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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

At the end of the School year 1972-3, Mrs. H. Orgill, Mr. J. P. Sudall, Mr. K. J. Richardson, Mr. W. P. Richardson, Mr. J. E. Bardsley, Mr. I. Gordon and Mr. F. E. Eastwood left the teaching staff. Mr. Eastwood was retiring after twenty years as Head of the Mathematics Department, and a tribute to his work in the School appears below. We welcomed in September Mr. M. Loveland as Head of the Mathematics Department and Mr. M. Cole (Mathematics), Mr. J. J. Fitt (Modern Languages), Mr. P. N. Padley (Physics) and Mr. I. J. Shaw (Geography).

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of Canon H. F. Woolnough and of Miss A. M. Bloor. An obituary to Canon Woolnough (whose photograph appears opposite) is printed below. Miss Bloor was better known to generations of Hulmeians as Mabel. She ruled for many years over the kitchen and old subterranean dining-hall now used as the Junior School Library. Although it is twenty-five years since she retired, she retained a keen and lively interest in the School and its activities. In expressing our sympathy to her family, we also express gratitude for one who served the School so long and faithfully.

Many generations of Old Hulmeians will be sorry to hear that on Saturday, September 22nd., Mr. W. A. Barnett, former Art Master, and his wife were involved in a serious motor-car accident, in which Mrs. Barnett was killed and Mr. Barnett badly injured. At the time of writing, we understand that Mr. Barnett is making a good recovery.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes on the birth of a son in December 1972 and to Mr. and Mrs. Slater on the birth of a daughter in August 1973.

The Founder's Day service last year was held at Manchester Cathedral on January 23rd, when the address was given by The Ven. A. H. Ballard M.A., Arch-deacon of Manchester.

The following Scholarships and Exhibitions were awarded last year: I. Short, Royal Scholarship in Engineering, Imperial College, London and Woollam Scholarship; A. C. Eastwood, Scholarship in Mathematics, Hertford College, Oxford; A. J. Davies, Scholarship in Engineering, Imperial College, London; I. A. Lindsay-Dunn, Scholarship in Physics, Imperial College, London; D. J. Densley, Exhibition in Engineering, Christ's College, Cambridge; D. Hellier, Exhibition in History, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; S. C. Hobday, Hulme Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Brasenose College, Oxford; A. J. McKeon, Exhibition in History, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

During the course of last year, S. J. Booth, G. R. Burton, I. Dickson, A. P. Reid, W. P. Swann, M. Holgate, R. L. Marsh, P. D. Roden, M. W. Whiteside and N. M. Winward were appointed School Prefects and R. W. MacNeill was appointed Deputy Head of School. For the School year 1973-4 R. W. D. Potter is appointed Head of School and S. Balcombe, C. P. Bunnage, W. B. Collier, P. C. Holmes, S. J. I'Anson, R. J. Morello, I. Stockley, P. R. Summersgill and T. Sydney are appointed School Prefects.

As usual, School parties have travelled to many destinations both in Britain and abroad. Reports on the individual trips appear below. In recent years records have been kept of the number of boys in the Junior School going on School trips. Calculated on the basis of the number of "boy-days" they show a steady rise from 210 in 1969-70 to 330 in 1970-71, 354 in 1971-2 and 366 in 1972-3.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges the receipt of many other School magazines; to "Hulmeian" contributors he makes his usual request for the prompt submission of articles as events occur, rather than at the end of the year.

CANON H. F. WOOLNOUGH

The Reverend Canon Howard Frank Woolnough, O.B.E., M.A., after a short illness, died on Monday, 21st May 1973. He had been ill, and seriously, too, on previous occasions, but such were his powers of recovery and the dominance of his will that despite his age—he was in his 88th year—his death came unexpectedly.

He had served in the Army in the 1914 war and was seriously wounded. On demobilisation he determined to become a priest in the Church of England. After a short while in parish life he returned to his old College, Christ's College, Cambridge as Chaplain. During that time he was appointed General Secretary of the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry, a position which he held until 1934 when he was called to a Canonry at Manchester Cathedral. His successful experience in administration brought him to two positions which were to give him lasting pleasure and satisfaction, and which were to prove of inestimable value to the two institutions which he served. In 1938 he was appointed a Governor of William Hulme's Grammar School and in the same year Chairman of Governors. In 1941 he became Chairman of the Chaplains' Committee of the Air Cadet Council. He held both positions until 1968, when a serious illness caused him to resign.

It is always difficult to write at all adequately about a person who achieved so much more by his influence and his character than by any notable action, and this is certainly true of Canon Woolnough. He will be remembered by many generations of boys for the way in which he took the Founder's Day Service with such purpose and dignity. He will be remembered for the Carol Services at the end of each Michaelmas Term. He will be remembered for his presence at C.C.F. Inspections. These are the obvious things, but they all showed the man, one whose interest was deep and sense of duty strong. He liked things to be well done and disliked what was shoddy in appearance or behaviour. Above all he was a great Christian. He never compromised on that. He could not tolerate the mean or the unworthy. In the final analysis it was his absolute integrity and his unfailing interest that gained for him the deep respect and real affections not only of Governors, Masters and boys, but of all those many others who served the School.

His death came as a profound shock, but there was also throughout the School an equally profound sense of gratitude for his life.

MR. F. E. EASTWOOD

The retirement of Mr. Eastwood after twenty years as Head of the Mathematics Department serves as a reminder of the debt the School owes to a succession of heads of departments, on both the Arts and Science sides, who have brought academic distinction, enthusiasm and personal integrity to the teaching and organisation of their subjects throughout the School. Mr. Eastwood's rôle has been particularly significant, not simply in the teaching of mathematics, but in the very close relationship with his colleagues in the Science department and more recently, as "mixed" courses at "A" level have been introduced and developed, on the Arts side.

The success of his department can be gauged at one level by a perusal of the University Honours Boards in the New Hall, at another level by the number of boys getting excellent "O" level results after only a four-year course; at yet another level

by the success achieved by boys in the bottom maths sets, many of whom were taught by Mr. Eastwood himself. To countless teachers in primary and preparatory schools throughout the North-West, Mr. Eastwood must have been an unknown, shadowy figure whose personality emerged through the succession of Entrance Examination papers he concocted over the years; these papers were designed with skill and wit to test not only the candidate's mathematical knowledge but more importantly his ability to think logically and mathematically.

Although Mr. Eastwood would be the first to disclaim personal credit for the success of his Department, his junior colleagues know how much they owe to his direction, his help and above all his own example. An impressive number of mathematics masters have moved on from School to be heads of department or to administrative posts elsewhere, all having drawn deeply from Mr. Eastwood's reservoir of knowledge and experience, and all having felt the benefit of the care and consideration which marked his relationships with colleagues and boys alike.

This was brought out most clearly in his organisation of the Scholarship and G.C.E. examinations, a task which he performed virtually single-handed for many years. The whole operation was run with meticulous care involving many hours of work behind the scenes, and if at times colleague or candidate caught the more caustic edge of Mr. Eastwood's tongue, one knew that what was all-important to Mr. Eastwood was that the examination should be run in such a way as to give every candidate the best possible chance of success.

As a keen lover of music and an accomplished player, Mr. Eastwood has always taken a lively interest in the musical life of the School, and he and Mrs. Eastwood have been among the most loyal supporters of School Concerts over the years. For many years he officiated at the School Sports, and he will doubtless take into retirement mixed memories of Lyme Park Cross Country Championships, when the weather varied from wet and cold to fine and freezing, but when the presence of Messrs. Renny, Smith and Eastwood gave the proceedings a certain sense of stability.

We wish Mr. Eastwood every happiness in his retirement, thanking him for all he has done for the School in the past twenty years and hoping that he will now have more time to devote to his music and his garden, not to mention his family, whom we include in our very best wishes for the future.

SPEECH DAY, 1973

Speech Day was held on July 10th, when the School welcomed The Rt. Hon. The Lord Bowden of Chesterfield, M.A., Ph.D., M.Sc.Tech. C.Eng., F.I.E.E., F.B.I.M., Principal of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology to distribute the prizes and give the address.

After welcoming Lord Bowden and all the School's other guests, the Headmaster paid tribute to Canon Woolnough and his long contribution to the School. There could, he said, be no sort of tragedy when a man's time came at the age of eighty-seven, but there still remained a gap after his presence with us for thirty-five years.

The Headmaster referred to the newly-completed Sports Hall in which Speech Day was being held for the first time. Although the festive feeling which the marquees gave had been lost, we were now no longer at the mercy of the weather; all we now had to fear was the degree of warmth! Two of the Directors of Clear-Span, the firm which had built both the Swimming Pool and the Sports Hall, were present, and the Headmaster thanked them for the speed and efficiency with which the building had been erected. Special thanks were also expressed to the Parents' Association who had generously given £700 so that the Sports Hall might start well-equipped.

Turning to academic results, the Headmaster reported that in the "O" levels one hundred and twenty-one boys were entered, and averaged 6·8 passes each, the "Y" form producing fifty-three grade one passes. The "A" level results were similar to those of the previous two years, and out of ninety-two leavers, sixty-two went to University, three to the Armed Forces, one to the Royal Academy of Music and four to degree courses at Polytechnics. The University awards gained by A. C. Eastwood, A. J. Davies, I. A. Lindsay-Dunn and I. Short and the Exhibitions gained by D. Hellier, A. J. McKeon, A. J. Densley and S. C. Hobday were recorded with pleasure, and the Headmaster listed distinctions gained by many Old Hulmeians, among them the Knighthoods of Sir Robert Mark and Sir William Batty.

Sports successes and the year's many School trips and activities were mentioned, and the Headmaster paid tribute to the efforts of the academic and administrative staffs, of the retiring Head of School, P. M. W. Nias, and of the boys themselves, through whose combined efforts these activities were able to continue. The thanks and best wishes of the School were expressed to the members of the academic staff who were leaving: to Mr. Sudall, Mrs. Orgill and Mr. K. J. Richardson; to Mr. W. P. Richardson, Mr. Bardsley and Mr. Gordon; and to Mr. Eastwood who was retiring after twenty years as Head of the Mathematics Department.

Finally the Headmaster spoke to those who were leaving the School. The world, he said, was always short of standards, and he admonished the leavers to take their standards into the world, and thus to make their part of it a little better.

After distributing the prizes, Lord Bowden addressed the School. He congratulated the prize-winners, but also added a word of encouragement to those who were in that part of the form that makes the top half possible!

Education at every level was, he said, becoming more and more expensive, but at the same time it was coming to be universally recognised that no society could do without it. There had been a recent revolt against the excesses of the educational system, and a growing realisation that it alone could not cure all our ills; the fact remained, however, that it was one of the pillars of society.

One result of the slump in Britain, Lord Bowden said, was that the demand for graduates had been reduced. This had been particularly evident in the decreasing numbers of graduates being recruited by the large firms. The situation was beginning to improve, he reported, and the demand was growing again and would soon settle down. Lord Bowden said that in his view the task of the Universities was to keep going even when the students did not want to go to them or the firms to employ their graduates. Their real problem was to keep alive their great departments, so that when industry boomed again, there would be a constant supply of graduates. This was a very complex and thankless task.

Lord Bowden said that everywhere education was in a state of turmoil. No one knew how to do it best or what system worked best; and the great question remained how far the function of a school was educational and how far social. The whole social structure of the country was in a state of change, and this was why the existence of a School like William Hulme's was so important. It worked within a traditional mould to produce men of scholarship and ability to lead and guide their fellows. The boys of the School were in the middle of an experience which would decide not only their personal life-style, but the whole society of the future.

PRIZE LIST, 1973

First Forms: English—P. N. Carrington; History—S. J. Wright; Geography—S. J. Wright; French—S. J. Clough; Latin—J. D. P. Kissack; Mathematics—S. W. McLaren; Biology—J. I. Rees; Chemistry—M. A. Hallworth; Handicraft—J. A. Baxter; Music—S. Chantler.

William Taylor Memorial Prize—S. W. McLaren and A. B. Polding.

Second Forms: English—D. R. Blagden; History—N. M. Mitson; Geography—J. C. Dale; French—N. J. Bradfield and M. R. Walker; Latin—J. Sherman; Mathematics—N. M. Mitson; Biology; N. J. Bradfield; Physics—C. M. Reeves; Art—H. Zadora-Skwarczynski; Music—N. J. Bradfield.

Third Forms: English—J. Beesley; History—C. H. M. Petch; Geography—A. T. Murphy; French—A. C. Winterbottom; Latin—R. C. Higham; Spanish—C. R. Prince; Mathematics—S. V. Tindall; Chemistry—R. A. C. Buchanan; Physics—R. A. C. Buchanan; Art and Craft—D. K. Wallwork.

Fourth Forms: English—J. N. Bennington; History—D. Coy and M. E. Ribbon; Geography—D. Coy; French—S. T. Foley; German—J. Chantler; Spanish—S. F. G. Skinner; Latin—D. W. Hoey; Greek—S. J. Sherman; Mathematics (Fourth Year)—N. P. Maxfield; Physics—T. C. Kwan; Chemistry—E. H. Williams; Music—N. Beasley; Art—D. J. Beaton; Craft—M. A. Wooler.

Fifth Forms: Parents' English Prize—N. L. Sugarman; Hewlett Geography Prize—S. J. Almond; History—Q. E. Deakin; French—R. G. Hollingum; German—P. J. Ball; Latin—R. M. Kerle; Greek—D. J. Manifould; Spanish—N. L. Sugarman; Chemistry—P. W. Needs; Physics—P. W. Needs; Mathematics—A. P. Armstrong; Art—J. V. Cromack; Craft—N. J. S. Kehoe.

Lower Sixth Forms: English—R. H. Yule; History—R. H. Yule; Geography—G. I. Hawes; French—B. Gosschalk; German—B. Gosschalk; Latin—S. P. Arrowsmith; Ancient History—S. P. Arrowsmith; Greek—S. P. Arrowsmith; Mathematics—P. J. Marsh; Further Mathematics—M. Haley; Physics—P. J. Marsh; Chemistry—P. J. Marsh; Biology—P. Yates.

