, has flourished under the competent guidance of Sgt. Hurst and Cpl. O'Neill, without whose assistance assault course activities would have been impossible. The L.V's and U.IV's have developed well, also, thanks to hard work by the other N.C.O's who have all contributed to a successful year.

As usual, Major Reay and his fellow officers must be thanked for their planning and supervision in making everything run smoothly, and hence, for the added enjoyment of the cadets.

Further activities this term include a Field Day on 2nd July. It is hoped that both the U.IV's and L.V's will enjoy their respective overnight camps at Lancaster and Waddicar, and also the initiative type of exercises arranged for them. Field day will see the U.V's shooting at Altcar, where, it is hoped, they will have ample opportunity to fire various types of weapons.



Summer Camp this year will be held at Cultybraggen in Scotland. A total of 80 boys will be going on camp, a record number of cadets due to a massive influx of younger members in the U.IV's. Fortunately, some of our cadets will benefit from an Adventure Training Course being held by a Youth Team which will include rock climbing, mountaineering, canoeing and camping. We shall also be lucky in having the assistance of Capt Mileham and the 27 Cadet Training Team for a few days. In addition to this, the junior cadets will have training in map reading, canoeing and shooting. In conclusion, Summer Camp has something for everyone and should be enjoyed by all.

Finally, the contingent would like to thank D. E. Cowell for his invaluable work as C.S.M. and would like to take this opportunity in wishing him all the best for his future career.

T.L.A.

### **R.A.F. Section**

*Flight Sgt.:* S. W. PEMBERTON.

*Cpls.:* D. G. ELLIOTT, R. MOLLOY, N. M. PATTERSON, S. F. H. PRIOR  
B. M. SMURTHWAITE.

*Sen/Cadets:* P. CARTWRIGHT, S. HUGHES, C. RAYNOR.

This year in the Advanced proficiency the results are the best ever. Fifteen cadets took the examination and out of those there was one pass, two credits and twelve distinctions. The following cadets are to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement: Davison J., Hall J., Samways P., Blake A., Haynes J., Slack D., Dixon A., Collins J., Easter D., Lewis C., Lewis M., Stirling A., Cross N., Fleet N., Taylor C. The proficiency examination results were also very pleasing; out of a total of thirty cadets taking the examination only three failed.

Unfortunately on Field Day during the Spring term the party going to R.A.F. Lindholme was cancelled due to bad road conditions (ice and snow) between Kirkham and Lindholme. Instead, the party spent an enjoyable day on an orienteering course held in the wooded country around Leighton Hall, near Silverdale. Another party of cadets went to R.A.F. Woodvale for air experience in Chipmunks. Fortunately the weather there was good enough to allow the Chipmunks to fly and now every member of the section has had at least one flight in a Chipmunk this school year.

During the Easter holiday, the R.A.F. Section was quite active. Nineteen boys spent a week at R.A.F. Valley. This camp was both enjoyable and successful. (A report of this camp appears later in this issue). Lewis M. R. who passed selection for a flying scholarship took his course at Hurn Airport near Bournemouth. He now holds his Private Pilot's Licence.

Five cadets this Whitsuntide are going to take a course on gliding. Blake A., Slack D. and Lewis C. are going to R.A.F. Ouston at Newcastle while Samway P. and Rayner C. are going to R.A.F. Hewswell, Gainsborough, in Lincoln.

The boys who passed their Advanced proficiency have been instructed in the art of teaching and will, during the "A" examination period, take over from the senior members of the section. The cadets who passed proficiency have been engaged upon projects such as making a model airfield layout, etc. This equipment will be useful in teaching the younger members of the section.

S.W.P.

### **R.A.F. Section: Easter Camp at Valley**

On Wednesday 8th April, the train left the sun-drenched towns of the Fylde and set a course for Anglesey. The journey was spent playing cards, in which N. E. Fleet couldn't lose (very suspicious!), apart from the Annual Pig Trampling contest won by D. O. Slack.

We arrived safely at Valley to plaintive cries of "What a dump; miles from the nearest p - -". But how wrong we were proved to be. We were given our beds, and the rest of the day was spent making them . . . and wrecking them . . . etc.

Flying was on the programme for Thursday, alas, in the Varsity, affectionately known as the "Flying Pig." The rest of the time was spent looking at the Gnats and simulators. Night time meant Trial Time for certain junior members, but they loved every minute of it.

The following day was spent shooting at Ty Croes, succeeded by a night exercise in which certain targets on the airfield perimeter had to be "destroyed" Under the able leadership of A. Blake, J. H. Hall and D. O. Slack (cough! cough!), K.G.S. gained the lead in the camp plaque competition. But Saturday followed with its leadership exercises in which a stream had to be crossed, given various equipment. However, several members got more than they bargained for (for further details see Cooper) and we lost the lead. Saturday night was spent at Valley and D.D. flowed freely all night.

Sunday was uneventful, give or take a fight (or rather a race) with the local Bovver Boys, and a flight in a helicopter for certain members (N. E. Fleet again!)

The following day was spent at Bangor Baths after a bus journey accompanied by singing from the Back Seat Boys. On our return we were greeted by the dreaded words "Drill Competition," but under the command of A. A. ("call me R.S.M.") Blake, K.G.S. won this. However, we had not done enough to win the camp plaque, but as a consolation finished second.

The final day was spent in Snowdonia where the more adventurous among us walked to the top of Foel Fras (3,092 feet). This, surprisingly, was very enjoyable, even though "my flaming boots are killing me" and "I'm soaked" ruled the conversation.

But all too soon came the day of our return when we retraced our steps "Back Home," after a very enjoyable and well-organised camp for which we must heartily thank Ft/Lt. Jennes and our own officers, Ft/Lt. Cheeseborough and P. O. Brown.

CPL. J. H. HALL.  
CPL. D. O. SLACK.

## SCHOOL SPORTS

The "sporting tradition" at Kirkham has flourished strongly for many years, not least during this school year. Success is not based wholly on the records of the various teams, but on the enthusiasm of team members and the enjoyment they may gain. The depth of interest, which is shown by the numbers of boys who take part in school games, house matches, and inter-form competitions, reflects the strength of this "sporting tradition."

During the winter months we regularly turned out seven rugby teams, and on occasions even "B" fifteens. This involves a quarter of the boys in the school. In spite of demands made on their time, most boys, more than willingly, give up their Saturday afternoons to represent Kirkham Grammar School on various playing fields. The Cross-Country teams are in action during the winter, and whilst only eight run in both the Senior and U.16 teams, there is a squad of twenty-five to pick from—it is more often a question of "who to leave out," than "who to select."

The Summer term, which brings the "fine weather" sees the start of a wide range of sports. This year has been no exception. Cricketers, athletes, tennis players and golfers have all "crowded" the playing fields, and some good results have justified all this enthusiasm. For some time the cricket has been at a low ebb, but this season, if determination to do well counts, then the teams, particularly the 1st XI, should have good results.

One disturbing factor, however, mars my pleasure—this is the lack of regard for the correct type of dress for the sport concerned. Too many boys turn out for a cricket match, even at first team level, in white shirt and flannels, but with dirty boots and coloured socks, few bother to change for a net practice. Tennis players leave the school for inter-school matches with only a pair of shorts and gym shoes as their kit, preferring to wear the shirt and socks they arrived at school in. Many athletes fail to turn out correctly dressed for meetings—surely it is not too much to ask that kit is clean, that white vests and shorts are worn, and that track suits are used rather than sweaters or jackets.

It may not be true to say that a well-equipped team is a good one, but it is a fact that a clean and correctly dressed team reflects the serious and enthusiastic approach of its members to the game.

