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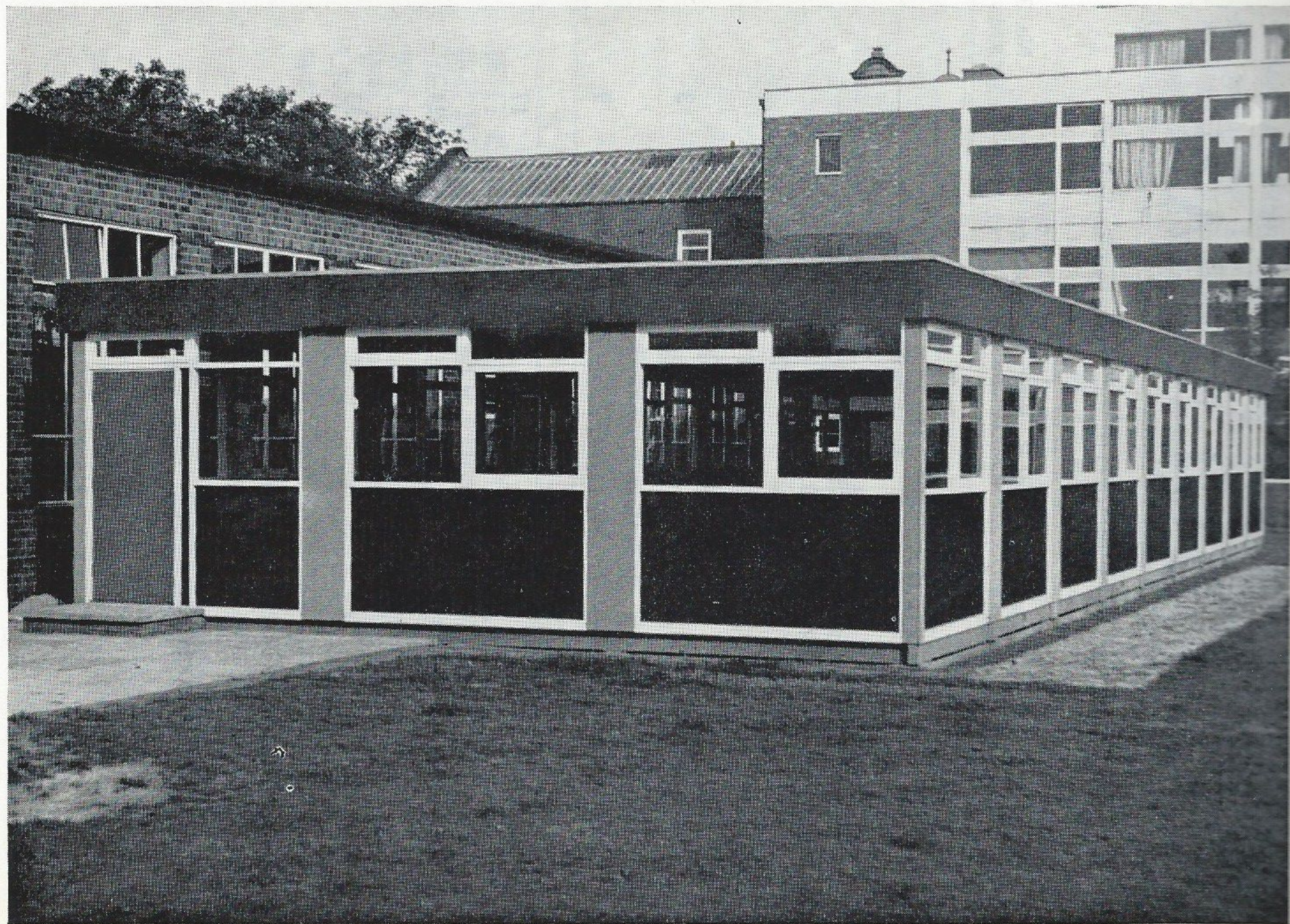
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# SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

At the end of last Term, three members of the teaching staff, Messrs. P. Benton, R. Hughes and P. Thickbroom, left us to take up new posts as Heads of Departments. They all go with our very best wishes, and thanks for their many and various contributions to the School. We welcome as new members of staff this term Mr. M. R. Booker and Mr. M. D. Wood to teach Mathematics and Mr. E. W. Mitchell to teach English.

We extend our best wishes to the Headmaster's daughter, Jane, who was married on September 13th. We also congratulate Mr. I. Gordon on his marriage during the Summer holiday, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowin on the birth of a son.

Mrs. G. Taylor left us at the end of September after a long career of service to the School. An account of Mrs. Taylor's years with the School appears below. We welcome as her successor Mrs. H. O'Grady, who joined us at the beginning of the School year.

During the Summer holiday two structural changes were made to the school buildings—an extension to the dining hall (pictured opposite) was erected, and Room 27 in the Science building was converted from a classroom to a Biology laboratory.

Many of the usual trips, and some new ones, were organised during the Summer holiday. A party of 29 boys and 7 adults enjoyed an excellent holiday in Italy, visiting Venice, Rome, Sorrento and Florence. The Pennine Way walkers completed a total of 270 miles in fourteen days, and at the end of August the usual camp was held in the field behind the School Cottages in Wensleydale. Eighty boys and twelve Staff enjoyed a completely dry week. Many walks were undertaken, the best being on High Street and Hellvelyn in the Lakes, and over the Pennine Way from Horton-in-Ribblesdale to Hawes. Five boys, R. Jeffreys, R. Summers, D. Roden, D. Halpin and M. Whiteside, did very well on the last day to complete the round of the Three Peaks in under eight hours. The highlight of the camp was some excellent six-a-side lacrosse, played each morning and evening in a knock-out competition, the game producing much interest among the local villagers. A report on the Expedition to Iceland appears later in the Magazine.

Preparations have begun for the next School play, "Macbeth", which will be performed during the week beginning December 8th.

V. W. Bennett is appointed Head of School, with E. Baines as his Deputy. The following are appointed School Prefects: J. R. Banks, W. P. Boustead, D. J. Clarke, R. Flynn, E. D. Fraser, M. J. Hallworth, S. M. Harben, L. P. Kynaston, R. C. McKeon, M. R. Paton, M. A. J. Potter, K. E. M. Robson, M. Saleh, M. G. Shepherd, C. M. Swindley, S. E. Tebbett, J. A. Wheatley, R. J. Wheeler; *causa honoris et pro tempore*, M. T. Ashmore.

This edition of "Hulmeian" is to be the last of the termly issues. In future it is intended to publish the magazine annually, in October. The new "Hulmeian" will contain no "Original Contributions". Instead, these will have the magazine "Crucible" to themselves, and "Hulmeian" will be a chronicle of School events and news. It is hoped that, since the new magazine will carry a whole year's news, reports of events will be sent to the Editor as the events occur, so that there will not be a vast backlog of reports to be written at the end of the year.



## SPEECH DAY, 1969

Speech Day for the year 1968-69 was held on July 14th. The Headmaster welcomed His Grace the Duke of Devonshire to the School, and spoke of the many ties which linked the School with the University of Manchester, of which the Duke had recently been made Chancellor.

The Headmaster's Report began with an account of the School's academic achievements in the past year. In the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations, fifty-seven candidates had attained passes in seven or more subjects, twenty-four in six subjects and eleven in five subjects. Particularly noteworthy was the success of 99.1 per cent of the candidates in the English Language, and 96.7 per cent of those in Mathematics. Ninety-three Advanced Level candidates had passed in two or more subjects, and there were seventy-one Grade A passes, sixty-nine Grade B and forty Grade C. Of ninety-six School leavers, four were awarded Scholarships at Oxford or Cambridge, and thirteen gained places in these Universities. In all, sixty-nine leavers, 72 per cent of the total, had embarked on degree courses.

Distinctions gained by Old Boys of the School in many fields were reported, and the Headmaster spoke of the importance of continued contact with Old Boys, who were all part of the succession and tradition of the School.

While good teaching and sound learning were central to the life of the School, the Headmaster also stressed the importance of its rôle in the development of the individual, both for his own benefit and that of society at large. In this respect the School offered its members many opportunities, and particular reference was made to recent trips to France, Switzerland, the Norfolk Broads, the Lake District, Scotland and the School Cottages, to the Cricket Tour then in progress, and to the planned Iceland Expedition, the Italy trip and the Pennine Way walk.

The Headmaster went on to reaffirm his faith in the value of the School Cadet Corps, both for the character-training it offered and for its contribution to our national security. At its annual inspection it had received an excellent report, and its members were looking forward to the Summer Camps in Germany and at Ollerton. In a similar way, the House system which operated in the School offered many advantages in terms of pastoral care and opportunities for leadership. In House games, the play competition and the music festival, a chance had been given to many boys to participate in ways which would have been impossible without the subdivision into Houses.

An event which deserved special mention was the Charities Week, during which £800 had been raised by the boys of the School, and distributed to charities of their choice. This, the Headmaster said, was one among many pieces of evidence which supported the view that modern youth was essentially good. The "permissive society", we were reminded, was an adult cult, not one of youth. The majority of young people kept their high ideals, and their revolt was against the shallowness of our age, not against institutions, regulations and systems.

Finally, the Headmaster expressed his thanks to the Second Master and to the Bursar, and his good wishes to the Masters, Staff and boys who were leaving School at the end of the year.



After having presented the prizes, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire spoke to the School on the subject of getting the most out of life. Pleasure and enjoyment, he said, were not to be had by doing nothing. Only the constructive use of leisure time could bring real satisfaction. It was not important how proficient one was in one's leisure pursuits—in fact he believed that if a thing was worth doing, it was worth doing badly! The habit of reading was singled out as being an inestimable boon. It could provide a consolation and an escape from the stresses of life.

The Duke commented that the impressive list of the School's extra-mural activities, and the wide range of subjects represented in the books chosen as prizes suggested that the pleasures of constructive leisure had already been discovered by many boys in the School, and he closed by adding his congratulations to all those who had been awarded prizes.

## PRIZE LIST

First Forms: French—P. J. Marsh; Latin—P. J. Marsh; Music—P. J. Marsh; Geography—R. H. Yule; History—R. H. Yule and N. R. Leak; English—M. S. Nance; Maths—S. P. Arrowsmith; Biology—N. R. Withington; Chemistry—D. J. Singer; Handicraft—W. O. Aldridge; William Taylor Prize—R. H. Yule.

Second Forms: History—J. J. Newman; French—J. J. Newman; Latin—J. J. Newman; Biology—J. J. Newman and R. J. Peel; Geography—R. J. Peels; English—J. F. Leigh; Maths—S. Balcombe; Physics—S. J. I'Anson; Art—P. J. Lineker; Music—R. D. McCulloch.

Third Forms: Chemistry—R. H. Shires; Physics—R. H. Shires; English—T. F. Wood; History—D. T. Walley; Geography—C. F. R. Bailey; French—D. C. Hume; Latin—P. Lancashire; Spanish—J. A. Beckett and P. G. Webster; Music—J. Poland; Maths—A. J. Davies; Art—J. L. Hindley; Handicraft—N. G. Brook.

Fourth Forms: Chemistry—P. R. B. Hayhurst; Physics—P. R. B. Hayhurst; French—H. Turner; Latin—H. Turner; English—G. L. Lord; History—J. Wain; Geography—D. C. Halpin; German—I. A. Lindsay-Dunn; Music—C. A. Lomas; Art—C. J. Finn; Manual—C. J. O. Plunkett.

Fifth Forms: Chemistry—R. A. W. Bradford; Fourth Year Maths—R. A. W. Bradford; History—J. A. Cantrell; French—L. C. I'Anson; German—M. Byrne; Greek—D. J. Wild; Latin—C. H. Barrow; Physics—E. R. Jefferys; Fifth Year Maths—I. V. Topalian; Art—R. N. Keighley; Handicraft—B. G. Parkinson; Hewlett Geography—P. F. Dixon; Parents' English Prize—P. C. Millett.

Lower Sixth Forms: German—C. F. Colton; Latin—C. F. Colton; Physics—C. S. Holgate; Chemistry—C. S. Holgate; Geography—R. A. Cowan; Art—R. A. Cowan; English—C. B. Moritz; History—A. W. Morton; Spanish—J. M. Throup; Ancient History—P. G. Hart; Maths—D. Wong; Further Maths—H. M. F. Craig; Biology—R. G. Taylor; French—C. M. Touchin.

Middle Sixth Forms: French—R. Flynn; German—R. Flynn; Latin—R. Flynn; History—M. B. Slater; Geography—M. B. Slater; English—D. G. Royle; Chemistry—M. J. Hallworth and G. H. Hunt; Physics—R. J. Wheeler and S. M. Harben; Biology—C. J. Barratt and A. F. M. Brewood; Maths—J. Makin; Further Maths—C. D. Salmon.



Upper Sixth Forms: The Knoop English Prize—S. L. Claughton; The Dehn History Prize—R. J. Fitzgerald; The Hewlett Geography Prize—K. M. Dodd; The Vlies Modern Language Prize—J. A. Carding; The Dorrington Classics Prize—P. Dennis-Jones; Further Mathematics—D. A. Hockaday; Biology—P. Dickson; The Palmer Prize for Science—D. F. Holmes; The Lymer Mathematics Prize—D. F. Holmes.

Special Prizes: The Powell Scripture Reading Prize—I. D. Kettle; The Aspinall Religious Knowledge Prize—I. V. Topalian; The Music Prize—B. K. W. Lightowler; The Graham Johnson Memorial Prize—J. R. Banks; The Watkins Prize—K. M. Dodd; The Anderson English Essay Prize—C. F. Colton; The D. L. Griffiths Prize for Medicine—S. J. N. Daniell; The Prize for Original Verse—J. N. Dore; The J. A. Barber Prizes—J. Rhodes (proxime accessit)—K. M. Dodd.

## SCHOOL LEAVERS 1969

The following list is incomplete and the Editor apologises for its inaccuracies and omissions. The School office would be pleased to receive any further information about school-leavers.

Ardron, K. H., Brasenose College, Oxford to read Physics.  
 Ashmore, M. T., Manchester University to read Economics and Social Studies.  
 Astle, K., Trent Polytechnic to read Economics.  
 Atkinson, P. F., Sparrow & Hardwick Ltd., Management Trainee.  
 Bays, I. R., St. Catherine's College, Cambridge to read Mathematics.  
 Beasant, T. J., Keele University to read Physics and Psychology.  
 Benson, K., Liverpool University to read Chemistry.  
 Bourne, C. N., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge to read History.  
 Boon, D. K., Inland Revenue Tax Officer.  
 Brewood, A., Manchester University to read Medicine.  
 Broadhurst, E. E., Sheffield University to read Law.  
 Burnside, H. J., Sheffield University to read Economics and Mathematics.  
 Claughton, S., Pembroke College, Oxford to read English.  
 Conway, P. D., Leeds University to read Philosophy.  
 Cross, D. P., Pembroke College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences.  
 Daniell, S. J. N., Downing College, Cambridge to read Medicine.  
 Davies, H. J., St. John's College, Manchester.  
 Dennis-Jones, P., Worcester College, Oxford to read Classics.  
 Dickson, P., Manchester University to read Medicine.  
 Dixon, R. N., University College, Oxford to read Physics.  
 Dodd, K. M., St. Edmund Hall, Oxford to read Geography.  
 Fitzgerald, R. J., Brasenose College, Oxford to read Law.  
 Fletcher, D. J., Manchester University to read Medicine.  
 Fletcher, S. M., Brasenose College, Oxford to read Mathematics.  
 Fortune, A. S., Bristol University to read Law.  
 Fovargue, S. F., Ashton-under-Lyne College, Pre-Diploma Course.  
 Gardner, A. A., Christ's College, Cambridge to read Mathematics.  
 Glass, I., Manchester University to read Dentistry.  
 Hallworth, D., Liverpool University to read Medicine.



Hockaday, D. A., Jesus College, Oxford to read Mathematics.  
 Holdship, A., Brunel University to read Mechanical Engineering.  
 Hollows, D. J., Newcastle-upon-Tyne University to read Chemical Engineering.  
 Hopton, P. T., Aston University to read Mechanical Engineering.  
 Ingham, C., Northwich College, Pre-Diploma Course.  
 Joseph, M., Manchester University to read Chemistry.  
 Koski, J. A., Hull University to read Sociology and Anthropology.  
 Levenson, J. M., St. John's College, Manchester.  
 Levison, T. J., Midland Bank Ltd.  
 Lightowler, B. K. W., Manchester University to read Medicine.  
 Makin, J., Trinity Hall, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences.  
 Morris, P. P., Churchill College, Cambridge to read Medicine.  
 Norman, B., Sheffield University to read Civil Engineering.  
 O'Hare, A., Stockport College of Technology.  
 Phythian, G. P., Exeter University to read French.  
 Renshaw, A. W., Aston University to read Systems Analysis.  
 Roberts, D. V., Dundee University to read Dentistry.  
 Salmon, C. D., London University to read Mathematics.  
 Sanig, M. H., Frank Hyams and Partners, Student Quantity Surveyor.  
 Slater, M. B., Durham University to read Geography.  
 Taylor, P. J., York University to read English.  
 Thomasson, R. S., Reading University to read Agriculture.  
 Toft, A. D., Bristol University to read Civil Engineering.  
 Touchin, M. G., Keble College, Oxford to read Mathematics.

### MRS. GLADYS TAYLOR

At the end of September, Mrs. Taylor left the School to take up residence in Yorkshire, within a stone's throw of the Hulme Cottages at Appersett. With her departure the School loses one who has devoted herself whole-heartedly to the life of the School. When her husband was appointed, first as Assistant Secretary and then, on J. A. Barber's retirement, as School Secretary, Mrs. Taylor took a keen and practical interest in his work, not only within the school buildings but within the whole range of activities that are part of the School society. In 1957, when the School found itself without a kitchen supervisor, Mrs. Taylor took over the job temporarily—and has held it ever since. She opened the School Shop, and it was only increasing pressure of work in the kitchen that forced her to give up the shop two years ago. For many years new boys felt that they had not "arrived" until they had been kitted out by Mrs. Taylor in one or other of the subterranean dungeons which at various times served as the School Shop.