Middle Sixth Forms: English—P. H. Laycock; History—P. H. Laycock; The Hewlett Geography Prize—N. I. Greensmith; French—J. J. Newman; German—M. Dallas; Latin—C. P. Bunnage; Greek—C. P. Bunnage; Ancient History—R. J. Morello; Chemistry—S. Balcombe; Physics—R. J. Peel; Biology—J. Poland; Mathematics—Z. A. Mirza; Further Mathematics—A. C. Eastwood.

Upper Sixth Forms: The Knoop English Prize—H. J. Self; The Dehn History Prize—D. Hellier and A. J. McKeon; The Vlies Prize for Modern Languages—G. R. Burton; The Dorrington Classics Prize—H. J. Self; The Palmer Prize for Physics—I. Short; The Palmer Prize for Chemistry—A. A. Parker; The Lymer Mathematics Prize—D. J. Densley; The Allman Prize for Further Mathematics—B. J. Middleton; The Old Hulmeians Association Prize for Biology—G. D. Kettlewell.

Special Prizes: The D. L. Griffiths Prize for Medical Subjects—A. B. Shanks; The Aspinall Religious Knowledge Prize—P. Smithson; Original Verse (Sixth Form)—P. G. Webster; Original Verse (Middle School)—I. Halpin; The Powell Scripture Reading Prize—P. M. W. Nias; The Anderson English Essay Prize—R. J. Peel; The Music Prize—J. Poland; The Watkins Prize—P. M. W. Nias; The Graham Johnson Memorial Prize—D. A. Cotton; The J. A. Barber Prize (proxime accessit)—I. Dickson; The J. A. Barber Prize—D. C. Hume; The Woollam Scholarship—I. Short.

SCHOOL LEAVERS, 1973

The following list is incomplete. The School Office would be pleased to receive information from leavers who have not yet sent details of their present situation.

6CU :

Cunningham, A., Sheffield University, Law.

6MU :

Hellier, D., St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, Law.

6MM :

Bailey, M. J., Manchester Polytechnic, Public Administration.

Cotton, D. A., Liverpool Polytechnic, Librarianship.

Fisher, S. M., Manchester Polytechnic, Accountancy.

Laycock, P. H., York University, English.

Lewis, P. R., North Staffordshire Polytechnic, Geography.

Paxton, D. M., Stockport College of Technology, Personnel Administration.

Roden, P. D., Exeter University, Economic History/Politics.

Webster, P. G., Leicester University, Geography.

6LU :

Burton, G., Brasenose College, Oxford, Modern Languages.

Nias, P. M. W., Manchester University, Law.

Rycroft, A., Renold Limited, Accountancy.

6LM :

Channon, D. E., Manchester Corporation, Trainee Accountant.

Newman, J. J., Williams and Glyn's Bank Limited, Trainee Manager.

U6M :

Middleton, B. J., Royal Holloway College, London, Mathematics.

M6M :

Eastwood, A. C., Hertford College, Oxford, Mathematics.

Hume, D. C., Birmingham University, Electronic and Electrical Engineering.

Lees, R., Sheffield University, Mathematics and Computers.

Whiteside, M. W., Birmingham University, Civil Engineering.

Winward, N. M., Birmingham University, Electronic Engineering.

U6S (MPC) :

Banks, J. C., Bristol University, Physics.

Davies, A., Imperial College, London, Civil Engineering.

Hobday, S. C., Brasenose College, Oxford, Physics.

Lawman, N. J., Imperial College, London, Physics.

Lindsay-Dunn, I. A., Imperial College, London, Physics.

Maclean, R. W., Cardiff University, Pharmacy.

Parker, A., Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Natural Sciences and Chemical Engineering.

Pearson, M. L., Imperial College, London, Civil Engineering.

Short, I., Imperial College, London, Civil Engineering.

M6S (MPC) :

Bailey, C. F. R., University College, London, Chemistry/Physics.

Beswick, P. G., Warwick University, Physics.

Bury, R. N., Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, Medicine.

Clark, I. E., Manchester University, Physics/Electronics.

Eckersley, K. H., Bristol University, Physics.
Hamilton, A. D., Imperial College, London, Chemistry.
Harrison, D. S., Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Structural Engineering.
Mirza, Z. A., Manchester University, Medicine.
Spruce, J. C., U.M.I.S.T., Mechanical Engineering.
Turnbull, I. D., Manchester Polytechnic, HND/HNC Course.
Weatherby, M. C., Lanchester Polytechnic, Building (B.Sc.).
Whiteoak, N. G., Lanchester Polytechnic, Electrical Engineering.

U6S (PCB) :

Caldwell, B. M., Manchester University, Medicine.
Graham, I. L., Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, Dentistry.
Kettlewell, G. D., Manchester University, Dentistry.
Ormerod, I. E. C., Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Medicine.
Reid, A. P., Birmingham University, Medicine.
Shanks, A. B., St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, Medicine.

M6S (PCB) :

Bannister, P., Leeds University, Medicine.
Jones, S. J., Bangor University, Marine Science.
Lane, D. A., North Cheshire College.
Lingham, J. G., Birmingham University, Biological Sciences.
Poland, J., Hull University, Botany and Zoology.
Walley, D. T., Sheffield University, Medicine.
Withnall, C. J., Sheffield Polytechnic, Urban Land Economics.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

C.C.F. NOTES

This year has not been an easy one for the Corps. We were troubled by the sudden loss of Mr. Ashton as our S.S.I., plus the run-down of the Cadet Training team which only enabled us to have one instructor each week, if we were lucky. The complete disappearance of the Army Youth Team, who to date have not reappeared, and Capt. Grange's absence were also a great loss to us.

Capt. Smith who officially retired last year has been given a new lease of life in that he is still a wanted man and is to carry on with gay abandon until his seventieth birthday. Now that we officially have him back on strength he is getting fit and so will possibly relieve Mr. Murray or Mr. Wappett with assault course training at the next Summer Camp!

Although the year has been a struggle, we were able to keep our heads above water and take part in all the camps and activities we were committed to. Because of security reasons all our weapons were taken from us until the armoury had been reinforced. Now it is so secure that one needs to take a course in engineering to get into it. However, we were able to take part in the North Western Division non-central shooting competition, and considering the lack of practice, the standard of shooting and range drill was very high.

This year Mr. Murray takes over as Shooting Officer, and will be responsible for arranging all matches and shooting practice. A revival of the Parents v. Cadets Match will take place this coming year.

EASTER CAMP

This took place way up in the hills of Dolgellau and proved to be a very enjoyable affair. We were able to stick rigidly to our training programme and achieved all that we set out to do.

A night exercise, orienteering, rock climbing, canoeing, and mountain walking were all undertaken with success.

Our camp-site was so situated that when we scrambled out of our tents each morning the view of Cader Idris was absolutely magnificent. The snowline on most days was down to Dolgellau, so each morning as we went off for our "total immersion" in the stream we were running through fresh snow. The actual time in the stream never amounted to more than two seconds, but it was enough to give everyone a hearty appetite for breakfast. The orienteering exercise took place in very rugged country and full marks must go to all those who completed the course. Better luck next time, though, to N. Beasley and R. Sinclair, who unfortunately are still a little baffled when it comes to sorting out the difference between North and South. They did better on their trip to Germany, and were able to stay this side of the Berlin Wall.

The Army Outward Bound School was kind enough to let us have the use of the assault course, and as every boy will agree this is a very well-thought-out course. Each obstacle has been so designed that the exercise in completing it has to be done perfectly. As most boys know, this was more than the case when there was any water involved. Our first Cadet wet was none other than A. C. Bowers: his grip on the monkey rack was not quite good enough. After an enjoyable forty-five minutes on the assault course, I think most people returned to our camp-site wet, but happy.

We now look forward to the coming year, and feel that we are more than prepared to cope with it. We start with a new issue of clothing, which will help in the general appearance of the contingent, especially as the winter comes upon us. An issue anorak replaces a great coat that we didn't have, so is an improvement for the contingent to start the year with.

J.F.C.

C.C.F. GERMANY, SUMMER 1973

The trip took place between the 30th July and the 8th August. It was a joint effort between cadets from our School and cadets and an officer, Capt. Forster, from Audenshaw Grammar School.

We met Capt. Forster at Manchester Piccadilly on the 30th and travelled by rail, ferry and finally road to Bielefeld. We were there accommodated by 10 Regiment Royal Corps of Transport.

On the first morning we used the 30 metre range for pistol and sub-machine gun shooting and were told about the regiment's function. In the afternoon we drove to Herford to visit 652 Aviation Squadron R.A.A.C. While there we were shown the helicopters they use and the day came to a climax when we were given a ten-minute flight in one.

The second day brought with it our first real excursion, to see 15 Squadron of our host regiment on exercise. The visit comprised a look around a headquarters unit and a drive to see the trucks camouflaged in a forest.

On the next day we visited 40 Field Regiment on exercise. We were met by their transport and enjoyed a very bumpy ride, cross-country, in a F.V.432 troop carrier and Stalwart truck.

We were allowed to ride on top of the Abbott self-propelled guns which proved an interesting, though rather bruising experience. Then, after lunch, we returned to our own barracks.

Although the helicopter transport for our next trip did not arrive, the long road journey proved well worth while. Our hosts for the day, the 14/20 Hussars, made certain of that. In the morning we were shown the Ferret scout car and were then taught to drive it. Everybody mastered the art, though some minor incidents occurred. That afternoon we were shown Scorpion light tanks. This, the world's fastest tracked vehicle, has been known to do 80 m.p.h. However between 5 and 10 m.p.h. was quite sufficient for us amateur drivers. Everybody took a turn at the "tillers", some showing great potential skill. Unfortunately the real driver obscured one cadet driver's view, he failed to stop, and the result was a damaged pine tree and a somewhat bent tank!

The last few days were taken up with a day in Bielefeld centre, a trip to the Möhne dam of Dambuster fame, and a day in camp shooting and then swimming.

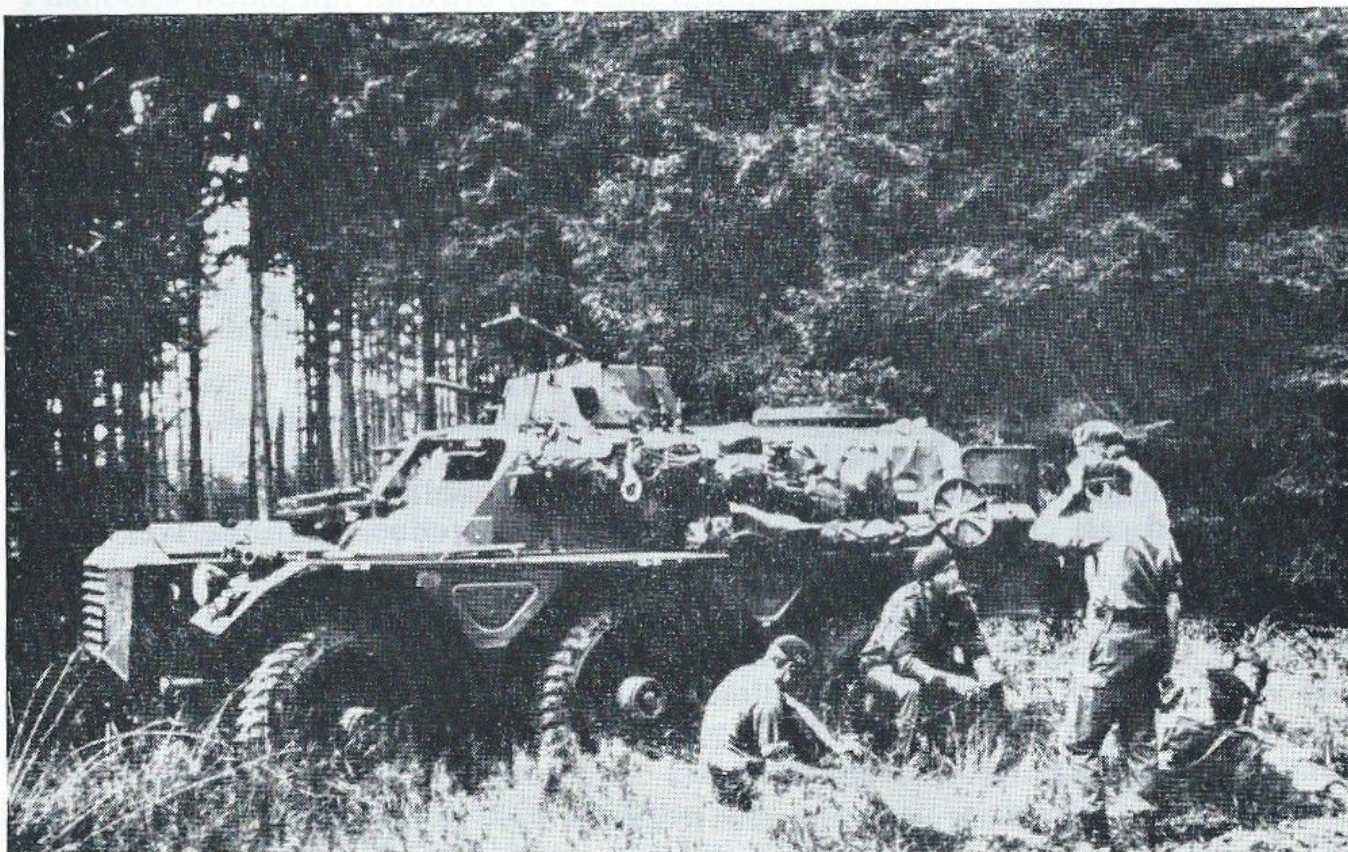
The camp facilities were excellent. The food was very good and the N.A.A.F.I. excellent. The N.A.A.F.I. provided the main evening amusement, playing billiards.

A really useful feature of the trip was the fact that it gave everybody a true impression of army life, the good and, perhaps surprisingly few, bad points.

The trip was immensely enjoyed by all and we hope similar trips will be run in the future.

Our thanks must go to Capt. Forster and Capt. Chudleigh for their great efforts in making this trip a success.

A.T.K.



Camp this year was held at Warcop, near Appleby, a situation which conjured up pictures of dullness and bleakness in more speculative minds. Nevertheless, the site of the camp was remarkably pleasant, while the camp itself possessed more luxurious facilities than others we have visited.