### Rugby 1969—70

Rugby at Kirkham Grammar School this season has seen both success and defeat in varying degrees. Although the first team started the season well, a string of difficult matches, which ended in defeat, punctured their confidence, which didn't pick up again until the new year. David Cowell, the team's captain, has now represented Lancashire Schoolboys on three occasions at centre and John Pigott, a former pupil, who learnt most of his rugby at the school, has played for England Schoolboys on a number of occasions at lock forward.

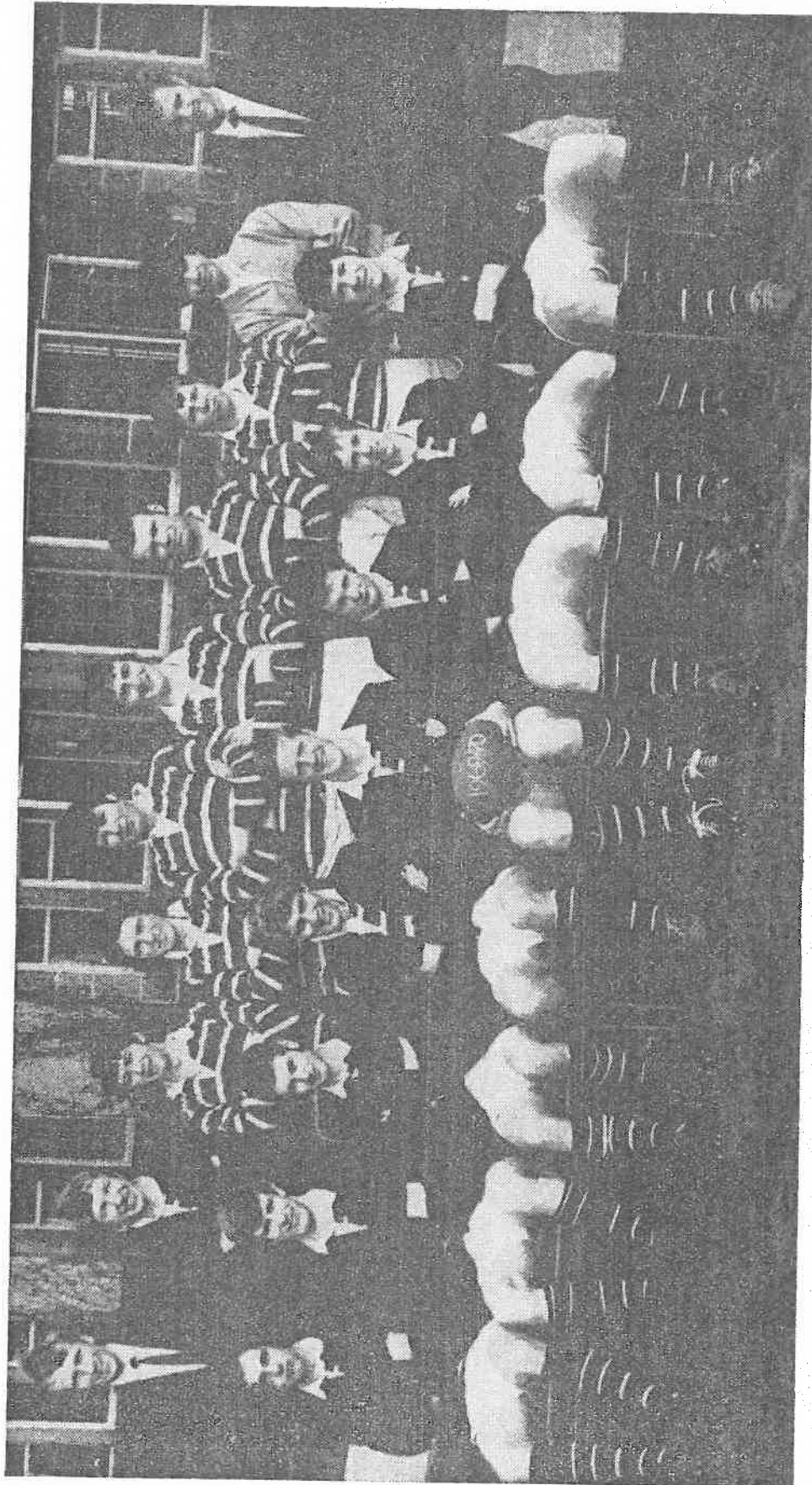
The first team has played 17 games, winning 10 and losing 7 but their points total does them more justice, 324 points scored, against 137. The team pool contains few individuals but rather an efficient blend of honest workers, over half of whom will be available for selection next season. D. Cowell both in his capacity as a player and as a captain has bred confidence with his very presence. He has been well supported in the backs by J. Grimbaldston, a plucky out-half who has scored eight tries, T. Armstrong and P. Worrall, two most versatile players and J. Martindale and P. Matthews, whose opportunism has brought them 14 and 11 tries respectively.

The pack has been well settled. Wing forward S. Jenkinson has had a particularly good season and he and his back row colleagues J. Brandon and R. Reid have contributed 12 useful tries. Prop-forward S. Pemberton reached the final regional trial and he has been ably supported by J. Ward and hooker J. Barton, in the thankless job of front row forward play. Locks C. Wiseman and J. Cowell often took control of line-out play and got three tries each, rare for players in this role.

The team twice chalked up half centuries against Balshaws and Fleetwood and recorded victories against Hutton and Marple Hall by very sizeable margins. Perhaps the most impressive victory was that over Leigh G.S. in January, a team which had then been beaten only once.

Hopes for the future were brighter this year. The 2nd XV won 75% of their games despite an unsettled side due to first team call-up. Patton, Meakin and Cox were the backbone of a fine team. The Under 15 XV, under Mr. Bellis, produced a similar record. Allan, Aitchison and Hart progressed well in the County trials and Aitchison played twice for Lancashire U.15's. They were backed up well by players like Short and Kirkham in school matches. The Under 13 XV, piloted by Mr. Higgins, produced the biggest surprise by going seven matches without defeat. Wright and Collins in particular shone and Hunter and Bellamy both showed great promise. The Under 14 XV and Under 12 XV were less successful but in the former, Lambert, Dennis and Yates, and in the latter, Morgan, Duckworth and Dickinson all played consistently well.

	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>A</i>
1st XV	17	10	0	7	324	137
2nd XV	16	12	0	4	334	158
3rd XV	5	2	1	2	62	41
U 15	13	9	0	4	247	162
U 14	9	2	0	7	60	212
U 13	9	6	1	2	117	98
U 12	6	2	0	4	51	70



*Back row (from left):* D. E. Worth, Esq; P. C. Matthews; J. Brandon; J. Barton; C. J. Wiseman; S. L. Redman; R. J. Reid; J. K. Ward;  
D. C. Aitchison; B. Gornall Esq.  
*Front row (from left):* S. N. Jenkinson; J. S. B. Martindale; T. L. Armstrong; J. G. Grimbaldeston; D. E. Cowell; S. W. Pemberton;  
P. Worrall; J. K. Cowell.



1st XV Colours: **Re-award Full Colours:** D. E. Cowell (capt.); J. G. Grimbaldeston; T. L. Armstrong; P. C. Matthews.  
**New award Full Colours:** P. Worrall; J. Cowell;  
 J. S. B. Martindale; S. L. Jenkinson; S. Pemberton.  
**New award Full Colours:** R. J. Reid; C. J. Wiseman;  
 J. K. Ward; J. Barton; J. Brandon; S. L. Redman;  
 P. C. Aitchison.

## 7-a-side Rugby

The season saw a new interest in sevens and we entered three competitions. The first was at Edge Hill Training College in October, when the 1st team won all games in their pool, but then met Blackpool G.S. The eventual winners of the competition, in the semi-final. In a very exciting game we lost 13 pts to 3. Team: D. E. Cowell, J. Barton, R. Reid, J. G. Grimbaldeston, S. L. Jenkinson, S. W. Pemberton, S. J. B. Martindale.

