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SCHOOL NOTES

This edition of the magazine marks a break with tradition and is an attempt to portray the school as it forges its way into the seventies. The old standards of academic excellence remain and we continue to owe a great debt of gratitude to the past. The school is however ever-changing to meet the demands of the present and the future. Outwardly it may appear the same but inwardly it is being constantly reshaped by new ideas.

Lest Old Buckwellians should think we have gone too far too fast, may I start by recording our academic achievements this past year. Fifty five sixth formers went to Universities or Polytechnics last October.

A. C. Wilson was awarded an Open Exhibition in History at Jesus College, Cambridge.

J. J. Pollard won a similar award in History at Trinity College, Cambridge.

R. J. Dunning was awarded the Queen's Scholarship in History at Lancaster University.

Graham Nicholls won the prize for the best law student at Southampton University.

As the school year drew to a close came the news that no fewer than six Old Buckwellians had been awarded first class honours degrees and a seventh an ordinary first class degree—

W. Allan, Jesus College, Cambridge, Law Part II.

P. J. Gill, Leeds, Chemical Engineering.

T. J. Humphrey, Hatfield Polytechnic, Applied Biology.

M. J. Nash, Essex, Computing Science.

T. G. Pinker, Exeter, Chemistry.

D. K. Turnbull, St. John's, Cambridge, Natural Science — Computer Science.

C. E. Hammond, Brunel, Electrical Engineering (Ord.)

Dr. Pippard concluded the proceedings at the "At Home" on 2nd December with the remark, "This is a good school, isn't it!" It is made so by the splendid body of men and women who teach in it. Every year sees new faces yet the spirit of the staff room remains the same. Frequent tributes are received about the devotion of the staff. It is they who make the school what it is.

For the past two years upper sixth parents have been kind enough to acknowledge this publicly by inviting Staff and their wives and husbands to a cheese and wine party.

The last edition of the 'Roding' was already in print when Mr. D. Hargreaves resigned from the Modern Languages Department. In September 1970 we were joined by Miss R. J. Gilbert, B.A. (Hons. French), Leeds and Mrs. C. J. Hynes-Higman, B.A. (Hons. French), London. Prior to this Miss Gilbert had taught for a year in Tunisia by arrangement with Voluntary Services Overseas.

In September 1970, when Mr. D. R. Hayes resigned because of ill health, Mr. J. L. Hoskin, B.Sc. (Hons. Social Studies), Swansea, was appointed to the Economics Department.

This summer has seen the departure of Mr. E. Moore. A former pupil of the school, Ted joined the staff as assistant P.E. Master in September 1965. In January 1969 he was promoted to Head of the P.E. Department. Under his direction school football has reached a very high standard. Last season the six school sides played 149 games and won 94 of them. The Under 15 side won the West Essex Cup. It is, however, his concern for the average and the poor performer which has been of even greater significance. He suggested the abolition of the traditional games afternoon and the substitution of a double period of games for each form with two staff, one a member of the P.E. Department and one a colleague with a specialised skill in one or more games. The system has worked exceptionally well this year and will be retained.

Mr. Moore has given freely of his time to the school and accompanied school journeys, produced the junior play, inaugurated Mime and Movement for the junior forms and taught Geography.

A knee injury and the desire to serve a wider community now takes him out of Physical Education to the School for the Deaf in Chingford. He intends to continue to assist with games on Saturdays so that we shall not lose touch with him.

Mr. Brock has been appointed Acting Head of the P.E. Department and next term Mr. Silver will work full time.

Mr. E. G. F. Brown also left us in July to return to Reading. Gerry Brown was appointed to teach Economics and History in September 1967 and in September 1969 became Head of the Economics Department and Careers Master. The energy he put into these posts has left us with a highly efficient careers service and a thriving Economics Department. His organisation of the Business Game and the introduction of careers talks and visits have been particularly notable. He also assisted with school football and was frequently called upon to act as business manager for school plays. We wish his wife-to-be and him every happiness.

The new Head of Economics and Careers Master is Mr. A. P. Cunningham, M.A., B.Sc., (Econ.), London. He comes to us from a similar post at St. Bonaventure's School, Newham, and prior to that taught at Tulse Hill Comprehensive School in London.

Mr. M. J. Edwards is also leaving to undertake research for an M.Sc. degree and will be replaced by Mr. M. Rooney, B.Sc., (Hons. Mech. Eng.), London.

We wish Mr. Brian Holroyd and his wife-to-be every happiness in the future.

We have again had the pleasure of having two modern language assistants, Monsieur W. Schotsmans and Herr. K. Miltenberger.

Mrs. Heather Wilson has joined the laboratory staff in place of Miss Martinez, and Mr. G. Tuthill has been appointed Workshop Technician.

Mrs. E. M. Ritchie has retired from the Kitchen Staff after ten years service with the school. We are particularly grateful to her for her unflinching attendance on Saturdays to provide the football and cricket teas. It is good news that she will continue to help.

The almost 'instant' construction of the tennis courts has met a long felt need. The courts have been in use almost continuously throughout the winter and summer. Their use throughout the day is made possible by the new arrangements for games on the time table.

In the autumn term the Lower Sixth joined the Sixth Form Council. The organisation of sixth form and staff duties has been completely overhauled so that the Council now works in Tutor Groups with the group tutor acting as Duty Master when they are on duty.

A committee of the Council has studied with the Headmaster the whole concept of General Studies in the sixth form.

We beat the ex-Spurs side 4-1 and raised £250; the Spring Fair, again blessed with fine weather, brought in £750 profit. The generosity of the Parents' Association knows no limits and this year the school will receive Language Booths and tapes, an electronic calculating machine, electronics equipment, new cricket nets, musical instruments, library books, sheets for the overhead projector, loops for the loop projector and tapes for the video-tape recorder. A 26 inch television set, provided by the County, has been installed in the Hall. The school is very grateful for these items.

The year saw the abolition of prizes and of Prize Day and the first informal "At Home" which was attended by 500 parents.

Another new venture has been the introduction of the Certificate of Secondary Education in French and German for those who are not good at languages. We have had another good season on the games field. We won the Hewitt Trophy for Basket Ball, the Intermediate Divisional Athletic Championships and the West Essex Rugby Football Plate.

Individuals have also done well. Alan Woods, who left in 1969, came second in the hammer event in an international context when representing British Universities. M. Travis and C. R. Oxley played regularly for the Essex County Senior Schools XI and C. Towler ran for the county in cross-country events. It is a long time since we saw such a fast century as that scored by Philip Hinds (128 not out) against the Parents XI.

An addition to sixth form games afternoons has been the provision of driving instruction by the B.S.M.

Another long-standing wish came to fulfilment when Mr. Moore and Mr. Stancer took a party of 23 to the County's Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Maes-y-lade, in a remote valley on the edge of the Black Mountains. Here an assorted group of boys enjoyed their first taste of rock climbing, camping and pony trekking. We had a school party go to Belgium at Easter and early next spring a party will join the B.I. cruise ship 'Nevasa' for an educational cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean.

There have been the usual round of parents evenings with staff. Each year we seem to add one more; this year we separated sixth form subject choice from university entrance. At the former, Heads of Departments spoke to parents about the opportunities in their subjects.