The recruits quickly snapped out of their initial apathy, largely due to a curt warning from Lieutenant Wappett and the realization that many of the activities were organised on a competitive basis between the various contingents. This year Cadet Training Teams played a significant part in the activities, and although the tendency was towards the arduous, these exercises were undoubtedly worthwhile. Fortunately the weather held for most of these activities, and the contingent distinguished itself in the Day Navigational and March and Shoot exercises. The highlight of the camp for the senior cadets was a Night Ambush Exercise, which put Guy Fawkes' Night to shame.

The cadets picked up useful experience in other fields as well. Everyone had the chance of live shooting on an excellent range at Camforth, while a Centurion tank provided a spectacular and thunderous demonstration one hazy afternoon. More mundane exercises like Platoon in Attack showed everybody the difficulties of control and movement when experience was lacking; Capt. Smith kept a potentially wayward attack in one piece.

Taken as a whole, the camp was thoroughly enjoyable and interesting, and for this we have to thank Capt. Chudleigh, Capt. Grange, Capt. Smith, Capt. Peat, Major Wilson, Lieutenant Wappett and Lieutenant Murray.

B.R.C.

"THE BRASS BUTTERFLY"

This play is a fantasy as weird and trivial as Golding's master-piece "Lord of the Flies" is strange yet frightening. We are introduced to an inept Roman Emperor, his grandson, his heir and an inventor. What point have these four main personalities? Much is said of gods at the end of the play. Each character who survives the explosion is content to believe that his god saved the Empire. The audience may well agree with the Emperor when he says they've had too many gods, and one concludes that, with such vague morality, this play demands comic treatment; perhaps it would succeed if produced as a farce. It has been suggested that the language is reminiscent of Shaw; how much more pointed are Shaw's witticisms, how strained are those of Golding.

The School production suffered because the humorous possibilities of the play were not fully exploited. The actors tried hard to bring off the weak pedantry of the playwright's word-play, but the task was beyond schoolboys and indeed defeated the celebrated cast chosen by Golding for the original production in the West End.

The Emperor's part is the vital one in the first Act. Here the tone of the play should be clearly indicated. T. Sydney suggested quite effectively the careless mood of Caesar, especially by the impish vacancy of his facial expression. The language with which he had to deal was sometimes painfully strained—take for example the following short extract from Act One, when Caesar tries to find an answer to his grandson's seemingly insoluble boredom:

EMPEROR : "We must get Posthumus to agree to my giving you a small governorship, Egypt?

MAMILLIUS : "Greece, if I must."

EMPEROR : "Grace is booked, I am afraid—there is even a waiting list. It is our Roman passion for second-hand culture . . ."

This type of wit, though weak, may be effective if transmitted by capable actors, perhaps with a smirk! Sydney's tone of voice was sometimes very appropriate to the simplicity of the speech while at other points, the lines were mumbled and the voice unsuited to the sense of the line. However he provided a lazy counter to the energetic frustrations of A. J. I. Turjansky's Mamillius.

Mamillius is a prince of boredom, a poet searching for the vital line, as frustrated as his grandfather is carefree. He is a man-boy, an uncertain youth looking for something new. We are lucky to have an actor of Turjansky's ability. His entry in Act Two when dressed in his gaudy battledress gave the play one important highlight, and later when Mamillius found in Euphrosyne an answer to his boredom, the actor managed very well to show his enthusiasm for the girl and her Christian god.

One vital contrast in the play is that between the flimsy, pseudo-intellectual ambitions of Mamillius and the determined, scientific achievements of the inventor, Phanocles. I expected the play to develop a relationship between these two characters, but instead Mamillius is wildly attracted to Phanocles' sister, and the scientist furiously attempts to convert the Emperor to delights other than pressure-cookers.

S. Balcombe's Phanocles was an interesting portrayal. He seemed very sure that "all mathematical relationships are significant" and despite his rather monotonously pleading voice, he explained the concept of steam-power with confidence. For all the complications and calculations of Phanocles, it is the simple device of the brass butterfly which blows up the heir-designate and his army and leaves our Emperor and his subjects safe to enjoy once more their beatific existence. The vulgar power of an explosion therefore has a point in this play. The Emperor has suggested that Phanocles would not improve the world through technology; Golding confirms that we may be better off without bombs, but introduces printing as an optimistic blow for science.

The School performance owed much to I. Dickson and to Q. E. Deakin. The former acts well, and is especially communicative with his face; the latter gains his success through his strong voice. I feel that Deakin will become one of our best actors when he begins to move more freely on stage. It was noticeable how much M. H. Bishop, P. C. Randall and N. Marston enjoyed their parts despite the restrictions which the play inevitably imposed.

There were few opportunities for special effects and lighting experts to show off. However I liked the explosion and the drums which indicated the rhythm of the Imperial oarsmen. The stage-staff who helped to construct and paint the set should be complimented on the wall, constructed at right-angles to the back of the stage. This formed a boundary to the Emperor's room and also created an entrance passage.

The back-room team of P. C. Holmes, A. N. Harvey and R. H. Shires who have done so much in recent years to help producers and actors, once more contributed efficiently to the production.

We must thank Mr. Golder for the organisation of the many talented elements involved in the production. As I have indicated this play demands a great deal of its actors; under Mr. Golder's guidance the boys obviously enjoyed themselves, during three months of painstaking preparation and on the four nights of 11th-14th December 1972.

E.W.M.

Anyone who has been asked to produce a play for schoolboys knows that the most hazardous task is choosing the play. Considering this difficulty, the judges thought the producers of this year's plays should be complimented. They should, however, have paid more attention to the way in which the drama should be interpreted. It is up to the actors and their director to decide where a play's value lies; whether to concentrate on a particular conflict, as was possible in "Death on the Line", or to project a sense of fright and mystery, which seemed to be the point of the Dalton production. The biggest problem in the 1973 collection, then, was that of interpretation, the most obvious example being the Byrom cast's attempt to bring off a melodrama. Their play degenerated slowly and surely into farce.

Of course one must not underestimate the actors. Good acting can still be entertaining even if the play demands little subtlety. Heywood chose a pointless play but provided the most polished acting of all. When interpretation and competent acting, together with wise choice are combined, as in Fraser's case, the whole event is likely to be successful in a competition of this sort.

A very simple set was the backcloth for "Perfection City", the play produced by S. Balcombe for Fraser House. The coloured Indian outfit brightened up the plain desert scenery, and the appearance of the arrow like a semaphore railway signal was the highlight of the performance. The major actors, I. Halpin and S. Balcombe, acquitted themselves quite well, Halpin being the stronger of the two, both in stage presence and in volume: his American accent was very good. The contrast between these two characters, one, the idealist, Homber, and the other, Deadbeat, was rather disappointing although the open antagonism was sometimes very lively. The antics of M. Turjansky (an apprentice Indian) and the comic sternness of M. Sherring helped to enliven the performance. Added to this was the urgent entry of P. Cantrell as the businessman, Jackson. Although his tone was too raucous, his presence on stage lifted the play above the level of an ordinary production. He was helped greatly by make-up. Despite some patchy dialogue and hesitant movement, the whole play made an impact unequalled by any one of the others. Savagery is mocked, but so too are bleak idealism and brazen industrialism. The Fraser boys certainly pointed to the humour here; their choice of play was adequate and their interpretation competent. Without doubt they deserved to win.

In second place the judges placed Heywood's play, "The Clown of Stratford". The main strength of this production was the acting of the director, P. A. Morris and of D. P. Marks. These boys thoroughly appreciated the demands of their parts, and within the limitations of the play itself, gave credibility to the characters of Shakespeare and Lady Verulam. With them M. J. Bailey struggled with the most difficult part, that of Lord Verulam; why on earth do boys try to speak through half-open mouths? The play was an anticlimax; the early part was lively and Shakespeare's entry was excellent. But what was to come of it all? No-one knows: the play fell flat. This was partly the fault of the author, since the boys achieved a polish not present in the more rounded Fraser production. It was a pity the producer concerned himself too much with flippant programme notes and did not consider the overall impression his play was supposed to have made. He was saved by his own acting, by excellent costume and make-up.

It was impossible to find a clear third place. The merits of the Dalton play, "The Monkey's Paw", balanced perfectly those of the Whitworth performance of "Death on the Line". The judges thought the former to be a good choice which deserved better casting; the Whitworth play was too demanding of its major characters.

For Whitworth, S. Hazeldine and T. Sydney tried to describe the mysterious sixth sense of a signalman who anticipates death on the line. Any company would be hard-pressed to succeed with this flimsy railwayman's tragedy; this was a fairly acceptable attempt. Hazeldine was inaudible; his hysterics were well-contrived, but he seemed intent on speaking to the back of the stage. If he was genuinely frightened, why did he not move around in agitation? Sydney was too calm and unmoved. This was surprising since he did not seem to know his lines. The interaction of these two was underplayed, but we must remember the limitations of the play itself. The judges gave credit to Hazeldine's production for the co-ordination of sound and light effects and for the valiant attempt to pull off the strained dialogue and the extraordinary emotions of this weak play. Supporting rôles can often help considerably; in this case they did not help at all. One could not hear the words and the actors suffered from falling scenery.

"The Monkey's Paw", which was Dalton's play, could have won the competition. We thought the main fault to be in casting. R. S. Burkitt was too young for the father, and R. J. Paley too old to be the son. R. H. Yule was not at all feminine (nowhere near the achievement of Marks in the Heywood cast) and moreover he mumbled his lines. As Sgt. Major Morris, M. Holgate gave a lively performance. His articulation was poor also, but he gave the play its impetus. The news of his son's death did not affect Burkitt very much; how and why the character Herbert White died is still a mystery. Later, when Mrs. White urges her husband to wish for her son's resurrection, Yule became rather more credible, and the final panic as the door-bolt sticks on the third wish, was as compelling as any other moment in any other play in the competition. On the other hand, the general staging of this play was poor: it was badly balanced. Most of the action took place in a restricted area, stage right. Boys on stage should think about sight-lines; they should consider in all cases the audience's point of view. Dalton's lighting was poor, and the scene changes grossly under-rehearsed. These details prevented Dalton from being runners-up: the Heywood acting tipped the balance their way. However we decided that there was little to choose between "The Monkey's Paw" and "Death on the Line"; they shared third position.

The Byrom play was "Klesh-a Night at the Inn", by Lord Dunsany. This play seems to beg for comedy; Byrom obviously tried to play it straight and failed. Consequently the audience laughed freely at the mysterious movements of hooded priests gleefully murdered by P. Scott and Q. E. Deakin, and at the startling and revealing figure of T. M. Daber. There was little else to praise. P. Randall, the producer, did not disguise the fact that he was reading his lines on stage. Deakin was the best actor, but he had poor support from Scott and D. Bowers, who was for the most part unintelligible. Scott began well but threw away the few good lines in the play. The lighting lacked method; details such as whisky being drunk out of beer glasses should not be overlooked. All in all the Byrom production lacked control and point. It is worth pointing out that whereas Fraser and Dalton took the trouble to advertise their plays well, using imaginative posters and programmes, Byrom were noticeably uninspired in this respect.

The final result was therefore as follows: first—Fraser; second—Heywood; third—Dalton and Whitworth; fifth—Byrom.

E.W.M.

JUNIOR SCHOOL MUSIC AND DRAMA

The first we heard of it, literally, was from the quad. Each lunchtime the sound of lusty treble voices rehearsing increased our curiosity and appetite for the Junior School Christmas Concert on 8th December. On that evening a choir of forty boys,

with seven recorder players, and Mr. K. Richardson at the piano, presented a non-stop vigorous and enjoyable feast of Christmas music and readings. Out of so much, only a few items can be chosen for mention. The more traditional style of Christmas music was represented by such offerings as Vaughan Williams' "*Myn Lyking*", and Bach's "*Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing*", while the major event of the evening was a forceful account of Kenneth Cartwright's *Christmas Jazz*. Piano solos by Mr. Richardson and J. Odum, together with readings of original verse by C. D. Parkyn and J. C. Dale all contributed to the Christmas cake-mix of music and words. All was presented and directed by Mr. Callaghan, who had good reason to be pleased with the evident enjoyment of the boys and audience.

The reception given to this first experiment in a concerted Junior School musical and verbal event encouraged Mr. Callaghan to present "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at the March concert. Again, a most vigorous and enjoyable performance was given. It was only a pity that it had to go on so late in the evening, for it seemed that several of the boys involved were understandably rather tired. However, again, a large audience enjoyed the catchy music, and the boys participating were full of enthusiasm.

It seemed a pity to allow a Summer Term to go by without further drawing on the gusto with which Junior School boys go for music and drama, so Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Golder decided to present a double bill at a Junior School concert in June. A production of a dramatised version of Herman Melville's "*Billy Budd*" was very successful, not least in that it brought to light several very promising actors. It is difficult to single out particular performances without unfairness, but S. Howard as Budd, and M. Sandy as Vere were outstanding in their rôles, and R. Smallwood and A. Polding were also particularly good. The second half of the evening was given to a performance of Chris Hazell's "*Holy Moses*", directed by Mr. Callaghan, with Mr. K. Richardson at the piano. This was lively and entertaining, and sent the audience away with the full knowledge that both music and drama in the Junior School look promising. Indeed, we look forward to more.

D.E.B.G.

SKIING IN AUSTRIA

Last Christmas the largest party so far went for a week's skiing in Auffach—thirty-five boys accompanied by Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bardsley and Mr. & Mrs. Olszewski.

Once again there was some shortage of snow but this did not lessen the enjoyment for most boys. It was very pleasing to be able to rely on the common sense of the boys and there will be another trip next year, to Neustift where, I believe, there will be more ski-lifts available and a little more evening entertainment.

P.V.B.

PARIS, 1973

This year's trip to Paris, the nineteenth organised by the Modern Languages Department, took place from the 17th to the 25th of April, when a party of over forty boys, accompanied by Messrs. Collings, Timm, Langford and Olszewski, enjoyed a week at the École Pascal.

After the sixteen-hour long journey, which began early on the morning of the 17th, most of us were pleasantly surprised to see the coach stop outside what seemed to be a modern hotel. This was the École Pascal, situated, fortunately for us, in a fine residential area of the capital.