The Fylde 7's posed a problem as we were drawn against Cowley in the first round. The team played good football and wasted several chances, but they could not counter Horton's individual talent and lost 13-6 pts. In the losers cup we beat Ermystead's G.S. well, but went out rather tamely to Cardinal Langley School.

Undeterred by the lack of real success we entered a team in the Manchester University 7's and although defeated in the first round, they won the losers plate, providing the first tangible success for the school.

## Inter House 7's

The House sevens produced good rugby, and gave individuals a chance to show their talents.

## Results

1st	Ashton	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 pts
2nd	Lytham	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 pts
3rd	Preston	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 pts
4th	Fylde ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 pts
5th	Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 pts
6th	School..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 pts

At the beginning of the Summer term we entered an U.15 team for the Southport 7's and in an enjoyable competition they reached the semi-finals.

Team: N. Allan, T. S. K. Aitchison, A. Pigott, N. Hart, J. Kirkham, J. Ward, P. L. Bamber, S. Berry.

## Gymnastics

This year the Gymnastics Club has flourished. The Inter-House Competition was held at the end of the Easter term instead of the end of the Winter term, so that more time was available for practices. This meant that the gymnasts were in good training, which enabled them to put on an impressive display for the Easter Fair.

The Inter-House Gymnastics Competition provided the gymnasts with the chance to display their abilities, and was a fitting climax to their practices. The competition was very closely contested and produced some very competent performances, particularly from the juniors.

#### Result

1st	Ashton	..	..	..	..	..	972 pts
2nd	Lytham	..	..	..	..	..	969 pts
3rd	School	..	..	..	..	..	884 pts
4th	Preston	..	..	..	..	..	867 pts
5th	Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	863½ pts
6th	Fylde	..	..	..	..	..	781 pts

#### Individual Results

##### Senior

1st	C. J. Riley	..	..	..	..	..	229 pts
2nd	D. S. Short	..	..	..	..	..	228 pts
3rd	M. Hird	..	..	..	..	..	215½ pts
4th	G. A. Farrar	..	..	..	..	..	213 pts
5th	J. Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	210½ pts
6th	T. L. Armstrong	..	..	..	..	..	207 pts

##### Junior

1st	S. D. Heath	..	..	..	..	..	148 pts
2nd	T. Aitchison	..	..	..	..	..	137 pts
3rd	J. Cooper	}	..	..	..	..	133 pts
3rd	H. Morgan		..	..	..	..	

#### Inter-School Match: K.G.S. v. Arnold

On the 6th May a Junior team visited Arnold School for a competition in vaulting and floor agilities. The team was successful and Heath, Riley and Kirkham gave particularly good performances throughout.

#### Result

					<i>K.G.S.</i>	<i>Arnold</i>
Floor Work	..	..	..	..	61	56
Long Box	..	..	..	..	33.5	33
Short Box	..	..	..	..	34.2	31.6

K.G.S. 128.7 pts

Arnold 120.6 pts

#### Harriers

After the Winter term of mixed successes and defeats, the Spring term brought out the full potential of this rather inexperienced and young team which did not lose a match.

The term started with a return fixture against Blackpool and the team, with Musson back on form, reversed the defeat of the previous term. The under 16 team, however, lost their fixture despite R. Fisher coming home first.

Heartened by their success, the team went on to beat Queen Elizabeth's G.S. Blackburn, Hutton, King George V Southport and Arnold with ease. A slight setback was encountered in the Inter-Grammar School Cross-Country at Stanley Park where, due to a weakened team, we came 3rd equal with Hutton, behind Blackpool and Rossall. In the Road Race at Southport the A team ran well, coming 4th out of the 14 teams competing and the B team put up a creditable performance in finishing 7th.

Musson, O'Neill, R. Fisher, Little and Lewis kept up their high standard of running from the winter term and were well backed up by Dawson and Russell, and, on occasions, by Stirling A., Foggin D., Sumner and Arling. Fisher R., Foggin D., Arling and Sumner also ran well for the under 16 team, while Kirkham J., Beaven S. and Allen showed great promise for the future in the U.15's.

In the later House competitions a high standard was set with Ashton House winning the Senior and Preston House the Junior events. O'Neill finished first in the senior race and Kirkham J. in the junior race. The final house positions are shown below.

<i>Senior</i>	<i>Junior</i>
1 Ashton	1 Preston
2 School	2 Lytham
3 Preston	3 School
4 Kirkham	4 Fylde
5 Fylde	5 Kirkham
6 Lytham	6 Ashton

At the close of another successful season, congratulations must go to O'Neill and Musson on the award of their full colours and to Little, Fisher R., Dawson and Lewis on the award of their half colours. Our thanks should also go to all those who helped the Harriers in their home matches.

#### Team Records

	<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1st .. .. .	13	10	3
U.16 .. .. .	2	0	2
U.15 .. .. .	1	0	1

#### Athletics 1970

The standard of athletics at the school has always been high; it is difficult to remember a year when we have not produced several good individuals who have been ably supported. This year's senior team has been no exception. P. Beaven has gone from strength to strength and has won every competition he has entered. S. J. B. Martindale has shown good form, although never at his best because of a knee injury, and S. L. R. Redman has developed as one of the best hurdlers in the area. These three have cornered the track events between them, but the second string runners have also done well. P. M. Bamber,



M. O'Neill, G. R. Tomlinson, "Joe" Curwen and P. Matthews have all contributed to the success of the team. In the field events we have lacked outstanding performers, and miss the "heavies" of last season. S. L. Jenkinson has been the most consistent, reaching a personal best of 5 ft 3 ins. in the high jump. S. W. Pemberton has thrown the javelin well, but never really reached a big throw. J. Cowell shows much promise as a discus thrower, and should do well with practice.

A wet start to the Summer term delayed the opening of the athletics season, and we were left with a little over four weeks to complete the Standards Competition, Inter-House Competition and several school matches before half-term. The Standards Competition was poorly competed this year. A new system, whereby staff were present on the field every night of the week until 5-15 p.m., and the opportunity was given to gain points during games periods, did not produce the expected results. As the competition is for all boys in the school, and caters for most abilities, it creates an opportunity for the less gifted athletes to achieve some success, and to help their House—it is not encouraging when only a minority avail themselves of the facilities open to them.

#### **Standards Trophy Results**

- 1st School House
- 2nd Ashton House
- 3rd Preston House
- 4th Fylde House
- 5th Lytham House
- 6th Kirkham House

#### **Sports Day**

Sports Day was held on a really hot day, the best for some years, and with the track in good condition some good performances were recorded. All track distances had been converted to the metric scale and records adjusted accordingly.

Good individual performances came from P. Beaven (1st, 100m, 200m, 800m); J. Martindale (1st, Long jump, 300m, 110m hurdles); T. S. K. Aitchison (1st, 100m, 200m, 100m hurdles and Triple jump); C. McGregor (1st, 400m and 800m) and P. Collins (1st, 200m and 75m hurdles) and the "find" of the afternoon: J. Booth, a first year boy who jumped 4 ft 7 ins. to win the high jump. The final result was not decided until the last event of the afternoon, when Preston House beat Ashton into second place by winning the Senior 4 x 100m relay in a new record time of 48.2 secs.

Our guest was H. M. Yardley, a British and Olympic athlete, who presented trophies and certificates after the last event. My thanks go to him and to all members of staff who helped to make the day a success. Thanks also to the groundsman, Mr. O'Dea who prepared the track so well.