There have also been many visits long and short which add so much to school life. Some of these are reported elsewhere in this magazine.

Perhaps the outstanding event in a crowded year was the senior Dramatic Society's production of 'Hamlet'. Hinds performance in the title role was quite out of the class of school dramatics and would not have disgraced a more illustrious stage. Those interested in school dramatics have also spotted, with pleasure, the appearance of old boy Terence Hardiman as the new uniformed inspector in 'Softly, Softly', the B.B.C. television serial.

There have been changes too in the building itself. Two thirds of it is brilliantly lit with strip lighting and the whole building is heated with oil-fired central heating.

The House Championship was won for the third year in succession by Chigwell.

The Mallinson Cup for 'the best record of service to the school', awarded by the votes of the senior school, went to Gregory Cox. The John Sargent Cup 'for the best sportsman of the year' was won by Colin Towler, and the Drama Cup was shared by Philip Hinds and David Brooker.

H.A.C.

PUPILS TAKING UP PLACES AT UNIVERSITIES OR OTHER INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION - AUTUMN 1970

Bednarek, R.E.	Warwick University
Brooker, C.	Woolwich Polytechnic
Cambray, G.J.	King's College, London University
Caplin, M.B.	Hull University
Cook, T.M.	Southampton University
Cooke, S.	The Polytechnic, Regent St, London.
Curnow, P.D.	City of London College, London University
Dunning, B.P.	University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cardiff.
Dunning, R.J.	Lancaster University
Durant, L.	Lanchester Polytechnic
Ekblom, P.J.	University College, London University
Faulkner, E.A.	North East Essex Technical College
Pitchett, D.J.	University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
Gibson, P.W.	Keele University
Giddings, A.J.	Bristol College of Technology
Grizzard, N.	Queen Mary College, London University
Haine, A.	Jesus College, Cambridge University
Jones, T.A.	York University
Justice, C.	Reading University
Kalinauckas, M.	The New University of Ulster
Kay C.I.	Newcastle University
Kilbey, J.M.	Hull University
Levy, A.M.	City of London College
Levy, B.T.	Keele University
Littlewood, R.C.	Exeter University
Macdonald, I.W.	Liverpool College of Commerce
Martin, L.C.	London Bible College
Mason, C.E.	Royal Naval College, Dartmouth
Mitchell, C.R.	Salford University
Moss, D.J.	Sussex University
Moss, I.A.	Leeds University
Naldrett, P.K.	University of Aston in Birmingham
Nichols, R.F.	Kingston Polytechnic
Nicholls, G.A.	Southampton University
Paisley, A.G.	Nottingham University
Patient, R.K.	Exeter University
Perry, G.J.	City of London College
Pippard, D.A.	East Anglia University
Pritchard, B.M.	Essex University
Rosner, M.I.	Bath University of Technology
Rowlatt, S.M.	Queen Mary College, London University
Savage, D.R.	Trinity College of Music, London
Skuse, A.G.	College of Air Training, Hamble
Smith, G.F.	University College of Swansea
Smith, R.J.F.	Queen Mary College, London University
Tatnall, A.R.L.	Exeter University
Tower, J.M.	North East London Polytechnic (Barking Precinct)
Waite, A.C.	Bradford University
Walters, D.C.	Bath University of Technology
Wetton, M.D.	Loughborough University of Technology
Wilson, L.A.	Loughborough University of Technology
Worth, D.P.	Sheffield University
McHugh, A.M.	North East London Polytechnic (Barking Precinct)

SUMMER 1970

Advanced Level

Allen, J.A. (English, French, German) Barton, P.J. (Geography, Economics),
 Beak, G.A. (Economics) Beer, C.R.C. (English, Sociology), Bell, R.P.G. (Geography,
 Economics), Brooker, D. (French), Cambay, G.J. (Mathematics, Biology,
 Chemistry, Physics), Caplin M.B. (English, History, Music), Conway, L.T. (English),
 Cooke, S. (Biology, Chemistry), Curnow, P.D. (Geography, Economics), Dean,
 M.J.S. (Geography), Donn, J.J. (Economics), Doughty, R. (Economics),
 Dunning, B.P. (Biology, Chemistry), Dunning R. (Geography, History, Economics),
 Durant, L. (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), Ekblom, P.J.
 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Faulkner, E.A. (French, Economics), Finney, A.R.
 (Biology), Fitchett, D.J. (History, Economics, Mathematics), Ford, C.J. (Economics)
 Gibson P.W. (Biology, Chemistry), Gretton, J.R. (Pure Mathematics, Applied
 Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics), Grizzard, N. (Pure Mathematics, Applied
 Mathematics, Statistics, Physics), Hinds, P.G.S.R. (English), Jones, T.A. (History,
 Economics, Art), Justice, C.O. (English, Geography, History) Kalinauckas, M.
 (Geography, History, Economics), Kilbey, J.M. (English, History, Economics),
 Levy, B.T. (Zoology, Chemistry), Littlewood, R.C. (English, French, Economics),
 Mason, C.E. (English, Geography), McHugh, A.M. (History), Mitchell, C.R.
 (Geography, Economics), Morgan, C.F. (Geography), Morse, J.V. (Mathematics),
 Moss D.J. (Geography, History, Economics), Naldrett, P.K. (Mathematics,
 Physics), Nicholls, G.A. (French, Latin, History), Nichols, R.F. (Geography,
 Economics, Mathematics), Paisley, A.G. (Geography, History, Mathematics),
 Patient, R.K. (Pure Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics), Pegrum, T.J. (Geography,
 Mathematics), Perry, G.J. (French, Mathematics), Pritchard, B.M. (Mathematics,
 Chemistry, Physics), Read, M.C. (Pure Mathematics), Rippon, J.A. (Economics),
 Rochester, P. (Chemistry, Physics), Rosner, M.I. (German, Economics, Mathematics),
 Rowlatt, S.M. (Geography, Biology, Chemistry, Geology), Schofield, M.
 (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics), Skusa, A.G. (Chemistry), Smart, B.J.
 (English, Art), Smith, G.F. (Geography, Economics, Mathematics), Smith, R.J.F.
 (Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Staines C. (Art), Staughton, P.E.
 (History, Economics), Stubbs, R.W. (German), Tatnall, A.R.L. (Pure Mathematics,
 Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics), Taylor, D.B. (Mathematics), Waite, A.C.
 (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), Walters D.C. (Pure Mathematics,
 Applied Mathematics), Wetton, M.D. (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics), Williams,
 S.H.A. (Mathematics), Wilson, L.A. (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics), Worman, T.A.
 (English, History, Economics), Worth, D.P. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics).