To give a full report of our visit would be a long and unnecessary process; a selection of edited highlights would be more satisfactory. An official reception was held for us and other visitors at the Hôtel de Ville, the equivalent of a town hall, where we were entertained during delays by the lively Paris Police Band.

Later that day we visited the Louvre, a building steeped in history, but now visited more for the works of art which it contains, including the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo. However, those who visited the Impressionists' Exhibition at the Jeu de Paume later in the week were more greatly aroused by the magic of Van Gogh and Rousseau than by the rather grandiose art displayed in the Louvre.

The visit to the Arc de Triomphe proved more rewarding than expected. The museum inside the Arc contains many old pictures of this famous monument at various dates, but most sought after is, of course, the view from the top. From the ground, the Arc sometimes appears deceptively small, but its true height is realised once one is on top. We looked down and admired the symmetry of the twelve Avenues which radiate like points of a star, centred on an eternal flame.

The great organisation of the trip became evident on the day of our trip to the Eiffel Tower. We arrived very early in order to avoid the vast queues which develop during the day. Mr. Collings' experience particularly helped on several occasions.

From the lofty crest of the city's most famous monument we looked down on places with which we had become familiar during our visit. The Arc de Triomphe was visible but appeared very small from our near-celestial position in the sky. Sacré-Coeur stood gleaming in white stone high on Montmartre. Just a step across the Seine was the Palais de Chaillôt, embracing the city with its curving arms. Also visible, though sometimes difficult to spot, were Les Invalides, L'École Militaire, La Place de la Concorde, Notre-Dame and Sainte-Chapelle, all places that we had visited.

Other trips included a day at Versailles to see the palace of France's former kings and to Malmaison, the private home of Napoleon and Josephine. There was also a "Bateau-Mouche" trip on the Seine, which allowed us to see many of the famous buildings from an unusual angle. There was an outing to the pleasantly laid-out zoo at the Bois de Vincennes, which had its own artificial mountain. A coach tour through Paris by night proved worthwhile, particularly as we were able to stop and admire the wonderful illuminated fountains of the Trocadéro Gardens.

Our thanks go to Messrs. Collings, Timm, Langford and Olszewski, who, along with the facilities of the École Pascal, served to make such an enjoyable and pleasantly educational trip. I would also like personally to thank Mr. Olszewski for taking Steinsberg, Paley, Large and myself to see "Godspell" at the Théâtre de la Porte St. Martin.

P.J.H.

NORFOLK BROADS, 1973

Five cruisers filled with Hulmeians with Mr. Worth, Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Gozzard and Mr. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Shires and Mr. and Mrs. Burslem in charge and two from Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School with Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Taylor making a party of 60 in all, had a most enjoyable week at Easter.

The weather was only moderate—mainly dull and either no wind or too much wind for sailing, but, as this kept other yachts besides our dinghies off the rivers, this meant that cruising was pleasant. We spent most of our time in the northern broads going up the Yare from Norwich via Yarmouth to Acle Bridge. Other stops

were made at Stalham, Wroxham and Potter Heigham. Most of our lunches were spent in Ranworth Broad.

Coming back through Yarmouth we spent a night at Oulton, finally spending the last night in the boat yard at Thorpe.

Dull as this may appear in print we did get much pleasure from the change and the company. Many are coming again and within a few weeks of the Summer Term 1974's trip was nearly fully booked. May the sun shine on us next time!

R.A.H.

YORK, 1973

This year Mr. Slater and Mr. Haynes took a smaller party than usual on the Whitsuntide visit to York and its surroundings. All were from the Junior School.

Instead of hostelling as we have done in the past we stayed at Hardraw and went down the valley into the Vale of York each day. The usual route out from Manchester through Skipton took us to Bolton Abbey and lunch by the Strid in Bolton Woods. In the afternoon we went on to Stump Cross Cavern and then Brimham Rocks. Unfortunately we missed Fountains Abbey this year as all the car parks were full and it was impossible to park the Transit.

Subsequent days were spent in Whitby, in York and one day in the Hambleton Hills visiting the White Horse of Kilburn, the "mouse-man's" carpentry shop, the village of Coxwold, Byland Abbey and the house and gardens of Newburgh Priory.

All this was much enjoyed and many have asked to go again next year, but I think the distances involved in travelling each day from Hardraw were too great and we shall have to go back to the hostel in York which is better situated for this particular holiday.

R.A.H.

ITALY, 1973

On July 29th the fifteenth Italy party set off—a group made up of about one third staff and parents, one third Sixth formers and one third Second formers.

We had a good journey via Calais, Basle and Milan, arriving in Venice on the Monday evening where water taxis took us to our hotel situated close to the Cathedral of St. Mark's on the narrow waterway spanned by the Bridge of Sighs. A wash, a change of clothes, a meal and in a few yards we were walking in the cool of the evening in St. Mark's Square. Here we mingled with the many tourists, who, like ourselves, were enjoying the sights and sounds of a first night in this unusual and beautiful city on the Adriatic. Returning tired to bed, we could lie there listening to the gondoliers serenading their passengers as gondolas slipped past our windows in the night.

The next day was busy visiting all the main tourist attractions including a walk across Venice in the late afternoon to the Rialto and its market, most making their way back for dinner down the Grand Canal by Vaporetto.

Wednesday came and we were off on our long journey south to Sorrento where we spent the next seven days relaxing in sun and sea. The Hotel Ascot was excellent, the swimming pool much enjoyed by the boys and the sea more frequented by the adults. We all spent a long and thoroughly enjoyable day on Capri—some visiting the Villa Tibereo, others Anacapri, the Villa San Michele and Monte Solaro—most meeting in the afternoon to go swimming in a quiet cove below the Arco Naturale

on the south eastern side of the island. The evening journey back to Sorrento was spent relaxing in the cool breezes blowing off the Bay, listening and singing to an accordion tout with his corny selection of " 'Twas on the Isle of Capri that I met her", "Come back to Sorrento", "O Sole Mio" and the like.

On another day half the party visited the ruins at Pompeii and the crater of Vesuvius, spending half their time at each. This was much enjoyed despite the heat haze which spoilt both views of Vesuvius brooding over Pompeii and the panorama usually to be enjoyed from the volcano itself.

Wednesday saw us on the move north, arriving in Rome at lunch time. Our hotel was new to us, situated out of the centre in a pleasant residential area but necessitating the use of an extra 'bus on most of our journeys. This was compensated for by the quietness at night, rather than the noise which was a trial at the Amalia where we have usually stayed.

Our four-and-a-half days were pretty hectic as obviously we had come to see so much, but we managed to cover most of the important Christian and Roman attractions. Highlights were the afternoon sun streaming into St. Peter's through the great alabaster window at the far end of the nave, the view over Rome and the Vatican gardens from the cupola, the cool cloisters of St. Paul's and St. John's, the quiet of the Protestant Cemetery, the Forum from the Capitoline, the sparkling waters of the fountains, the spectacle of "Aida" in the Baths of Caracalla and finally the last evening in the Piazza Navona. We all threw our pennies—or lire pieces—in the Trevi and I think most hope to return to Rome.

The long journey home passed easily and on the Tuesday evening, seventeen days after leaving Manchester, we were home again—tired but contented. We had seen many memorable places, enjoyed much and made many good friends.

Our thanks to Mr. Haynes, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Worth and all the parents who made this such an enjoyable and educational vacation. Many of us will go back—God willing.

N.A. and R.A.H.

WHIT TRIP TO SUTHERLAND

This trip has become known, by tradition, as "the Sutherland trip"; in fact, this year, we visited Torridon and Glencoe as well as the Inchnadamph area of Sutherland. From our usual camp site on the Allt Nan Uamh stream, the full party (ten third year boys and three masters) climbed Stac Polly, which provided excellent rock scenery and airy views, and the Quinag ridge in the most superb weather. The following day, one party explored the Cnoc Nan Uamh cave system, while another ascended Cul Mor. The attractions of Sutherland, however, are not all energetic: just camping in the hills next to a delightful, icy stream is part of the pleasure. For some, it is enough to look at the stream, and wash in it, while for others, streams are to be jumped across, fallen in, and swum in at midnight!

From Inchnadamph we moved southwards to camp in Glen Torridon. Much to the annoyance of the boys, there were other people camping near us beneath "the mural precipices" of Liathach. It was gratifying to know that a few days in the wilds had made the boys as keen as the Masters to avoid other people! Cold and windy weather deterred us from climbing Liathach, which has a sharp summit ridge, so we turned instead to Beinn Bhan in Applecross. Despite its enormous corries and vertical cliffs, this mountain offers an easy route; it also afforded Mr. Langford the opportunity to take another few hundred photographs! Meanwhile,

Mr. Barnes had found a shop, and purchased some of that rare commodity, bread, a source of great envy to the boys. Mountains always seem to beget strange cravings for bread and an excess of sugar.

From Torridon, we moved on to Glen Etive, where we were again blessed by sun and solitude, and another magnificent camp site, by the river Etive, beneath Buachaille Etive Mor. The Buachaille was duly ascended, and side entertainment was found on a wire "bridge" across the river. The culinary efforts of the boys seemed, in general, to be remarkably efficient; some of Bennington's more exotic creations looked almost tempting, though not quite in the same "cordon rouge" category as Mr. Heap's offerings.

Perhaps the highlight of the trip was the remarkably early start on the last morning, for which Mr. Barnes takes credit (responsibility?). It is a pity that no-one had a camera at the ready to record the expressions of horror and disbelief that registered on some faces on being aroused from slumbers at the crack of dawn—good Alpine training!

D.H.

A PENNINE WAY DIARY, JULY 1973

Day 1 : "These moors are tinder-dry..." We ponder on the words of the warning notices in Edale as we sit in the pouring rain at the top of Jacob's Ladder. However we press on through the mist and the clouds begin to clear on the Downfall. Moss Castle and Featherbed Moss present their usual problems of trial-and-error navigation in the peat groughs, but Bleaklow is comparatively dry (for Bleaklow that is) and causes few anxious moments for once. We descend easily to the pylons, reservoirs and inter-city communications in Longendale and will see nowhere in the next 270 miles so totally sacrificed to the industrial age.

Day 2 : Whoever drew the boundaries of Cheshire to include as highest point of such a green and pleasant county a squelching, oozing mass like Black Hill must have had a strange sense of humour. It is negotiable today, though, and its views are far-ranging—too far, when we consider that our day's objective is beyond those masts on the northern horizon; but the trans-Pennine roads, the cotton-grass patches and the gritstone edges break up the journey and we are soon marching down the Roman Road towards Littleborough.

Day 3 : Along the reservoir tracks towards Stoodley Pike with its inscriptions about the Emperor Napoleon and the Kings Bell and Lee... and down in the drizzle to another industrial valley, that of the Calder. Here though, unlike Longendale, railway, canal and sewage works occupy only a thin strip of land, and in moments we are back in the country on an ancient flagged footpath, being charged by straying piglets. And now, at last, grass and bilberries begin to predominate on the moors instead of black peat.

Day 4 : Top Withens, object of a literary pilgrimage for thousands... "the situation may have been in her mind when she wrote of the moorland setting of the Heights"... but I'm sure she never came to soak up the atmosphere of a torrential downpour such as this. The collapsing walls give some shelter, then it is on, ankle-deep all the way down to Ponden, where farmhouse tea cheers us and the rain stops. Then up to Ickornshaw Moor. The grouse is a stupid bird, hence, presumably, its selection to be shot in large quantities by sportsmen, and, as we walk by, it demonstrates its favourite technique of concealment, that of pretending to be invisible.

Day 5 : Pleasant pastures, farms and fences, cows and canals. Not really walker's country, this, but it has the merit of introducing the homely village of Gargrave, where pies are hot and home-made, not frozen and foiled. The Aire is swollen and its springs bubble joyfully in the flowery fields of Malham.

Day 6 : Fountains Fell is shrouded in thick cloud, and the only bright periods come by radio from Swansea, where England are disposing of the early New Zealand batting. The cloud clears a little on Penyghent, and a fast descent to Horton is possible, whilst England gallop to victory.

Day 7 : Heavy showers accompany us along the green roads towards Cam End, where the once-pleasant Roman Road past Cam Houses has been churned into a swamp by land-rovers. The long, level walk along the West Cam Road seems further every time I do it, but at least the weather has taken pity on us, and by the time we reach Gayle we are walking in prolonged sunshine.

Day 8 : The familiar climb of Great Shunner Fell and the easy swing down to Thwaite is a procession of Pennine Wayfarers this morning, and whilst Old Trafford spectators and players abandon hope of further play, we sizzle in the Swaledale sun and take a short and worthwhile diversion to Kisdon Force, where, surprisingly, we meet not a soul. But of course, it is a full half-mile from the "official" Way.

Day 9 : Optimism about the weather, based on the last two days, has proved unfounded; we splash through heavy drizzle to Tan Hill, and the guide-book description of Sleightholme Moor, "like walking in oxtail soup", is utterly accurate. We emerge from the wilderness onto the A.66 road at Bowes, another reminder of the "get-there-first" rat-race which the Way manages mostly to avoid.

Day 10 : A morning of low moorlands drained by overflowing becks and irrigation channels. During lunch at Middleton a pair of shattered sunglasses is unearthed from the depths of a rucksack; can this be an omen? Throughout the afternoon the sun blazes down. We pause at Low Force, much underrated, and then wander on, taking our time, upstream to High Force, where the rocks on the Durham bank are a mass of people on Sunday afternoon outings. The Yorkshire bank is deserted, though, and our only meeting before Langdon Beck is with a herd of rather warlike cows.

Day 11 : We follow the Tees to Cauldron Snout, now rarely like a cauldron since progress built the Cow Green reservoir directly above it, then on into Westmorland and the finest view on the Pennine Way from High Cup, where the fells of Howgill, Shap and the Lake District spread round the western horizon. Dufton and Knock are charming villages well away from the bustle of the three main roads which split the Eden valley.

Day 12 : A long, hot climb, pestered by flies, leads to the highest summits of the Way; Great Dun Fell with a monstrous assortment of paraphernalia on top, Little Dun Fell, a far more appealing place, and the huge bulk of Cross Fell, recalling Ingleborough in shape but much more remote. Sandpipers accompany our descent to the purple-paved fluorspar paths which lead down to the South Tyne.