After the tragically early death of her husband, Mrs. Taylor continued to serve the school in various capacities, not least in her work behind the scenes for the Old Hulmeians Association for whom she acted as assistant secretary-and-treasurer, with a special eye on membership and subscriptions. It was a well-deserved tribute when the Association elected her an honorary Old Hulmeian. The William Taylor Memorial Prize was presented by Mrs. Taylor in memory of her husband; it was her wish that it should be given in the Junior School, in the inauguration of which Bill Taylor had taken a particularly sympathetic interest.



In the course of her work, Mrs. Taylor came into contact with every part of school life—boys, academic and domestic staff, parents, old boys, visiting teams and governors—and no-one can doubt her affection for and loyalty to the School. She set herself and her staff the very highest standards, and there were occasions when she had been known to express disappointment and even disapproval with those who failed to come up to her expectations; but the storms, though sometimes spectacularly fierce, were invariably brief, and life at Hulme will be just a little duller from now on.

In thanking Mrs. Taylor for all that she has done for us in the past, we wish her the very best for the future, knowing that her interest in the School will be undiminished and being happy in the thought that even in the remoter regions of Yorkshire she will be, in a very real sense, still on our door-step.

### THE LATE MR. O. A. RAYFIELD, MA

Few masters who have taught in this school can have made a greater impact in a relatively short time than did Mr. O. A. Rayfield who died on May 25th of this year. He joined the School staff in January, 1926, to teach German, which he did with conspicuous success. He organised two very memorable school parties to the Black Forest and the Moselle and Rhine Valleys respectively, when such activities were relatively in their infancy.

A former member of the Marlowe Society at Cambridge, he soon made his mark as both actor and producer in school plays and those of the Old Hulmeians' Musical and Dramatic Society. An extremely gifted pianist, he also played the viola in the School orchestra.

But no such account as this can convey the impact of his unique ebullient personality on the school. It was a matter of great general regret when he left us to join the staff of Berkhamstead School, where he became Senior Modern Languages Master.

Unfortunately his later years were clouded by blindness and ill-health, which enforced a somewhat early retirement. His misfortunes, though bravely borne, were such that his passing can only have come as a welcome relief.



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## C.C.F. NOTES

The highlights of the Summer Term for the Corps are the Annual Inspection, Field Day and Summer Camps.

Inspection Day was very successful. The weather was excellent and the Parade was well performed, as were the demonstrations which took place afterwards. R.S.M.s Rhodes and Daniell are to be congratulated on the work they did both on and before the day.

The weather changed for Field Day, and Holcombe was most inhospitable. The recruits who attended did not have a very pleasant introduction to the Corps!

Reports on the Camps appear below, but congratulations must be expressed to all who went, and worked so hard to make them successful.

Finally, the contingent welcomes its new recruits. There is a record number this year, and the contingent looks forward to a very full programme.

H.G.

## MUNSTER 1969

The afternoon of Wednesday, August 23rd saw eighteen senior Corps N.C.O.s and three officers leaving on the Harwich Boat Train, bound for what promised to be a tough but enjoyable stay with the Second Battalion of the Coldstream Guards at Munster, North Germany.

The camp was to prove extremely enjoyable, and perhaps not as rigorous as most had imagined. A wide-ranging programme had been prepared for us by our hosts, and this included weapon-training and live firing with the self-loading rifle and Sterling sub-machine gun, a chance to drive a fully tracked armoured personnel carrier, and a flight in the helicopters of the air detachment of the 4th Guards Brigade.

The more strenuous work of the camp was centred around the thirty-six hour exercise, and to this end we all took part in an orienteering exercise, designed to find out if we would be able to do the map work required. Suffice it to say that six of the Corps' most experienced map-readers got lost. Several trips over the assault course were also necessary to ensure that we would be fit enough to carry out our tasks.

It was with some eagerness that we looked forward to the beginning of the actual exercise which, after a full briefing, didn't seem too difficult. What we were not told was that there was never any intention of our reaching the objectives; this we only discovered about midnight, when all but one of our number were rounded up. The final day was spent live-firing on the thirty-metre range again, followed by a "warm-up" on the assault course, and the flights in the helicopters.

We left for home on Saturday, 30th August, leaving a party of nine in Utrecht to spend five days camping.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Lieut. R. E. R. Alderson of the Coldstream Guards and Captains Peat and Grange who were instrumental in making the camp such a success.

G.H.H.



## PROTEUS TRAINING CAMP, OLLERTON

After a deceptively easy first weekend, things soon became more rigorous, with reveille at 06.30 each morning. The School party distinguished themselves at the camp by doing the fastest time around the orienteering course and winning an assault course and shooting competition.

The exercises were strenuous but enjoyable, but the warm sunshine which made them so also brought out swarms of irritating flies which accompanied us on our patrols.

An excellent demonstration of platoon in attack was carried out by the regulars. This was watched with interest and amazement, as live ammunition was being used.

As usual, the best days of the camp seemed to be towards the end, and not least of these was Mr. Daniell's birthday. After a celebration in the evening, he was presented with a Sheaffer fountain pen, and other less tangible and more dubious gifts!

By the last day some were glad it was over, others sorry; but all of us were exhausted.

I.D.H.S.

## FRIMLEY PARK 1969

The medical form for the Junior Leadership Course at Frimley Park states that the course is classed as strenuous, and this is no understatement. Cpls. Danecki and Peace and L/Cpl. Taylor arrived at Frimley Park on Sunday, August 10th, to find that they were to live in tents in the grounds of a large manor-house.

Training on the first day consisted of a lecture on leadership, followed by a map-reading exercise. The dreaded "Operation Lulu" appeared on the following day's agenda. This exercise was the most strenuous on the course, and incorporated the carrying of a stretcher, bearing a 200lb. bag of sand called 'Lulu', across three miles of rough country as quickly as possible. The major exercise of the camp was 'Operation Hornblower' which lasted two long and tiring days. In this exercise our raft building and assault boat training were tested. The afternoon after this exercise was given over to the Paratroop Regiment's assault course, and a swim in the Sandhurst swimming pool. I think we were supposed to have been sufficiently toughened up by this stage to enjoy the low temperature of the water, but the point is debatable.

The last day was set aside for lecturettes, passing out and packing for the journey home. All three of us thoroughly enjoyed the course and counted it well worthwhile, despite the blistered hands from stretcher-carrying.

C.T.D.

## THE DONNER LIBRARY

Some four hundred books were added to the Donner Library stock during the last school year, mainly by purchase; but we have to thank Dr. Summers for a very generous donation of legal and medical books; also Mr. Haynes, Mr. P. Harrison (O.H.), Mr. I. D. T. Little (O.H.), I. S. Hunter (5L), N. G. Brook (4A) for useful accessions. We are also very grateful for the gift of the following periodicals: "Atlantic Monthly" and "The New Yorker" (Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths); "The Director" and "Management Today" (Mr. A. H. Allman); "Architecture N.W." (Mr. P. Harrison); "Air Cadet" (N. A. J. Benson).



We congratulate L. Pimblett on winning the third prize awarded by the "Manchester Evening News" for an essay on Peterloo, and thank him for allocating the School's share of his prize to the History section of the Donner Library.

The Librarian wishes to express his warmest thanks to I. V. Topalian, A. Bocking, J. A. Haggie and R. W. D. Potter for their superlative help in running the library during the past year and to the many others who helped with the annual stock-taking at the end of last term.

In conclusion readers are reminded that suggestions are always welcome, even if it is not necessarily possible to carry them out.

K.P.T.

### THE HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL 1969

For the music lover who is prepared to accept commendable effort as a substitute for utter perfection and who is not plagued by too many scruples about the sorts of music which can and should be assembled in one programme of pieces, the House Music Festival has much to offer. That major menace on the amateur music scene, the Wrong Note Spotter would certainly, at this most recent Festival, have had a field day, and the average concert promoter could hardly avoid a raised eyebrow at the amazing prospect of Simon (and Garfunkel) and the Spinners (or, at least, a close copy of them) rubbing shoulders not only with those two doleful Ds, Dylan and Donovan, but also with Sullivan and Schoenberg . . . Still, it was not for Note Spotters or Concert Promoters that our performers paraded their varied talents, but for a large and tolerably intelligent and enthusiastic audience, and also, one hopes, for their own enjoyment too.

It did appear, however, that not all the participants were on stage purely out of love of their art. At least two of the choirs seemed to have been selected on an extremely simple basis, "those who can sing" having apparently been taken as meaning "those who are not suffering from acute laryngitis", whilst a third sang as if trying to avoid awakening the person next to them. This left us with two fine small selected choirs from Gaskell who gave, in addition to the set piece, "Cargoes", sensitive performances of the Britten-arranged folksongs "The Sally Gardens" and "The Ash Grove", and Heywood, a smaller and younger group, who gave as their additional offering a splendid arrangement of "Widecombe Fair"; both these choirs managed to achieve an individual sound, and I could have listened to them for the whole of the allotted time.

But there were other classes of performance to be included, Vocal Solo, being one, a term which evidently suggested to most people "folk" (or "pseudo-folk") with guitar accompaniment, though the item which for me took pride of place in this group was unaccompanied, Vernon's excellent ballad "Betsy, the Serving Maid". Eckersley's version of the modern folk-song in traditional style "Ellen Vannin", was highly enjoyable and none the worse for owing much to Hugh Jones' recorded performance; a closer contact with the audience might have produced a better response in the moving refrain lines, and I liked the way in which Brittain solved this problem by actually coming into the audience to sing the popular "Rothesay-O", an assured performance both vocally and instrumentally. Vernon and Leon combined in another Spinners song, "Marco Polo" and, by following it with "The Sound of Silence", demonstrated how much easier it is to succeed in the true folk idiom than in that of the modern art-song. Of the many singers who have jumped on the Baez bandwagon, very few are equally successful in



both varieties of song, and in this Festival "folk" survived the attack by "protest" with flying colours: if Moritz had chosen to give us "Masters of War" instead of such a lukewarm ditty as the "Universal Soldier" (well as he performed this), the battle might have been harder to judge. I should also have liked to hear another song from Hilton, who quite clearly was gaining in confidence as his rendering of "Gates of Eden" progressed.

The only vocalist to attempt anything outside this field was MacIntosh, who made a great success of Sullivan's jaunty tune and Gilbert's outrageous rhymes in the Sentry's song from "Iolanthe".

More variety was evident in the choices of the Instrumental Soloists; solo piano was, understandably, the most usual item in this group, and there were tasteful items from Pendlebury, Snowden, Paton, Stephens and, in particular, Taylor; the music presented by these pianists was always tuneful and easily comprehensible. The same could not be said, however, of the frightful complexities of Schoenberg's Op. 19 which Banks was courageous enough to attempt. In lighter vein Banks and Lomas combined at the keyboard to give us a modern work by Thea Musgrave, entitled "Excursions", a sequence of strange pianistic effects designed to conjure up pictures of the Highlands, Fog on the Motorway, and the erratic career of the Drunken Driver; the final tableau, at least, was successful, particularly in its catastrophic final crash!

Other instrumentalists produced contributions of a high standard and pleasing variety, ranging from the aural syrup of Croke's organ "Melodie", to Beasant's cool flute solo, Vernon's nimble mandoline medley and Pendlebury's delightful bassoon solo, supported with considerable aplomb by Taylor's triangle! Pride of place in this section, though, must go to the violinists who made such brave attempts at such difficult music; both Gilchrist and Lazarus succeeded to a great extent in communicating alternately the classical poise and the bouncing rhythms which characterise Handel's music.

However, having mentioned all these various items, it was none of them which decided the final winners but the well-drilled neo-Glenn Miller sounds of Lightowler's Dalton Showband. The leader himself, assisted by Pimblett and Hayhurst on saxophones, Lawton on trumpet and a good rhythm section formed a band with a relaxed, confident sound—"Moonlight Serenade" was particularly good—and one's only complaint was that the choir's contribution in some numbers was a long way short of what the Modernaires produced with Miller's band.

Congratulations to Dalton, then, on a deserved win; this having been said, however, I would like to point out that everyone mentioned in this review produced something really worth while which gave pleasure to their audience. They deserve our thanks for an enjoyable day's entertainment.

C.P.L.

## CAVING CLUB

The Club's activities last year began to get more ambitious, and we hope to embark on some more severe descents this year. The first trip of the term, to Bar Pot, was well attended, by Mr. Peat, Mr. MacDonald and eight boys. Mr. Heap and a friend from the Kendal Caving Club shared the lead. Bar Pot, on Ingleborough, is one of the subsidiary entrances to the six-mile-long Gaping Gill system. It is the easiest entrance to the system, and is known to experienced potholers as "the public footpath". The



"footpath" starts with a tight rift at the top of a 45-foot ladder pitch, in which it is difficult to bend the legs to climb the ladder. Some masochistic members are believed actually to have enjoyed this pitch! Beyond it, a series of boulder slopes leads to the head of the 105-foot pitch. This is extremely spectacular, being one wall of a large chamber. From the bottom, before returning up the pitch, one stares up at tiny glow-worms at the top of an infinity of metal rungs—the lights of the lifeline party. Several members are grateful to Geoff. for his stout pulls on the line: a hundred foot climb on a swinging electron ladder is most strenuous. The sight of Gaping Gill Main Chamber in flood, however, is ample compensation for the efforts of getting there. After a quarter of a mile in low, muddy passages, we emerged into the "Hall of the Winds", where a huge waterfall crashed into the immense, wild chamber from the surface 360 feet above. The return, through the tunnels, across a traverse of South East Pot, where there is a hundred foot drop below and a heavy spray from above, and finally the pitches of Bar Pot, was tiring, but very satisfying. We completed the trip inside seven hours, which was good for a large party.

During the Whitsun holiday, a party of sixteen cavers and walkers descended on the Allt Nan Uamh valley near Inchnadamph in Sutherland. More walking than caving was done. The Sutherland and Wester Ross Peaks rise in irresistibly attractive shapes out of the heathery bogs. Suilven, Stac Polly, Canisp, Spidean Coinich and Quinag were climbed, which left time for exploring underground only in the Allt Nan Uamh and Cnoc Nan Uamh caves. The latter proved more interesting, with two lakes and an enormous water-chute, as well as several crawls. We were lucky to have good weather, except for gale force winds on the the first night, when two tents were blown down.

The Kingsdale Master Cave in Yorkshire was visited by a small party in June, on a superbly hot day. The trip starts with a large canal, with just enough air space above the water to keep one's mouth clear. A long passage and a short pitch lead into the Master Cave itself, which takes the water from over a dozen potholes on the eastern flank of Gragareth. A large stream flows in a high and handsome passage, and can be followed up until roof meets water after a section of swimming. A long, low crawl leads into the bottom of Swinsto Hole, one of the tributary stream caves, but we had to stop here and return the way we had come: the way up Swinsto is super-severe, and involves rigging eight pitches with ladders from the top.

Our last meet, on the final weekend of last term, was to camp in Barbondale and explore Easegill Caverns again, this time through the harder Pool Sink entrance. Pool Sink offers more sporting attractions than County Pot, including a traverse over the second waterfall, which our smaller members found entertaining. From the bottom of the fourth pitch, we entered "T-Piece" Passage, which leads by way of Green and Smelly Passage to Holbeck Junction in the Master Cave. We contented ourselves with visiting Gypsum Cavern, notable for its crystal formations, before going back the way we had come. Once again Easegill had provided an excellent day's caving.

## CHESS CLUB

This year, for the first time, we have a Senior Team, in addition to the existing Intermediate and Junior Teams. We have again entered for the Sunday Times and the Sinclair Trophies, and with the availability of several very good players, we are hopeful of some measure of success.

J.N.A.



## STAGE NOTES

Last Summer the Stage Staff bade goodbye to J. T. Briscoe, J. N. Dore and C. D. Salmon. We wish them every success in the future, and thank them for their work on the stage. The Speech Day preparations were eventually sorted out, after much discussion, and a long-standing request for a platform assembly plan was fulfilled. We wish to thank those members who helped to dismantle the platform and return it to the "tunnel". Preparations for the School play are our next task, and will soon be in hand.

The new appointments for this year are:

Stage Managers .....	G. A. Bennet, J. R. H. Marshall.
Assistant Stage Manager .....	P. J. Akers.
Chief Electrician .....	P. N. A. Walker.
Sound Effects Manager .....	M. W. Garner.

Our thanks as usual go to Messrs. Bonnick, Foulds and Furniss for their guidance and help.

G.A.B. & J.R.H.M.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

Toward the end of last term, the Society was asked to provide programmes of well-known interpretations of some of the more standard works of the concert platform. Such popular works as Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and "1812 Overture" were played, and proved highly successful.

During the present term we hope to listen to some of the works of Karl Maria von Weber, starting with the technically difficult Piano Concerto in C Sharp Major. We also hope to move into the realm of the Opera with such works as Berlioz "The Damnation of Faust", Onegin's "The Wizard of Krakow" and Wagner's "Tannhäuser".

We wish to thank Mr. Langford for his enduring support and the loan of many outstanding records, and Mr. Bamforth for the use of the stereo system.

I.S.H. & A.C.K.

## SCIENCE SOCIETY

The spell of fine weather and G.C.E. examinations conspired to reduce the Society's programme last term. No lecture meetings were held, but a party of fifth-form and Lower and Middle Science Sixth students visited the Shell Chemical works at Carrington on June 26th.

The party was given a brief introductory talk on the operations in progress on the plant, and then we had a guided tour of the chemicals and plastic sections. One member of the staff discovered a grotesquely mis-shapen lump of polypropylene in the plastics plant, and after deciding to take it back to School for display, spent the rest of the trip trying to persuade somebody else to carry it!