# **Kirkham Grammar School**



# **Sports Day**

## Results

1st	Preston	..	..	..	..	..	102 pts
2nd	Ashton	..	..	..	..	..	99½ pts
3rd	Lytham	..	..	..	..	..	44 pts
4th	Fylde	..	..	..	..	..	32½ pts
5th	Kirkham	..	..	..	..	..	24½ pts
6th	School	..	..	..	..	..	22½ pts

## Inter-Grammar School Sports

The Inter-Grammar School Sports, which is probably the most difficult competition to win of all those entered by the school was held at Stanley Park on the 20th May, one week after the School Sports. As anticipated we did well in the track events, but gained few points from the field events. This pattern was repeated in the U.15 team, who were depleted by the absence of T. Harris in the long and triple jumps.

P. Beaven won the Senior 100m and 400m and S. L. Redman the 110m hurdles. The relay team did well to finish in second place. In the Juniors. T. S. K. Aitchison was 2nd in the 100m hurdles and J. Kirkham 2nd in the 1500m. Overall the Senior team, defending the Cup they won last year, finished in 4th place, and the Juniors in 6th place.

## Inter-School Matches

### 1 K.G.S. v. Rossall, St. Joseph's and Bolton. Wednesday 16th May

This was the first match of the season and against some good competition the Senior team did well, although the U.16, with few exceptions, failed to impress. In the Seniors, P. Beaven (100m and 400m); J. Martindale (triple jump); S. Jenkinson (high jump) and S. Redman (110m hurdles) all gained first places. D. Foggin (high jump) and T. Harris (triple jump) were successful for the U.16.

With the result of the match in doubt until the final relay, the Senior team had only to beat St. Joseph's to win the match, but managed to repeat last season's "trick" and drop the baton.

## Results

Senior				U.16			
1st	St. Joseph's	39 pts		1st	Rossall ..	40 pts	
2nd	Kirkham ..	37 pts			St. Joseph's		
3rd	Rossall ..	35 pts		3rd	Bolton ..	32 pts	
4th	Bolton ..	31 pts		4th	Kirkham	30 pts	

### 2 K.G.S. v. Lancaster R.G.S. and Rossall School, Thursday 14th May

This match was badly timed in that it was held on the day after the School Sports and all the athletes were obviously feeling the effects of their exertions. Only P. Beaven and S. Redman managed to win their events. The U.16 team was made up of the best of the U.16's and U.15's, and it was the U.15 athletes, competing against boys a year older, who impressed.

## Results

### Senior

1st	Lancaster	106 pts
2nd	Rossall ..	100 pts
3rd	Kirkham ..	62 pts

### U.16

1st	Rossall ..	103 pts
2nd	Lancaster ..	101 pts
3rd	Kirkham ..	62 pts

As a footnote it is pleasing to record that we did beat Lancaster in the Inter-Grammar Sports, and had already beaten Rossall the previous week.

### 3 *K.G.S. v. Stonyhurst U.15 and U.14, Monday 18th May*

This was a very enjoyable match, and it was pleasing to see so many talented juniors doing well. There were several U.13's in the side and they did particularly well in their events. The U.15's were unlucky to lose by four points, but the match was only two days before the Inter-G.S. Sports, and it was felt that the best performers held back a little. The U.14's won convincingly, however, with Bramwell, Collins, Massam, Worthington, Mitchell, Fletcher, Atkinson and Gardner all showing great promise, and the whole team thoroughly deserved their victory.

## Result

### U.15

1st	Stonyhurst	72 pts
2nd	K.G.S. ..	68 pts

### U.14

1st	K.G.S. ..	78½ pts
2nd	Stonyhurst	61½ pts

### 4 *Bolton School v. K.G.S. and Liverpool College, Wednesday 27th May*

This annual fixture always coincides with the school's half-term and consequently it is rather a scratch side which turns out. We have invariably been successful in the competition, when only running one per event, but this year we were hard pressed as each school had two competitors to each event. With P. Beaven unavailable, the track events were more evenly contested and the Senior team did well to finish in second place. Whilst it was hard work for the athletes, most of whom did three or four events (some did more), I hope that they found it an enjoyable afternoon.

## Results

### Senior

1st	Bolton ..	112 pts
2nd	Kirkham ..	80 pts
3rd	Liverpool	75 pts

### U.16

1st	Bolton ..	112 pts
2nd	Liverpool ..	81 pts
3rd	Kirkham ..	76 pts

Whilst it has been a busy season for the athletes, it is to their credit that they have all given 100 per cent effort and support in all matches, and their individual results justify their enthusiasm. Our best wishes for success go to S. Redman, J. Martindale and P. Beaven who all compete in the County Sports in June. Congratulations to Peter Beaven who, not content with being the best Junior Athlete in Great Britain, ran for Lancashire in the Inter-Counties Championships and finished 4th in the 400m, and has also been selected for the Trials for the Commonwealth Games—we wish him every success.

## Cricket

**29th April: K.G.S. 53 all out, Blackpool G.S. 54 for 1**

Lack of practice showed through very clearly in our first innings of the season. Only Worrall with 11 and Berry with 10 could offer any resistance to the Blackpool attack. Consequently our bowlers were faced with the unenviable task of trying to dismiss Blackpool for 52, a job put completely beyond them after a first wicket partnership of 36. The rate slowed down, but by 6.20 Blackpool had reached their target without further loss.

**6th May: Hutton G.S. 115 for 9 dec., K.G.S. 30 for 5**

Although the scoreline would suggest a moral victory for Hutton, had it not been for their captain, Caunce, who scored 73 of their runs and took three of our wickets, the scores may have been very different. After a collapse from 91-4 to 115-9, engineered mainly by the tireless bowling of Fisher (4-39), Kirkham were left only an hour and a quarter to reach the Hutton total. The result was a number of dour face-saving innings, interrupted only by Meakin's hearty 14 made entirely in boundaries.

**16th May: Baines G.S. 59 all out, K.G.S. 31 all out**

Thanks to some accurate bowling by Fisher, Reeder, Loxham and Farrar who took two wickets each at little cost, Kirkham seemed set for their first victory having only 60 to make in an hour and a half. But the innings slumped into obscurity with no fewer than six ducks and only Smith holding on to make 14.

**20th May: Preston 6th Form College 85 all out, K.G.S. 86 for 9**

Our first win came in a nail-biting finish at Preston. After putting on 36 without loss, Preston slumped to 85 all out, Fisher, Berry, Reeder and Farrar sharing the wickets evenly with good averages. But at 12-4 Kirkham's chances again looked to be fading. But Worrall (29) and Smith (15) pushed up the score until the very last over when with only one wicket remaining Loxham hit the winning runs.

## PROFILE No. 29



**E. J. WILLIAMS (K.G.S. 1919-1954)**

Adrift in an open boat, having survived the tragedy of the torpedoed troop-carrier, *Arcadian*, and entirely at the mercy of a huge expanse of sea, a man has much time to remember his past. Such a man is Mr. Evan John Williams, and at that time he could not have known what happy memories he had yet to outlive.

Before joining the army, a successful education had gained him a place at Bangor University which he left in 1914 with an Honours Degree in English. Thus equipped, he had a little teaching practice at Elmfield College, York, before war was declared.

In 1537, the Royal Honourable Artillery Company, City of London was founded and this was to be the first of the two ancient institutions with which Mr. Williams became affiliated (K.G.S. having been founded in 1549, 12 years later). His two years active service saw him involved in the Palestinian Campaign (Jordan valley, Sinai peninsula, etc), but the action actually began during the journey when the unfortunate *Arcadian* was sunk, with a tragic loss of 250 lives. The submarine was not even sighted.

After a brief period of adventure and excitement, peace was once more declared and in September, 1919, an additional member of the staff was welcomed to K.G.S., who later became known as "the man who'd been torpedoed." On his arrival to the school, he was struck by its great beauty and pleasant character.