Day 13 : The northern outliers of the Pennines must be amongst the dreariest stretches of the Way, but they soon give way to the more exciting surroundings of the Roman Wall via the incongruous sight of a golf-course built directly across the Roman Vallum; civilisation superimposed upon civilisation! Walltown provides welcome refreshment with six miles of our longest day's walking so far still to do, and we are refreshed enough to enjoy the fine views from Winshields Crag before staggering down to Once Brewed.

Day 14 : The only hill-walking today comes early, and the crest of the Wall above Crag Lough and along Hotbank Crag is left with some regret for the densely packed conifers of the Wark Forest and the manorial farmyards south of Bellingham, but the weather is perfect and the rural stroll makes a pleasant change, marred only by irritating insects and inexplicable captaincy at The Oval.

Day 15 : Nearly there now, and fast progress is possible this morning across low grousemoors, which will be a mass of heather and spent cartridges in a week or two, into another of the Border forests and along the pleasant River Rede to Byrness.

Day 16 : "Gird up your loins as they have never been girded up before!" says the guide-book. Twenty-seven miles of the Cheviots to do, and we are walking before seven o'clock. Six miles done by breakfast time and seventeen by lunch, but thunder-clouds hang heavily around and the mile along the top to Auchope Cairn is a crazy balancing-act in an effort to go no more than ankle-deep in the peat. A heavy thunder shower hits us near our final summit, The Schil, but we are all but home now, and as we leave the tops, a brilliant rainbow in the valley of the College Burn seems to give us a final natural salute, a fitting end to a journey which air and water can turn into a real trial, as they threatened to do a fortnight ago, or into a real pleasure, as they ultimately have done.

C.P.L.

HULME HOUSE, HARDRAW

Our first full year at Hulme House is now complete and an excellent year it has been. Although some of us still miss the primitive cosiness of the Cottages in Appersett the much greater comfort and better facilities which Hardraw offers make it much more enjoyable for the majority.

Nearly all the improvements we hoped to make have been made and what remains to be done is being done as time and convenience allow. Our grateful thanks to Mr. Richard Thompson must be recorded again for all the hard work he has done and is still doing to put finishing touches to the premises.

The J. G. Bird Trust has commissioned the local builder and electrician to have everything put right—painting and pointing outside—clearing away the old central heating system and putting in night storage heaters and Slenderads through the school and house. The main lavatory block has been completely re-roofed, plastered inside and generally improved. The main requirement now is for more bunk beds to make better use of vertical space in the bedrooms, and I hope sometime in the future, a telephone. Mr. Thompson has the necessary fittings for a shower bath and it is only a matter of time before this is fitted.

Much use has been made of the premises with 15 caving trips by Mr. Heap, 8 walking trips with Mr. Haynes, 2 with Mr. Callaghan and 1 with Mr. Barnes. Field trips were held by the Biology Department in conjunction with Manchester University and Mr. R. W. Crossland and Mr. Bardsley held a geography field course. Conferences were held up there from the History Department by Mr. Heap and from the Modern Languages Department under Mr. Timm. In addition Old Hulmeians at Nottingham and Birmingham Universities both held training week-ends up there and Mr. G. Phillips has continued to make use of Hardraw with 2 walking trips and a camp of 100 from Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School. Our School camp was also held at Hardraw.

As last year we have had many gifts and much help and it is a pleasure to record these and ask the following to accept our grateful thanks:

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson—an iron. There is no excuse now if cavers come home looking scruffy!

Mr. Maddocks—for a 3 kw fan heater now mounted in the drying room.

Mr. Thompson—for fitting the new iron gates in the back playground and for repair to same three months later! For tiling both kitchens and for many odd jobs throughout the year.

Mrs. Macpherson—for a three piece suite and also an excellent record player.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans—for a gift of money towards new bunk beds.

Dr. Daber—for an offer to buy mattresses for the new beds when we get them!

Mrs. Cox—for a trolley table.

Mr. Barclay—for 2 carpets and underfelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregson—for a kitchen cabinet and an excellent cooker to replace the one which blew up.

Mr. H. Shires—for help with the February 1st form trip—about the fifth year running—and plastering and fitting electric points.

Sixth Formers—Sydney, P. Kettlewell, S. Balcombe, Kearsley, Warrell and Lingham—for painting the kitchen and lavatory block—13 gallons of emulsion—quite a lot went on the walls!

Staff—Mr. Richardson, Mr. Olszewski and Mr. Heap—for painting where the Sixth Form missed!

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett—for cleaning through the house and fitting new electric switches.

Mr. and Mrs. Burslem—for the gift of an enormous 'fridge with deep freeze compartment which has not gone to Hardraw but has been appropriated by the Biology Department for storing dead rats!

Mr. and Mrs. Hobday, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson—for their annual effort in cleaning up the mess after camp.

Mr. Roy Collins—for much help throughout camp and afterwards.

Mrs. Joy Byrne—for roses in the front garden, for much help doing all the difficult cooking at camp, and similar help on many Junior trips through the year.

Mr. G. Phillips—for two armchairs from B.R.G.S. and for the interest he takes in Hardraw for us when we are not there.

Mrs. G. Taylor—who always helps in many ways but particularly for preparing lunch when the School Governors had their meeting at Hardraw in May.

Finally, I would like to close by reminding all readers that Hulme House is there for the use of the whole School and not, as some think, just for Juniors. Middle and Upper School who feel they get little chance to use the facilities Hardraw offers must work harder to persuade members of staff they come in contact with to take them up there. For my part, I will willingly help any party with catering, cooking and driving to get more people launched in the Yorkshire Dales.

R.A.H. (Warden)

BADMINTON CLUB

Matches played 10, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 6

v. Masters	L	2—7
v. Stretford	L	2—7
v. Urmston	L	0—9
v. Stretford	L	2—7
v. Whalley Range	W	3—0
v. Manchester Grammar School ..	L	0—9
v. Parents	W	6—3
v. Manchester Grammar School ..	L	2—7
v. Masters	W	7—2
v. Urmston	W	7—2

With only one member of last year's team present, the initial task was to build up a side with a view to the future. After a poor start to the season a gradual gain in confidence led to a much improved standard of play.

In the early games of the season the first pair, C. W. Hodgkinson and B. Gosschalk suffered from lack of support, but an easy victory over Whalley Range raised our morale, and our overall consistency carried us through in the return matches against the Masters and Urmston, who both seemed surprised at the team's improvement over the season. The most enjoyable matches were those against Whalley Range, the Parents, who provided their usual excellent tea, and the return matches against the Masters and Urmston.

The team was usually chosen from C. W. Hodgkinson, B. Gosschalk, A. C. Niven and G. R. Hodgson. M. C. Bose, D. S. Harrison, P. D. Massey, P. J. Melichar, P. A. R. Morris and I. C. Smyth also played. We are looking forward to the completion of the new sports hall, which will provide additional courts and more playing time. Our thanks are due to Mr. Booker for his help throughout the season. Most of the team will be available next year, and we are hoping for, indeed expecting, a highly successful season.

B.G.

CAVING CLUB

This year, there has been no Norway expedition to report upon; after three consecutive expeditions, culminating in the successful exploration of Lösvannhola in 1972, it was decided to give Norway a rest for a year. Perhaps our work in this area will be continued in the summer of 1974.

In Yorkshire this year, rather fewer difficult trips than usual have been held. Several more experienced cavers have now left the School, and consequently there have been more beginners' meets to cater for the bulk of the membership. The acquisition of two School minibuses has made it possible to take larger numbers on trips without increasing costs substantially. This is a great advantage from the point of view of introducing boys to caving, and doing standard caves of middling difficulty, like the Kingsdale Master Cave and Bull Pot of the Witches. For the harder trips, like Lost John's, Simpson's, and the Limerick series in Easegill, smaller numbers have been required. It is almost impossible to cave at a severe standard with more than about five in the party.

Next year, it would be valuable to hold some trips to practise cave surveying; also, although School parties have carried out much original exploration in Norway—far more than any of the adult expeditions which have gone there—we have not found anything in England. The area near the School House holds several possibilities for digging, like the end of Thackthwaite Cave, and the sinks which feed it. Some attention to cave-hunting in Wensleydale and Swaledale would make an interesting change from simply exploring known caves.

D.H.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

The main feature of the activities of the Service Group in the past year has been the increasing number of projects organised entirely by volunteer helpers. This is clearly an encouraging facet of the group's work; but at the same time it must be said that there has been a tendency to fail to publicise some projects, with the result that few "outsiders" have been encouraged to help. Our link with the service group at Manchester High School has been valuable in many respects, but our helpers did not always use it sensibly.

The year began with the annual general meeting of Manchester Youth and Community Service in the Town Hall, attended by P. C. Holmes, M. R. Boyle and myself. We learned that, because too small a grant was provided by the Council, M.Y.C.S. is £1,400 in debt. It is to be hoped the re-organisation of local government will see an increase in financial support from the authorities.

Our own projects also were somewhat hampered by lack of money, especially for transport. Fortunately the two folk concerts organised during the year came to our assistance. 340 people attended the concert in July and this produced a profit of over £20, as well as music and entertainment of a high standard. Harry Boardman, Jacqui and Bridie, and Rhona Jones topped the bill, supported by Ad Hoc and Present Tense. Mr. Mitchell compered inimitably.

We joined the girls of the High School to put on several "Fiascos"—a kind of a sort of entertainment—at Waverley, in Didsbury and in Urmston and we also assisted at the High School Christmas party for old people. The School vans were much used: to transport people from Withington Hospital to Woolworth's for Christmas shopping, to take pensioners to a show at the Houldsworth Hall and to the U.M.I.S.T. theatre for a production of "The Boy Friend". In each case helpers from the School acted as escorts.

Other ideas did not work out: a group visited the Top Ten Club at Belle Vue with a party of handicapped children, but contact with the children and staff at the Lancasterian School was difficult to maintain satisfactorily. Likewise plans for canal cleaning, an expedition to the airport and swimming in the School baths for deprived children are still in the pipeline. In March the group staged a full day conference at the School which was attended by nearly 100 pupils and teachers from many schools in Manchester. Included were an exchange of information on group activities, a talk and film on the physically handicapped, several discussion groups and finally a disco. Mr. Kenneth Everington, the Diocesan Youth Officer, chaired the conference and the catering was done by students from the Elizabeth Gaskell College. I did not personally feel that the conference was particularly successful as the social side seemed more appealing to most people than thought or discussion. Nevertheless the general opinion was that the conference had been most worthwhile.

Our co-operation with Greenheys Junior School continued profitably, thanks to the Headmaster Mr. A. Royle, himself an Old Hulmeian. Four boys from Greenheys,

accompanied by four of our boys, Mr. Crompton and myself had an excellent holiday weekend in mid-Wales in early June. This involved fishing, playing on swings, swimming, clambering on waterfalls, riding on narrow gauge railways, much eating and a great number of Mr. Crompton's jokes.

An entirely new project was the Newspaper Collection scheme which was instigated under the aegis of the Service Group. Between October and July, 21 tons of used newspapers and magazines were collected for which we received £109. The recycling of this paper is a saving of 840 fully grown trees, a factor as important as the financial aspect. From the money collected, donations were made to the Cripples Help Society, the Family Service Unit, the School Charities week, and to the School Service Group. A holiday competition for the Sixth Form was won by four boys who planned a climbing holiday in the Isle of Skye. The paper schemes will continue this year—it is a project particularly suited to a school with large numbers.

Finally mention must be made of a gallant band of decorators who papered and painted a pensioner's house in Levenshulme during the Summer holidays. It was unfortunate that they started their work on the morning when Kingsway was under 2 feet of floodwater. Despite this bad start they worked hard for a whole week.

The projects I have mentioned here represent quite a change from those of the previous two years. Some part of the changes—the decline in visiting at Waverley, for example—is regrettable, but in general I think it has been a change for the better. It has been due largely to the initiative of Messrs. Holmes, Balcombe, Boyle, Sherring and Erskine in instigating ideas of their own, rather than waiting for M.Y.C.S. or me to make suggestions. I hope that this will continue but at the same time it is important to keep a perspective and to ensure that events such as fiascos are not being staged merely for our own benefit.

Thanks are due to all those who have helped with activities, notably my colleagues who have driven vans full of old ladies all over Greater Manchester and especially to Mr. Bardsley whose comments (mostly unsuitable for these pages) have helped keep us sane and without illusions.

P.J.W.

HOLIDAY CHALET, CWMLLINE, MID-WALES

During the year several groups of boys have made use of the holiday chalet at Cwmlline in the Dovey Valley which is owned by The Sheepfold Project. This project, of which I am one of the trustees, aims to provide a centre for holidays for children who are in some way deprived. The School service group has run holidays in the summer for the past three years and small parties of boys from the School have also stayed there during "off-peak" periods. This year Messrs. Bardsley, Crompton, Mitchell, Slater, Bailey have all led groups there.

It is worth pointing out that the chalet is available for hire at a small cost by any youth club or organisation or, during the quieter months, by private families. Full cooking, washing and heating facilities are provided and the chalet sleeps a total of 12 in two-tiered bunks, four beds in each of three rooms. Any boys or parents who would like to use the chalet and its facilities can obtain further information from me at the School.

P.J.W.

CHARITY FOLK CONCERTS

In the course of the past School year we have had Mr. P. J. Wilde to thank for the organisation of two concerts of Folk Music, the proceeds from which have gone to local Community Service groups. Organising an event such as this is, of course,

nothing exceptional with Folk Music enjoying its current vogue, but the quality of our "star" guests has raised these events out of the normal run of such concerts and, combined with the high competence of the amateur performers and the enthusiasm of the audiences, has made them into eagerly-awaited dates in our diaries of future events. In each of the concerts "home-grown" talent, in the shape of the "Present Tense" and "Ad Hoc", has supported guest artists sometimes familiar, sometimes unknown.