ORDINARY LEVEL

10 passes: Brown, D.T. Conway, M.J. Ellison, J.R. Garratt, G.H. Hughes, P.R. James, R.I. Kings, G.R. Mannings, R.T.	8 passes: Adams, A.E. Barker, R. Burgess, H.J. Davies, S.M. Leggett, P.G. Macrae, A.D. Paisley, J.P. Samwell, B.D. Webb, A.II	6 passes: Allen, G.T. Brown, D.J. Garner, C.J. Kaye, N.J. McClelland, G.R. Megnin, T.C. Pfister, R.D.A.	4 passes: Bearman, A.K. Michell, P.A. Oxley, V.R. Perriment, R.T. Randall, K.E. Simons, D.J. Smith, S.A. Sussman, S.A. Willingale, R.P.	2 passes: Frost, S.J. Hull, P.R. Kennerley, G.E. Laird, K.J. Megnin, T.E. Travis, M. Wood, D.C.
9 passes: Grange, R.W. Hallinan, B.M. Lye, S.A. Toms, P.N. Vandenburg, A. Webber, P.J. Wernick, P.D. Williams, H.R.	7 passes: Applin T. Gower, J. King, S.J. Rogers, J.M. Shales, S.W. Silk, S.A. Leeder, M.R. Sandison, I. Wells, M.C. Wallman, K.C.	5 passes: Binks, A.R. Feeley, N.R. Hayter, D.J. Ingall, A. Kay, T.R.	3 passes: Battagliola, P.D. Hodson-Walker, J.E. Holder, M.J. Malshinger, P.W. Mason, D.N. Winston, G.P.	1 pass: Dulwich, S.H. Stone, J.R.T. LeBeau, P.A. Peake, A.K.

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Barnes, I. (Geography), Beaven, J. W. (History, Geography), Bridger, R. H.
 (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Brooker, D.
 (English, Geography, French), Cardus, A. P. (Mathematics, Physics), Car-
 penter, D. J. (History), Chapman, J. A. (Mathematics), Couch, D. H. (English,
 Religious Knowledge, History), Cox, G. E. (English, History), Cross, M. A.
 (English), Donn, J. J. (English, History), Dowden, P. S. (English, History,
 Economics), Edgar, M. (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Edison, M. S.
 (English, Pure Mathematics), Fletcher, I. C. (History, Geography, Economics),
 Gapes, M. J. (History, Geography, Economics), Gregory, E. J. (History,
 Geography), Harris, K. R. (Economics, French, Mathematics), Harvey, G. A.
 (English, History), Hearn, S. J. (Mathematics), Hinds, P. G. S. R. (Latin,
 French), Hiscox, D. N. (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Hofman, E.
 (Economics), Holt, N. R. (English, Geography), Hopkins, M. F. (English,
 History, French), Horswill, M. C. (English, History, Geography), Ireland, P. W.
 (History, Economics, French), Johnson, R. W. (Geography, Pure Mathematics,
 Statistics, Physics), Luxton, G. R. (Geography, Economics), McGregor, R. W.
 (English), Mallett, D. J. (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics), Monk, D. J.
 (Mathematics), Monk, P. H. (Mathematics), Monk, P. H. (Mathematics),
 Moody, G. R. (Geography, Pure Mathematics, Statistics, Physics), Morgan—
 C. F. (Geography, Economics), Morgan, C. F. (Geography, Economics),
 Morgan, P. R. (Biology), Morton, G. W. F. (Geography), Myers, P. H. (Pure
 Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Statistics, Physics), Nash, R. C.
 (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Needham, J. D. (Pure Mathematics,
 Physics), Newnham, P. R. (English, History, Economics), Normington, R. E.
 (English, Religious Knowledge, Music), Parker, V. P.J. (Art), Parkes-Rolfe, N. J.
 (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Pollard, J. J. (English, History,
 Economics), Porter, S. C. (English), Robinson, P. A. (Geography), Saywell, W.
 R. (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology), Sharma, S. K. (Pure
 Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Shenker, M. M. (Mathematics, Physics,
 Chemistry), Stallybrass, P. J. F. (English, Latin, French), Staines, C.
 (Mathematics, Art), Stubbs, R. W. (Latin, German, Art), Surridge, S. M.
 (Mathematics), Towler, C. R. (English), Vale, R. W. (English, History,
 Economics), Walker, P. A. (Geography, Economics, Pure Mathematics,
 Statistics), Weston, G. (English, Religious Knowledge), Wheatley, D. W.
 (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Wilson, A. C. C. (English, History,
 Economics), Wright, P. (English, History, Economics), Worman, T. A.
 (English), Allen, J. A. (French), Wyles, S. R. (Mathematics).

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library has continued to expand, mainly with books actually purchased, rather than borrowed from the County Library Van. Nearly 100 books were purchased from the paperback exhibition which was held for two days in January, many of these being put into the Paperback Library. We are grateful to the Parents Association who have donated quite a number of books including the Times Atlas of the World and to the General Purposes Committee who also supplied the Library with money with which many useful books were purchased.

However, the total number of books lost last year, although fewer than the previous year was still too many and one would hope that the number lost this year would continue to decrease. This would mean that more new books could be bought rather than replacements for those lost.

We would like to express our thanks to all the librarians, whose work is essential to the smooth running of the library; and to wish every success to next year's U6 librarians, with whom we have every sympathy.

SIXTH FORM COUNCIL 1970-71

Student democracy amongst other things is concerned with decision-making procedures. In that context, it would seem that a major weakness of the Sixth Form Council is that its influence, rather than developing organically from the body of the school, is bestowed on it from above. One cannot escape from the conclusion that this is, to quite a considerable degree, responsible for the much-criticised apathy within the Council.

Yet, while this may have initially nurtured the apathy, I remain convinced that just as important was the lack of a feeling of involvement by the average Council member — and this, despite the deliberate policy of the General Management Committee to take as few important decisions as possible, preferring instead to submit only the arguments for and against any particular motion and leaving the final decision to the whole Council. Somehow Sixth Formers must be involved more within the Council itself, they must feel as individuals that apart from having the inalienable right to hold views, they have also the same right to express those views, and that their views will be both listened to and considered, and that in the end democracy will prevail. In conjunction with a greater involvement by Sixth Formers within the Council there must be a greater involvement by the Council with the rest of the school, staff included.

These two forms of involvement must go hand in hand if any progress is to be made in propagating its own evolutionary forces rather than pathetically searching for a *raison d'être* which best satisfies the egos of a few idealists (or the Chairman and Secretary).

Symptomatic of the apathy was the widespread failure on the part of some Council members to carry out Council duties. A contributory, if secondary cause of this failure was, perhaps, the view held by some people that the Council was in any event little more than a system of getting a few mugs to do some unpleasant jobs. This notion is, I feel, widely off the mark, and the recent changes in the duty system whereby Sixth Form tutors help Council members is in itself a powerful indication of the staff's attitude towards the S.F.C.

I should like at this point to thank Mr. Leek since it was he more than anyone else who prepared the way for this innovation. Also, he is even now looking at the status of the Council and examining together with other members of staff and certain Council members the part the Council is playing in school life with a view to further re-organisation. In times of desperation he has been a constant source of reassurance and constructive advice to the Chairman and myself, and so on a personal level I am indebted to him. I am confident that with his usual wisdom he will tackle the question of privileges and produce some realistic proposals which will go far in reducing the problem of apathy and act as an inducement to Council members to fulfil their responsibilities to the rest of the School.

Having examined at some length the inherent problems I feel it would be unfair of me not to mention some of the positive steps which this Council has taken during the past year.