The visit provided interesting background information to the study of organic chemistry, and most people enjoyed it, despite (or perhaps because of) the fact that we did not learn anything new about the chemistry involved.

The Society also presented a number of lunchtime film shows last term, which we hope to continue this term. A regular programme of lectures is also planned. All Sixth-form scientists are welcome to take part in any of the Society's activities, and any suggestions or ideas for lectures and visits would be gratefully received.

M.J.H.



## WHITSUN HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

On Saturday, May 24th, at 7.15 a.m., a combined party of boys from Marple Hall Grammar School, and William Hulme's Grammar School set out for a week's stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. The first stage of the journey by coach was to Piccadilly Station, to pick up an errant member of our party. We continued via London to Folkestone, and then by steamer to Calais. At Calais the party boarded the couchette train, and after an overnight journey arrived at Basle station and breakfast. We then caught a local train which arrived in Interlaken at 9.30 a.m.

We were taken by coach to the hotel, and spent the rest of the day exploring the ruins of Unspunnen Castle and looking around the town centre of Interlaken.

Monday saw the start of our programme of excursions. Unfortunately our first day was the worst, and it rained heavily as we visited Oeschinensee, a high mountain lake in the Swiss Alps. We had lunch by the lakeside during a brief but timely dry spell, and spent the afternoon alternately walking and sheltering from the rain.

The next afternoon we crossed Lake Thun by steamer in brilliant sunshine and visited the picturesque town of Thun. We wandered through the old part of the town, visiting the castle, and an ironmonger's shop, where we bought genuine Swiss cow-bells!

On the Wednesday we visited Grindelwald, a village nestling under the north face of the Eiger. Some of the party took a chair-lift higher into the mountains, while the less energetic and the less affluent played crazy-golf!

A cable-car up the Harder Kulm on the next day provided us with some marvellous views of Interlaken and the twin lakes Brienz and Thun. But perhaps the most spectacular views we saw were those from the summit of the Niesen (2,350 metres), which we visited for our final excursion on the Saturday. We were warned that it would be cold at the summit, well above the snow-line, and this was certainly the case. However, we were more than rewarded for any slight discomfort by the breathtaking views of the Alps which the mountain affords on every side.

Leaving Interlaken on Sunday evening, we arrived back at School twenty-seven hours later, on Monday evening.

The members of the party would like to thank Mr. Worth for making such an entertaining trip possible; we hope that it will be the first of many.

H.J.S.

## CONTINENTAL TOUR

Last Summer Mr. Warden took a party of Sixth Formers to the South of France via Switzerland and Italy. The tour proved to be very eventful and enjoyable, despite the fact that we were washed out of our tents at Boulogne on the very first day. However, as might be expected, the weather became steadily hotter and drier as we travelled south, and by the time we reached Grindelwald in Switzerland, where we spent three days, the temperature was in the 80s. In Grindelwald Miss Spencer, whose knowledge of French, German and Italian proved invaluable, introduced us to a rare delicacy, dandelion salad! We were all sorry to leave Switzerland, but pleased that, by that time, we had eaten enough food to allow us some leg-room in our Transit van.

By the time we reached Rome, the heat was almost unbearable, as were the ants. Two whirlwind tours, and most of us had postcards to prove that we had seen St



Peter's, The Pantheon, The Catacombs and all the other major sights of Rome. Our tour took us next to Florence, where the main attraction was the Uffizi Gallery. The road conditions along the coast road forced us to travel at night to Le Favière, our stopping place in the South of France. Most of us slept in the van that night, and the experience made us appreciate our tents as never before. We had some difficulty in finding a camp-site that was not already over-crowded, but the one on which we eventually camped was worthy of five stars—by far the best site we used, despite the ever-present ants. Most of our time was spent in the sea or on the beach, or searching for an English newspaper to catch up on the news. While on the South Coast we also visited Marseilles, Aix and St. Tropez. Mr. Warden eventually removed his sandals *and* socks, and his feet turned salmon-pink. Sunburn struck down even the hardiest, but otherwise good health prevailed. At this stage we were able to visit Mr. Bryans' camp. Although his party was following the same route as ours, unhappily our paths seemed to cross all too seldom.

We left the South of France, visiting Avignon and the Pont du Gard on our way to Versailles. There we visited the Palace, and the next day we saw the sights of Paris. Because of the weather we found it best to travel non-stop from Paris to Manchester, without staying in Boulogne again. The Channel crossings were both smooth, but this was particularly appreciated on the way back. Mr. Warden remained cheerful throughout despite the occasional tactful hints that we might have "gone wrong again." We sincerely thank him and Miss Spencer for making our holiday so enjoyable.

E.D.F.

## ICELAND EXPEDITION

The expedition was somewhat marred by extremely bad weather—the region around Thjofadalir where we were based suffered its highest summer rainfall since 1920. This, combined with winds up to force nine, and the complete unpredictability of the weather, made field-work unexpectedly difficult. However, all the projects outlined in our plan of work were attempted, though with varying degrees of success.

The glaciological experiments in particular proved virtually impossible, due to the enormous amount of ice ablation created by the heavy rainfall. Even bamboo stakes hammered seventy centimetres into the ice lasted at most for forty-eight hours before being washed away. Snowpits dug to a depth of two metres filled to half their depth with supra-glacial melt water within twenty-four hours. Surveying work was also severely hampered by the wind and rain. Taking readings through the theodolite, and holding a five-metre measuring staff vertical with any accuracy proved impossible on many occasions. However, a large-scale map of Thjofadalir was completed using the theodolite and measuring staff. The plane-table was used mainly for instruction in field-surveying techniques in the same area covered by the theodolite map. The latter was preferred for the production of the finished map because of its greater accuracy.

The biology group successfully completed a valley transect in Thjofadalir, identified the flora, and correlated their findings with tests of soil acidity, drainage and texture. The inaccuracy of the official Landmaelingar Islands maps of the locality made the work of the river party unnecessarily difficult. It was impossible to cross much of the terminal moraine because of the wide, fast-flowing rivers. The choice of a suitable and accessible site for their measurements was thus rather limited. A suitable place was eventually found on the far side of Raudkollur from the camp, and ten



days' recordings were taken of the rate and depth of flow. A geological survey of Thjofadalir was made, samples of the different varieties of rock being collected and identified. Soil profiles were also dug at intervals of thirty metres across the valley bottom, and up as far as the first rock outcrops. A meteorological station was set up immediately on our arrival, and readings of temperature, diurnal range, relative humidity, rainfall, pressure, wind, speed and direction and cloud cover were recorded at 06.00, 12.00 and 18.00 hours each day for twenty-one days.

Before we reached the interior of Iceland, and again on our way home, we encountered numerous administrative difficulties in Reykjavik. The laws governing imports and exports are hopelessly archaic, and it took a whole exhausting day at each end of the expedition to tour the myriad offices which had to be visited.

Travelling, and transporting two tons of food and equipment, within Iceland brought several problems. The desert 'bus was booked in England before we left to take us from Reykjavik as near to Thjofadalir as possible. In the event it was only able to go as far as Hveravellir, and the party walked the last nine miles with their personal equipment. The twenty tea-chests had to be carried in threes and fours in the two Land Rovers which were available locally, and it was two days before we had all twenty at our camp. The return journey was even more awkward, though we had only four full tea-chests to bring. One of the local drivers was unwilling to undertake the journey because of the condition of the track, and it was only through the timely arrival of another English party with their own vehicle that we were able to be at Hveravellir in time to meet the 'bus for the return journey.

The work of the various groups, and an account of the preparations for, and organisation of, the expedition, are now in the process of being written up, and the full report will be published in the near future.

J.W.W.

## HOUSE LETTERS

### BYROM

The Midsummer Term is the Term of the year in which the over-all strength of a house is most effectively tested. This is due to the great variety of events which take place both on and off the field during this time.

In previous years this Term has not been the one in which Byrom has carried all before, but one in which the House has given a good general account of itself; this has been the case this year.

On the cricket field the Senior K.O. team, ably captained by J. S. Rhodes, beat Dalton most convincingly in the first round but lost to a strong Heywood side in the second. After a bye in the first round, the Juniors, captained by A. C. Hobday, played very well to defeat Gaskell in the second round, and after an extremely close finish in the Final they became worthy victors over Dalton. The entire team is to be congratulated on an extremely worthwhile achievement. In the House League Competition the performance of the House teams was consistent, the first team never losing a



match; the eventual position was second, and much of the credit for this must go to the First XI captain, J. A. Wheatley.

The performance of the House in the Athletic Sports this year was somewhat hampered by the fact that Byrom being a small house, finding suitable entrants in sufficient numbers for all events was very difficult. The result was that, despite a good performance by all members of the House in attaining a large number of Standards points, and despite some excellent individual performances on the day, the House came fourth overall. Individual efforts worthy of note were made by S. E. Tebbett, who won the High Jump and Triple Jump and eventually won the China Cup for the best Senior individual performance, T. J. Beasant, who won the Senior Shot, C. A. Ball, who won the Junior Triple Jump, and D. M. Paxton, who won the Junior Discus.

In the Swimming Gala the House, despite the excellent individual performance of S. E. Tebbett in winning the Senior Individual Trophy, again found itself not in first position.

Since its very beginning, the House Music Festival has not been an event in which Byrom has displayed any tendency to triumph, unlike its efforts in other spheres of activity. This year was no exception. Even though the whole House rallied round and eventually sang en masse, the result was an equal fourth position; certain individual efforts, however, were judged suitable for public performance in the Concert.

Altogether this School Year has been one of solid achievement for Byrom, and although some of the higher honours eluded us, a degree of House Spirit has been present in all ventures which has stood us in good stead throughout the year; it is hoped that this spirit may continue to be evident in the future, for this is the key to success for any House.

Those who represented the School during the Term were:

First XI: G. Jones. Second XI: J. S. Rhodes (capt.), P. I. M. Huddleston, J. Makin. Third XI: R. W. Denson, J. A. Wheatley, N. F. C. Fleming. U.15 XI: A. C. Hobday, I. R. Dunbar, A. J. Brundrett, N. S. Leighton. U.14 XI: T. P. Coyne, D. J. M. R. Burton, W. P. Swann. Athletics: T. J. Beasant, S. E. Tebbett, C. A. Ball, C. J. Withnall.

Appointments for Michaelmas Term, 1969: Head of House: M. T. Ashmore. Deputy Head of House: J. A. Wheatley. House Prefects: M. G. Shepherd, T. J. Bates, R. A. Cowan, R. W. Denson, G. Jones, N. J. M. Kemp, S. E. Tebbett, R. Waddington.

Finally, the House would like to welcome its new members. It is sincerely hoped that the House will give them, and they give the House, as much as possible in every activity during the years they spend in it. And to those who have just left school, and those who may be leaving during the Michaelmas Term, we wish every success in the future.



## DALTON

The following appointments were made at the beginning of this Term:

Head of House: M. R. Paton. House Prefects: J. D. S. Beddard, A. P. Brown, M. D. Cardwell, P. E. Croke, K. E. Elford, K. M. Hudson, A. C. Peace, R. W. Standley, R. H. Vaughan, R. J. White, G. M. Williams, M. Zanco.

Last Term the House fared moderately well in the various competitions that took place. After a promising start in the House League the House was in second place, but during the weeks following half-term when a quarter of the House were doing exams, the House slipped badly and ended up in fourth place.

In the cricket knock-outs, the Seniors, lacking any experience in the form of School team players around which to build a team, consisted mainly of House first team players. Despite this, the Seniors made a strong Byrom side have to fight hard to win. The Juniors, however, again gave a very good account of themselves. Led by Crane, A. C., they reached the final by beating Heywood and Whitworth. Once they had got there, the Juniors allowed Byrom to score 120 runs. Replying to this formidable score, they fought back very well and Nettleton, S. was caught on the boundary trying to make the winning hit off the last ball of the match, and so the team lost a very exciting match by four runs.

The effort by the House in the Swimming competition, finishing fifth, was disappointing. Only the fourth and fifth form part of the House gave any sort of performance of which to be proud. Zanco, M., although just recovered from illness and still not feeling a hundred per cent, did very well in the backstroke. Elam, P., one of the few boys in the House who tries his best in all the House activities, once more did a good job in the butterfly. The best performance in the swimming was by far the one by Dickenson, H. J., in winning the freestyle event and swimming a memorable race catching up one length out of two to enable his team to qualify for the final in the relay.

On Sports Day, the House again did not excel itself at athletics, except for a very fine effort by Symonds, H. M., and Boardman, M. A., finishing first and second respectively in the mile. The House finished last. The tennis knock-outs, too, were not very successful. The House was unlucky to be drawn against a strong Whitworth side, who went on to win the competition, although White, R. J., and Sorenson, M. H., put up a good fight.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the term was when Lightowler, B. K. W., and the Dalton "All Star Band and Choir" won the House Music Festival. The Choir, although large, was rather drowned by the very classy new look "Glenn Miller" band, but Croke, P.'s performance on the organ and Brittain, B.'s folk singing must have special mentions.

The House was represented on School teams by:

1st XI Cricket: Hollows, D. J.

3rd XI: Astle, K. R. (captain), Peace, A. C., Croke, P.

U.15 XI: Crane, A. C. Elam, M. P., Bentley, T. J., Flook, D. J.

U.14 XI: Roden, P. D., Simpson, W. D., Clayden, B. R., Athertn, T. J.

School Tennis first team: White, R. J., and Sorenson, M. H.

Finally, to all those members of the House who left last Summer go our best wishes for success in the future.



## FRASER

Last term the House won the Cricket League thereby completing a hat-trick of League victories, a feat we hope to repeat this year. The Cricket knock-outs, however, were disappointing, and despite fighting play both the Senior and Junior teams went down. The Seniors were outclassed by a good Whitworth side and the Juniors had an off-day against Gaskell.

The Athletics Shield returns to its rightful place, thanks mainly to the work of P. J. Everett, who pushed the apathetic on to the field to gain valuable "standard" points which, when added to the points gained on the days of the heats and finals, proved more than enough to defeat strong competition. It would be unfair to single out the "stars" as all concerned did more than was hoped for.

House Tennis was a different matter. In the knock-outs we were beaten in the first round by the powerful Whitworth team.

The Swimming Sports were also held last term, but high hopes of victory did not materialise, and despite good support from our Middle School contingent and individual efforts by P. R. Day and P. Krell, we gained a lower place than expected.

Once again the House Music Festival did not include a Fraser entry, although there must be some musicians in the House . . . somewhere.

Team players—Cricket: 2nd: Harben, S. M., Wong, D. 3rd: Thompson, P. D., Potter, A. R., Fraser, E. D.

Athletics: Morello, R. J., Wong, D., Hellier, D., Evans, B. L.

Tennis—1st: Saleh, M., de la Perelle, P. 2nd: McKeon, R. C. (capt.).

E. D. Fraser has been made Head of House, and Clarke, D. J., Flynn, R., Harben, S. M., McKeon, R. C., and Saleh, M. have been appointed School Prefects. Congratulations to Broadbent, A. J. P., Brown, P. V., Danecki, C. T. C., Eltoft, R. W., Jackson, E. J., Masters, R. R., Potter, A. R., Phillips, D. J., Thompson, P. D., Woolley, M. C. and Wong, D., who have been appointed House Prefects.

A. R. Potter is the House's School Kitchen Representative.

Finally, our thanks and good wishes go to all who left last year and we welcome the newcomers.

## GASKELL

For several years now, the Summer term, or more correctly, the last few weeks of the Summer term, has seen Gaskell saved from complete disgrace on the games field, by the winning of one or more trophies, owing to the efforts of certain individual members of the House.

This year has come as a welcome break from the past, and if as a whole we have not won many trophies, then neither have we occupied our usual fifth or sixth position in the competitions. In most cases the results obtained have shown a marked improvement, and it has been noticeable that most of the House are showing new, or increased interest towards House activities, which, if continued, should lead to even better results next year.



The Senior Knock-out team was narrowly beaten by one wicket in its first round match against Heywood. The team contained many younger members of the House who played very well, but the experience of the older Heywood side told in the end. The Juniors were more fortunate and repeated their last year's first round performance against Fraser, beating them this year by nine wickets; the match being memorable for the opening partnership of 101 between M. B. Bowker and R. L. Marsh. In the second round we succumbed to a strong Byrom side. Despite this, the talent still available for this team shows great promise for next year.

In the House League we finished second, a position brought about mainly by the creditable performance of the Senior teams. In a year when the standard of League cricket has declined, the play of most Seniors has shown an improvement from last year.

Perhaps the greatest improvement of the year was brought about on the athletics field when we finished in third place, only four points behind Heywood. Nearly every member of the House helped in attaining this result by attempting standards, but the performances of J. L. Hindley, who won the Junior Trophy and set new records in half-mile and mile, and J. E. Duncombe who won the Intermediate Trophy with new records in the long jump and 100 yards, deserve special mention here.

The Tennis Knock-out team just failed to retain the trophy, being beaten by Whitworth in the final.

We fared less well in the House Swimming Sports when, despite some excellent performances by the Juniors, we finished well down the field.

The House Music Festival saw us take third place with a programme arranged by J. R. Banks, and we wish to thank him, and those who took part, for the work they put into both this, and the House Play.

Head of House is G. H. Hunt. D. G. Royle is appointed Deputy Head of House. Congratulations go to the following on being appointed House Prefects: A. Grimshaw, C. S. Holgate, J. Pollard, P. N. Sheppard, J. S. Ingham.

The House was well represented on School teams:

1st XI: D. A. Harrison, C. M. Touchin, P. N. Sheppard, G. G. Jameson.

2nd XI: P. J. Grundy, S. Richardson, P. N. Sheppard, G. G. Jameson.

3rd XI: M. A. J. Potter.

U.15 XI: P. Hunt, R. Clarke, M. B. Bowker.

U.14 XI: R. L. Marsh (vice-captain), R. W. D. Potter, T. J. Underwood, I. Dickson.