In October last our chief guest was Jeremy Taylor, a young singer-composer brought up in South Africa, whose propagandist, anti-establishment songs have made it impossible for him to return to his homeland. Many of us were, I am sure, not looking forward to a continuous political bombardment from the stage, but from his first relaxed appearance Mr. Taylor allayed all such fears as he skilfully varied his songs to appeal to the conscience and the sense of humour of all sections of the audience; sympathy for traffic-wardens and other uniformed figures was at a low ebb in the hilarious "Jobsworth", but the pathetic picture of the none-too-sprightly pensioner trying to cross the arterial road for his only chance of a little social contact over a pint of beer had us all smiling, but also wondering to what extent progress really considers the individual. By the time he finished with his own "Red-velvet-steering-wheel-cover Driver", a real favourite with this audience (even though, or perhaps because, many of them see themselves or their relations painted in it), Mr. Taylor had scored a triumphant success.

He was supported by Pat Field and friends from Manchester Grammar School, purveying a pleasant brand of mostly modern folk, and also by a remarkable duo, Cold Iron, whose material and instrumentation was utterly original; seldom at such a concert as this does one feel that what one is watching is unique and exciting, owing nothing to anybody, but the recital of ballads which Cold Iron gave us was wonderfully rewarding and totally unfamiliar.

Equally rewarding, though mostly very familiar, were our main guests in July, Jacqui and Bridie, still with the same songs, "Kilgarry Mountain", "Child of Merseyside" and so on, the same style of presentation interspersed with jokes and religious banter, but never boring and always in complete touch with their audience. This time they brought with them a fine new song inspired by the Northern Ireland horrors in which they created a really tense emotional atmosphere quite unlike anything else in the whole evening, and at the other end of the scale they presented to us, quite unexpectedly, "Arthur, The Poet", whose verse rendering of the disastrous events which accompanied the opening of the Liverpool-Manchester railway will long be remembered. Also from Liverpool came Rhona Jones, starting the evening with a familiar selection of sweet-toned singalong songs, just right for the occasion.

We were privileged to have in the same programme the well-known Lancashire folk singer, Harry Boardman, who treated us to a variety of local songs from the well-known "Manchester Rambler" to the less familiar and most amusing "Billy Suet's Song" (many of the audience were glad of some assistance with the dialect here), accompanying himself on banjo and concertina. We had cause to admire in Mr. Boardman's act, as also in Jacqui and Bridie's, the superbly timed, entertaining introductory remarks to each song; never mere word-spinning, never wasting time. This is where the real professional scores over the awkward amateur.

And so to our own "regulars", important figures in the success of both concerts. "Present Tense" have come a long way since Jones and Boyle first staggered through "Lord of the Dance" at a School Folk Concert. The various changes enforced upon the group in the past two years have not always been for the better; for instance they lack a voice of "light" texture to add variety and still sound most uncomfortable

in the sentimental, slower songs. Their introductions are awkward in the extreme. When the song suits them, however, they produce a high-spirited and enjoyable noise and perform best when a strong beat is a feature of the song, as in "Meet me on the Corner" or "Misty, Moisty Morning". Clarity of diction is not one of their strong points, but their "Humber Bridge" remains better than most, and they clearly relish performing on stage and put a lot into their act.

"Ad Hoc", whom I hope we may refer to as at least partly "home-grown" talent, is amazingly difficult to assess in normal critical terms. The "folk" content of their repertoire is fairly predictable and well-known to their audiences whom they are most successful in involving in their performance, but the high percentage of original material is unusual, and enjoyable in the extreme. They also have changed their personnel since the remarkable version of the "Banana Boat Song" which marked their début at our concerts, and consist now simply of Messrs. Bardsley, extrovert vocalist, and Redmond, apparently disinterested guitarist, bursting into moments of wild abandon . . . "Is that his real voice?" asked an anxious member of the audience behind me at the critical dramatic moment of "National Westminster Blues". They share credit for the composition of many of their songs which are largely satirical in content and more at home in the night-club than on the folk-stage, but the audience here, and at other local clubs, have adopted them as a most individual part of the folk programme. It is not to hear "Holy Ground" and "Let no man steal your Thyme" that we look forward to Ad Hoc, but for their original songs, at least two of which have become popular favourites with their regular "fans". Their most famous "hit" is a real masterpiece of delightfully judged vulgarity, a satirical swipe at Bill Haley, the Tommy Steele of "Singing the Blues" vintage and many others ("You have to imagine there are about sixteen people up here!" says Mr. Bardsley in his introduction), phrased firmly in the language of Steptoe Senior; the sheer inevitability of many of the song's lines throws the average audience into convulsions whilst the final lines reach a pitch of utter pandemonium on stage and in the audience. We must hope that, even though Mr. Bardsley's services are lost to us, those of Ad Hoc will continue to grace our concerts.

C.P.L.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society, which was revived in 1971, enjoyed another interesting and fairly successful year.

Subjects debated included the existence of God, the concept of Realism and the motion that dustmen deserve as high a salary as doctors. A "Brains Trust" was held early in the year and on another occasion we welcomed the girls of Whalley Range High School.

The standard of debating was generally good but, unfortunately, too few members of the Society were prepared to speak. This meant that the same small number of boys had to make several contributions from the platform.

We hope to meet regularly again this year and look forward to seeing many new faces, particularly from the Lower Sixth at our Wednesday meetings.

We are grateful to Mr. Timm and Mr. Mitchell for their help and to other Masters for their support.

I.D.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

This year has perhaps been the most successful in the whole history of the Society. We were very capably led by E. Corrie, with Mr. P. J. Callaghan as the Master in charge.

We were very fortunate in being given a room in which to have the layout permanently set up. Also the School provided us with a new control unit, for which we are very grateful.

Because of the new premises, the layout had to be entirely redesigned, and as a result, some sections of track were not operational for the Speech Day Exhibition, and the sequence of operation was not as successful as we had hoped.

However, these small faults will be rectified by next year, and the Society is looking forward to another good year, in the hands of D. Shabetai.

P.E.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The society has had rather a poor year; during the Michaelmas Term we had the usual sort of "how to do it" lectures given by a variety of people. Armed with enough technical information we proceeded to stress the content of photographs during the Lent Term.

This we attempted by instituting a mini-exhibition and monthly competitions on various subjects. Unfortunately, due to the apathy with which the members viewed their "hobby", only one of these was ever completed.

I would like to thank Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bennett for their help throughout the year. I also feel that I should thank those few members who turned up fairly regularly. It seems a pity that more people are not willing to stay behind after School for an hour a week for a society which is designed to help them enjoy their pastime.

T.S.

It is a pity that the above should be true, for in T. Sydney we have had one of the best secretaries of the Society that we have ever had—he and all the officers in the Sixth Form worked very hard to develop an excellent programme and to encourage more boys to join. Without their work the twenty-year-old society would have folded up completely.

R.A.H.

STAGE STAFF REPORT, 1972-3

The Senior posts on stage were held this year by the following:

P. C. Holmes	—Stage Manager
A. N. Harvey	} —Assistant Stage Managers
N. J. S. Kehoe	
R. H. Shires	—Chief Electrician
M. Graham	—Assistant Chief Electrician
P. J. Marsh	—Sound Effects Manager
S. N. Roberts	—Assistant Sound Effects Manager

MICHAELMAS TERM

Saturday work was naturally devoted to the construction of the set for the School's production of "The Brass Butterfly". This was to be the exterior of a Roman Villa which overlooked the Mediterranean, so the backcloth had to be painted—firstly by our own basic colouring of the vast expanses and then by Mr. Bennett's personal expertise in filling in the detailed scenery. Since we were unable to use back curtains, this finished backcloth had then to be moved forward to enable actors to pass unseen from one side of the stage to the other.

To enhance the "classical" effect it was decided that pillars would be included in the design and many experiments with various materials took place before the correct balance was achieved. In fact the wooden pillars and the rest of the scenery needed quite a lot of painting. At one stage, when the balustrade looked as if it were made of stones from five different parts of the Empire, it became apparent that the correct mixing of the grey emulsion was crucial!

The play used many properties, the most interesting being an electric "steam" boat model and a coffin with a rocket in it (which, incidentally, was as heavy as it looked!) The various tasks involved in the presentation of the performances needed much rehearsal in order to make things run smoothly—a fact not always appreciated by audiences—and explosions, night scenes, trumpets, drums, scene changes and the manipulation of props. kept all branches of the stage staff well-occupied on "the night".

LENT TERM

As usual this term was taken up by House Play work. Although only five plays appeared, (Gaskell were forced to withdraw because of cast illness), sets for six were constructed. These ranged from an American Prairie to a Signal Box. Having only just recovered from the School Play, we immediately had to transform the Mediterranean backcloth into the Wild West—complete with cacti! On the whole the sets were rather straightforward, though they made us realise just how far a scene can be set using one or two odd constructions to suggest the existence of complete rooms.

MIDSUMMER TERM

This term is becoming increasingly busy as the years go by and this year was no exception. We provided various props. and the basic "box-curtain" set for the Junior School's production of "Billy Budd", and helped the Project Club in the construction and erection of additional parts of the enlarged Speech Day Platform for the new Sports Hall. The erection of this edifice took place in the half-finished Hall among clouds of white dust, in marked contrast to the damp grass of the marquee of previous years. We're still not sure which we prefer! The rôle of general factotum to the School was filled by the Stage Staff performing these tasks and the final one, the Electrician's speciality, was the rigging up of a fully operational lighting tower for the Folk Concert, a heavy job which either helped to keep us physically fit or to shorten our life span.

Once again we are indebted to Messrs. Grant, Furniss, Bennett and Bonnick for their guidance and help throughout the year.

P.C.H.

THE PROJECT CLUB

This club was formed in January 1972 as an informal gathering of boys willing to give of their own time to make furniture, equipment and other articles for the general benefit of the School.

It meets, naturally enough, in the Craft Room, and though both membership and attendance have fluctuated during its existence, a hard core of dedicated enthusiasts has ensured its continuance.

The work tackled often demands a high standard of craftsmanship and so the boys involved come mostly from the Craft Groups past and present. The Club has a very capable mentor in N. A. Atkinson who has executed much of the finest work himself and encouraged others to do likewise.

Projects accomplished to date are: two bookcases for the Junior School Library; lacrosse stick racks for the Junior School Cloakroom; a display case for the Schools and Juniors Lacrosse Cup (which now graces the trophy shelf of another school!); additions to the platform for Speech Day; many smaller items involving repairs to existing equipment and a glassfibre mould for the experimental manufacture of lacrosse helmets.

It is hoped that the next year will see the construction of one or two interesting projects in the mechanical engineering field as well as the familiar wooden structures which are already on order—the lacrosse faction as usual being one of the first in line. My thanks and those of the School must go to the boys who have put in a great deal of time and effort on our behalf.

G.N.G.

THE DONNER LIBRARY

That the Library should be left in a flourishing condition by Mr. K. P. Thompson on his retirement last year could be taken for granted; the care with which it had been built up and the efficiency with which it had been organised can perhaps be fully appreciated only by his successor, who has found his work to be chiefly the maintenance of a going concern. If fewer new books than usual have been added this year it is because the selection during previous years had been so careful and comprehensive that it has not been easy to find “gaps” to fill either among authors or subjects.

Some 315 boys have borrowed books in the course of the year. May it be emphasised here that suggestions and requests for particular books or books on particular subjects will be welcomed and carefully considered by the Librarian.

Our thanks are due to Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths, as before for copies of “The New Yorker” and “Punch” and for a number of books: also to Mrs. MacPherson, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Houghton, Mr. J. Beeson, and I. S. Hunter for gifts of books. The Librarian is grateful to R. P. Thomas for his very welcome assistance throughout the year, and to those who assisted with the stock-taking.

F.J.S.

THE JUNIOR LIBRARY

Since the last Library report the construction of the new shelves by the Project Club has been completed, and both new blocks of shelves are now in full use. Many generations of Junior School boys will benefit by the work of Mr. Grant and his helpers, and we must express our sincere thanks to them.

A total of one hundred and fifty-eight books has been added to the Library this year, one hundred and five by purchase and fifty-three by gift. Our thanks are due as always to those Parents, Masters and boys who have given books. They have made a very considerable contribution toward the improvement of the Library. Thanks are also due to the 1972-3 Librarians who have regularly given up their time to carry out the day-to-day business of running the Library; and to the members of Form 2C who have given invaluable help from time to time in cataloguing and covering new books.

I should like once again to remind the senior boys of the School that the Junior Library will always find a happy home for books which they have enjoyed in years gone by, but which they need no longer.

J.W.W.

HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM HOUSE

MICHAELMAS TERM

At the beginning of the School year M. H. Lomas was appointed Head of House and S. C. Hobday Deputy Head of House.

Byrom started the year in a subdued manner. The Seniors having a very enthusiastic House team and being well represented on School teams were expected to do well, but were easily defeated by a strong Whitworth team in the second round.

The Juniors suffered a similar fate at the hands of Gaskell.

In the House League the House was often let down by the results of the Juniors. However, the Seniors were well captained on the field, and sometimes off the field, by W. P. Swann.

Our congratulations go to S. C. Hobday on his entry to Oxford and we wish I. D. Shanks and M. Pearson success in their university careers.

Congratulations also to W. P. Swann on being selected for Lancashire U-21's at Lacrosse.

LENT TERM

At the beginning of term W. P. Swann was appointed Deputy Head of House and a School Prefect.

The House had settled into a rhythm by Christmas and more time could be applied to the games side.

The Senior Flags were already in our possession and with the same nucleus of players we hoped to regain them.

The first round was drawn and the Seniors faced Dalton, the Juniors, Gaskell.

Surprisingly the Juniors were beaten by one goal. However, the Seniors easily beat Dalton and were drawn against Fraser. After drawing the first game, we won an entertaining second match. In the final we were drawn against Gaskell. In a hard-fought game Byrom gradually took the initiative and succeeded in holding the lead until the end of the game. Mention must be made of W. P. Swann who scored over three quarters of our goals. C. W. Hodgkinson and D. S. Harrison gave great service to the team, along with the remaining nine players. In the Hewlett Cup the three Senior sides were undefeated but the lack of depth relegated us to fifth place.

The House play was conceived, directed and performed by P. C. Randall. The effort put into the play was great, but it did not reap its fair reward if only for the enjoyment given to the audience.

In the cross-country event a hurriedly-arranged team was presented by P. Yates and gave a very good showing. If one of our senior runners had not turned up twenty minutes late, we might have won the cup.