Mr. Williams has always been impressed by the remarkably happy atmosphere of the school, which he thinks reached its height between the two world wars. The traditions, too, were always zealously kept. He now remarks that whenever he revisits the school, he never fails to notice some new improvements, be they in the gymnasium, in the organisation of sport or on the playing fields.

As a former house-master of the Blackpool House, which later became Ashton House, he still cherishes a photograph of a victorious soccer (yes!! the round ball game) team which won the soccer trophy. Amongst the players stood Albert Matthew "Tich" Osborne, who was later to be posthumously awarded the George Cross.

During his years at K.G.S., Mr. Williams was to teach English, History, Geography, Scripture and Woodwork.

As English master, he was responsible for the running of the magazine, the library and the school play.

The school plays were begun in 1932; the first was "*Macbeth*," and it proved to be a triumph of improvisation, as the only stage available initially was a simple platform! In his own words, "producing plays was hard work, but great fun." Sadly, many of the cast were later killed in the Second World War. Amongst the cast, however, was Roy Russell, who now writes plays and documentaries for the BBC, and also Jack Popplewell, who later became another successful playwright. He wrote the well-known "*Dead on Nine*" play and amongst those who were to act in this production was Andrew Cruickshank of Dr. Finlay fame. Other plays produced by Mr. Williams were "*The Tempest*," "*The Rivals*," "*Hamlet*," "*The Merchant of Venice*" and Moliere's "*The Imaginary Invalid*," throughout all of which the costumes were made by the ladies of the staff. Even now, Mr. Williams still feels a deep sense of appreciation for the expert assistance given by Mr. Wilson and his Art Department in providing the stage decor for the productions, and Mr. Murray for his musical assistance.

Woodwork was a sideline for the English teacher, which Mr. Williams accepted as a "temporary" post with some reservation. He kept it for 17 years! He received little reward for his endeavours with wood (not the boys, the timber!) especially when one irate parent asked, "Why aren't the boys taught to make wheelbarrows, instead of these infernal toothbrush racks?"

During the war years when many of the staff were engaged in the fighting, Mr. Williams helped with the cadet force at school. He further strengthened his family ties with the school when his wife taught here whilst the permanent staff were away at that time. To complete the family link with the school, his two sons also came to Kirkham.

His memories of the school include those of two headmasters. He remembers the Rev. Cresswell Strange as a strict disciplinarian and rousing speaker, who used to impress on boys the importance of

behaviour. In 1945, Mr. Norwood became headmaster and introduced chemistry and music into the curriculum. Mr. Williams holds Mr. Norwood's contribution to the life of the school in very high regard, having established Founders' Day and the Friends' Association, as well as the General School Committee, "the latter especially a stroke of administrative genius."

At 78, Mr. Williams leads an active life, gardening being his main hobby, but his interests still lie in plays and concerts, which he attends regularly. He is also keen on Rugby Union and often supports the local team, Fylde. Mr. Williams enjoys reading, mainly biography and history as opposed to fiction.

Travel, too, has played a dominant part in his later life, having visited France, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland. He remembers one incident when flying to Bordeaux; in mid-flight over the Channel, one of the engines failed and the aeroplane was forced to return. Fortunately, the other engines held out.

Amongst his souvenirs, he has a description of the first Old Boys' dinner held on January 21st, 1920, at which 52 members were present. He also has the very first magazine (1920) in which is recorded that the school was 143 boys strong, with a staff of seven, including one lady. When Mr. Williams left, there were 18 staff and 380 boys at K.G.S.

On leaving in January, 1954, Mr. Williams completed 40 years' teaching service. After his retirement, he continued the job he so obviously enjoyed by teaching part-time at Blackpool Technical College for seven years.

Sixteen years have past since Mr. Williams left K.G.S. but he still derives great pleasure from hearing any news about Old Boys who attended the school which became an integral part of his life.



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### CURRENT AFFAIRS

#### In Memorandum

In this, our Golden Jubilee year, it is not inappropriate to recall, in this last issue of this magazine before our A.G.M. and Annual Dinner, the names of those who have been at the head of our Association during the past 50 years. Officers change from time to time and this should be so. Everyone should get his chance to serve so that new ideas and ideals are brought to the fore. Thus there have been numerous Committee members and organisers who have done more than their bit, I suspect, for the Association, who have then allowed others to take over. Yet 90% of effort in most organisations is concerned with maintenance, and the other 10% depends on it to exist. It is this 90% which has been the main concern of the Association's leading trio—its President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Over the past 50 years these positions have been held by: *Presidents* Rev. Cresswell Strange, Denis Norwood, F. H. Jolly, J. Tomlinson, R. Haworth, J. Davy, H. W. Montgomery, J. F. Morse, S. Middleton, J. K. Platt, R. O. Wilson, W. J. Loftus, W. H. Kennedy, and in due course, J. L. Roscoe, who is the current present President-elect. *Hon. Secretaries* J. H. Rigby, H. C. Turner, G. Bates, J. Davy, K. Thornton, P. T. Hodgson, D. R. G. Hurst and A. R. Baines. *Hon. Treasurer* At first the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were one and the same person then, in the nineteen forties, D. W. Ruddock served as Treasurer and he was followed by G. Thornton. Keith (his brother) did both jobs for a while then P. T. Hodgson assisted him before taking both posts over from Keith. In 1962 J. Crozier became the Hon. Treasurer and since then D. Lyon and (currently) R. W. Kirby have held the post.

### **Gone Missing**

Our present strength is as follows: total membership 691 and this is made up of 275 Annual Members and 416 Life Members of whom 22 are Vice-Presidents. We have four Annual Members and 18 Life Members overseas. Our present weakness is shown by the following figures, 11 Annual Members and 85 Life Members whose correct address is not known to us. Sadly the Annual Members will be struck off after three years non-payment of subs, unless they contact us or members really try to send me information about these missing members as and when their names are published. Twenty such names were published in the February circular, seven of them have been found since then thanks to the kind interest shown by other members. Will you please help all you can by sending any information about Old Boys to me—especially news of address changes?

Another class of "missing" member is that referring to those who attended the *first* dinner in 1920. I still know of only *five* and 52 were there, please do what you can to find some more.

Whilst dealing with membership, what about changing your status in Golden Jubilee year? Become a Life Member or Vice-President or encourage others to do this or even to join the Association, if this is not the case with a friend of yours already. The Treasurer would be happy to supply information about how much you would need to pay to become a Life Member in view of so many subs. already paid at 5s and now 10s. It could be worth your while but if you prefer to stay as you are then please note, all Annual Members, that your subs. are due on July 1st of each year. Do you use a standing order?

Finally, a new arrangement has been made over the Association tie. These will now be available *also* from Fleetwoods (Outfitters) Ltd., 82 Poulton Street, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2AH, tel: Kirkham 2165, as well as from Messrs. Hellewells of 6 Lune Street, Preston, Lancs., (tel: Preston 52099). The price is 19s 6d but I have heard rumours of a price increase when the present stock runs out. Get your tie now, wear it at the Golden Jubilee Dinner. It used to be said "If you want to get ahead, get a hat." Having got ahead, get a tie!

### **Denis Norwood Memorial Fund**

This now stands at almost £380 and will be closed on June 30th 1970, the end of our financial year. The Sub-Committee dealing with this fund has been having correspondence with Mrs. D. Norwood and her family about the form which the memorial should take. The final decision I may be able to publish in the circulars which accompany this magazine since there is a full Committee meeting on 23rd June 1970.

### **Are you a Ham?**

A radio Ham, that is? Philip J. H. White (1962-67) is and would like any Association members with a similar interest to contact him. In a recent letter he says that he is "active on all bands (1800 K.Hz to 28 MHz, AM/SSB/CW)". His own special call sign is G.3Y.WP. If

you prefer not to use the ether, I suppose the other would do—namely a letter to “Sycamore,” Lower Lane, Freckleton, Preston, PR4 1HJ. Tel: 0772 879 486.