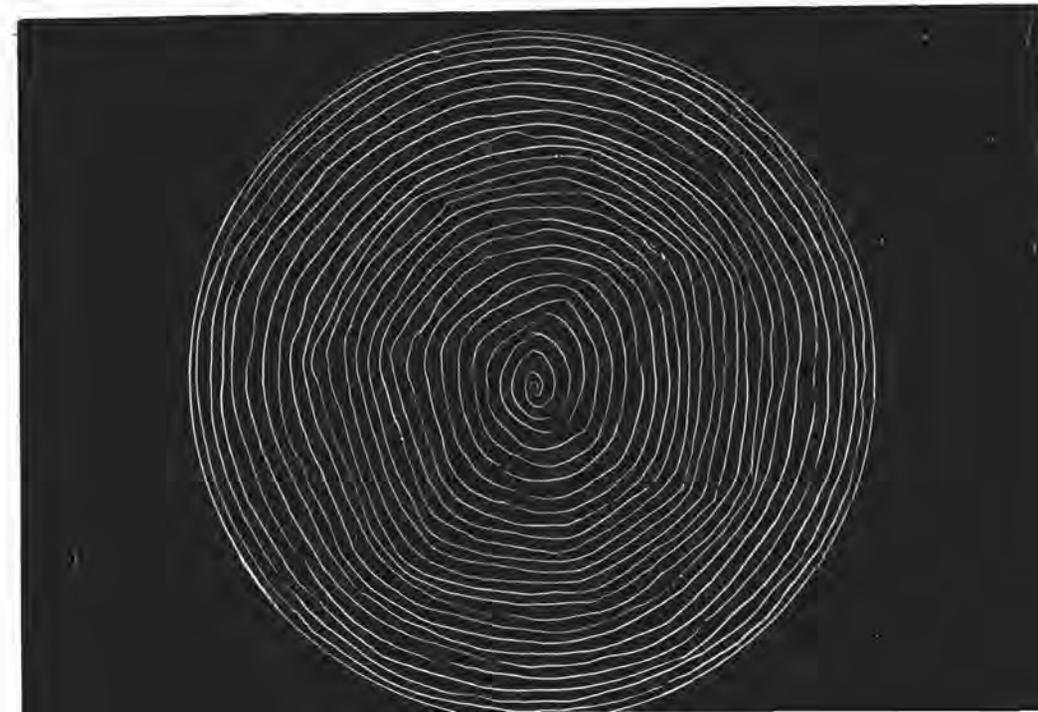
Unquestionably the most dramatic, if not the most important decision, was that to admit the Lower Sixth into the Council as soon as they entered the Sixth Form. I am glad that those cynics who predicted that there would be all-out war between the Upper and Lower Sixths were proved wrong. Indeed it would be true to say that in all the School's history rarely if ever has there been so complete an integration between the two years.

Not so dramatic but even so of considerable significance was the decision to ban impositions as an S.F.C. punishment. Though this ruling was not extended to detentions it was made clear that these were not to be given lightly.

The General Purposes Committee has been especially active this year and apart from granting funds for such things as school visits has made generous donations for the purchase of paperbacks for the library, certain items of photographic equipment for the Physics Department, musical instruments, a barograph and loops for the film-loop projector.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those Council members who worked throughout the past year for the School and for the Council. I should like to pass on my best wishes to Graham Kings and Stephen Feber in whose competent hands lies an important part of the Council's future. Of our own experience, having regard to the many trying circumstances, I would say that I am thankful we did not do worse but disappointed that we did not do better.

J. D. Needham, U.6.



SIXTH FORM FORUM

If any member of the Sixth Form is still in doubt as to what to do when he leaves school, it is not for lack of suggestions. In Sixth Form Forum we have had talks on the work of a solicitor, on insurance and two on the Civil Service. One of the latter included a film showing also the various jobs to be done in the great British bureaucracy while the other was a highly personal account in the Ministry of Social Security by Miss Boyd. Mr. Fitchett's talk on the work of a Probation Officer which was opened by whistling 'What shall we do with a drunken sailor?' was also based on personal experience.

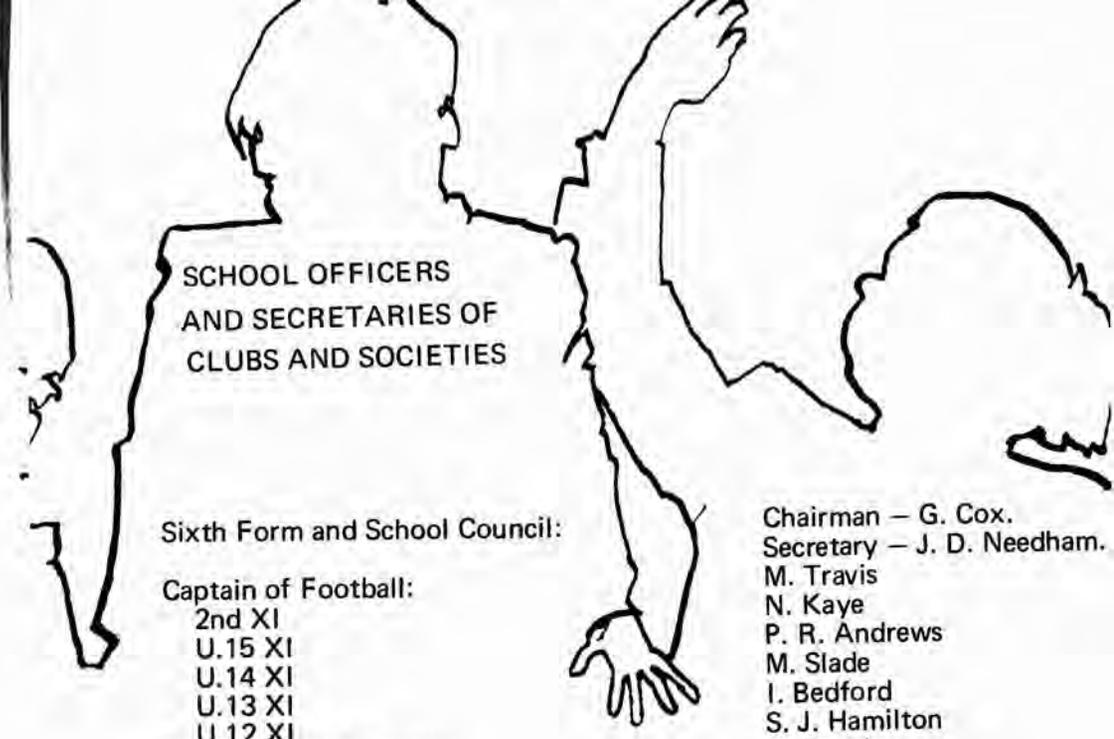
We have, over the year, looked at very different parts of the world. Dr. Davies in his talk on life in American universities effectively conveyed their vast size when he spoke of lecturing to 700 students over closed circuit television, and he explained how student unrest could be linked in part to the loss of identity and a sense of anonymity amongst students. We heard a fascinating account of his visit to India by Mr. Brandon, a master from Chigwell School ('that annexe off the King's Head!'). His talk was illustrated by slides which showed on the one hand, the colourful religious festivals, and on the other the poverty of one of the 'richer' parts of India. Mr. Rowle gave a most revealing analysis of the problems of Latin America, demonstrating how lack of economic development was related to the exploitation of the area by the developed countries. Two forums dealt with South Africa and Apartheid: a representative of anti-apartheid showed how Britain is helping to maintain a racist regime in South Africa, while a forum putting the case for apartheid generated more heat than light, and there appeared to be few converts.