MIDSUMMER TERM

With perhaps the least conscientious Sixth Form contingent we did not expect this often torrid term to be a success. Both knock-out teams were beaten in the first round, the Seniors by Dalton and the Juniors by Gaskell.

The House Swimming was organised by I. D. Stockley and would have been more successful if less apathy had been shown by the Seniors. In the Athletics Byrom had little success and but for fine individual efforts by W. M. Bolton and N. Harrison would have been far behind the rest.

House music was in the capable hands of Q. E. Deakin once again, but a lack of senior effort prevented the House from succeeding.

The House was represented on School teams as follows :

1st XV : J. P. Nicholls, D. S. Harrison.

2nd XV : D. M. Paxton, W. P. Swann, D. J. M. R. Burton, M. H. Lomas, C. W. Hodgkinson.

U-15 XV : N. Harrison, R. Kerle, M. Boyle.

U-14 XV : G. Jones, D. Coy, G. Petch.

1st XII : W. P. Swann, D. S. Harrison, C. W. Hodgkinson.

2nd XII : S. C. Crowther, R. J. Hall.

U-15 XII : N. Harrison, E. Brunyee, M. Boyle.

U-14 XII : G. Jones, D. Coy.

1st XI : W. P. Swann.

2nd XI : D. S. Harrison.

U-15 XI : R. Kerle, E. Brunyee, M. Boyle.

U-14 XI : G. Jones, D. Coy, C. Burt.

M.H.L.

DALTON HOUSE

MICHAELMAS TERM

The following appointments were made during the term.

Head of School : P. M. W. Nias.

Head of House : B. R. Clayden.

House Prefects : W. B. Collier; D. M. Fisher, M. Clark, S. J. Jones, W. D. Simpson, R. A. Broadbent, J. C. Spruce, P. R. Lewis, A. D. Hamilton, A. A. Parker.

B. R. Clayden, M. Holgate, P. D. Roden were appointed School Prefects.

Under the able management of P. D. Roden, Dalton House Rugby maintained a firm consistency at both first and second team level. Consequently the House finished in an excellent second position, yet again just missing the coveted shield.

In the Knockouts Dalton were in a weak position due to the lack of School team players. Both Senior and Junior teams had byes in the first round, and in the second had the misfortune to be drawn against strong Fraser sides. In the Senior game, R. Young inspired the forwards, and the three-quarters followed suit; as a result Fraser, with thirteen School team players, were left hanging on to a 20—10 victory. A similar tale can be told at Junior level. The whole team put up an excellent exhibition of attacking Rugby football, and at the final whistle Fraser just had a lead of 22—20.

The following represented Dalton on School teams this term :

1st XV : I. R. Cooper, R. Young.

2nd XV : W. B. Collier.

U-16 : R. J. Paley.

U-15 : D. T. Binyon, M. G. Holland, D. J. Foster, M. P. Pemberton.

U-14 : M. S. Butterworth, R. A. Cooper, M. Bradbury.

I would like to thank all the House Prefects for their service throughout the year, evident in the continuing good behaviour in the House rooms.

LENT TERM

P. D. Roden was appointed Captain of the 1st XII.

House Lacrosse was consistent at 1st and 2nd team levels, but the Juniors fared badly. As a result Dalton finished third, but this was a marked improvement on last year's performance.

The Senior Knockout team, for the third year running, was very strong. The attack, however, lacked cohesion, and this left the defence under constant pressure. Consequently Dalton crumpled to a disappointing 14—6 defeat in the 1st round against Byrom.

The Junior Knockouts were a different tale. The side was well led by D. P. Schofield, and enthusiasm and effort made up for any lack of skill. In the first round Whitworth were finally beaten 9—8, and Heywood were defeated in the second round 8—5. The final was the crowning glory. Gaskell were the favourites, but found themselves outplayed at all levels by a very confident Dalton side, who won 11—8. Colours were awarded to the whole side.

The following represented Dalton on School teams:

1st XII : P. D. Roden.

2nd XII : W. B. Collier, N. H. Clayden, R. Young, I. R. Cooper, M. Bishop.

U-15 : D. P. Schofield, D. J. Foster, D. J. Manifould, J. C. Wozencroft, R. G. Shelmerdine.

U-14 : M. Bradbury, R. A. Heaton.

On the cultural level the House Play was a marked success. The play this year was "The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs, and was directed with a high degree of competence and vigour by R. S. Burkitt. Despite the lack of experience in the House, everyone made a great effort, and the end result was very creditable. The play was longer than most, involving two scene changes and numerous lighting alterations. These difficulties could not be fully overcome in the limited time available, but the third scene provided a good climax. The cast was R. S. Burkitt, R. H. Yule, M. Holgate, R. J. Paley and D. P. Schofield, who all thoroughly deserved their House Colours. Special mention must also be made of the advertising and programme designers, D. Binyon and G. Midgeley.

MIDSUMMER TERM

This term proved to be very hectic, with many activities taking place in a short space of time. Nevertheless, Dalton scored some notable successes.

House Cricket produced rather average performances from all the Dalton teams; our position of fourth was as good as could be expected.

Dalton Senior Knockout team lacked batsmen, but achieved a good victory over Byrom in the first round. Good bowling by P. D. Roden, N. H. Clayden and M. Bishop, coupled with sound batting by W. B. Collier (39 not out) and excellent fielding, ensured victory. In contrast the second round against Gaskell was disastrous. Apart from a good opening partnership between Collier and Bishop there was little to cheer about.

The Junior Knockout team had a bye in the first round. In the second round they were not strong enough to beat Fraser, and their score of 87 proved to be inadequate.

Sports Day was undoubtedly one of the major (and least unexpected) successes of the year. The number of standards amassed by Dalton was only average due to lack of effort among the Seniors, but on the day everyone concerned showed remarkable enthusiasm and effort. Outstanding were Nias and Cooper. Nias won the individual senior trophy and broke the triple jump record, while Cooper won the individual middle trophy and broke the shot and 100 metres records. The contribution of the Juniors to the eventual Dalton victory must be emphasised. They contributed well over half the points, with M. S. Butterworth and R. A. Heaton putting up excellent individual performances.

Despite considerable effort on the part of S. J. Jones, his call for musical performers met with general apathy. However Dalton finished a creditable third, with Jones having a personal success on the trombone.

Congratulations to I. R. Cooper who represented Lancashire at the All-English Schools' Athletics Championships and won the intermediate 100 metres. P. M. W. Nias and M. S. Butterworth represented Manchester Schools.

The following represented Dalton on School teams.

1st XI : W. B. Collier, M. Bishop.

2nd XI : N. H. Clayden, B. R. Clayden, P. D. Roden, R. Young.

3rd XI : W. D. Simpson.

U-15 : M. G. Holland, R. D. Bailey, M. P. Pemberton.

U-14 : M. Bradbury, C. Whitehead.

1st Athletics : P. M. W. Nias (Captain).

U-17 Athletics : I. R. Cooper (Captain).

U-15 Athletics : M. S. Butterworth, R. A. Heaton.

Swimming : M. P. Pemberton, M. A. Wooler, I. C. Dewhurst.

Finally the House welcomes its new members. It is sincerely hoped that they will give the House, and the House give them, as much as possible in the years they spend in it. To those who have left School, we wish every possible success in the future.

B.R.C. and P.D.R.

FRASER HOUSE

MICHAELMAS TERM

At the beginning of this Term, the following appointments were made :

Head of House : G. D. Kettlewell.

School Prefects : D. Hellier, D. C. Hume, G. D. Kettlewell.

House Prefects : S. Balcombe, S. J. Booth, C. P. Bunnage, A. H. Choudhri, C. J. Claxton, J. M. Clegg, M. Dallas, C. M. S. Gleave, I. S. Hunter, P. J. Kettlewell, P. Lancashire, A. J. McKeon, R. J. Morello, M. Reynolds, H. J. Self, R. S. Threlfall, A. J. I. Turjansky, I. D. Turnbull.

Captain of House Rugby : S. J. Booth.

I. S. Hunter took charge of the House swimming, and S. Balcombe organised mid-week swimming for the House on a voluntary basis. House cross-country was placed in the care of D. Hellier, with help from P. Lancashire when the House rugby team enlisted D. Hellier's services.

In the House league, the first team was again captained by G. D. Kettlewell, and the second team by M. Reynolds. We finished the term with 102 points, placing us in third position. Our first team showed considerable skill, but was too inconsistent throughout the season. This factor, along with a disappointing second team, accounted for our position in the league.

The knockouts confirmed the belief in the House that we were probably the strongest all-round rugby-playing House. However, although we reached both finals, we failed to win either of them.

Our Junior team, having obtained a first round bye, were confident that they would beat Dalton in the second round. In a hard, thoroughly entertaining match, we just scraped through 27—23, due mainly to the outstanding play of N. P. Maxfield and N. A. Milton, who captained the side.

The final proved to be a one-sided game with Gaskell winning 33—6. The absence of N. P. Maxfield proved a discouraging blow, and neither the brilliant tackling of full back J. A. Wadsworth, nor the hard work of N. A. Milton, S. G. Tarpey, and S. N. Roberts was enough to avoid defeat. Our thanks must go to Mr. Barnes who gave up much of his time to coach the Junior team.

The Seniors easily beat Gaskell in the first round, by 33—0. We played below ourselves, but the hard running of the backs, Howarth in particular, made up for our deficiencies in play.

Dalton proved to be a difficult obstacle to the final. We won the match 20—10. Again we failed to strike our anticipated form, but sheer hard work, in particular by P. Dodd, earned us our victory.

The final against Whitworth proved to be an excellent match. We were unfortunate to trail 6—0 in the first fifteen minutes. Although we played hard throughout, with some first-class rugby moves, we failed to overhaul the opposition and went down by 9—4. Mention must be made here of S. J. Booth who captained the side with enthusiasm and skill.

House rugby colours were awarded as follows :

Seniors : S. J. Booth, S. T. Burrows, P. S. Dodd, P. J. Howarth, D. C. Hume, J. B. Meehan, A. J. McKeon, R. J. Morello, P. J. Rae, P. M. Sherring, R. S. Threlfall, N. R. Withington.

Juniors : I. N. Gosling, N. P. Maxfield, N. A. Milton, S. N. Roberts, G. A. Stafford-Watson, S. G. Tarpey, J. A. Wadsworth.

The following represented the House on School teams :

1st XV : S. J. Booth, P. S. Dodd, P. J. Howarth, R. J. Morello, P. J. Rae, R. S. Threlfall.

2nd XV : S. T. Burrows, D. C. Hume, J. B. Meehan.

U-16 XV : S. T. Burrows, M. Chatterton, G. L. Steinsberg, B. H. Stewart,
N. R. Withington.

U-15 XV : N. P. Maxfield, N. A. Milton.

U-14 XV : J. Beesley, P. D. Boyle, I. N. Gosling, D. M. Paton, S. N. Roberts,
S. G. Tarpey.

The following were awarded School Colours for rugby :

Full Colours : S. J. Booth, R. J. Morello, R. S. Threlfall.

Half Colours : P. S. Dodd, P. J. Howarth, D. C. Hume, J. B. Meehan, P. J. Rae.

LENT TERM

During the first week of this term, S. J. Booth was appointed a School Prefect. House appointments were as follows :

Captain of House Lacrosse : G. D. Kettlewell.

Captain of House Cross-Country : P. J. Howarth.

The term turned out to be a reasonable one, with the House winning two trophies. The lacrosse teams, under the captaincy of J. B. Meehan (1st XII) and P. J. Kettlewell (2nd XII) were too inconsistent to win the House League, and we finished in second position.

In the Junior Knockout competition, we anticipated a win since our team seemed a strong one. However, we drew Gaskell in the first round and narrowly lost 6—5. Our attack squandered many chances supplied by the hardworking midfield, and the opportunity to win was gone. Mention should be made of the “makeshift” defence which performed admirably under the guidance of N. Maxfield. J. Sandy, the Captain, worked hard in midfield.

The Seniors fared only slightly better. After defeating a very weak Heywood side with some difficulty by 10—3, we did not enjoy the thought of playing against the favourites, Byrom. The game however, proved to be an excellent contest with the scores level at 11—11 after extra time. Despite one or two incidents the game, played with skill and what might be called “professionalism”, was very enjoyable. R. S. Threlfall was exceptional in midfield and attack, but the whole team played with belief in their own capabilities. The replay could hardly have been a more contrasting affair. We lost the game 13—4, mainly due to our failure to take our chances in the first half.

Our first triumph was winning the Hewlett six-a-side lacrosse cup. This was a good House performance, especially by the third year teams which won both their finals.

The second triumph came in the House Play Competition, which we won for the second time in three years. Our entry, “Perfection City”, under the management of S. Balcombe, the producer, was excellently performed by the cast of I. E. Halpin, P. M. Sherring, M. D. Turjansky, P. R. Cantrell, and S. Balcombe, who were all awarded House Colours.

The House Cross-Country championship was disappointing from our point of view. Our Seniors ran badly, and although the Juniors finished first, the overall total of points placed us in third position. Leek (first), Halpin (third), and Maxfield (sixth) all ran well for the Juniors.

Our congratulations go to D. Hellier and A. J. McKeon who were both awarded exhibitions at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

House lacrosse colours were awarded as follows :

Seniors : P. J. Rae, C. P. Bunnage, M. Chatterton, J. Meehan, G. L. Steinsberg.

Juniors : N. A. Milton, N. P. Maxfield, S. G. Tarpey, J. Beesley, N. H. Barlow.

R. L. Wall, J. P. B. Sandy, S. P. Kettlewell, S. N. Roberts.

The following represented the House on School teams :

1st XII : D. C. Hume, G. D. Kettlewell, R. S. Threlfall, N. R. Withington.

2nd XII : R. J. Newton, P. J. Rae.

3rd XII : P. J. Rae, G. L. Steinsberg.

U-15 XII : N. A. Milton, J. Beesley, J. P. B. Sandy.

U-14 XII : S. P. Kettlewell, S. N. Roberts, S. G. Tarpey.

The following were awarded School Colours for lacrosse:

Full Colours : D. C. Hume, G. D. Kettlewell, R. S. Threlfall.