### March into May

On March 14th the Easter Fair was held and on March 21st the School Concert. Both dates were Saturdays, the former an afternoon function; the latter an evening “do.” Quite a number of Old Boys attended the Easter Fair and they—who helped directly—and you will be interested to read that this year’s total receipts for the two events together was £289 4s 1d, a new record.

The School Concert has changed its format from that of the nineteen fifties. Part I is comprised of the best items from the Inter-House Music Competition, held the previous Monday. The competition was inaugurated in 1957 when Ashton House won the Cup and some cynics still say that this competition was tailor-made for them that year—one of their lean ones in Inter-House competitions. Part II of the Concert is a concert performance by the choir, usually of a “G. and S.” opera, but this year they performed “*Merrie England*” by Edward Jerman.

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The 4th Southern meeting and Dinner was held at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, on Saturday, April 18th, 1970. Twenty one people attended the Dinner and a contingent of eight travelled from Kirkham and district. Those present were Messrs. A. R. Baines (1950–57, 1967–), D. T. Bowe (1949–57), F. H. Charnley (1938–44), M. Collinson (1948–56), S. Crane (1936–), R. Fielding (1955–60), D. E. Inglescent (1946–52), N. S. Jackson (1954–59), W. H. Kennedy (1959–), I. J. Kremer (1952–66), J. Kirkham (1938–44), H. Midgley (1955–62), I. W. McKerrow (1953–68), P. B. Myerscough (1948–56), S. Middleton (1928–66), J. C. Renshaw (1948–56), E. Sidebottom (1949–57), C. H. Thorpe (1946–54), S. H. Wilcock (1946–54), R. M. Wilcock (1953–60), and W. Woodhead (1939–45).

During the proceedings I handed over to the Southern meeting organiser (Dr. E. Sidebottom, 335 Iffley Road, Oxford, OX4 4DP; tel: Oxford 40668) a new and up-to-date address list for him to use in 1971. This list contains 48 Annual Members and 65 Life Members’ names, current addresses, code numbers and telephone numbers. Will your name be there? Are you interested in this event? Will you come next year? Please let the organiser know of your interest or confirm this by requesting information from him and above all let him (and me, for that matter!) have any change of addresses as soon as possible.

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On Wednesday, 13th May, 1970, the 71st Inter-House School Sports were held at K.G.S. in glorious sunshine. An obvious innovation was to be seen in the programme where field events records had been converted from feet and inches into metres and some track

event records had been converted to the equivalent time for the metric distance from old records. However, this efficiency had been kept in check, for no one had tampered with the name of our guest who presented the certificates and trophy at the end of the sports. His name was Mr. H. M. Yardley—an A.A.A. coach, Olympic and Great Britain athlete.

### Mis-prints

Would you all kindly amend your Calendar Card for 1970-71 as follows:

J. Richardson (1933-37)—a new Vice-President;

June Committee meeting—Tuesday, 23rd;

Speaker to school leavers—Mr. R. O. Wilson (1929-35) *not* P. J. Hosker (1951-58);

Hon. Auditor's address—32 Poulton Street, Kirkham;

Committee member D. R. G. (*not* Dr.) Hunt;

Vice-Presidency sub.—£5 *not* five guineas.

### Tanks for the Memory

Two of our senior officials have been involved in interesting things since the last magazine went to print.

The Headmaster, our President 1969-70, before Christmas was visiting the British Army of the Rhine at the Hihne ranges in North Germany. Mr. Kennedy was one of a party of 23 teachers from Britain who were invited by the Ministry of Defence to see the Army in action. He had the opportunity of driving a Chieftain tank, handling Abbot guns and other vehicles and driving one of the Royal Artilleries' self-propelled guns.

Mr. R. W. Kirby, our Hon. Treasurer, has, over the years, been collecting postcards and photographs of Kirkham and district as it used to be. His collection totals over 200 pictures and in April 1970 Robert loaned some of his collection for an exhibition in Kirkham Parish Church.

Much more news about members later on.

### STRANGE TIMES

It is hoped that this will be the first in a series of condensations from part editions of "*The K.G.S. Chronicle*" and "*The Kirkhamian*." The "*Chronicle*" was published once a year (in July) from 1920-1945 after which it appeared at different times until it became part of the new school magazine ("*The Kirkhamian*") in 1951, the latter magazine having appeared for the first time in August 1948. In the school library there are four volumes of bound copies of both magazines covering 1920-34, 1935-50, 1948-53 and 1953-59.

After the meeting on November 3rd, 1919, which was advertised in the press, calling all Old Boys to a meeting to consider the question of forming an Association, the latter finally came into being at a Dinner held at the school on January 21st, 1920. The current headmaster, Rev. Cresswell Strange, was elected President and remained so until 1945 (Mr. Denis Norwood was the next President and he held this position until 1959 when it was decided that Old Boys of the school should hold this post for one year—and this is the system we still have).

All this and much more appeared in Vo. 1, No. 1 (July 1920) of "*The K.G.S. Chronicle*"—being "the official publication of the Kirkham Grammar School Old Boys' Association." The magazine was published by Mr. J. Rigby (Proprietor A. J. Rigby), of Poulton Street, Kirkham. The "*Chronicle*" was not intended to be a literary effort but claimed to be a record of news likely to interest Old Boys. The Headmaster was the Editor and copies cost 1s 6d.

In its 18 glossy pages one can see a photograph of the rear half of the school hall decked with desks facing the masters' podium in front of the fireplace. Gas lamps are on the wall and the area seems much lighter due to the absence of virginia creeper from the outside walls and honours boards from the inside walls.

One can read that in Easter 1920 there were 152 boys in attendance—a record for the school—and that the governing body had taken steps to increase the accommodation "now taxed to its utmost limits." In 1895 K.G.S. had its first science laboratory installed in a bid to become "the foremost scientific teaching establishment on the coast." But, in 1920, the governors had purchased a wooden hut "of substantial make" which was to be used as a woodwork shop. The present woodwork shop was to be converted into a classroom. It was also hoped in those days that a special class for boys whose future was connected with the land would be organised "with a curriculum to suit their needs."

The football (yes! soccer) season had not been a good one: "quite rightly, football had had to take back place during the war." This might help to explain why the Old Boys in the first match against a school XI beat them by ten goals to two on March 13th of that year. A rugby football scoreline, nearly, but the decisions have not been going our way in recent years!

We read that preparations were being made re casting a tablet bearing the names of Old Boys who had fallen in World War I. Information was also being sought so that a Roll of Military Service could be compiled. A memorial fund for the late Rev. T. C. Walton M.A., had been started. Biographical notes on the current staff appeared in this "*Chronicle*" dealing with the Headmaster and Messrs. J. E. Symonds, G. Barton, E. J. Williams (the subject of E. J. Symonds, G. Barton, E. J. Williams (the subject of Profile No. 29 in this issue of "*The Kirkhamian*"), L. Budden, the Rev. G. S. Smith and Miss K. M. Budden, who had acted as house mistress from 1916–19 and was now "guiding the destinies of the Junior form."

The first Old Boys' Dinner, held in the school hall on January 21st, 1920, had attracted 52 members (a membership list at the back of this "*Chronicle*" listed 126 members). They sat down and "partook of an excellent dinner," the menu for which was ox tail soup, boiled fish, veal and ham pie, roast beef, plum pudding, apple tart, cheese and biscuits and coffee. The wine list consisted of champagne, beaure, medoc, port, whiskey, beer, stout and minerals.