Coming nearer home, we have heard talks on social problems such as drugs, and on some of the attempts to solve these problems by voluntary organisations like REHAB, the National Council for Civil Liberties and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The failure of a speaker to appear gave me the opportunity to speak on another important issue — the iniquities of the Industrial Relations Bill.

We have also delved into the realms of the supernatural with talks on spiritualism and National Opinion Polls. As one speaker tried to justify re-incarnation and the existence of a community of spirits in a fourth dimension, in the face of scientific rationalism, the other tried to justify random and quota sampling in the face of the last General Election.

The Forums have generally proved most informative, although some have been rather uninspired and uninspiring. Despite the lack of interest shown by some sections of the Sixth Form, the Forum is a valuable extension to the narrow curriculum which 'A' levels demand.

J. J. Pollard, UVI.



SCHOOL OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Sixth Form and School Council:

Captain of Football:

2nd XI
U.15 XI
U.14 XI
U.13 XI
U.12 XI

Captain of Basketball:

U.15 team
U.14 team
U.13 team

Captains of Cricket, Hockey and Tennis teams to be appointed.

Captain of Athletics:

Captain of Swimming:

Captain of Gymnastics:

Captain of Badminton:

Junior Team:

Debating Society:

Music Society:

Electronics Society:

Chess Club:

Sixth Form Forum:

Bridge Team:

Stamp Club:

Senior Christian Fellowship:

Social Service:

Business Game Group:

Chairman — G. Cox.
Secretary — J. D. Needham.

M. Travis
N. Kaye
P. R. Andrews
M. Slade
I. Bedford
S. J. Hamilton
D. Brooker
C. D. Patient
D. Smith
S. Philcox

H. J. Burgess
P. H. Myers
M. R. Glass
D. J. Monk
M. D. Walker
Secretary — J. J. Pollard
Senior — R. E. Normington
Junior — N. G. Cole
Secretary — R. T. Mannings
Secretary — T. E. Megnin
Secretary — J. J. Pollard
Captain — D. Brooker
Secretary — J. Auld
G. R. Kings
Chairman — M. F. Hopkins
Secretary — N. R. Holt
Treasurer — A. C. C. Wilson
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DREAMED

In another world, another place,
In another time,
Shadow-men no outline, without ambition;
They can make no decisions, and are divided.
They no longer speak to each other — they cannot.
Each lives in his own world.
Another time — another place.
Some become corrupt,
And are dragged into the depths of despond.
Gossamer men, sometimes a threshing limb strikes up,
Straining to escape from what he has made.
He cannot — he sinks slowly down again,
And is engulfed.
Some have outlines, but no true substance.
All are engulfed.
Another time, another place.

Neil Simister, 2z.

THE MELON CONCERTO

The sky falls up,
The tea in the cup
Is spilling out the train
But we won't bother
To lick it up
BUT BLAME IT ON THE MELON.

The elephant huffs,
The doorknob puffs,
It's being turned round again,
But we won't bother
To glue it down
BUT BLAME IT ON THE MELON.

The baby is old,
The tea's gone cold
With spots on its chin,
But we won't bother
To wipe them off
BUT BLAME IT ON THE MELON.

Gary Van Put, 2z.



FEEDBACK

I like to think (and the sooner the better)
Of magnetic fields and binomial trees
Where cows and computers graze
In mutual harmony.

I like to think (it might happen soon)
Of plastic grass and metal rabbits
Running off solar cells, and a huge
One hundred million-watt bulb instead of the sun.

I like to think (if it's not happening now)
Of inflatable people with mass-produced minds
Opening canned heat to escape from the cold,
Of ticker-tape people running a ticker-tape world.

I like to think — but I just don't care:
In fifty years' time I won't be there.

M. C. Wells, L6.



KILL

The shining steel and burnished walnut
Swung in the man's arms as he walked;
The dog at his heels sniffed —
How different was the smell of oil and wood
From that of wet grass and mallard's blood
And yet The gun could be alive.
Up came the gun, the swing and the roar,
And then
The gun was dead again,
Swinging in the arms of the man
Like the mallard swinging from his belt.
The man trudged home,
His good deed done.

An hour later the gun hung on the rack
To be admired by children and adults alike,
Not for its polished walnut and shining steel,
But its precise and unique ability
To kill! S. Crouch, 3Y.

THE VOLCANO

Bubbling with vigorous spirit
She lies restless and seething with discontent.
Scalding steam rises from the hole
From which can be seen Mother Nature.
The rocks cracked by steam, cut by lava.
Jagged, black, charred and bare, they surround the volcano.
A strange formation
In the pool of damnation
Of swirling steam
And heat extreme.
Within the lava cones
Who knows whose bones
Lie in endless torment?
Oceans and oceans of boiling mud
Without the seal of a lava plug,
Leaving this woman alive
To pour down her liquid venom
Down to the unsuspecting world below.
Alpha and Omega,
The beginning and the destruction,
Life and death,
The end to the earth.

Michael Tedder, 2z.



Magical Roundabout



C was sitting in the garden happily
Tapping his feet to his jazz poem rhythm.
'You look tired,' said C as P
Glided up in his dazzling track suit.
'Never,' said P wearily. 'Where's B?'
'Just coming now,' said C looking up.
'Oh for a fag!' breathed B bending
His lanky tennis-tired frame.
He lit one. 'Oh what a drag!' said P,
'I've got to stay up all night losing
Those essays I promised back last year.'
'Read a jazz poem to cheer you up,'
Suggested C, rather concerned.
'Thanks, I will' said P grabbing his Chaucer.
'Well,' bellowed T slouching up, nothing like
The nippy wing three-quarter he hoped
'Let's do something that interests ME!'

'Lets do a play together,' said B,
Raking his hair and opening 'J.C.'
'I'll be Brutus, Caesar and Antony
And you lot can be the mob'.
But no one was listening
So he lit another fag.

'Let's play at acting,' said P,
Satisfied now after the MILLER'S TALE,
'And I'll be producer and director.'
'And I'll help with suggestions', said B.
'And I'll saw up lengths of wood', said C.
'What'll you do?' asked P –
'Llareggub!' said T, deep in his Welsh poet.

'I'm bored,' said P sincerely
But no one believed him;
'I'm great,' said T laughing
But no one quibbled,
'What about you?' asked C eagerly:
'Time for a fag' said B.

G. R. Kings, L.6.

MUSIC NOTES



Most people involved in music discover, sooner or later, that practical music is a time-consuming business, and that nothing worthwhile is achieved without the necessary effort. A worn-out old cliché you might think, but true all the same. Our choir rehearses on Friday mornings before school and there are sectional rehearsals at lunch time. Both orchestras as well as the madrigal group have separate after-school practice times every week. This is when the bulk of our work is done; the in-school rehearsals shortly before concerts are only for final polishings on the hard slog that has gone before. It is depressing to note, especially amongst some of our seniors, that some are being affected by the malaise which has already struck a number of other, non-musical, activities in school; namely that it is getting out-of-date to put yourself out for the sake of the group. To be more specific, both choir and orchestras have suffered from casual attitudes by some; the offhand approach of some who have lessons here, both to practising and to their teachers, is disgraceful; far too many boys who could and should have entered for the music festival could not be bothered (there was no other real reason); the senior music club can draw no practical support from the majority of boys – even when an open invitation is extended to boys to take part with music of their own choice. The list could be extended, but instead, to better things.