Athletics: J. E. Duncombe, A. P. Haynes, J. L. Hindley, R. Clarke.

J. L. Hindley also swam for the School.

Tennis Teams: C. B. Sampson, E. A. Penny, A. P. Haynes, M. H. Ardern.

Finally we would like to give our best wishes for the future to P. Dickson, and to all other Seniors who left this summer; and also welcome the new influx of juniors, who, we hope, will give their best for the House in future years.



## HEYWOOD

Success came with the sun on the sports field for Heywood last term and several trophies were captured for our empty-looking shelf. The major success of the term came with the winning again of the Senior Cricket Knock-out, but not, it must be stressed, without a struggle and our fair share of luck. The first round against Gaskell looked to be easily won, but eventually we came out winners by a solitary wicket. After reaching the final at the expense of Byrom, we expected a hard tussle against Whitworth, and this, in fact, happened. Kynaston batted competently in making 54 and Heywood totalled 105. Whitworth seemed to have the situation in complete control, but accurate bowling by Reading and Tranter, aided by excellent all-round fielding, enabled us to run out victors by just 4 runs. The Juniors were not so fortunate and were overcome by a much more talented Dalton eleven.

The Swimming Gala brought two more trophies for our shelves, neither of which was wholly expected. Good all-round performances were put in by Lee, Gilchrist and Lazarus, but of course many others contributed to the ultimate triumph. D. V. Roberts must be placed in this category for his tremendous effort in organising the Heywood teams.

Coming second in anything is always something of a disappointment, and this applied to Heywood in the Athletic Sports. Deprived by injury of Roberts, we realised just how important standards can be in this competition. With only a few more we certainly would have retained the trophy which we won last year. Both the Juniors and Seniors pulled their weight in the Sports, but there is a distinct lack of talent in the Intermediate section of the House.

Golf, too, provided a trophy. Reading won a keenly contested competition, with Handley a close second only 2 points behind.

On House teams not many people gave of their best and so results were correspondingly poor, although Barlow, Sagar and Higginson performed usefully on occasions.

School Teams borrowed the following from our House:

1st XI—G. Reading (Capt.), L. P. Kynaston (V.Capt.), V. W. Bennett, P. J. Tranter, J. H. Handley.

2nd XI—A. Holdship, P. F. Atkinson.

U.15 XI—J. S. Dalby, A. B. Foyne, A. J. Hilton.

U.14 XI—B. J. Middleton, M. J. Bailey.

Athletics—D. V. Roberts (V.Capt.), A. W. Renshaw, S. Jeffreys, B. M. Caldwell, B. J. Burslem, W. P. Boustead, B. J. Howe, P. Wilcox.

Tennis—D. V. Roberts (Capt.), A. W. Renshaw.

Although Dalton's Glenn Miller Sound finally won the day, we came a creditable second in the House Music Festival. H. J. Lazarus and R. M. Gilchrist played Handel violin sonatas, J. D. Eckersley and B. M. Hilton sang well and the Heywood choir was a rousing success. Eckersley organised the Heywood entry, and did a first-rate job.

Our thanks go to G. Reading and his prefects for their hard work throughout last year. We congratulate V. W. Bennett and G. Reading on their appointment as Head and Deputy-Head of School respectively, and L. P. Kynaston on becoming this year's Head of House.

The best wishes of all the House go to those who left us at the end of last term. We wish them the best of luck and every possible success.



## WHITWORTH

Firstly the House wishes to extend its best wishes to all those boys who left at the end of last term, and to thank them for all they have contributed to the House.

E. Baines has been appointed Head of House and K. E. M. Robson Deputy Head. Our congratulations go to both of them.

There were few bright spots for the House last term, with only one major success—the House Tennis K.O.s, won by our team, J. Greensmith (Capt.), D. Swain, E. Baines and D. Greensmith. After a tough fight against a good Fraser team in the first round, subsequent victories against Dalton and Gaskell (in the final) were all too easily achieved. It was a marathon performance on one of the days when the sun was too hot.

In the Senior Cricket K.O., Whitworth reached the final after a bye and an easy victory over Fraser. The final against Heywood was a close-run affair, with Whitworth always in touch, but never seemingly able to gain control of the match. Eventually Whitworth lost by four runs. Keith Robson's all-round performances in both matches were the main factors in Whitworth's achievement.

N. I. Greensmith, at the age of 14 surely the youngest ever Senior K.O. finalist, rose to the occasion admirably. The Juniors were beaten in the first round by a strong Dalton side.

The Swimming and Athletics Sports produced some fine individual performances, but overall the House was apathetic and squandered whatever chance it had. Dodd, Kettle, Wake and Winward deserve to be mentioned for their efforts, while the Juniors provided an abundance of energy.

For many years now, Whitworth and Byrom have been the main contestants for supremacy. However, unless more effort is forthcoming from the House, the seniors especially, there are prospects of a lean time with regard to trophies. The Juniors last year showed the way by proving that team effort is a substitute for individual skill.

School Team players 1969 Summer Term were:

Cricket 1st XI—K. Robson, D. Greensmith, D. Swain.

2nd XI—I. D. Kettle, E. Baines, I. D. H. Spicer.

3rd XI—D. L. Foy.

U.14 XI—N. I. Greensmith, N. M. Winward.

Athletics—K. M. Dodd, D. J. Wake, R. H. Kidner.



# ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## DREAMS OF ANOTHER WORLD

### PREPARATION

Trees behind the haze spreading greying living  
dying in the shade  
Forms folded by the leaves shrinking fading dying  
living as the shade

### WORDS OF A FORM

Though once I sat and saw rolling  
overhead the sky in seething purple  
like a sea roaring over reefs of pines,  
now creeping dust surrounds my crouching form  
and pine cones grey growing no more  
litter this forest whose floor I cannot pierce.  
Nothing drops upon it now  
sifting and turning through the soft air.  
The cold shafts of grudging light  
myriad show the specks but  
none are moving.  
I cannot disturb the dust of the floor  
nor wish nor will to try.

J. N. DORE, 6CM.



## RICH MAN, POOR MAN . . .

In your eyes are pint-beer,  
telly years of disillusionment.

Fading sight does not remind  
of sunlit, quick-snatched sex.

You cannot see the rich man's  
same distress, have not the will

to see that through his costly clothes lies,  
dies, the self-same shell.

Deodorised it will not smell, but,  
to me, does not camouflage his

rotting repose of mind, built with years of  
self-delusion.

C. B. MORITZ, 6ML.



GWYDIR UCHAF CHAPEL, LLANWRST

Amplly protected from the sight,  
Shadow-wrapt by the dying light,  
Quivering branches, like a veil,  
Over the granite coping trail.  
Hewn, as a witness to its stock,  
Puritan, from the living rock,  
Sternly opposing heresy,  
Royal, in its sheer sobriety,  
Solemn, majestic, graven stone  
Stands as it always stood, alone.

Now, with a creak, the silence broke,  
Opens the massy door of oak,  
Shivering through the roof-vault still,  
Fading to silence o'er the hill,  
Leaving the stonework, clear and bare,  
Unto the cool and musty air,  
While, dimly, through thick, leaded glass,  
Last gleams of summer sunset pass.

And, as the darkling shades increase,  
Flowing in cool waves of peace,  
Shapes of the past slowly appear,  
Staid, Puritan, devout, austere,  
Whose solemn hymn and muttered prayer  
Hollowly ring through the tranquil air.

The phantoms blur, and, having prayed,  
Like mists before the sun they fade  
To leave the leaded windows stark  
Against the backcloth of the dark,  
While, 'cross the floor, in argent streams,  
Glimmer alone the cold moonbeams,  
Then, with the booming of the door,  
Vespertime peace floods in once more.

C. F. COLTON, 6LL.



From time immemorial, the presence of dreams has been a constant factor in the life of human and, indeed, animal life upon the earth. Watch any dog that is asleep, and before long its leg muscles will tense, the rate of breathing will increase, the eyes will half open, and it will begin to whine and whimper, jerking and twitching while it is still completely unconscious. Scientists, of course, cannot delve into the mind of an animal to find out exactly what it is thinking of during these periodic spasms, but they do find that if the animal is always woken just as one is beginning, thus ensuring the requisite amount of rest, but preventing such spasms from taking place, eventually it will become deranged. Obviously, then, dreams fulfil a particular, and essential need to the living organism, at least to the higher orders (for who can say whether a fish dreams or not?), but their exact purpose has not become apparent under the scientific investigations carried out upon the subject.

What is a dream? To the ancients it was a state of communion with the higher planes of spiritual existence, where the "astral self" departed from the sleeping body into the "astral plane", attached to its earthly counterpart only by the "Thread of Life". References to dreams can be found throughout the Bible, where humans are informed of some impending event, or of a duty they have been chosen to perform, by means of a dream, wherein the Higher Powers usually make their desires known to mankind. Here it might be interesting to quote a few examples: in Job 33, 15 "For God speaketh once, yea, twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed". And in Numbers 12, 16. "If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord, will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream", express the purpose of divine dreams. But in Ecclesiastes 5, 7 "For in the multitude of dreams and many words, there are also divers vanities", we are warned of the ordinary, natural dreams, often mistaken for divine communications. Similar cases have, indeed, been known and publicised in modern times, where dreams have been able accurately to predict the future; but, of course, such cases have been severely criticised by indignant and derisive scientists, who refuse to allow the idea of the supernatural to infringe upon and disrupt the ordered and logical world of the material.

The Subconscious has become a convenient, and indeed perhaps a correct explanation of many of the inexplicable happenings that occur in that mysterious state between deep sleep and waking, for that is the time, according to investigations, when the majority of dreams occur. It is the less active part of the brain, where, from earliest childhood and, indeed, from pre-natal days, memories and thoughts long since thought are stored and then securely confined from the clearer operations of the upper, or fore-brain, where the normal everyday processes of thought take place. However, when the fore-brain becomes inactive, such as in a state of hypnosis or, more to the point, in a state of sleep, then odd, fragmentary, and mostly disembodied shades of memory ooze up from the subconscious and provide the basis either of notes for a psychiatrist's notebook, or of a dream.



A typical dream seems mostly disjointed, illogical and nonsensical upon waking, and, indeed, most dreams flit away back to the depths of the mind when the fore-brain begins to function once more. But occasionally the memory of a dream remains in the mind after waking, and although it may seem superficially inane, the recollection of the very strong feeling of reality when the actual dream was in progress, on closer examination becomes apparent. (This is usually more the case with nightmares, when the dreamer suddenly awakens in a cold sweat of fear and, although the mind, after having been awake quite a time, is perfectly lucid, the dreamer may dread falling asleep again for fear that he may once again experience the very real terror that was part of the nightmare.)

Of course, the scientific explanation of this is quite straightforward elementary biology, where, to quote the words of the immortal Ebenezer Scrooge in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", a dream may be "an undigested bit of beef, a blot of mustard, a fragment of an underdone potato". If one has eaten a great deal before retiring, the blood supply is directed chiefly towards the stomach for the purpose of digestion and consequently the brain suffers a shortage of blood, and becomes slightly deranged, more so than it would be naturally in a state of repose. However, such experiences could also be explained in the light of the spiritual (a word that will insist on infringing upon the nice world of the material), as a higher awareness of the invisible world that (in the view of the Romantics) girds us perpetually round. An increase in frequency, by the agency of sleep, of the "vibrations" of the Spiritualist may lead us to the vision of the inhabitants of both the higher and the earthly plane of existence. This explanation, although it may and, doubtless will, be disregarded quite easily as imaginative nonsense, on closer examination and careful, investigation, can be found to be equally credible, if not more credible than the logical explanation of the shortage of blood theory.

Dreams, therefore, and the world of the subconscious, or the spirit, although explanations on both scientific and spiritual scores can be forwarded, remain a phenomenon beyond the cramped knowledge of Mankind, a process which, from the first dim functionings of the body in the mother's womb, right down to the last halting breath before death, has operated without the voluntary control of the body. The process has remained unexplained and untouched for the millions of years that thoughts have been thought, and will remain the very innermost domain and the very central core of the being. Its forbidden depths no material agency, whether human or otherwise will, in my opinion, ever be able to invade.

C. F. COLTON, 6LL.



## "WHEN ONE SEES DEMOCRACY AT WORK ONE LONGS FOR A DICTATORSHIP"

In discussing this question it will be necessary first of all to examine the nature, characteristics, results and any other aspects of democracy and dictatorship which are relevant to the issue. The importance of the subject cannot be overrated, since it concerns one of the most fundamental elements in human existence, namely, the way in which Society ought to be run and the relationship between the individual and the State of which he is a member. This is, therefore, a problem of universal application, and cannot be easily dismissed. After a fair and rational assessment I intend to demonstrate that the sentiment expressed in the title, if widely shared, could be dangerous and harmful to the values which are accepted as being beneficial to human life. I refer to such concepts as justice and freedom, the very foundations of which are, in my opinion threatened by any extremely authoritarian system of government.

To begin with, it must be recognised that democracy and dictatorship are not to be compared as distinguishable absolutes, totally separated in every respect from one another. Instead they are measurable by degree. For example even the most liberal, tolerant system requires that the individual members must surrender some of their personal sovereignty to a public body chosen by an elective majority. In addition, the individual is obliged to comply with the laws of his democratic, free country, or he has to face the consequences of his refusal in the form of punishment. Thus we see that in democratic countries the individual is by no means wholly independent or free from duty or service to the State. Equally, the members of totalitarian states are not completely devoid of personal freedom in many fields, despite a lack of political liberty. Even if the average person did find himself in such a situation of total slavery the conditions of dictatorship demand the existence of a privileged class (from whom the strength of the system is derived) which would be excluded from this sort of subservience.

Nevertheless there are undeniable traits in any society by which one can judge whether it is by nature primarily dictatorial or democratic. I shall deal first with an analysis of the principal methods and features of a dictatorship. The very word dictatorship suggests corruption, indeed it is its main characteristic. This, in fact, means that the majority of people, will be coerced to do things, and their behaviour will be conditioned, against their will. Hence comes the need for the dictator to enforce his authority. These methods of enforcement are numerous and vary with circumstances which may be determined by many factors (history, size of population, social structure, amount of opposition, degree of security of the régime in control). Nevertheless they include such things as press censorship, lack of free speech, imprisonment without trial, restriction of movement, torture, the use of false confessions at trials, the forced removal and resettlement of whole communities over enormous distances, labour camps and general widespread terrorism and intimidation. It should not be imagined that these are accessory influences to which a dictatorship is likely to be subjected. On the contrary they are the essence of dictatorship, the vital bodily organs on which its functioning depends. Therefore anyone "longing for dictatorship" must be prepared to accept such inconveniences without complaint.

An obvious corollary to this is to inquire into the nature of the people who rule in a dictatorship. We can infer from their work that they are, of necessity, ruthless and



unscrupulous, brutal, insensitive to human suffering and contemptuous of truth and justice. How else could they do their jobs? Here we come across the innate, self-defeating contradiction to the dictatorial system. All dictatorship, for its justification ultimately depends on the theory that people en masse are incapable of governing themselves properly. Otherwise, what valid criticism can be levelled against democracy? This is indeed the open assertion of the white supremacists of southern Africa, but it is absurd to suggest that they have any claim to moral superiority when they resort to the kind of methods of oppression listed above. This objection to dictatorship can be extended to all models of the system. For how can a tiny minority, established in power by a policy indistinguishable from criminal thuggery, be expected to serve the interests of the majority better than the latter could themselves? Thus we see the theory of dictatorship confounded by its own precepts. While scorning the general capacity of men to govern adequately it places a blind unreasoning faith on a handful of men whose unworthiness has been proved by their readiness to employ policies harmful to the majority.

It would perhaps now be helpful to see how democracy, in its processes, stands in relation to dictatorship. Democracy can sometimes be as tyrannical as dictatorship. This situation can occur when a majority class is in a position to dominate and persecute a minority class. Tyranny however is very much more uncommon under democratic than dictatorial government. There are several reasons for this. Not to be discounted is the atmosphere and tradition of freedom and tolerance which, coupled with the fairly strong cult of individualism, can afford even the most unpopular minority some protection. More decisive however, is the respective power structure of the two systems. In the dictatorship an almost limitless amount of power is concentrated in a few hands so creating a position of great inequality. The group or man in power is enabled to flout all restrictions in attaining its or his ends at the expense of all other categories of people. This produces two effects. Dictatorship inevitably is prone to considerable corruption on the part of officialdom. Acton's famous maxim "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely" can be seen today clearly as a profound truth. Another feature likely to appear is extremism. This is provoked by the absence of any resistance.

On the other hand democracy is inclined to produce a multiplicity and diversity of power and interests which in turn results in much more moderation. Corruption too is much less prevalent here because there is less scope for it and it is also faced with the watch-dog Press, independent of the Government. Democracy imposes certain checks on its rulers. The Government, in order to survive is obliged to please and do its best for the electorate. In this way fewer minority interests can be put into operation against the wishes of the majority.

Thus insofar as government is designed for the benefit and wellbeing of ordinary people, the sincere adherents to a belief in dictatorial government are naïve idealists, whereas the upholders of democracy are realistic. The former, by ignoring the self-interest factor of the men in control, have released the dictator from any imposition of restraint by the collective will of the people, and have made him separate, autonomous and omnipotent. In this state of affairs the interests of the majority of the people will only be served when they coincide with those of the dictator. In democracy, the in-



terests of the man in power are harnessed to those of the electorate by the former's dependence on the latter's support. The interests of the rulers are thereby, if not synonymous with, at least more closely aligned with those of the ruled than in a dictatorship.