After the speeches and toasts "a most pleasing musical programme was contributed by seven members whilst three others gave some excellent Lancashire stories."

A brief account of the House system follows. This dates back to 1905 and started with "The Blues and the Reds." As the school got bigger light blues and light reds were added until virtually the present system was decided upon in 1919. R. I. P. Blackpool House, however—how their successors would have celebrated the return of Div. I status to Bloomfield Road next season! There were six inter-house competitions for Challenge Trophies, the Football and Cricket Shields having been presented to the school by Old Boys and friends in 1905.

The "News of Old Boys" section contained the usual "Births, Marriages and Deaths" and "qualifications obtained" type of information. Finally we read that it was to be a "colourful" Association. The official colours of the Association were to be: three-quarter inch dark blue, one-eighth inch gold, one-sixteenth inch red. Explanations? Blue and red were the colours of the original houses. Gold? Well, all Old Boys of K.G.S. are 22 carat!

## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

O. AITKEN  
(1908-11)

Councillor Oswald Aitken, the present vice-chairman of Kirkham U.D.C., will be its next chairman and Mayor of Kirkham. He last held this office in 1964-65.

E. BALL  
(1925-31)

Mr. Ball has been in South Africa since October 1967 and February 1970.

G. BAMFORD  
(1952-56)

Geoffrey left K.G.S. at the age of 15 to go to H.M.S. Conway for a three year course on navigation. His aim was to eventually captain his own ship but during this course he failed an important eye (colour vision) test. Geoffrey then had the opportunity of training as a purser or he could have gone to Cranwell or Sandhurst but instead he chose to join the RAF Regiment as a parachutist for four years. Jumps from high altitudes and firing heavy artillery both left him with nerve deafness and loss of equilibrium. As a consequence of this he was pensioned out of the RAF and joined



B.A.C. at their Strand Road Works, Preston, for two years. Geoffrey then went to work on the TSR2 at Weybridge. In 1964 he went to Perth, Australia, to work for Ray Geo Physics as a surveyor of mineral ores. In between assignments for this firm he went to New Zealand and worked with a refrigeration unit attached to a large sheep farm. Two years ago Geoffrey returned to this country because his father had died suddenly, but eventually he decided to return to Perth and R.G.P. again. Currently he is working in the "bush" in New South Wales—often for stretches of three to four months at a time—and we hope prospecting prospects stay bright for him.

M. J. BARNES  
(1959–66)

Michael obtained a B.Sc. from Imperial College, London, in 1969. Since then he has been working with I.B.M. (Computers). On Saturday, 16th May 1970, he was married to Miss Doris E. Frischke at Wallisellen, Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are now living in London.

P. J. BARNES  
(1946–54)

Peter qualified in Liverpool as an engineer and first worked for the North West Electricity Board. He is now working for the Fylde Water Board.

D. T. BOWE  
(1949–57)

Between leaving K.G.S. and beginning his studies at Oxford, David taught in Lancashire "on supply" for one year. He then went to France and for a further year taught at a teacher training college. On his return he went up to St. Peter's, Oxford, where he graduated in politics, philosophy and economics. After this he took a post graduate diploma in public and social administration. Eventually he worked for two years in the health service and then joined Wickman's of Coventry which is the machine tools division of John Brown Company. For the next three years David was assistant to the Managing Director and during the last sixteen months he has taken a crash course in engineering. As from May 1st, 1970, David has been overseas sales rep. for Wickman's and this will take him to Scandinavia, Greece, Turkey, the Middle East and Africa. Before the Oxford dinner in April this year he was buying many "Teach Yourself" volumes to help him learn some of the new languages he

will need to know in his responsible post. He will, however, be taking time off on September 26th 1970 to come to our Golden Jubilee Dinner and propose the toast of "The Association"—in English!

R. BRACEGIRDLE  
(1952-59)

Ray is Headmaster of St. Michael's primary school, Weeton.

F. A. CAPSTICK  
(1945-49)

Since leaving school Alan has always lived down south and now he is a dental surgeon in Surrey.

J. CATTERALL  
(1954-61)

John has been music master at the William Temple Secondary School for six years. In May 1970 he took a choir of 40 boys to the Manx Music Festival. This "raid" was successful because the choir won the Vancouver shield after competing with 36 other (all Manx) choirs. The festival was held in the Villa Marina in Douglas and the test piece was Eric Thiman's "*Song of the Sailor*." Since then John has been involved in rehearsals for a production of "*My Fair Lady*."

M. COLLINSON  
(1948-56)

Michael took a 2nd class (div. 2) Hons. degree in Economics at Durham in 1959. He then went to Reading University for one year, obtaining a post graduate degree in Agricultural Economics. He then went to London University for a year under the auspices of the Colonial Office, who then directed him to Tanganyika for five years, where he worked in the record division of the Ministry of Agriculture. For the next four years Michael worked for the World Bank in Tanzania. On returning to this country he went back to the University of Reading where he is now writing up his work on "Techniques for research in agricultural economics in underdeveloped countries" for the Ministry of Overseas Development. Michael is married with three children and his main hobby is sailing.

D. C. COOKSON  
(1942-49)

Derek was elected a member of the Fleetwood Council in May 1970.

M. HOBBS  
(1957-63)

Michael joined the National Cash Register Co. Ltd. in September 1968 as a computer operator working on their newly released Century series of computers. In June 1969 he was appointed Shift Leader at N.C.R. Head Office



- C. J. HORN  
(1957-64)
- J. B. HOWELLS  
(1947-52)
- R. HULL  
(1949-56)
- D. E. INGLESANT  
(1946-52)
- K. S. JACKSON  
(1954-59)
- P. S. JENKINS  
(1949-53)
- D. C. JOHNSON  
(1961-69)
- A. KIRBY  
(1956-64)
- N. KIRBY  
(1952-57)
- in London. In January 1970 Michael joined a new organisation called Computer Professionals Consultancy Ltd., as a computer supervisor in their Century Time division.
- Christopher obtained a B.A. in geography from London University. He is now lecturing in geography at Newcastle University and is writing up research for a higher degree. His brother David E. Horn is teaching geography in Poole.
- Mr. Howells was a guest of honour at the 17th annual inspection and display of the 4th Preston Boys' Brigade in April 1970.
- Robert conducted a performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* given by Preston Cecilian Choral Society (200 voices accompanied by a double orchestra) in the Public Hall, Preston, on Saturday, March 14th, 1970.
- Since September 1970 Douglas has been lecturing in Economics at Sheffield Polytechnic.
- Keith and his brother Neville went up to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, after leaving K.G.S. They both obtained a B.A. in architecture in 1963. Keith is now at Edinburgh College of Art, whilst Neville went to Newcastle University. Both brothers were married in 1965, Keith now having an 18 month old daughter (Jennifer) and expecting another addition to the family shortly, whilst Neville has two boys, 3 and 1 years. Neville works for a private firm of architects in London and Keith is working with the architectural research unit in Edinburgh.
- Peter is captain of Weston super Mare R.U.F.C. 1st XV.
- David is studying ophthalmic optics, a three year course at City University, London, which was formerly Northampton Polytechnic.
- Andrew obtained an M.A. from St. Andrew's University, Scotland. Since then he has studied for a certificate in Town Planning and obtained a B.Sc. degree. Andrew is married and at present a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R.
- Neil, rated the best goal keeper in the Fylde Sunday Association football league, now plays for Fylde Press XI.

D. LYON  
(1947-53)

David is a member of the Fylde Vandals XV which was reformed just before Christmas 1969.