The 1970 music festival marked a departure in the method of assessment: in place of marks, 'A' and 'B' grades were awarded (adequate standard of public performance or not), and at the end a number of really good performances were further selected for prizes. The adjudicator, Mr. Harold Dexter, a former cathedral organist and now director of general studies at the Guildhall School of Music gave most perceptive judgements. R. Buchan broke new ground by being the first boy ever to have the courage to sing solo publicly with broken voice at a festival here. Possibly he has started a trail, as this year there were three entrants in the class. The 1971 festival adjudicator was Mr. John Moutrie, of the London University Institute of Education, who continued the remarkably high level of judgements that we have always had from our visiting adjudicators. It is noticeable how, over the last two or three years, the general standard of performance has risen and there are fewer and fewer "embarrassing moments". Prizewinners were: 1970; C. Giles, M. Koch, R. Oliver, N. Bielby and J. Rawles (the last two not performing owing to absence on an Essex Youth Orchestra course –

this fact alone testifying to their standards); 1971. N. Bielby, J. Dibble, C. Giles, T. Howard, M. Koch, T. C. Megnin, J. Rawles.

During the early part of the year we were able to congratulate Martin Koch on being awarded a place in the National Youth Brass Band and also Christopher Giles for his place in the National Youth Orchestra.

Instrumental classes continue to do well and there have been the usual ten boys or so who have taken and passed Associated Board exams. We have a number of pupils, though, who would do well to think over why they are bothering to learn and take the use of a school instrument for the little amount of work they do.

The Sadler's Wells visits came to grief rather, owing to the postal strike but we managed one to Verdi's 'A Masked Ball' — and at the time of writing two more are planned for this autumn. A sizeable group of boys continue to patronise the Woodford Music Society (at a special cheap rate applicable only to boys at this school) and some also went to hear Antony Hopkins' lecture 'Talking about Music'.

In the autumn some of the trebles took part in Britten's Saint Nicholas at Chingford with the South West Essex Choir, so it was a happy chance that EFYMA chose the same work for their combined effort in the spring. A number of the choir joined in that as well.

Despite the opening paragraph, there are still many boys who *do* care and who *do* work hard in many of our musical activities, and who have very high standards. To those I give my thanks for their good humoured co-operation on many fronts. We would be the poorer without them.

I cannot finish without also thanking the General Purposes Fund and the Parents' Association who, between them, have made a good sum available for the purchase of instruments this year. As suitable ones have come on the second hand market we have bought, and have added a cello, a bassoon, a clarinet and two trumpets so far, and we have also been given a violin and a trombone.

J.W.R.

CONCERTS

Owing to the change of publication date, this year's issue of 'The Roding' carries a backlog of reports. Two items from the Summer Concert 1970 stand out in the memory, the tremendous playing of David Savage on trumpet in a piece by Henry Purcell, and the performance of Leopold Mozart's Toy Symphony. In the latter piece members of staff were enlisted or conscripted to play a range of unusual instruments, the line-up being as follows: Mrs. Leach (cuckoo), Miss Boyd Triangle), Messrs. Sears (quail), Loveridge (nightingale), and Toms (trumpet). An encore of this item was demanded by an enthusiastic audience and we were made to marvel again at the fantastic breath control of Mr. Loveridge on Nightingale. The Christmas Music 1970 became the New Year Music 1971 owing to the power-cuts at the end of the Autumn Term. Two works were given: 'The Scrapyard' by Timothy Moore, and a 'Sequence of Carols' by Cedric

Thorpe Davie. The first was a series of brilliantly witty pieces including the lament of a defunct geyser and a pram's progress. The Sequence of Carols was quietly lyrical. In both the choir was kindly accompanied, as so often in the past, by Donald Ray.

The Summer Concert 1971 was held on Friday 16th July and demonstrated the quality and wide range of the musical activities in the school. The first half of the concert began with two orchestral works: Rimsky-Korsakoff's 'Dance of the Comedians' from 'The Snow Maiden' and 'Castellana' by Francis Chagrin. There followed three late 16th century madrigals, two by Giles Farnaby and one by Thomas Bateson, pleasantly sung by the madrigal group, who in the second half sang two of Richard Rodney Bennett's beautiful madrigal settings of texts by Ben Jonson, 'Still to be neat' and 'The hour-glass'.

After the Junior Orchestra's 'Second-hand Tune' came four short pieces performed with much verve by the Brass Group. They began and ended with Purcell, and in between came an equal by Beethoven and a fanfare by da Costa Bixi.

The two main works of the first half were Geoffrey Bush's 'Seven Limericks' and 'The Carnival of Vegetables' by Michael Maxwell. The 'Seven Limericks' were settings of verses most of which were by Edward Lear. In these brief and often rapid pieces the choir was accompanied by a series of interjections from a number of instrumental groups as if to underline the absurdity of the texts.

'The Carnival of Vegetables': grande fantaisie botanique et gastronomique received its first public performance and allowed Michael Maxwell to feature as composer as well as director of the brass group. The 'Fantaisie' consists of seven pieces, alternately vocal and instrumental with an instrumental finale, each a musical pun. These were further developed in a programme note. Thus parsnips and turnips were a 'procession of chords all in root position', followed by a courante bean for a clarinet solo. The brassic funeral march Cabbage proved to be as interesting as a melody as it is a taste, while the peas were very dry, popping out of their pods 'klangfarken' style.

The choir's main work after the interval was 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo', a cantata in a popular style by Joseph Horowitz and Michael Flanders. In this they were accompanied by Donald Ray. The orchestra closed the concert with the Overture to 'Iolanthe' by Sullivan.

J.C.



HAMLET



Hamlet is not merely a conventional play in the Revenge tradition, although obviously it can be genuinely appreciated as such, but a play of universal significance relevant to any age, and no performance of it can be considered a real success unless some of its deeper significance as well as the superficial blood-and-thunder is communicated to the audience.

One of the great barriers to a ready communication of Shakespeare's intentions is the blank verse, and the hours of coaching in this by Mr. Downey were richly rewarded. We were fortunate to see such an absorbing and thought-provoking performance of this great yet puzzling play, and Mr. Downey deserves every credit for undertaking so difficult a venture. The performances on 1st - 3rd April were of a text specially abridged by the producer which successfully concentrated the action without destroying the essential psychology and shape of the original.

The stark set enabled full concentration on the spoken word. The scene changes were handled very smoothly to enable the unhindered forward impetus of the drama, while the magnificent costumes lent by Sadlers Wells Opera Company assured a sumptuous stage spectacle.

Gregory Cox as Claudius used his fine speaking voice and natural affinity for Shakespearean blank verse to great effect producing a powerful study of the villain. In the crucial speech 'O my offence is rank, it smells to heaven', I felt briefly that his delivery could have done with greater sincerity, marking as it does the character's one moment of self-doubt when he feels both his life and soul in peril, but otherwise one could only applaud his performance.