A dictatorship's first aim must be to maintain its control, since all other objectives are based on its power. It therefore has constantly to renew and reinforce the source of its power—which in effect means the merciless suppression of any opposition. The first aim of any ruling group in a democracy is usually also to retain power for itself, but the decisive difference in its relative position rests on the fact that the source of a democratically-elected government's power is the willingness of the majority of the population to be ruled by it. This willingness will only be continued if the Government carries out policies which are broadly approved by the masses. Therefore the device of the election and referendum plays a much greater role than is generally realised. The influence of public opinion is another method by which the majority can exert pressure on, and check the governing body. This is lacking in a dictatorship because the consensus of public opinion is not allowed to manifest itself. For these reasons the legislature and administration act, to a large extent, as servants in a democracy and as masters in a dictatorship.

Both systems are largely self-perpetuating. The dictatorship rewards those who conform while severely punishing those who dissent and rebel. In democracy minority interests of all kinds, as well as majority interests, are jealously guarded, and trends towards too great a concentration of power are firmly resisted. At the same time there is usually sufficient respect for authority to prevent the development of anarchy and chaos.

My title suggests that there is something wrong with the working of democracy. As men are imperfect it is unreasonable to hope for any perfect Utopian society to evolve. Equally there are degrees of imperfection. It is fair to say that democracy lies somewhere between anarchy which places all responsibility for his actions on the individual, and dictatorship which places all authority under one central power. Democracy is unique in that it is the only system which upholds an equality of rights for all the members of its society. In anarchy the forces of natural inequalities are given free rein, whilst in dictatorship an artificial inequality is established. It is undeniable that men are partially evil. Surely therefore it is wrong to condone a system of government which allows some men to dominate others and sanctions this situation by strict law (in the case of dictatorship) or by the lack of law (in the case of anarchy). This is the logical conclusion of all undemocratic systems of government. Thus we can recognise that democratic government is the least of several evils, and its evils stem from men not from any defects in the system.

Assuredly a society which retains a certain degree of liberty and personal rights for individual members is necessarily going to be somewhat handicapped in the functioning of government in terms of efficiency. Obviously a democracy must take into account many diverse interests when planning a policy which will affect them. This requires time and careful consideration and will probably produce an unsatisfactory compromise solution. A dictatorship would cut across all this elaborate rigmarole and dogmatically and rigidly enforce its own interests. Equally crime and disorder would be more easily detected and dealt with if the police were granted sweeping powers in their



relationship with the individual. Such a move would be accompanied by a proportionate decrease in the latter's freedom. A police state would eventually ensue, and acts of injustice by the authorities would be sanctioned by so-called forces of law. What is the good of efficiency if it is bought at the price of consideration for the rights and aspirations of the individuals who constitute the society? What is the good of protecting the members of society more thoroughly from personal crimes if at the same time it exposes them to crimes committed by the State?

Again and again we see this overriding characteristic of dictatorship, its contempt for people as individuals and for values and rights. What is the purpose of dictatorship? In most cases dictators are cynical opportunists motivated by a driving force of selfish ambition. Even dictators who have a concern for those they rule share in the contempt in which the free choice of the individual is held since they refuse to tolerate the opinions of others. Dictatorship is the doctrine of the fanatical, the selfish, the frightened and the callous. A society without morality or standards of behaviour towards fellow human beings is a sick society. It is an evil, decadent corrupt society. It generates an atmosphere in which any good is stifled and perishes, in which all manner of wickedness and treachery thrive. All dictatorial methods contain within them the embryo of such a society. In the present day the enormous advances in technology, the population explosion and the gradual loss of the identity and importance of the individual are all factors in favour of a trend towards dictatorial government. There is a pressing need to check these incorrigible influences which are eroding individual liberty. The problem is too momentous and its conclusions too irrevocable to be ignored.

J. POLLARD 6ML



# GAMES

## 1st XI CRICKET 1969

No Cricket report could be complete this year without words of appreciation for all we owe to Mr. Morley who for many years ran the Colts and then the 1st XI and has continued to help us out in our crises whenever we were short of an umpire. We look forward to seeing him from time to time in the future. We would also like to thank Mrs. Taylor for all the hard work she has put in over the years in providing our teas. To Mr. Curtis, too, we would like to express our appreciation for his work in providing the "tracks" we play on.

This year's side always had good potential as was revealed on the tour. As only one member of the side has left, next year's team should be formidable. G. Reading proved an excellent captain. He was prepared to experiment with his slow bowlers and risk losing a match in order to win it. His declarations were well-timed and many of the field-placing problems were created by our wayward change bowlers. At times he was too kind-hearted. Runs given away by slow full tosses outside the leg-stump to a packed off-side field have later to be struggled for, if one is batting second, and in such circumstances the bowler cannot be rested too soon. But this is a criticism primarily of our spinners.

The batting of the team throughout the season has been the backbone of any successes gained, but all too often there was a tendency to rely too much on one or two established batsmen. Several newcomers were brought into the side, but the feature of the season was undoubtedly the consistency of Kynaston's batting. Time and again he contributed a large proportion of the total runs and finished the season with 731 runs at an average of 43. Another important run-maker was Jones, who, coming in at the lower end of the order, produced a variety of shots with an unusual technique. The bowling improved as the season progressed to reach its peak on the tour. Tranter, left arm over, was discovered in House Cricket and finished the season with 35 wickets, one less than Reading. For the first time in a number of years the School had a leg-spin bowler in Touchin and quite often he made the more inexperienced batsmen misjudge the flight of the ball and lose their wickets.

In all departments there was an improvement throughout the term, culminating in a highly successful tour of the West Country, where even last year's good results were bettered.

## MATCH REPORTS

1st XI v Stockport G.S.—Match Drawn  
School 166-3 dec. Stockport G.S. 145-5

With considerably more batting practice than in previous years behind us, a sound performance was made by all the batsmen. Greensmith showed that he has a good technique and Kynaston (85 not out) was only unfortunate in that he did not have enough time to complete his century. Unfortunately the bowling lacked penetration and only Robson, with four wickets, had any success.

1st XI v Cheadle Hulme School—Lost by 6 wkts.  
School 81, Cheadle Hulme 85-4

With the weather again on our side we expected to top our previous score, but the complete batting line-up, Kynaston apart, collapsed disastrously. This left us with only 81 runs to play with and we realised that some new bowling strength had to be found as we captured only four wickets.

1st XI v King Edward VII, Lytham—  
Won by 76 runs  
School 171-6 dec, King Edward VII, Lytham 95

Batting first again a score of 171 for 6 wickets was reached at a run a minute. This was mainly due to a fine partnership of 114 between Greensmith and Kynaston, who both made half-centuries. Tranter and Touchin had been brought into the side and both made successful debuts. The leg-spinner especially enjoyed taking four wickets as the Lytham batsmen tried to hit themselves out of trouble. Helped by generous running between the wickets a comfortable win was secured.

1st XI v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—  
Match Drawn  
School 130, Merchant Taylors' 53-7

On a fine day at Crosby our batsmen came up against an accurate left-arm spinner, who removed all the recognised batsmen. A pleasing feature was the way Jones and Handley engineered a good score from a precarious situation, with Jones especially displaying a somewhat unorthodox style which is best described as "crofting". Good seam bowling by Tranter and Reading put Crosby in a very bad position at 29 for 5, but rain interfered and the game ended in a dismal draw.



1st XI v Wakefield—Lost by 4 wickets  
School 90, Wakefield 91-4 wkts.

None of the School's batsmen really got going and Crowther of Wakefield, who bowled unchanged with considerable pace, took all ten wickets. A patch at one end caused trouble and six batsmen lost their wickets to balls which kept low. But full credit to Crowther for a fine all-round performance as he went on to score 50 not out. None of our bowlers had his pace to exploit the tricky end.

1st XI v Bolton School—Match Drawn  
Bolton 132-8 dec., School 131-5

Early success for Tranter (5 for 63) was not exploited to the full and Bolton struggled to a reasonable total. In reply to this Swain (71) and Greensmith (49) raced to 120, but the inability to take the short single at the vital moments resulted in a disappointing draw.

1st XI v Chetham's—Match Drawn  
School 94-9 dec. Chetham's 92-8

It was obvious from the start that the School's batsmen were over-confident and they soon suffered the penalty. Only a partnership of 56 between Kynaston and Handley enabled a declaration to be made. Some tight, accurate bowling enabled the School to hold out for a thrilling last-minute draw.

1st XI v Parents—Match Drawn  
School 131-6 dec. Parents 87-6

Brisk scoring throughout the whole innings enabled a declaration to be made leaving the Parents two hours to score the necessary runs, but once again the bowling lacked penetration and the game ended in a predictable draw.

1st XI v H. W. Timm's XI—Lost by 65 runs  
H. W. Timm's XI 187-9, School 122.

Against the most experienced side the School played all season, the bowlers managed to keep a good line and reasonable accuracy. On a scorchingly hot day our opponents were restricted to 187 runs. The batsmen got off to a reasonable start to reach 80 for 3. However, the younger and lower order were completely baffled by top-class spin bowling and collapsed to 122 all out.

1st XI v Whalley Range C.C.—Match Drawn  
Whalley Range C.C. 146-2 dec. School 71-5

The bowlers kept a good line and length, but were not helped in containing the batsmen by several dropped catches. Whalley Range, perhaps remembering last year, left us only two hours to get the runs. The light was not conducive to good stroke play and many batsmen were out trying to hit. Greensmith batted capably for his 37.

1st XI v A. M. Blight's XI—Match Drawn  
A. M. Blight's XI 155-7 dec. School 106-7

Against a side composed mainly of Old Boys the School's makeshift attack, caused by the absence of Reading, performed reasonably. However, a surprising innings of 62 by Broadhurst made possible a declaration. Against some good seam bowling the School seemed all set for defeat. However, Jones and Touchin stayed together for the last hour to stave off defeat.

1st XI v Manchester Grammar School—  
Won by six runs.  
School 121-8 dec. Manchester G.S. 115 all out

Despite the fall of early wickets, the middle order, for once, took the score to reasonable proportions. Reading again bowled well to capture 5-26. A thrilling finish came when the last over commenced with six runs still needed for an M.G.S. victory. The batsman holed out first ball and victory was sealed.

1st XI v Birkenhead School—Lost by 7 wickets  
School 110, Birkenhead 111-3

After a good start on an excellent batting strip, the whole team fell to accurate slow bowling. Kynaston promised another big score but then played a bad shot to be out for 45. Once again Smith of Birkenhead could not be held, as his side romped to an easy victory, helped at times by atrocious fielding.

1st XI v King Edward VII, Sheffield—  
Match Drawn  
School 134-5 dec. Sheffield 118-9

On a wicket which helped the bowlers Harrison (39 not out) and Robson (28) put on 46 for the third wicket and Bennett then hit a quick 26 before the declaration was made. Sheffield's wickets fell at regular intervals as Tranter made the ball lift and move off the wicket. But the vital last wicket was not taken.



### 1st XI v Staff—Abandoned

Unfortunately this match was unable to be completed because of heavy rain.

### 1st XI v King's School, Macclesfield—

Lost by 6 wickets

School 114. Macclesfield 115-4

After a good partnership between Robson and Kynaston the remainder of the batting failed. Despite three early wickets, Smith of King's steered his side to a comfortable victory with a fine innings of 75 not out.

## SUMMER TOUR TO THE SOUTH-WEST

This, the second tour to the West Country, was highlighted by excellent batting, sound bowling and a marked improvement in the fielding of the whole team. Caravans provided our accommodation for the entire tour and this year the choice of site greatly reduced our travelling time and reduced the 'car-weary' appearance of the team to a minimum.

The first game against Queen's, Taunton, was played on a very cold, overcast day and the batting of both sides seemed to match the weather. Only Handley of our batsmen offered any resistance to the Taunton bowlers and we amassed only 79 runs. The opposition started off as if no problems were left in the wicket, but thanks to accurate bowling by Reading and Tranter, they were all out for 78, the inning ending with a remarkable catch by Robson at square-leg.

After a night's rest we found ourselves on the road to All Hallows, Lyme Regis, who possessed a really marvellous cricket ground. They batted first on a beautiful wicket, but none of their batsmen really made good use of it. Their final total was 142 and Robson, reverting to off-spin, took four wickets in the innings. After a sound partnership between Swain and Kynaston, a minor collapse in the middle order caused panic stations in the pavilion. However Jones provided stubborn resistance and he and Kynaston, who scored 86 not out, led the side to a victory by five wickets.

Batting first on the hard wickets in Devon and Dorset gives a distinct advantage if the batsmen play well. This certainly proved the case at King's Bruton, where a fine second-wicket partnership of 159 allowed us to declare at 196 for one wicket. Robson and Kynaston between them provided many varied shots, not all orthodox, and scored 100 not out and 72 not out respectively. After the initial breakthrough in the opening attack, Bruton's batsmen were sufficiently tempted by the leg-spin of Touchin to

get themselves out, and give the bowler five wickets for a mere 31 runs, and we won by 62 runs.

King's, Taunton, were our next opponents and worthy ones they proved to be. After an early breakthrough their batsmen got on top and punished us severely for missed chances. However, after lunch they were quickly dismissed, Reading finishing with five wickets. For once, all our top batsmen failed, and we were hovering on the brink of disaster at 43 for 7. However, an entertaining partnership of 75 in an hour by Reading (47) and Jones (35 not out) saved us from complete humiliation, and defeat was by only 76 runs. An outstanding feature of the tour and this game in particular was the brilliant ground fielding of Hollows at cover-point, which was warmly appreciated by the crowd.

The final match against Exeter School was played on a crumbling wicket and we again performed well after lunch to dismiss them for 122. Tranter's accurate bowling was at last rewarded with a fine return of six wickets for 46 runs. Kynaston and Jones again showed up well in our innings, but the two who steered us to victory were Bennett and Handley, who both batted soundly and sensibly.

Many thanks must go to Mrs. Blight, without whose advice and management we would have been in a sorry state.

Finally, a special word of thanks to our most efficient and faithful scorer, D. G. Hodcroft. We are most grateful for all his work.

The following boys were awarded their Colours: G. Reading (captain), L. P. Kynaston, K. M. Robson, D. J. Hollows, J. D. Handley, D. L. Swain, V. W. Bennett, G. Jones, P. Tranter, C. M. Touchin, D. G. Greensmith and D. Harrison.

## CRICKET 2nd XI

The 2nd XI had a successful and exciting season, winning six games, drawing three and losing three. The key to success was the team spirit and determination to win under the capable and unselfish leadership of John Rhodes who had a positive approach to the game, and, though most eager to win, was not afraid to lose. Because he had several attacking batsmen in the team, he always put the opposition in to bat and chased whatever target was set. Although we were often left with much less time than the opposition (bowling 477 overs compared with 329 received), quite difficult targets were often achieved against the clock. For instance, the last 65 runs were scored in 30 minutes against Manchester Grammar School; at Bolton we scored 88 in 26 overs and



at King's, Macclesfield, 112 in 24 overs. Of course occasionally we were made to look fools, as against Birkenhead School who scored 158 after being put into bat while we could score only 65-9 wickets. Several fielding errors in this and other games were crucial, though in general the standard of fielding and catching was high.

The batting was forceful and attractive to watch. Huddleston in particular had no respect for the half-volley, scoring five sixes and 23 fours out of his 222 runs. Luckily for us he nearly always scored 20 or 30 but failed to get the 50 or 60 which would have earned him promotion to the 1st XI. Holdship was the only other batsman to reach 100 runs; he reached double figures in the first five games by pulling and hooking everything that was possible. But then his luck ran out and it was left to others to score the runs. Makin, another hard-hitter, occasionally gave us a good start; Kettle, a more cultured batsman, disappointed except for the second and last matches in which he scored runs elegantly. Sheppard batted very well at Macclesfield after batting lower down the order previously; if he could practice hitting the short ball as well as the half-volley, he would improve considerably. When I first saw Atkinson batting, I thought that no more incompetent batsman had ever graced the cricket square; but when a perfectly good ball is despatched to the boundary two or three times an innings one realises that elegance is not everything. Rhodes himself had a merry knock against the parents but apart from that had little success. Wong and Harben both gave loyal service without producing many runs.

The bowling had a good variety. Richardson and Jameson both took over 20 wickets and on their day worried many batsmen. However, it would be nice to see them hating the batsmen a little more. Sheppard took 25 wickets for 222 runs with his accurate off-spinners and has a very promising future; it is amazing how many of the opposition were unable to cope with good length balls from him. Huddleston was a useful medium-pace bowler on occasions and Atkinson proved very difficult to score off, especially against Manchester Grammar School when his analysis was 19.5 overs, 12 maidens, 18 runs, 4 wickets.

We were fortunate in having two wicket-keepers at our disposal; while Grundy was injured, Holdship kept wicket tidily. However, Grundy, on returning, was too erratic though he is certainly the more natural wicketkeeper. I think perhaps the place will go next year to the one who is prepared to concentrate on every ball.

We look forward optimistically to next season when several of the team will still be present.

Our thanks must go to Bailey, M. J., Crompton and Spicer for scoring so efficiently.

## RESULTS:

2nd XI v Cheetham's School—Lost by 2 wickets.  
School 80: Cheetham's 81-8

2nd XI x Stockport—Lost by one run  
Stockport 119 (Jameson 5-30): School 111 (Kettle 30).

2nd XI v Cheadle—Won by two runs  
School 41: Cheadle 39 (Richardson 4-8 Sheppard 4-15).

2nd XI v Lytham—Match Drawn.  
Lytham 126-6 dec.: School 74-6

2nd XI v Merchant Taylors'—Won by 6 wickets.  
Merchant Taylors' 86-9 dec. (Jameson 4-15): School 88-4.

2nd XI v Wakefield—Lost by 62 runs.  
Wakefield 101 (Sheppard 7-26): School 39.

2nd XI v Bolton School—Won by 3 wickets.  
Bolton 87 (Richardson 4-28): School 88-7.

2nd XI v Parents—Won by 57 runs.  
School 146-3 dec. (Jameson 36, Rhodes 36): Huddleston 30 n.o.): Parents 89.

2nd XI v Manchester Grammar School—  
Won by 7 wickets  
Manchester Grammar School 93 (Atkinson 4-18): School 94-3 (Bennett 33 n.o., Huddleston 37).