Half Colours : R. J. Newton, N. R. Withington.

MIDSUMMER TERM

This proved to be a good term, although not as successful as it could have been. We were confident that we were the strongest all-round cricket-playing House, and were determined to prove this by winning both Senior and Junior knockout competitions.

The following appointments were made during the first week of term:

Captain of House cricket : P. J. Howarth.

Captain of House tennis : R. J. Morello.

Captain of House athletics : S. Balcombe.

Captain of House swimming : J. M. Clegg.

The league cricket team, under the captaincy of P. R. Cantrell, failed to do well, since most of the cricket players in the House were playing for School teams. Thus we finished in sixth position, an unusual one for Fraser.

The knockouts proved to be our strong point, and we won the Junior cup for the second year running. The Senior cricket trophy was also added to this, thus completing the "double".

In the first round, the Juniors, led by P. S. Lindsay, beat Heywood by 44 runs, having scored 122, of which N. P. Maxfield (29), P. S. Lindsay (25), and I. J. Wood (19) were the chief scorers, J. Beesley (5—22) and P. S. Lindsay (4—10) dismissed Heywood for 78. The semi-final against Dalton was a somewhat closer affair, with the winning margin a mere 25 runs. An excellent innings of 56 not out by P. D. Boyle, supported by P. S. Lindsay (14), was the highlight of the Juniors' total of 112. R. L. Wall (7—21) and J. Beesley (3—20) bowled well to remove Dalton for 87.

In the final, we had Gaskell reeling at 17—7, but allowed them to recover and score 58. J. Beesley (5—21), R. L. Wall (3—21) and P. S. Lindsay (2—15) were the wicket-takers. After a shaky start, P. D. Boyle (19 not out) and J. Beesley (29 not out) finally gave us victory by eight wickets.

The Seniors comfortably beat Whitworth in the first round, dismissing them for 23 after having suspended at 110—4. Some excellent bowling by P. S. Dodd (6—5) ably supported by P. R. Cantrell (4—2) permitted a quick finish to the game. P. J. Howarth (31 not out), N. R. Withington (23) and G. D. Kettlewell (22) were our chief scorers.

Heywood proved to be stiffer opposition, and in a game full of runs, a flawless innings of 77 not out by J. B. Meehan proved invaluable. We batted first, scoring 86—1 suspended. Heywood then scored 133—9 in their allotted 40 overs. P. J. Howarth (4—20) and B. H. Stewart (4—36) were the main bowlers. This left us to score 48 runs to win with 22 overs left. Although we lost a couple of quick wickets we reached 134 without further loss. N. R. Withington (27 not out) and G. D. Kettlewell (17) were the other principal scorers.

The final proved an intriguing game between two well-balanced sides. In the long run our depth in batting, and Gaskell's lack of depth turned the game our way. We batted first and scored 122 all out. The main batting contributions came from G. D. Kettlewell (19), P. J. Howarth (19), G. L. Steinsberg (18), and P. J. Heaton (13). In reply Gaskell scored 55 for the loss of no wickets before P. Dodd achieved a breakthrough. Then P. J. Heaton (7—32) proceeded to wreck Gaskell, giving us victory by 20 runs. The standard of fielding from the Senior side was very high, and was an important factor in our win.

Congratulations to P. J. Howarth and P. S. Lindsay on their fine captaincies.

The swimming and athletics competitions did not prove to be our strong points, and we finished in third and fourth places respectively. The loss of R. J. Morello, who was ill, proved too much for the tennis team and we lost to Gaskell in the first round of the tournament.

Thus, with the end of term in sight, we looked to the House Music Competition for our third trophy of the term. Alas, this was not to be, and we finished in second place. Our thanks go to H. J. Self and A. J. I. Turjansky for organising our entry, and to all those who participated. It should be noted, however, that had we not scratched from two "classes" we should have won the trophy for the fourth year running.

House Colours were awarded as follows :

Seniors : J. B. Meehan, P. J. Heaton, G. D. Kettlewell, P. J. Howarth, N. R. Withington, G. L. Steinsberg, S. J. Booth, P. R. Cantrell, B. H. Stewart, P. S. Dodd, M. J. Phillips, P. J. Rae, N. R. Leak, R. A. Proudman.

Juniors : P. S. Lindsay, J. Beesley, R. L. Wall, P. D. Boyle, I. J. Wood, N. P. Maxfield, I. N. Gosling.

The following represented the House on School teams:

1st XI : J. B. Meehan, P. J. Howarth, N. R. Withington, P. S. Dodd.

2nd XI : P. J. Heaton, G. L. Steinsberg, B. H. Stewart, S. J. Booth.

3rd XI : S. J. Booth, P. R. Cantrell.

U-15 XI : N. P. Maxfield, P. S. Lindsay, J. Beesley, P. D. Boyle.

U-14 XI : S. G. Tarpey, J. Beesley, P. D. Boyle.

1st Tennis : R. J. Morello, B. Gosschalk.

2nd Tennis : B. Gosschalk (Captain), C. P. Bunnage, P. M. Sherring.

This report, with the exception of the cricket successes, belies the true ability within the House. The forthcoming year should see the start of many successes for the House both on and off the games field. In his first year as Housemaster Mr. Bryans has been no less enthusiastic than his predecessor, and has maintained the high standard of administration in the House.

Finally, we welcome the new members to the House in the hope that they will maintain Fraser's good reputation in all departments of the School. To all those leaving the House, we wish them the greatest of success in their future careers.

G.D.K.

By receiving the J. A. Barber prize, D. C. Hulme brought the final honour, and his is just one of a number of individual successes gained and reported elsewhere, but deserving special mention here.

The House Holiday, held at Coniston was a very relaxing and revitalising week, in spite of the fact that Coniston Old Man, Helvellyn, Scafell Pike and Jack's Rake were conquered, the last in atrocious conditions. Silecroft beach and Muncaster Castle proved interesting contrasts to the walking programme. Thanks go to Sidall of Heywood, for organising and providing prizes for a table-tennis competition won by D. Coy, of Byrom.

Finally I must record how fortunate I have been to gain such strong support from G. D. Kettlewell, advice and direct help from Mr. F. J. Smith, and to have inherited such a richly talented House.

C.E.B.

GASKELL HOUSE

I would like to welcome all new members to the House and hope that they will show as much enthusiasm for House affairs as most boys already in the House, and especially those members that have left this year who have done so much to build up the standing of the House. To those who have left, the House offers its best wishes for the future and its thanks for past services.

During the course of the year the following boys were appointed School Prefects :

J. C. Banks, J. L. Hindley, R. N. Bury, R. L. Marsh, R. W. D. Potter, I. Dickson.

MICHAELMAS TERM

Michaelmas term brought the rugby season once more, and in a season where the standard of Senior House games has shown a definite improvement it was pleasing that Gaskell should win the House League. All the teams contributed to the effort but T. J. Underwood, L. Garside-Beattie and R. N. Bury deserve special mention amongst the Seniors.

The knockouts provided another trophy for the Gaskell shelf. The Juniors had the strongest team for a number of years and played up to expectations. They played attractive rugby both as a team and as individuals. On their way to the final the team played Byrom in the first round whom they defeated with ease and in the second round disposed of a team from Whitworth in a similar fashion. As in many competitions this year they met Fraser in the final and they made a good team look quite ineffective by winning 31—9 with some really fine tries.

The Seniors met Fraser in the first round and lost to a much heavier and more experienced side.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the term was A. C. Eastwood's Scholarship in Mathematics to Hertford College, Oxford, a feat all the more outstanding when one considers that he took the exam. before his "A" levels and a year earlier than most candidates. Our congratulations must go to him and also to A. J. Davies who won a Scholarship in Engineering at Imperial College, London.

At the end of the Michaelmas term we said goodbye to J. C. Banks as Head of House, and we wish him luck for the future. J. L. Hindley now became Head of House.

The following boys represented the School at rugby.

1st XV : R. W. D. Potter.

2nd XV : R. L. Marsh, M. Ledigo, C. J. A. Ball, A. R. Armstrong.

U-15 XV : M. J. Scovell, R. G. Sinclair, D. S. Heine, P. P. Williams, A. Waring, G. Sparkes.

LENT TERM

With a number of School team players in the House it looked as though the lacrosse field would be the place for a number of Gaskell victories and we were not to be disappointed.

The following played on School teams :

1st XII : R. N. Bury, T. J. Underwood, J. L. Hindley.

2nd XII : I. Dickson, J. Leigh, M. Ledigo.

U-15 XII : R. G. Sinclair, M. J. Scovell, P. P. Williams, A. Waring, D. M. Baxter.

Once again we secured the Lacrosse League with the first team setting a fine example and winning the majority of their games. A. C. Erlam, R. W. D. Potter, L. Garside-Beattie and R. L. Marsh deserve mention here. Other teams also contributed a great deal.

Both our Junior and Senior knockout teams were stronger than usual.

The Senior team had a strong forcing defence and a good attacker in J. Leigh. After a bye in the first round we met a Whitworth team full of enthusiasm, but thanks to fine spectacular goals from T. J. Underwood we found ourselves in the final against a star-studded Byrom team. The match was always very close which necessitated close marking which seemed to lead to frayed tempers, but both teams kept their heads and we went into the last quarter two goals in the lead. At this point W. P. Swann took a grasp of the game and with a fine individual display turned the game in Byrom's favour. The final score showed we had lost by the odd goal but it was no disgrace to the team who all played well.

After a similarly hard game against Byrom our Junior Knockout team reached the final against Dalton. Unfortunately the team never reached its full potential and failed to utilise its resources. However, towards the end R. G. Sinclair and M. J. Scovell led some sort of revival but failed to save the game.

After lunch-time auditions J. Leigh finally managed to get together a House drama cast that seemed very promising and chose a suitable play and after working hard during the term had it well rehearsed for the night of the competition. Unfortunately D. C. Cotton, on whom the play rested, had to go into hospital for an operation and thus Gaskell had to withdraw from the competition. However I think we would have been highly placed if the play had gone on and thanks must go to all concerned.

The end of the term again brought victory Gaskell's way, this time in the Inter-House Cross Country, which we won due to a good team effort rather than outstanding individual ability.

MIDSUMMER TERM

The Summer term brought many successes and a few disappointments. Apathy began to grow especially amongst the younger members of the House and I feel sure that this was responsible for our losing the athletics trophy.

The School Swimming sports provided three trophies for the Gaskell shelf. The trophies for the individual events and the relays were secured by some fine swimming in all the age groups especially by D. J. Heine, B. S. Watts, B. C. Clark and T. A. Simpson. J. L. Hindley also retained the Senior individual trophy.

The cricket season brought with it great hopes. Amongst the Seniors were three experienced School first team players and the Juniors, although not seeming to have as much talent, played well to reach the final of the Knockout competition. In the first round they defeated a strong Byrom team by 3 wickets. The second round saw them drawn against Whitworth. A partnership between W. B. Grant and M. J. Scovell put on 53 runs and helped the team to a total of 127 all out, enabling them to beat Whitworth who were all out for 53. The team met Fraser in the final and were unlucky to meet J. Beesley in such good form, who took most of the Gaskell wickets and then went on to make 28 not out. The match was lost by 8 wickets but indicated hope for the future.

Meanwhile our Seniors met Dalton in the second round, having been given a bye in the first. Although the Dalton opening pair defended strongly, they eventually succumbed to the hostile pace attack of Marsh and Potter, the latter of whom finished with an analysis of 8 for 30.

Again we met Fraser in the final, and felt pleased when the opposition were dismissed for 120; but despite an opening partnership of 70 between Marsh and Dickson the middle order failed and we were put out for 100.

In the League we were always in contention but had to be satisfied with a close second.

With a good deal of hard work during lunch times and games Gaskell arrived at Sports Day with the highest number of standard points and a fine representation in the finals. Again we were to find ourselves in second place, after what was a fine display of athletics, the result of which was decided on the completion of the last race. H. R. Pierce-Jones won the middle 200 metres and high jump in convincing style, whilst A. P. Waring won the Junior high jump and long jump although the School records evaded him.

Throughout the Summer term, members of the House had been practising for the House Music Festival and when the occasion arrived it proved to be no disappointment. With such fine musicians as P. A. Alfieri, A. C. Eastwood, D. A. Cotton and D. L. Jones our hopes were high. After a long tussle with Fraser we finally emerged as victors after an especially fine duet by Eastwood and Cotton on guitar and mandolin that brought admiration from all those in the Hall.

During the Summer Term the following boys played for School teams :

Cricket 1st XI : I. Dickson, R. L. Marsh, R. W. D. Potter, C. J. A. Ball.

2nd XI : L. Garside-Beattie.

U-15 XI : M. J. Scovell, C. J. Saxby.

Tennis 1st Team : P. Smithson.

Athletics : E. H. Walker, A. C. Eastwood, A. P. Waring, H. R. Pierce-Jones, D. M. Baxter.

J.L.H.

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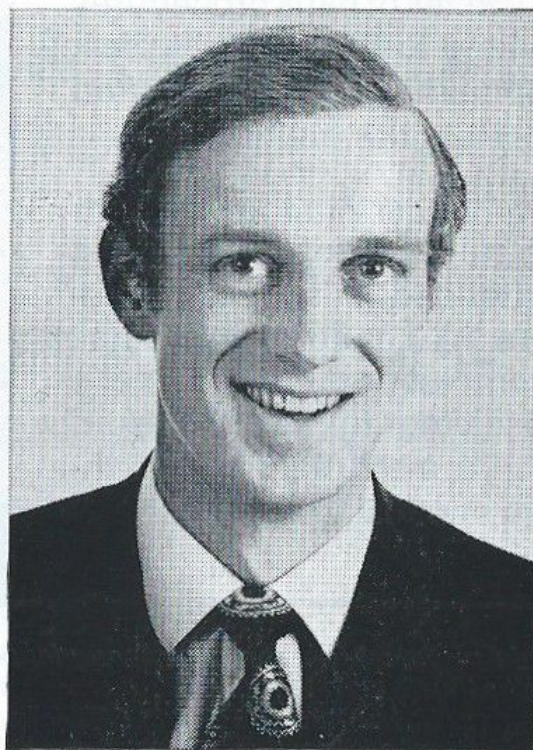
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