J. MACKELDEN  
(1955-63)

John went straight to the college of Air Training at Hamble, near Southampton after leaving K.G.S. At the college he completed a two year airline pilots course sponsored by B.E.A. and then joined this company and was based at London Heathrow, flying as a first officer on the Vanguard aircraft. The routes were mainly domestic, i.e. to Glasgow and Edinburgh but during the five years he stayed on Vanguards he flew to Europe and the Mediterranean. It was during this time that he got married and his daughter was born. John has now moved onto B.E.A. Airtours flying Comets for them from Gatwick. He expects to remain a first officer for another four to five years after which he hopes to get his command with B.E.A.

H. MIDGLEY  
(1955-62)

Harry qualified as a chartered accountant in 1968 after working for firms in Blackpool, Lytham, Kingston on Thames and London City. He is specialising in tax problems. Harry was married in 1967 and his main hobby is badminton.

P. B. MYERSCOUGH  
(1948-56)

Philip went into the army (Royal Signals) from 1956-58. He then went up to Oxford (Hertford College) until 1962. He obtained a B.A. Hons. degree in chemistry (and his M.A. in 1967). Philip then joined a firm of chartered patent agents and in 1967 went to Canada for two years. During that time he qualified as a chartered patent agent in this country and in Canada. On returning to England Philip went to work for the firm he started with, J. A. Kemp & Co.

P. G. PARKER  
(1948-55)

Born in Preston 34 years ago, Philip, even during his school days was involved in voluntary service activities, particularly with youth clubs. After leaving school he did his National Service and then went to Leeds University to take a Diploma in Social Sciences. After this, Philip attended a Home Office Probationary Training School and was appointed to the service in Manchester. He spent two years in the North Manchester area (Crumpsall) and then served in Eccles, from where he was

seconded to the London School of Economics for a year's study of mental health and child guidance. When Philip returned to Lancashire he was appointed probationary officer at Failsworth and in 1968—after 12 years in the probation service—he was appointed Senior Probation Officer for Middleton and Heywood. He describes his job as “Caring for delinquents and criminals on behalf of society, since in fact to ignore them is to add to society's problems rather than to reduce them.” Philip has two children of his own and his hobbies are furniture making, drawing and painting and draughtsmanship.

J. PIGOTT  
(1963–69)

John is now studying agriculture at the Harris College, Preston and hopes to go to the Myerscough College in 1970 to study for a diploma before taking up farming as a career. He is a playing member of Preston Grasshoppers R.F.C. and has played in some important schools rugby matches this year. In February he played in the Northern Trials of the English Schools Rugby Union (under 19 years group) against a Midlands XV. Eventually he was capped by English schools selectors to play for the English schools XV against a Welsh schools XV as a second row forward. In April John played for Lancashire schoolboys XV against Durham XV and Northumberland XV. In all cases he was on the winning side.

A. RIGBY  
(1944–52)

After gaining a double first in architecture and town planning at Manchester University in 1957, Alf spent a year teaching there before spending two years in Rome after winning the Prix de Rome in architecture. On returning home he spent five years in hospital building and then five years with the city of Westminster, where as chief architect Alf is in charge of a staff of over 100, engaged on an annual programme involving some £7 million. This work is mainly concerned with housing (about 1,500 dwellings per year) and a full range of welfare and children's homes, libraries and commercial projects. Alf's main hobbies are rugby football and cricket and he is a member of both Ammersham C.C. and Buckinghamshire C.C.C.

F. G. RIGBY  
(1959-64)

Frederick is captain of Fleetwood Rugby Club's 1st XV. He is a civil servant and works at Norcross. In April 1970 he was married to Miss Catherine E. Scott at Bispham Parish Church.

LIEUT. M. ROTHWELL  
(1951-56)

Michael was married in April to Miss Susan Kennedy, a Wren officer of the Algarve, Portugal. Michael qualified as a civil engineer in the Surveyor's Department at the Town Hall, St. Annes. He later gained his wings with the Fleet Air Arm. He has had experience flying Vixens and Phantoms and is now instructing others about Phantoms at Yeovilton, Somerset. Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell are now living at Galhampton, Somerset.

D. STEPHENSON  
(1951-56)

In March, Don appeared in Preston Drama Club's presentation of "*Ring for Cathy*" (the film version of which was called "*Twice round the daffodils*").

D. W. STIRZACKER  
(1960-66)

David has relinquished his position with Associated British Cinemas Ltd. since on 31st March 1970 he was appointed road safety assistant with Manchester Corporation.

C. C. STORER  
(1951-58)

Christopher is now working for Unilever in their research labs. at Port Sunlight, having obtained his M.Sc. and Ph.D. at Bristol University. He is married with a three year old daughter.

REV. F. THOMPSON  
(1930-35)

The Rev. Frank Thompson, B.A., is currently in charge of the Congregational Church in Fleetwood. On May 15th 1970 he was inducted as President for 1970-71 of Fleetwood and Thornton-Cleveleys Free Church Federal Council.

J. C. TREASURE  
(1919-23)

Mr. James C. Treasure died on 8th March 1970. With his daughter he was proprietor of the King's Arms Hotel, Temple Sowerby, via Penrith, Cumberland.

J. WAITE  
(1943-47)

John is vice chairman of the Kirkham and Fylde Round Table. Mr. A. Ward (1940-47) is the current secretary of this body.

S. H. WILCOCK

Stephen recently rejoined the Mars Inc. Group after four years at Texas Instruments where he worked with another old boy, T. B. Miller (1945-50) who also spent a year in Dallas.

Stephen was personnel manager when he left the U.S.A. to become the chief personnel officer with Mars. Terry Miller incidentally has now returned home, relinquishing the position of chief cost accountant to become a chief accountant with a firm in Manchester. Stephen also reports that Dr. P. W. F. Johnson (1948-56) is in local practice near his home in Oadby.

C. YATES  
(1963-68)

Christopher has won first prize for radio electrical artificer apprentices examinations at H.M.S. Collingwood in Hampshire. This prize was won in the Navy Department Part 2 Exams. Christopher joined the navy on leaving school and will complete his O.N.C. course in electrical engineering in the autumn of this year. He hopes to join the nuclear submarine service when he completes his training at the weapon and electrical engineering school. Christopher's main hobbies at the moment are rugby, squash, cricket and shooting. In the latter he has represented the apprentices in .22 shooting contests.

### Solution to Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Recent; 4. Windlass; 9. Banns of marriage; 11. Eros; 12. Go to pieces; 14. Old master; 15. Guyed; 17. Franc; 19. Absorbent; 21. Beat the bat; 22. Lear; 24. Sea; 25. Woe; 26. Ego; 27. Ace; 28. Mattress; 29. Repent.

DOWN: 1. Rubbed off; 2. Concord; 3. Nest; 5. In a sorry state; 6. Derringers; 7. Anarchy; 8. Seeps; 10. Front page news; 13. Watch tower; 16. Deterrent; 18. Adamant; 20. Elevate; 21. Bosom; 23. Mole.

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Dear Friends,

Once again a year has passed in the life of the association, and the need for our help to the school grows even more important, as the restrictions on the development of the school are increased, due to government pressure.

The project for this year is once again to take the form of various items of equipment to the extent of £300, this being the most we can afford at present. Therefore, I am appealing to parents and friends to give their continued support to the various events that are organised by the association.

The social events during the past year have been well supported. This year the annual Dinner and Dance was held at a new venue, the St. Ives Hotel, St. Annes, and was well attended by members and friends. The whist and domino drives have also been successful. The ever-popular Supper Dance at Samlesbury Hall was once again very well received, with the added zest on the return journey of a police check at Preston (visions of the breathalyser!)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Warton Hall, Lytham, added an extra attraction this year in the form of a Sherry Evening. The provisional profit from this was over £60.

Whilst this letter is being printed we will be holding our Summer Social at Kirkham Conservative Club, and the final event of the year will be the Garden Party on June 27th, one of our main money raising events.

K. GREGORY,

*Hon. General Secretary*

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