The mature role of Gertrude is always difficult for a young performer but both Glynis Williams and Josephine Parker made laudable attempts at the inconsistencies of this schizophrenic character. James Pollard's Polonius was suitably funny, amiable, bumbling and stern as required and he tried hard to 'sound' the age of this exasperatingly lovable character. It was a thoroughly rounded performance. Steve Sussman's Laertes was impressively strong, virile and athletic, his openness of character providing an excellent foil to the Hamlet of Philip Hinds, although he did have some problems with the vocal dynamics which Shakespeare gives to this impetuous youth. Apart from her 'Mad Scene', Ophelia is seldom anything but a cypher manipulated by the other major characters. She can so easily be made to appear colourless — the true forerunner of all those hapless, ill-starred heroines of subsequent literature. It is to the credit of both Christine Howlett and Marion Petrie that they tried valiantly to breathe life into this pathetic figure.

Special mention must also be made of Stephen Feber's portrayal of the honest loyal Horatio (surely the only character in the Danish court who was never a suitable case for Dr. Freud!), and of Stuart Hutchinson's dashing First Player. The difficult blank verse with its diffuse imagery and flowery bombast held no terrors for him and he moved with a natural ease on the stage which was a pleasure to watch. Michael Hopkins' Ghost (of truly terrifying aspect) was also a well-studied account, but the heavy footwear inevitably distracted from the full supernatural effect. The Gravediggers coped well with the black humour of their scene although — probably through understandable nervousness — some of Matthew Ware's lines as Sexton were lost. The duplicity of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, the easily-bought friends of Hamlet, was suitably portrayed by Christopher Bangs and Paul Stallybrass.

It is obviously impossible to mention all the other actors by name but without exception they gave their all in parts which were often quite thankless in their brevity and content.

In spite of all the fine performances outlined above, any production of 'Hamlet' would be a disaster if the title role were not really well played. In his rapidly changing moods which cover the whole range of human emotion and states of mind he presents a character of the utmost complexity. One of the great problems of attempting this role is, therefore, that of presenting a picture of consistent credible development and Phil Hinds went very far towards achieving this near impossibility. The sheer length of the part posed no problems for him; his delivery was fluent without the slightest unprepared hesitation — no small achievement in itself. He handled the personality changes with assurance and to a great extent truly lived the character during the whole play. He was at his best in the brooding saturnine passages and in the exchanges and soliloquies of tortured introspection, rather than in the more intellectual and metaphysical moments (e.g. the soliloquy beginning 'How all occasions do inform against me . . .'). He was particularly good in 'O what a rogue and peasant slave am I!', where his understanding of the role and his ability to 'hold' an audience were both well shown. It was as fine a performance as one could ever hope to see at a school play.

Particular mention must be made of the work of Mr. Toms, Mr. Stancer and many upper school pupils on the set construction; Mr. Prentice's help with the design; the stage crew under the unflappable leadership of Dave Brooker; the lighting team under Phil Hughes; and lastly, but certainly not least, our thanks go to Loughton County High School. The three nights marked a major achievement for the School's Dramatic Society.

J.C.L.

DRAMA AND THE SPOKEN WORD

Before any account is given of the public activities of the Dramatic Society some mention must be made of the grass-roots level of drama work in and out of school hours. We would like to record our appreciation of the Mime and Movement established by Mr. Ted Moore. We shall miss his contribution to school drama when he leaves us at the end of the Summer Term but we intend to carry on the work he started with first and second year pupils. During the past year we have continued to involve ourselves in verse-speaking contributions to the E.F.Y.M.A. festivals and with public-speaking organised by the English-Speaking Union and the local Rotary Club, all under the able guidance of Mr. Griffiths. The annual Verse-Speaking Festival was pleasantly and constructively adjudicated by Rev. M. Warchus, ex-R.A.D.A., who picked out A. Greenstreet, N. Rufford, N. Cole and S. Hutchinson as outstanding in the Junior and Intermediate Sections. The Senior Section was non-competitive this year and provided an opportunity for some of our veterans to sing their highly original and entertaining swan-songs including Bangs' sequence for voice and recorder (cross-legged!) and G. Cox's rendering of 'The Hollow Men' to pianoforte accompaniment by R. Normington. To these and others — P. Stallybrass, J. Pollard, R. Newnham — we must now say good-bye and thank you for their services to the School in drama and verse-speaking.

In addition to the usual visits to local and London theatre and films, two new ventures were tried, both with considerable success. The first was a festival of improvised drama for first year pupils which elicited extremely enjoyable uninhibited performances, the winning group receiving a free theatre visit as a prize. The other innovation was the visit of the Schools Theatre Company at the end of the year when the Upper School were the guests of the Dramatic Society and were regaled by a very entertaining programme of sketches, readings and rhymes.

A company of verse-readers from the Junior and Senior Dramatic Societies under the direction of Mr. Downey contributed a thoughtful and sensitively-spoken sequence of poems on the theme of 'Violence' at the Summer Concert. The programme was presented in an impressively professional manner by S. Hutchinson.

The newly-established Drama Cup was presented jointly to Philip Hinds and David Brooker for their outstanding contributions to School Drama as actor and stage-manager respectively.

PLAYS

First-year pupils were 'blooded' in public performance of 'Seven Modern Deadly Sins', an improvisation devised by Mr. Moore which was presented as part of the Christmas Entertainment. An encounter between a B.B.C. interviewer Alan Thicker (S. B. Parker) and the Devil (J. C. Dibble) results in the conjuring up of seven scenes in which modern vice is portrayed in mime. They ranged from a chilling analysis of 'Fanaticism' to an uproarious sending-up of modern telemania. The uninhibited enthusiasm of the young actors was infectiously communicated to an appreciative audience.

In the second half of the evening appeared 'Two Gentlemen of Soho', a modern skit on a melodrama with Shakespearean language and mannerisms. The play, because of its slight, if complicated plot and its somewhat sophisticated humour relied heavily on pace of action and conviction of delivery of speech from the actors and this it received.

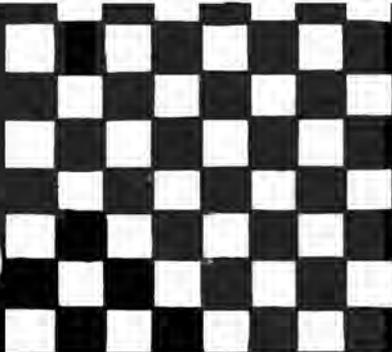
The scene is set in a nightclub, with suitable mood music at dramatic points in the action supplied by maestro Rippin. Plum, an affable detective (Skinner) has come, incognito, to look for 'irregularities' in the licensing hours. While he is in the club some of the clients pay a visit: Lady Laetitia, an aristocratic flapper confidently played by a clear-spoken Rufford, accompanied by an author of the nobility (Cole) who is supposedly gathering material for a book. A duchess, rather well-worn but determined to lead a gay life, played by Pettifer, is already present, much to the delight of Sneak, villainiously played by Simister, a detective sent by her husband to spy on her and Hubert, her rather harassed man-friend (Western). The bumbling and uncouth waiter played by Dyer, and Topsy (Lane), a slow-witted waitress given to uttering surprising words of wisdom complete the members of the cast.