2nd XI v Birkenhead School—Match Drawn  
Birkenhead 158-8 dec. (Jameson 5-52): School 65-9.

2nd XI v Sheffield—Match Drawn  
Sheffield 114-8 dec.: School 75-6.

2nd XI v King's Macclesfield—Won by 8 wickets.  
King's 109-8 dec.: School 112-2 (Sheppard 32 n.o., Huddleston 30 n.o.).

## UNDER 15 CRICKET

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 7.

This was the most disappointing season for some years, in which a number of cricketers who showed fair promise in practice games completely failed to live up to expectations in their matches.

The most obvious weakness was in batting. In five of the matches half the side was out before



the score had reached thirty, with the result that middle-order and later batsmen were seldom able to play with confidence and freedom. It was noticeable that on the two occasions when the opening partnership reached double figures the matches were won. Only A. C. Hobday, the captain, batted with any consistency and real determination but he, too, caught the general malaise in the later games.

Our bowling was rather better than the batting. Each time we fielded first we took at least nine of our opponents' wickets and they only scored more than a hundred on one occasion. The most successful bowlers were Hunt, who has an easy action and is able to move the ball away from the bat, and J. S. Dalby who usually kept a tidy length and made the batsman play at every ball.

The fielding, both close to the wicket and in the outfield, was rather poor. Fielding is the most important aspect of cricket and perhaps the easiest in which to become reasonably competent, but it requires a great deal of thought and concentration. Many catches were dropped and many runs were given away by half-hearted running, careless throwing and poor backing-up. It is in fielding, too, that cricket best reveals itself as a team game, and this season the side has seldom played with the cohesion of a real team.

The following players represented the School: A. C. Hobday (capt.), T. J. Bentley, A. J. Brundrett, R. Clarke, A. C. Crane, J. S. Dalby, M. P. Elam, A. B. Foyne, B. M. Hilton, P. Hunt, G. D. Kettlewell, M. B. Bowker, I. R. Dunbar, D. C. Greensmith, N. S. Leighton, R. L. Marsh and A. R. Potter.

### RESULTS:

v Cheadle Hulme School. Home. Won by 6 wks.

Cheadle Hulme 59 (Hunt 3-13).

School 63 for 4 (A. C. Hobday 21).

v King Edward VII School, Lytham. Home.

Lost by 43 runs

Lytham 114-9 dec. (Hunt 3-22, Dalby 3-27)

School 71 (A. C. Hobday 41).

v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Away.

Lost by 9 wickets

School 44.

Crosby 47-1.

v Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield.

Home. Lost by 3 wickets

School 86 (A. C. Hobday 30, Greensmith 24)

Wakefield 87 for 7 (Hunt 5 for 27).

v Bolton School. Home. Lost by 8 wickets.

School 101 (R Clarke 30, Elam 24).

Bolton 105 for 2.

v Manchester Grammar School. Away.

Lost by 60 runs.

Manchester 94 (J. S. Dalby 3 for 31).

School 34.

v Birkenhead School. Away. Lost by five runs

Birkenhead 84 (J. S. Dalby 4-35, Hunt 3-15,

A. J. Brundrett 3-23).

School 79.

v King Edward VII School, Sheffield. Away.

Lost by 14 runs.

Sheffield 57 (J. S. Dalby 4-17, Hunt 3-16).

School 43.

v King's School, Macclesfield. Home.

Won by 7 wickets

Macclesfield 70 (A. C. Crowe 6-28, J. S. Dalby 3-15).

School 71 for 3 (A. B. Foyne 25 not out).

### UNDER 14 CRICKET

This has been an excellent season, the only misfortune being that a strong and enthusiastic team did not have the opportunity to play more matches. Three games were won, two drawn from very strong positions, and one lost: understandably, the team was a little disturbed to forfeit its two-year-old undefeated record at the hands of an Under 15, not an Under 14 side, owing to a misunderstanding with King's School, Macclesfield! This was one of the best games of the season, in which, against older and bigger opponents, Winward and Greensmith batted with great determination and skill, and Marsh bowled at his best but very unluckily.

Marsh's batting and bowling have shown great promise. He has a good range of shots, especially on the off-side, and his bowling combines speed with a control not often found at this level. He tends to get too much lift off the pitch, and his analyses do not do him justice. Greensmith and Winward have played some very valuable and stylish innings; concentration is the greatest feature of both, and Winward's cutting and Greensmith's shots to leg have been very pleasant to watch. Clayden made a good contribution with the bat at Bolton, but Swann's promise has been unfulfilled. He must learn that he needs to stay in, in order to play the powerful shots of which he is capable. Middleton's off-spinners have taken several valuable wickets, and with greater control over his length he will be most useful.



Coyne, Simpson and Potter have bowled well on occasions: the first needs a few inches in height, and the other two, better actions!

Throughout the season, Greensmith as captain, assisted by Marsh, has maintained a very good spirit in his side, and used his bowlers intelligently. Dickson has kept wicket very soundly, taking six catches and conceding few byes. The fielding has usually been very good. Winward's slip catching and Greensmith's powerful throwing have set a fine example.

### RESULTS:

- v Cheadle Hulme School. Won.  
Cheadle Hulme 54 (Simpson 6-24)  
School 56-1
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham. Won.  
Lytham 103-5  
School 105-9 (Marsh 61)
- v Bolton School. Drawn.  
School 114-9 dec. (Greensmith 53)  
Bolton 37-9 (Marsh 6-21, Middleton 3-3)
- v Manchester Grammar School. Won.  
M.G.S. 60 (Middleton 4-5)  
School 64-2
- v King Edward VII School, Sheffield. Drawn.  
Sheffield 123-8 dec.  
School 83-3 (Marsh 38)
- v King's Schol, Macclesfield U.15. Lost.  
School 117-9 dec. (Winward 41)  
King's 118-6

### JUNIOR SCHOOL XI

Played 7, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 3

- v Merchant Taylors, Crosby. Home.  
Lost by 13 runs  
Merchant Taylors 73 (Clayden 4-14)  
School 60 (Taylor 28)
- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield. Away. Lost by 4 wickets  
School 60  
Wakefield 62-6 (Dodd 3-8)
- v Whalley Range C.C. Home. Won by 5 wickets  
Whalley Range 70 (Orton 5-15)  
School 71-5 (Meehan 39)
- v Whalley Range C.C. Home. Won by 69 runs  
School 131-2 dec. (Hawes 54, Summers 43)  
Whalley Range 62-6
- v St. Bede's College. Home. Match Drawn  
School 145-3 dec. (Summers 39, Collier 36 n.o.)  
Meehan 30 n.o.)  
St. Bede's 97 for 7

- v Whalley Range C.C. Home. Lost by 25 runs  
Whalley Range 74-9 dec  
School 49
- v Burnage G.S. Home. Won by 7 wickets  
Burnage 61 (Dodd 6-18, Clayden 3-17)  
School 63-3

The early matches found our batsmen woefully short of practice, though Taylor, in the first game, showed what can be done with patience and sensible deflections of the bad deliveries; a pity the middle-order did not follow his example instead of employing scythe-like heaves at everything within reach. Meehan looked to be coming into form at Wakefield, and confirmed this with a splendid innings in the first of our evening matches with Whalley Range. In this game he was well supported by Summers, who, over the season, must have put in more practice at the nets than anyone and gained his reward with some good scores. Also in this game Orton produced a fine spell of left-arm spin bowling, and at this stage of the season the main bowling threat on this largely Second Form team was coming from two First Formers, Orton and Clayden. The latter is a faster opening bowler than we have had for some time. The second Whalley Range game found Hawes in fine form and the first-wicket partnership of 94 between him and Summers put the result beyond doubt. The story was much the same against St. Bede's and it was gratifying here to see Collier apply himself to scoring runs rather than purely to guarding his wicket. Our fielding nearly won us this game; Harrison and Howarth, operating a menacing patrol in the area of cover and point, brought us 4 well-taken run-outs and emphasised their great value on the side. The representative season ended with the defeat of Burnage, the only one they suffered in the season, a match mainly remarkable for our excellent running between the wickets and for the return to form of Dodd, who was at times in this match quite unplayable.

There was, however, much more cricket than this. A "Challenge League" between 4 teams selected from the Junior School by Dodd, Collier, Meehan and Swindley, playing each other in 30 over matches with a complicated system of bonus points, produced some excellent cricket, with the batsmen generally in charge. It should also be mentioned that all these matches were played after school on one of the squares and that the enthusiasm was tremendous, all points being jealously contested. Howarth was easily the outstanding figure, scoring 143 runs without being out in his 3 innings, and helping the team captained by Dodd to victory. The School team players were, of course, all successful, and Swindley, the wicket-keeper, though without a good score in School games, produced a splendid unbeaten 43 in the last game of the series. There were also innings of real quality from Erlam, Leach, Simpson,



Ecceles, Haley, Niven and Withington and the series was successful in bringing a better standard of cricket within the reach of more people.

The season ended with a new feature, which it is hoped will become a regular item: the Junior School Leaders challenged a Junior School Select XI (with guest players!) and a most enjoyable game ensued, the J.S.L.'s. declaring, after good innings from Swindley and Meehan at 112 for 6, a total which the Select XI was hard put to equal against Dodd at his best (he finished with 8 for 41), but the last wicket pair survived some chances and managed a tie—a fair result. In all the matches mentioned above, some 2,500 runs were scored, which seems to add up to a very good season's cricket.

## HOUSE CRICKET

The weather this year was very kind to us and very few house games had to be cancelled. For the first time, points were awarded for the 'bye' in games which finished early, on the basis of one point for two wickets, or for fifteen runs.

The system proved to be quite effective, in that interest was maintained to the end of the game, but several houses were very slack in claiming their points.

The competition developed into a duel between Fraser and Gaskell, but in the later stages of the term, Fraser went away to emerge clear winners.

### RESULTS

	points
1. Fraser .....	149
2. Gaskell .....	108
3. Byrom .....	100
4. Dalton .....	63
5. Heywood .....	24
6. Whitworth .....	22

## KNOCK-OUTS

The knock-outs once again ran into trouble with postponements due to weather and as a result the second round and final had to be played on successive days.

### RESULTS

#### First Round. Seniors—

Gaskell 74  
Heywood 75 for 9  
Dalton 92  
Byrom 93 for 6

#### First Round. Juniors—

Heywood 42  
Dalton 43 for 5  
Gaskell 113 for 1 suspended  
Fraser 78

#### Second Round. Seniors—

Heywood 75 for 2 suspended  
Byrom 71  
Fraser 116  
Whitworth 117 for 3

#### Second Round. Juniors—

Whitworth 43  
Dalton 44 for 4  
Byrom 97  
Gaskell 40

#### Finals. Seniors—

Whitworth 78 for 2 suspended  
102 all out  
Heywood 75 for 3  
106 all out

#### Finals. Juniors—

Byrom 121 all out  
Dalton 117 all out

## ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS 1969

### SENIOR

100 yds. 10.9: Dodd, W.; Kettle, W.; Burnside, D.  
220 yds. 24.6: Dodd, W.; Day, F.; Huddleston, B.  
440 yds. 56.5: Haynes, G.; Kynaston, H.;  
Boustead, H.  
880 yds. 2-12.9: Masters, F.; Kynaston, H.;  
Taylor, D.  
Mile 5-11.8: Masters, F.; Renshaw, H.;  
Waddington, B.  
Relay 49.3: Heywood; Fraser; Byrom  
H.Jump 4-10: Tebbet, B.; Swain, W.; Cook, H.  
L.Jump 18-0½: Burnside, D.; Jones, B.;  
Holdship, H.  
T.Jump 38.3: \*Tebbett, B.; Burnside, D.;  
Everett, F.  
Shot 33-7½: Beasant, B.; Boustead, H.;  
Hallworth, W.  
Discus 85-10: Hunt, G.; Fraser, F.; Dodd, W.  
Javelin 95-9½: Hallworth, W.; Tranter, H.;  
Taylor, D.  
P.Vault 8-0: Renshaw, H.; Ridgeway, F.;  
Podmore, F.

### MIDDLE

100 yds. 10.9: \*Duncombe, G.; \*Wake, W.;  
Wong, F.  
220 yds. 24.9: Duncombe, G.; Wake, W.;  
Wong, F.  
440 yds. 58.6: Nias, D.; Harrison, G.; Norfolk, B.  
880 yds. 2-9.6: \*Boardman, D.; Symonds, D.;  
Denson, B.  
Mile 4-48.5: \*Symonds, D.; Boardman, D.;  
Denson, B.  
Relay 49.9: Gaskell; Whitworth; Dalton  
H.Jump 4-10½: \*Evans, F.; Burslem, H.;  
Hindley, G.



L.Jump 18-2: \*Duncombe, G.; Wake, W.;  
 Clarke, G.  
 T.Jump 36-0: Ridgeway, F.; Nias, D.; Cooper, W.  
 Shot 33-1: Wanless, F.; Williams, G.; Rhodes, G.  
 Discus 98-9½: Taylor, B.; Broadhurst, H.;  
 Akers, B.  
 Javelin 106-2½: Kay, W.; Ouseby, F.; Hilton, H.

## JUNIOR

100 yds. 11.6: Summersgill, H.; Hellier, F.;  
 Hendley, H.  
 220 yds. 26.2: Howe, H.; Summersgill, H.;  
 Hellier, F.  
 440 yds. 59.2: Howe, H.; Morello, F.; Hunt, G.  
 880 yds. 2-12.3: \*Hindley, G.; Roden, D.;  
 Dawson, G.  
 Mile 4-55.1: \*Hindley, G.; Roden, D.; Dawson, G.  
 Relay 52.5: Fraser; Heywood; Gaskell  
 H.Jump 5-0: Symonds, D.; Ridgeway, F.;  
 Hobday, B.  
 L.Jump 15-4½: Hunt, G.; Underwood, G.;  
 Hellier, F.  
 T.Jump 32-11: Ball, B.; Winward, W.; Evans, F.  
 Shot 44-8½: Burslem, H.; Paxton, B.; Fletcher, F.  
 Discus 104-0: \*Paxton, B.; \*Ball, B.; \*Peat, F.  
 Javelin 132-7: \*Caldwell, H.; Cosslett, W.;  
 Threlfall, F.

## HOUSE POSITIONS

	points
1. Fraser .....	260
2. Heywood .....	231
3. Gaskell .....	227
4. Byrom .....	200
5. Whitworth .....	173
6. Dalton .....	165

## WINNERS — Fraser

Senior — Tebbett, B.  
 Middle — Duncombe, G.  
 Junior — Hindley, G.

\*Denotes Record

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS 1969

### FIRST FORM

100 yds. 13.1: Cooper, 1d; Bankes, 1d;  
 Whitehead, 1c  
 220 yds. 30.1: Carter, 1a; Whitehead, 1c;  
 Tugman, 1a  
 880 yds. 2-37: Powell, 1a; Leak, 1b; Halpin, 1c  
 Mile: Powell, 1a; Leak, 1b; Halpin, 1c  
 Relay 60.0: 1D; 1A; 1C  
 H.Jump 4-6: \*Cooper, 1d; Metcalf, 1a; Heaton,  
 1a; Foulkes, 1a  
 L.Jump 13-0½: Heaton, 1a; Carter, 1a;  
 Whitehead, 1c  
 T.Jump 27-3: Andrew, 1b; Dewhurst, 1a;  
 Withington, 1d  
 Shot 29-6: Cooper, 1d; Stewart, 1a; Withington, 1d  
 Discus 68-4: Phillips, 1d; Leak, 1b; McGurdy, 1b

## SECOND FORM

100 yds. 12.4: McNeill, 2a; Newton, 2d; Hawes, 2d  
 220 yds. 29.2: McNeill, 2a; Howarth, 2d; Eyre, 2d  
 880 yds. 2-33.7: Rocca, 2c; Hodgson, 2b;  
 Randall, 2d  
 Mile 5-40: \*Hodgson, 2b; Randall, 2d; Rocca, 2c  
 H.Jump 4-5½: \*Martin, 2c; Bowen, 2d;  
 Crowther, 2d  
 L.Jump 14-1: Howarth, 2d; Martin, 2c; Hawes, 2d  
 T.Jump 30-4½: \*MacNeill, 2a; Hawes, 2d;  
 Bunnage, 2a  
 Shot 32-4¾: Tomlinson, 2d; Paxton, 2b;  
 McCulloch, 2c  
 Javelin 84-2: Bowen, 2d; Ellis 2b; Baldwin, 2b

## FORM POSITION

1A—78½ points, 1D—66 points, 1C—43 points,  
 1B—41½ points, 2D—94 points, 2C—60 points,  
 2B—45 points, 2A—43 points

\*Denotes Record

## SENIOR ATHLETICS

### Over 17—

12th May—School 68, Cheadle Hulme School  
 98, M.G.S. 107

2nd July—School 45, H.M.S. Conway 69.

### Over 16—

1st May—School 73, St. Bede's College 62.

### Under 17—

12th May—School 108, Cheadle Hulme School  
 91, M.G.S. 72.

2nd July—School 64, H.M.S. Conway 54.

Senior Athletics Trophy—Tebbett, S. E.

Intermediate Athl. Trophy—Duncombe, J. D. E.

This was not a particularly successful season for the Senior members of the team. With Dodd and Roberts out of action for part of the term it was not surprising that the over 17's could not win either of their matches. There were, however, good individual performances in the Manchester Championships by Masters (2nd 800m), Dodd (3rd 100m), Haynes (3rd 400m) and Tebbett (3rd H.S.J.). In fact Tebbett's rapid improvement in his event enabled him to break the School triple jump record on more than one occasion.

When the team was strengthened by the inclusion of the Under 17 members the results changed for the better. The sprinting and long-jumping of Duncombe, together with the consistent middle-distance performances of Symonds and Boardman usually proved too much for our opponents.

Undoubtedly the most exciting race of our season and probably the most exciting seen at



Stretford for some time was Symond's victory in the 1500m in the Manchester Championships. Having led for most of the race he had to hold off a strong challenge in the final straight to win by the narrowest of margins. Boardman and Duncombe were also on form at this meeting and managed to finish 2nd in the 800m and Long Jump respectively. As a result all three were chosen to represent the Manchester Schools' A.A. at the Lancashire Championships.

Mention must also be made of the three Under 16 athletes who usually strengthened the Under 17 team. Wake (sprints) and Caldwell (Javelin) both gained 1st place in the Manchester Championships though still a year under age and Burslem (shot) achieved one of the season's best performances with a putt of 44-ft. 8½-in.

## RESULTS

### Under 16—

1st May—School 80, St. Bede's College 57.

June 24th—School 90, Cheadle Hulme School 89, M.G.S. 71.

### Under 15—

June 24th—School 92, Cheadle Hulme School 61, M.G.S. 107.

Junior Athletics Trophy—Hindley, J. L.

Unlike the other age groups the Under 16 team is particularly strong in the field events. That they are also the most successful of the School teams indicates the importance of the 'throws' and 'jumps' in school athletics. With Burslem (shot), Caldwell (javelin), Ball (discus), Nias (H.S.J.) and Ollier (High Jump and Long Jump) performing well throughout the season it is not surprising that they won their matches. They were, of course, ably supported by Wake, Kidner and Payton in the sprints and the middle distance running of Bocking and Hindley.

Although the Under 15 team had only one inter-school match its members were active throughout the term. The season began for the track athletes on a very wet Saturday morning in April. In the Manchester A.C. Schools' meeting at Gatley both Howe, B. N. (440 yds) and Hindley (880yds) won their events in a competition involving 20 schools.

The track athletes were joined by the rest of the team for the Area Championships at Stretford. Lack of competition and training resulted in mediocre performances in the field but, thanks to Hindley (1st 800m), Howe (2nd 400m) and Hellier (3rd 200m) they gained 4th place in the team competition. From then on Hindley took most of the honours with a 1st place in the Inter-Area Championships, a 4th place in the Lancashire Championships and two school records (Junior 880 and Mile) on sports day.

## SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

### Breaststroke—

Jun. 41.0—Bollen, G.; Woodward, W.;  
Hendley, H.; Threlfall, F.  
Mid. 38.7—Lazarus, H.; Moyle, W.; Zanco, D.  
Sen. 1-37.4—Lee, H.; Roberts, H.;  
Roughan, B.; Brown, F.

### Back Stroke—

Jun. 34.2—Hindley, G.; Wanless, F.;  
Peat, F.; Brown, F.  
Mid. 37.3—Elam, D.; Ousbey, F.;  
Jeffreys, H.; Williams, G.  
Sen. 1-25.4—Tebbett, B.; Richardson, G.;  
Taylor, D

### Butterfly—

Jun. 14.4—Hindley, G.; Paxton, B.;  
Swann, B.; Simpson, F.  
Mid. 16.4—Gilchrist, H.; Moyle, W.;  
Elam, D.; Linsell, B.  
Sen. 12.9—Day, F.; Croke, D.;  
Veitch, D.; Roughan, B.

### Freestyle—

Jun. 33.5—Finn, W.; Bollen, G.;  
Hendley, H.; Coyne, B.  
Mid. 30.4—Dickenson, D.; Gilchrist, H.;  
Ingham, G.; Ousbey, F.  
Sen. 1-7.7—Tebbett, B.; Lee, H.;  
Cardwell, D.; Brown, F.

### Medley—

Jun. 1-30.2—Paxton, B.; Swann, B.;  
Finn, W.; Simpson, F.  
Mid. 1-22.6—Lazarus, H.; Dickenson, D.;  
Adams, B.; Pearn, H.  
Sen. 1-13.3—Day, F.; Croke, D.;  
Boustead, H.; Rhodes, B.

Result— 1st Heywood, 38 points; Byrom 31,  
Dalton 29; Fraser 24; Gaskell 24; Whitworth 17  
Individual Trophy — Day and Tebbett, 10 points

### House Relays—

Squadron—  
Jun. — 1st Heywood; 2nd Byrom, Fraser;  
4th Gaskell  
Mid. — Heywood; Fraser; Dalton; Gaskell  
Sen. — Fraser; Heywood; Dalton; Byrom

### Medley—

Jun. — Gaskell; Byrom; Heywood; Dalton  
Mid. — Heywood; Gaskell; Dalton; Fraser  
Sen. — Byrom; Fraser; Dalton; Heywood  
Result—1st Heywood 42; Fraser 29; Byrom 23;  
Gaskell 20; Dalton 18; Whitworth 0

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS 1969

### 1st Forms—

#### Breaststroke—

Bowles, 1a; Dewhurst, 1a; Derbyshire, 1b

#### Backstroke—

Fairclough, 1b; Kirkman, 1a; Burrows, 1d

#### Butterfly—

Fairclough, 1b; Morgan, 1c; Carter, 1a







## Freestyle—

Kirkman, 1a; Watts, 1c; Cooper, 1d

Freestyle Relay—1st 1c; 1a; 1b

Medley Relay—1st 1a; 1c; 1b

Result—1a 36; 1c 25; 1b 19; 1d 8

## 2nd Forms—

### Breaststroke—

Paxton, 2b; Mollas, 2a; McCulloch, 2c.

### Backstroke—

Elliott, 2b; Stockley, 2a; Young, 2b.

### Butterfly—

Paxton, 2b; Bowen, 2d; Peel, 2a.

### Freestyle—

Bowen, 2d; Peel, 2a; Young, 2b.

Freestyle Relay—1st 2b; 2c; 2d.

Medley Relay—1st 2b; 2a; 2c.

Result—2b 41; 2a 19; 2c 13; 2d 12.

## TENNIS

Only a few of last year's team players were at school this season and so both the first and second teams were starting virtually from scratch. Considering this fact, the records of both teams were impressive. The first team won six out of twelve matches, and the second team won three out of seven matches. This was due to steady play and good team spirit rather than to outstanding individual talent. All credit to the two captains, D. V. Roberts and R. McKeon, and to the most successful pair, M. Sorensen and R. White. The following have represented the School:

D. V. Roberts, J. A. Greensmith, M. Saleh, M. Sorensen, R. J. White, R. McKeon, C. Sampson, P. Haynes, J. Koski, A. Kay, E. Penney, A. Renshaw, J. Briscoe, M. Swindley, D. Swain, M. Sanig, A. Tranter, P. De la Perrelle, M. Arden, R. Saleh.

Colours were awarded to:

Roberts, Greensmith, Saleh, White and Sorensen.

## RESULTS

### First Team—

Manchester Grammar School .....	Lost 7-2
Chetham's Hospital School .....	Won 7-2
King Ed. VII School, Lytham .....	Lost 7-2
Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby .....	Lost 7-1
Queen Eliz. G.S., Wakefield .....	Lost 7-2
Bolton School .....	Won 5-4
Whalley Range L.T.C. ....	Won 5-3
Stockport G.S. ....	Lost 5½-3½
Parents .....	Won 11-5
King Ed. VII, Sheffield .....	Lost 9-0
H.M.S. Conway .....	Won 5½-3½
Staff .....	Won 12½-3½

### Second Team—

Manchester Grammar School .....	Won 12-6
King Ed. VII School, Lytham .....	Lost 7-2
Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby .....	Lost 14½-3½
Queen Eliz. G.S., Wakefield .....	Lost 12-6

Bolton School .....	Won 10½-7½
Stockport G.S. ....	Lost 12-6
Birkenhead School .....	Won 10-8

### Junior Team (U.13)—

Manchester Grammar School .....	Won 8-1
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Apart from the teams, it was encouraging to see the increasing number of boys who played tennis in their own time on the School courts. Several were too modest to come forward early in the season for the School trials, although their standard was obviously good. We hope to see them next season.

We started professional coaching at school this year and sixty boys took part. We hope to continue through the winter, and in a few years' time there seems no reason why W.H.G.S. should not be one of the premier tennis schools in the North. This will demand a dedication which as yet is only just discernible. It will also mean building up a strong tennis tradition in the Junior School. We made a start this season with the coaching and with the magnificent win of a Junior team over M.G.S.

The Junior team consisted of: Howarth, Hawes, Gosschalk, Hodgson, Bunnage and Smithson.

A second form K.O. competition was held with thirty boys taking part. Hawes and Howarth of 2d beat Gosschalk and Hodgson in the final. A senior K.O. organised by John Greensmith was unfortunately not finished due to time, but it provided a good deal of enjoyment for the Sixth Form.

Much enthusiasm as always was shown for the House competition. In the final Whitworth easily defeated Gaskell 4-0.

Finally, thanks are due to all who helped to make such an enjoyable season. To two fine Captains, to all the boys who were loyal through the term, to Mr. Sorensen and the Parents for two very memorable tennis evenings, to Mrs. Taylor and the ladies in the dining room for teas, to Mr. Bonnick for kindly presenting book tokens to the winners of the Junior K.O., to all the Staff who helped with the coaching and to Mr. Short for so efficiently running the Second team.

## LACROSSE

At the invitation of the English Lacrosse Union, the Lancers Boys' Club of Baltimore, U.S.A., arrived in late June. Their record in the south of England was quite impressive:

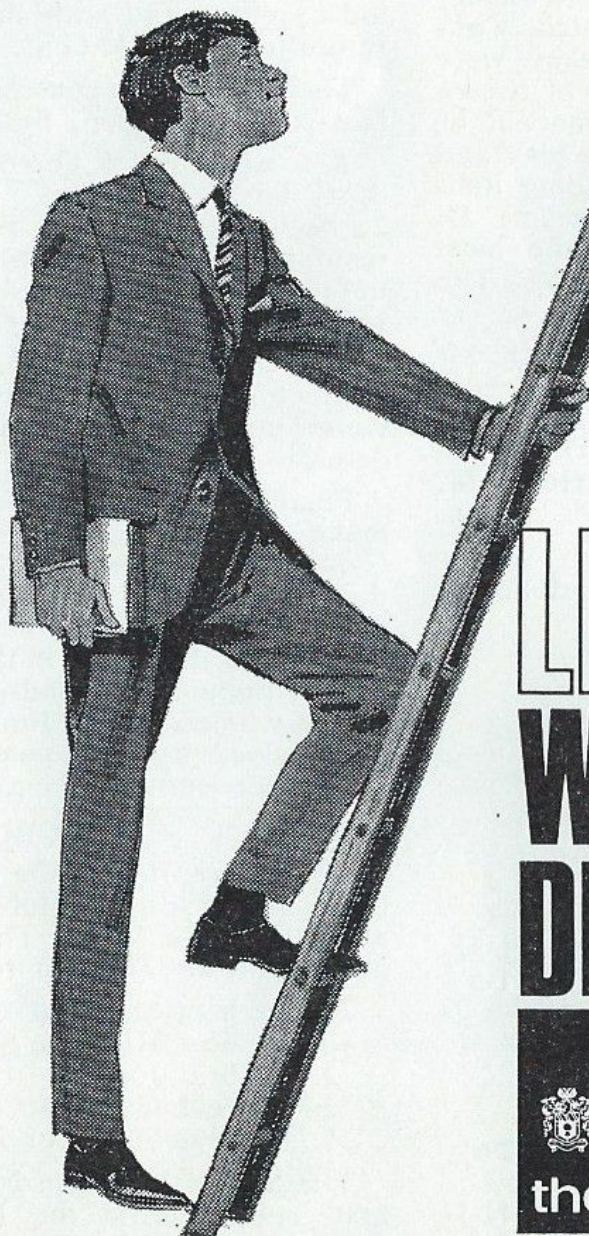
28.6.69 beat Southern Colts .....	8-5
30.6.69 beat Hillcroft School .....	6-4
2.7.69 beat John Ruskin School .....	8-3
3.7.69 beat Garth School .....	15-0
5.7.69 beat South of England .....	13-8

The School had been invited to be the Lancers' first opponents in the North, on July 7th at School, face 7.30 p.m.



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Gary Handleman, one of the Lancers coaches, opened the score; Boustead appointed himself to neutralise any threat from that player for the rest of the game. The Lancers had considerable possession, but since they moved slowly into pre-determined plays, they presented no real threat. By comparison, the School's assets were speed of foot, handling skill and spontaneity.

Fletcher feinted past a defender, changed hands, hurled the ball from behind goal; Burnside had darted in, swerved and changed hands in one movement, finally stroking the ball past Andy Aronson, the Lancers' spectacular and endearing goalkeeper. Roberts sped from defence up the right wing, took a pass at full-speed, and the ball rocketed into goal. In the final quarter Veitch (captain), who was later found to have a dislocated shoulder and fractured collar-bone, wriggled past three defenders to score low down. These were some of the highlights of a thrilling game which would take considerable space to report adequately.

Flynn and Spicer had splendid debuts for the 1st XII. Rhodes in goal rose, as expected, to the occasion. Dodd, Tebbett, Hopton and Day were very efficient in defence, especially against the unforgettable 6ft. 3in., 16 stone, 15-year-old, Art Meadowcroft.

Result : School 8, Lancers 3.

Scorers—Burnside 4, Fletcher 1, Boustead 1, Veitch 1, Roberts 1.

Pre-match and quarter-time music and commentary provided by Mr. Bonnick added a splendid touch to the occasion. Messrs. Furniss and Peat showed recorded highlights on videotape during supper, so well prepared by Mrs. Taylor and parents, when the Lancers received with great pleasure a set of cricket caps!

Since the official tour games involved "open-age schoolboy" teams, the more junior members of the Lancers were invited to play the School Under-15 XII on Saturday, July 12th. It was a most attractive game, played in a spirit which everybody thoroughly appreciated.

Result : School 14, Lancers 6.

Scorers—Kay (capt.) 7, Bentley 2, Clark 1, Roden 3, Dunbar 1.

Rest of the team : Lomas, Lord, Peat, Broadhurst, Paton, Swann, Nettleton, Seed, Hindley, Hobday, Caldwell.

Thanks go to Mrs. Bryans for organising refreshments after this game, and to Mr. Clarke for preparing the pitch so well for both games.

In their other games in the North the Lancers—

Lost to Cheadle Lacrosse Club .....	5- 8
Beat Lancashire .....	10- 9
Lost to Cheshire .....	4-17
and lost to the North of England Junior XII	6-17

For this last game, played at Cale Green, Roberts, Tebbett, Fletcher (2 goals), Burnside (2 goals) and Boustead (reserve) were selected from School. The very successful tour was brought to a close at a dinner held at the Ravenoak Hotel, Cheadle Hulme, in honour of the Lancers Lacrosse Club, at which the Headmaster was a guest of the North of England Lacrosse Association.

Finally, thanks to all those parents and boys of the school who provided 51 per cent. of the total accommodation for the Lancers, and who thus removed a considerable problem for the N.E.L.A. Tour Committee. This was a splendid effort considering that all schools and clubs in the north were invited to provide accommodation.

## GOLF

The Annual Championship match was held once again on the Cheadle course, and we are grateful to the club for allowing us the use of their facilities.

The competition was a Stableford, held over eighteen holes. Although there were fewer entries this year, some excellent scores were turned in.

Result :	1st.	Reading	40 points.
	2nd.	Handley	38 points.
	3rd.	Greensmith)	32 points.
		Veitch	)

## BADMINTON CLUB

As the year progressed there was a noticeable increase of interest in badminton. There are now sessions for all ages, including those in the Junior School. Mr. Renny has been most helpful in giving up his time to encourage these boys, who are so vital to the future progress of the club.

It is hoped that the School team in the forthcoming season will be one of the strongest in the last few years. Five of last year's team are back at School, while there are many others competing for places.

Those who played for the team were: C. Barratt (capt.), J. A. Greensmith, V. W. Bennett, E. Baines, M. A. J. Potter, E. D. Fraser, D. V. Roberts, M. Saleh and P. de la Perelle also stepped in when the regular members were incapacitated.

Our thanks to Mr. Renny and Mr. Aveyard for their valuable help and coaching.



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# OLD HULMEIANS NOTES AND NEWS

The Rev. Gordon E. Barritt, M.A., has been appointed Principal of the National Children's Home, a voluntary organisation that is responsible for over 3,000 children in forty-six branches in various part of the country.

In recent publishers' lists we have noted a new book by Leonard Mosley, "On Borrowed Time", dealing with events leading up to the outbreak of the second World War. His book, "Battle of Britain", originally published by Weidenfield and Nicholson, has also now been issued as a paperback by Pan Books. G. L. Davies has written a history of British geomorphology from 1578 to 1878 entitled "The Earth in Decay".

A. M. Wilde is now working on the "Birkenhead News"; his brother Fred is "computing" with the N.C.B., while John is with Penguin Books.

Robert Mark, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has been in Northern Ireland advising and reporting on the role of the police in the present difficult situation.

R. M. F. Linford has gained his Ph.D. at the University of Warwick.

A. J. B. Hilton has been elected to a research lectureship at Christ Church, Oxford.

We congratulate A. Hamnett (University College) on being nominated "proxime accessit" for the Gibbs Prize for Chemistry in the University of Oxford.

Andrew Allen has qualified as a Member of the Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute.

Recent visitors to school have included Bill West and his charming wife, whom he met while spending a year teaching in America. We were also delighted to see G. A. M. Wood, now a lecturer in English at the University of Stirling, where Ian Ainsworth is Tutor-in-Charge of Admissions.

Ian W. Cowen will be spending the first term of this academic year at the University of Ghana studying African history, on an exchange scheme from the University of Warwick.

I. R. Duncan has been appointed Head of the English Department at Didsbury Training College.

We are glad to record the following University results:—

- P. C. Allen—Class I, Architecture, Manchester.
- F. Barclay—Class II (ii), Hons. Geography, Manchester.
- J. Bennett—Class II (i), Mechanical Engineering, Bradford.
- P. N. Bentley—B.D.S., Edinburgh.
- T. Hoyle—Class II (i), Electrical Engineering, Salford.
- R. Kapadia—Class I, Maths., Warwick.

- M. H. Shires—Class II, Civil Engineering, Manchester.
- Z. J. Qureshi—Class II, Honours School of English, Oxford.
- D. T. Whitworth—Class II, Honours School of Modern Languages, Oxford.
- M. Wolstenholme—Class II, Honours School of Geography, Oxford.
- D. L. Worthing—Class II, Honours School of Geography, Swansea.
- J. M. Roland—Class II (i), Physiology, London.
- D. N. Turner—Class I, Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool.
- J. D. Bailey—Class II (ii), Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool.
- G. H. Cottrill—Class II, Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool.
- M. P. Rack—Class II (i), Mechanical Engineering, Liverpool.

Old Boys are asked to send any items of news for inclusion in "The Hulmeian" to Mr. C. J. Lowe at School.

## BIRTH, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

- HAGUE—On May 21, to Alison and Douglas, a daughter.
- PRIEST—On May 29, to Rosemary and Geoffrey, a daughter.
- THRELFALL—On June 10, to Rachael and Malcolm, a daughter.
- SEGAL—On August 3, to Eva and Ben, a son.
- SILCOCK—On August 22, to Julia and Colin, a daughter.
- WHEELER—On August 27, to Pat and Peter, a son.
- LINFORD—On September 3, to Patricia and Rodney, a daughter.
- DAWSON—On September 9, in Vancouver, to Ann and Ian, a son.

### MARRIAGES

- BISHOP—HEINKRIIS: On May 16, Michael R. F. Bishop to Anne Lisa Heinkriis.
- FOX—ROBINSON: On August 16, David Michael Fox to Elizabeth Patricia Robinson.
- BENILEY—BUTTERWORTH: On September 6, Paul Nigel Bentley to Pamela Butterworth.
- KENNEDY—BUTLER: On September 13, Neil McCallum Kennedy to Judith Butler.



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## DEATHS

RAYFIELD: On May 25, Owen Arthur Rayfield, a former member of Staff and a Vice-President of the Association, aged 66 years.

STACEY: On June 8, Jack S. Stacey, M.A., at Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, aged 42 years.

SALTHOUSE: On July 7, Roy Edwin Salthouse, of 3, Rathen Road, Davyhulme, aged 45 years.

HORNER: On September 5, Leonard William Horner, of 16, Cresswell Grove, West Didsbury, aged 62 years.

POLLARD: On September 6, John Garnett Pollard, of 1a, Lea Road, Heaton Moor, aged 59 years.

## OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association and the Reunion Dinner were held at School on the 17th September, 1969. The President for 1969/70, Alan Robinson, and the Deputy President, Allan Smith, were installed in office at the meeting, whilst that notable Old Hulmeian, D. Lloyd Griffiths, was appointed an Honorary Life Member and Dr. S. B. Foulds a Vice-President.

Regrettably, a number of problems have been concerning the Association General Committee since the last issue of "The Hulmeian". These concern lack of support for the Association Clubhouse in Brantingham Road, which has led to the disbandment of the Clubhouse and Entertainments Sub-Committees, and more recently a membership crisis in the Rugby Section, which had taken over the running of the Clubhouse from the Clubhouse Sub-Committee.

At the Committee Meeting held immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Rugby Section representatives reported a regular playing membership of a mere 15 and a fixture list for three teams. It was obvious from these bald statistics that the position was extremely grave and that the Rugby Section could be faced with extinction unless desperate measures were taken. The Association Committee agreed in principle that the only possible short-term solution to the Rugby Section's membership problem was that the club should become open to players other than Old Hulmeians, and that this decision must be taken immediately, before the Rugby season was really under way. This view of the situation was ratified by the Annual General Meeting, and the Rugby Section was authorised to proceed on these lines. However, it was instructed to present to the General Committee its recommendations concerning membership of the Section, subscriptions of non-Old Hulmeians and the means by which effective control of the club could be retained by the core of bona-fide Old Hulmeians.

I am sure all Old Hulmeians will agree that this is a most serious problem and any ideas, sugges-

tions and practical help for the Rugby Section from any member will be most welcome.

Unfortunately lack of members is not only a problem of the Rugby Section. The Annual Golf Section Meeting on Ascension Day was poorly attended this year, whilst both the Motor and Rifle Sections report only minimal interest and a small hard core of enthusiasts. At present the Rifle Section is down to five firing members, the minimum required for a team, and I am sure that Dr. Alan Wilson, the Section Secretary, would be most pleased to welcome any new members to the club.

On a much more pleasant note the retiring President, W. T. Curtis, on behalf of the Association, presented Mrs. Gladys Taylor with a pearl and marcasite brooch and matching earrings at the Reunion Dinner. Mrs. Taylor has been a great friend of the Association during her years at the School and has done much more than can be adequately reported here for the Association and its members. We were most pleased to make this presentation and trust that Mrs. Taylor will enjoy a happy retirement in Wensleydale.

I am very pleased to report continuing and increasing help from the School for the Association in its activities, and on behalf of all members would like to thank the Headmaster and his staff for the School's support.

Finally, as you will probably have noted from the style of this report, the Association has a new Hon. General Secretary. I am very diffident in following in Eric Barnes's footsteps after his great service as Hon. General Secretary over so many years, but I will endeavour to do my best and ask for your support in furthering the development of the Association and its Sections.

My address is:—

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and I will be glad to hear from any Old Hulmeian who has any suggestion for the improvement of the Association and its activities. R. B. HERBERT

## OLD HULMEIANS' R.U.F.C. NOTES

"God knows you can enter the game

If you'll only pay for the same,

And the price of the game is a candle—

A single flickering candle!"

The 1968/9 season, avid readers will recall, ended on a slightly optimistic note. By skilful manipulation of the fixtures, we managed to score more points than in any season since the war. We were the losing finalists in the Toc H sevens. The Colts XV had played some impressive rugby and won some notable victories. The crunch came during the closed season. Nine first-team players have left the district or are unable to play for very



valid reasons. In all we have lost virtually a complete team. At the time of writing we are unsure of how many recruits we will get from School who will be available regularly, and the latest information is that provided there are no deaths, accidents, epidemics, illnesses, weddings, international games, etc., we can just raise one XV. The implications of this are obvious. Of the various options open to the Committee, it has chosen to advertise that the club will be open to all-comers who would like to play Rugby at Brantingham Road.

Of the activities so far this season, we lost the first three games; the first one a bit stupidly, the second because we were rather less fit than our opponents, and the third because they were a better side who turned on the pressure at just the right time. This was a rather resounding defeat, but the score-line by no means reflected the effort we put in. Unfortunately, near misses don't count. Ah! but last week, that was different! Quote: "Why, even John Harrison was cheering his head off!" This must surely compare with the ranks of Tuscany. The Chairman, the less taciturn member of the Harrison family, was nigh hysterical with delight. It was a good win, against Old Aldwynians, and should have done much to restore morale. All we need now is upwards of twenty Old Hulmeians to walk into Brantingham Road with their kit and ask for a game. If you are able-bodied the first one ought to be you.

"Now we must come away.

What are you out of pocket?

'Sorry to spoil your play,

But somebody says we must pay.

And the candle's down to the socket—

Its horrible tallowy socket".

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## OLD HULMEIANS LACROSSE SECTION

The 1968/69 season ended with more credits than debits, but only just. However, at this point of the 1969/70 season, the club is in a stronger position for progress to be made than at the beginning of the last.

We now have all our sides in the highest divisions of the league which each can attain. The aim for this year is at least to consolidate this position and to show other clubs that we are an even greater force to be reckoned with.

The first team had a disappointing year which is best considered only as an incentive to greater efforts in future. A final league position of fifth is lower than any attained for over thirty years. Complacency amongst established players and the inexperience of new ones contributed largely to this result.

The "A" team could not surmount the obstacle of Cheadle "A" to whom we were runners-up in the flags and league competitions. However, the season was a good one, culminating in the winning of the Urmston six-a-sides, in which competition

Eric Broadhurst was outstanding. He scored all our goals in a 5-4 win over Mellor "A" in the final game.

As reported in the last issue of the magazine, the Extra "A" team had a fine year, gaining promotion. They came second in the Fourth Division, eventually being ten points clear of Boardman and Eccles "A" in third position.

The "B" team just clinched promotion to the Fourth Division by one point. Oldham and Werneth "A", in third position, could have won the day had they played and won their final game before the official end of the season. This, however, did not occur and the "B" obtained its elevation by the narrowest of margins.

The final table of results for the 1968/69 season is as follows:—

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	Pos
1st Team .....	22	13	1	8	196	163	27	5
"A" Team .....	22	17	0	5	195	101	34	2
Extra "A" Team .....	18	15	1	2	171	83	31	2
"B" Team .....	22	16	0	6	194	116	32	2

This year we start without some of our players from last year, who are going up to various universities. However, practices have been held since the beginning of August and it is hoped that we shall start the season in a greater state of readiness than in previous years. Our Monday evening meetings re-commence from 22nd September, and the season proper starts on the 27th September. Old boys are invited to the meetings and to watch the games on Saturday afternoons. We must not underrate the tasks facing us this season and new playing members are welcome, and needed, at all levels of playing ability. Please contact me, Dave Lomas, at 9, New Hall Avenue, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire, Tel.: 437-6733, if you are interested in playing either on a regular or part-time basis.

## OLD HULMEIANS MOTOR CLUB

With the advent of holidays the Motor Club has rather curtailed its outdoor activities, but we have managed to hold a Treasure Hunt, organised by Jack Rickards. This started at Bollington, took in the Goyt Valley, and ended at the Swettenham Arms, and required the collection of such odd items as a gherkin, a used electric lamp, and a cheese sandwich.

Future events will include winter meetings for film shows and so on, and we are at present arranging a new meeting place.

The annual Dinner Dance will be held as usual at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, and this year is on Saturday, 6th December. As is now becoming the normal pattern, this will be a joint effort with the Rifle Club.

Old boys interested should contact the Hon. Sec., F. E. Pickup, 19, Wenlock Road, Leigh, Lancs., Tel.: Leigh 72681.



## OLD HULMEIANS RIFLE SECTION

Although our total membership is now about eighteen, only about six are actively shooting regularly. In spite of this, we were first in Division Six (out of eleven divisions) in the County Winter Postal League, thus gaining another trophy to go with those won in previous seasons in Divisions Eight and Nine.

With only five active members to choose from after Bill Curtis had been stricken with back trouble, our performance in Division Five in the Summer League has been less gratifying, though Ron Marshall improved tremendously when he took over from our incapacitated President. With one result yet to come we are placed third.

There must be plenty of Old Boys, particularly former C.C.F. members, who could come down and help to hoist us into even higher divisions. We are pleased to hear that Bill Curtis intends to shoot again during the winter. We should welcome any potential recruits who would like to try their hand before deciding to join us—with or without experience. As this will be the only issue of the magazine this year, may we extend this invitation in advance to all boys who are leaving school next year.

Hon. Sec.: A. Wilson,  
"Royston",  
260, Brooklands Road,  
Manchester, 23.

## OLD HULMEIANS GOLF SECTION

The annual competition was played this year on Thursday, 15th May, 1969, at the Chorlton Golf Club by kind permission of their Captain and Council. Once again, the number of competitors was most disappointing, only eleven Old Boys taking part. We were again honoured by the presence of our President, Mr. Bill Curtis, who presented the cups at the close of the competition.

Results:—

Vlies Cup (best gross): P. Hilditch 83-18=65  
Bradbury Cup (best net): R. W. Maskell 87-18=69  
Merchant Cup ("Stableford"): D. J. Price 35 points

Next year's competition will be held on Ascension Day, 14th May, 1970. Further details will be given later.

J. Foulds (Hon. Sec.).

## OLD HULMEIANS LODGE NO. 7062

On April 26th, 1969, John Raymond Palmer was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge by W. Bro. W. Norman Banks. We congratulate Ron Kemp on completing his year of office in the chair and expect a happy and useful year with Ray Palmer, who we know is looking forward to his task with keen and enthusiastic anticipation. The "season" opens in September, and there are monthly meetings in October and November,

and in the New Year from January to April. Already a Coffee Morning has been arranged for October 9th in aid of the Royal Masonic Girls' School. This is an opportunity for the wives of members and their friends to meet and assist in a worthwhile cause whilst also enjoying themselves. In April, at the end of the season, the retiring Master entertains the members, relatives and friends at the Ladies' Evening, a more than popular occasion. Shortly afterwards his successor takes over from him. It will be readily appreciated that a steady flow of new members is essential to the future well-being of the Lodge and it is hoped that those who might be interested will contact the undersigned, or any member of the Lodge, and perhaps join us in what we think is a worthwhile organisation with the added advantage of the comradeship already developed in our association with the School.

Hon. Sec.: Percy M. Smith,  
30, Milton Crescent,  
Cheadle, Cheshire.

## ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

It is not expected of the author of these notes that he should emulate those of his fellow-contributors who write of the doings of Old Hulmeians at the universities. Our individual activities are no less exciting, but they are better concealed. The previous contributor having sadly elected to retire as Secretary after a noble stint of over ten years, there can be no doubt that his assiduity will be missed, not least by his successor, who was conscripted after several beers at the Copper Kitchen by means which would have done credit to a press-gang.

Supper at the Copper Kitchen in February was as convivial as ever, and would have been even more so had more people bothered to turn up. If the new Secretary had been remotely aware at the time that he would now be writing these notes, he would have jotted down something relevant, including the names of those attending for the first time. To these he apologises.

On 5th May at Kenton, the Association played lacrosse against The President of the South of England's XII and, as the opposition contained four current South players, we did well to lose by a margin of only two goals. Hulmeian supporters almost reached double figures, which was not bad for a chilly Monday evening.

Otherwise, we have not set the Thames on fire. The opportunity for this will occur on Friday, 7th November, when our Annual Dinner will take place at its habitual venue. Interested parties should contact the Hon. Secretary:—

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## NOTES AND NEWS (CONTINUED)

A. R. Rodgers has been appointed Executive Director, Development and Forward Planning, in the British Institute of Management. He also takes an active interest in education at all levels, being an Assessor at the London School of Economics and also at Slough Technical College, as well as being a Governor of Chesham Preparatory School and a Manager of Chesham Bois School.

University Representatives on the Old Hulmeians Membership Sub-Committee are:—  
Oxford: M. A. A. Crosby (Worcester).  
Cambridge: T. M. Grimshaw (Queens').  
Manchester: M. Sykes, 193, North Road,  
Manchester 12.  
London: R. S. Dale, 2, Norley Drive,  
Levenshulme, Manchester 19.  
Sheffield: H. Burnside, Sorby Hall, Endcliffe  
Vale Road, Sheffield 10.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Annual General Meeting on May 2nd was quite well attended and the parents dealt with the business most efficiently, even though their minds were on other things.

Our thanks go to those who supported the raffle and helped to raise over £40.

The following were elected to the Committee for 1969/70:—

President: Mr. E. V. McGlue.  
Vice-President: Mr. J. Blezard.  
Chairman: Mr. W. N. Brewood.  
Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. Burslem.  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. K. McKeon.  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. Sorenson.

Committee: Messrs. A. Bunnage, J. Cunningham, J. Hirst, H. Kay, H. B. Shires, Mrs. C. Hobday, Mrs. S. R. Leigh and Mrs. J. Tebbett.

Following the somewhat dreary start to Spring, June came "Busting out all over" and so did the fathers who fielded two cricket teams against the boys and one against the staff. Somehow, the fathers managed to draw against one of the boys' teams—I suspect that the boys, instead of watching the ball, gaped open mouthed at the losing struggle between old flannels proudly displayed and bulging waists normally discreetly hidden. Against the boys' first team the parents suffered several crises—the first when it seemed that the boys' opening batsmen would also close the innings and the last when it seemed that the parents' score would never reach double figures. However, steadied by the blatant bias of their umpire, the parents eventually achieved some sort of respectability. I would like to be able to report a victory against the masters, but, alas, I cannot tell a lie. At tennis, however, the parents exacted revenge from the masters and lost against the boys.

On Friday, 19th September, Mr. Bird gave a talk on "Boys' Initiative or Pupil Power?" It was not only a topical (144, Piccadilly was in the headlines that day), but also a thoughtful discourse which left us much to ponder on. The talk was very well attended, in fact the best for many years, and we were pleased to see so many new parents supporting our endeavours. Such support augurs well for the future.

On Wednesday, November 12th, Mr. Bardsley will give a talk on "William Hulme's Iceland Expedition" and Mr. Langford will talk on "William Hulme's Pennine Walk". I understand that the Iceland Expedition had more than its fair share of ups and downs, and since such mishaps are nearly always amusing to the onlooker there should be plenty to discuss. These talks will be followed on December 3rd by Mr. Haynes' talk, with slides, on "William Hulme's Holiday Activities". This is always a most popular event and we hope that the attendance will be as good as ever.

I understand that there will be no more publications of the Hulmeian for twelve months, so may I draw your attention to some of the more important items on the 1969/70 Programme.

Our Christmas Party Dance has been fixed for Wednesday, December 17th. This function is held at the School and as tickets are sold quickly, please order early.

Preparations are now advancing for the Careers Convention which will be held at School, probably on the first or second Tuesday in February, commencing at 6.30 p.m. It is expected that about 34 separate careers will be represented, ranging from Aeronautical Engineering in the Science and Technology Section, to Town Planning in the Industrial and Professional Section.

On March 21st. our Annual Dinner Dance will be held at a new venue, the Piccadilly Hotel. We feel that this is more central and thus much more convenient to all parents. There will be adequate parking facilities and we are looking forward to a very good evening.

The usual sporting events, Badminton, Golf, Shooting, Cricket, Tennis and Chess will continue.

Further details of all these, and any other functions, will be circulated nearer the dates. The members of the Committee are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all new members during the year.

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