During the ensuing scene in which all deceptions are uncovered we are treated to such heartening sights as the charleston being danced with gay abandon and finally to a dramatic death scene in which everyone expires with equal enthusiasm. This burlesque of the last scene of 'Hamlet' went down well with an audience who were to give more serious attention to Shakespeare's tragedy when it was given by the Senior Dramatic Society later in the year.

B.L.R.,C.T.



CLUBS



CHESS

The Chess Team has played four matches this year. The first was a very successful one against the Robert Clack Comprehensive School in the Sunday Times Tournament, but after this we lost to Beal Grammar School. The team has also played two friendly matches against Chigwell School and we hope to play regular matches against them in future.

The following have played for the team:- T. C. Megnin L6, T.E. Megnin L.6, D. A. Bernheim 5X, D. Iles 5X, J. M. Turner 4X, P. A. Selby 3Z, A. Iles 2Y, P. Pritchard 2X, R. Pearlstone 1X. As we have so many young team members we are expecting an improved year ahead.

D. A. Bernheim, 5X, Captain.

STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has had another very successful year. We are pleased to have Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Cartwright to help us since Miss Kraus and Mr. Robins left.

In September we visited Philypia, the International Stamp Exhibition held at Olympia. It was very informative and enjoyable. We have had fairly regular meetings throughout the year, at which approvals have been on sale. We also organised a Stamp Stall at the Spring Fair.

We have recently launched the 'Buckstamp', a newsletter containing articles of philatelic interest.

J. Auld and D. A. Bernheim, 5X.

JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This year has been most successful. We had a programme which included a talk on Healing by Faith, religious quizzes, debates and face-to-face interviews with members of the staff. We also had most interesting talks by a Rector in the Church of England and a Methodist minister. The talk by the Faith Healer was so well attended that we asked her back to speak on another occasion.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

After a year of inactivity we are glad to be able to announce the comeback of the Senior Christian Union, now under the title of The Student Christian Movement.

Our activities have been extremely varied: a tape recording featuring Cliff Richard on "The Relevance of the Old Testament Today": a full length sound colour film "His Land", again featuring Cliff Richard and Cliff Burrow: two interesting interviews, firstly with Mr. Pembleton and then with the Headmaster, concerning their views on religion: and fairly rewarding discussions on the provocative subjects of "Marriage" and "Race Relations".

This year we have also been fortunate enough to receive three visiting speakers. Mr. Ian Knox, a full time evangelist working for the Covenant Union, spoke on "Prophecies fulfilled concerning Jerusalem", and challenged us all with a powerful Gospel Message. The Reverend Rodney Matthews introduced us to the many modern translations of the Bible. Then finally, Mr. David Cotton, a representative from the Ilford Gospel Printing Mission, gave us an interesting account of his work.

Attendance has fluctuated between a rather disappointing six and a more encouraging eighteen or so, but on the whole it has been a successful year.

J. R. Ellison, and G. R. Kings, L6.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The radical tone of last year's debates continued into this one. Several meetings were held although there were fewer as the 'A' levels loomed up. We had several debates on topics related to economic problems: we overwhelmingly rejected the Government's Trade Union Legislation after an eloquent speech by Mr. Vale in which he attacked what he called "a vicious system of class legislation". After a very long debate we came out in favour of going into the Common Market — a thorough speech by Mr. Gapes against this being largely demolished by Mr. Wilson, speaking from the floor. We also faced up to the necessity for industrialization: a prolonged irrelevancy by Mr. Parker was balanced by a sound speech from Mr. Weston which won the day. There was also calls from the floor for a more equitable distribution of the fruits of industrialization.

In a balloon debate Mr. Bangs was most amusing as Yassir Arafat and consequently survived; Mr. Hopkins was equally amusing as Ian Paisley, but all his quotations from Isaiah and Corinthians were to no avail. A new venture this year was a debate without set speeches, in which we tried to decide who was the most significant historical figure of the last thousand years. James Watt carried the day as a symbol of industrialization while Lenin, Beethoven, Einstein and Galileo fell by the wayside.

Apart from those mentioned above, others have given valuable contributions and consistent support; namely Messrs Holt, Wright, Dowden and Fletcher. I thank Mr. Gapes for his assistance as Secretary in the Autumn Term and all who have supported the society. We have been pleased to welcome a number of the Fourth Form this year and I hope that with their support the Debating Society will continue to flourish in the future.

J. Pollard U.6, Secretary,

THE JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Junior Table Tennis Club started in the Autumn Term as the 2Y Table Tennis Club. At the first few meetings, there were between 20-30 boys attending. But due to poor organisation, the numbers dropped. So it became the Junior Table Tennis Club, for years 1 to 3.

Just before half term, we had our first match versus Woodford County High. This proved to be a success as we won by eight games to one! It was all doubles, and each pair in our team had a first former and a second former whereas Woodford's team had all third formers. Our team was 1, Stringer - Silverstone, 2, Humberstone (Capt), Goodwin, 3, H. Burnage, M. Burnage.

The Burnage Brothers lost one game, but came back later on to take the biggest win of the day.

The seniors, also playing Woodford on that same night, won by seven games to two.

By the end of the second term, club membership had dwindled, but we are now looking forward to a new intake of first-form enthusiasts as we have fixtures against Ilford County High and Ilford Clements Wood.

M. P. Humberstone, 2y.

BRIDGE

This year has seen a decline in interest in Bridge in the upper school, with the result that there have been insufficient numbers to hold a regular Bridge Club. This has been compensated for by fairly regular matches between the First Team and the Staff in which the final honours were roughly even.

In the Essex Schools League, with one match left to play, we have beaten Brentwood 8-0, lost to Romford 5-3 and drawn with Beal 4-4.

The highlight of the year was when the team came second out of fourteen in the Essex Teams of Four Event, with the result that we went forward to represent Essex.

Team:- D. Brooker, N. Kaye, J. Pollard, P. Ireland.

D. Brooker, U.VI.

BADMINTON

Lively interest has been shown in badminton this year, especially by the Under 15's. The senior team has won all its matches this season, apart from the two matches against Davenant. It has been difficult to obtain fixtures for a junior team because many schools in the area introduce badminton only as a sixth form sport. Nevertheless we are hoping to play more matches at this level next season.

Thanks is due to D. Monk the captain and McGregor the secretary for making all the necessary match arrangements.

Results	P.	W	L
Senior Team	7	5	2
Junior Team	2	1	1

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB

This year a large underground movement was started, known to its members as the Junior Music Club. Every other week its followers met for freak-outs in the lecture theatre, the bulk of which consisted of radio programmes, taped by ace recording engineer J. R. which informed us about almost anything from church bells to moog synthesisers. Great excitement was found when guest celebrities from the staff-room met handsome, debonair pupils in a quiz which was enjoyed by both audience and performer alike.

As we hope to have shown, music is not something solely to be enjoyed by senile old men with deaf aids, and we hope even more people come next year.

N. Cole, 3z.

SENIOR MUSIC SOCIETY

We have had a moderately successful series of meetings this year, though we cannot claim to have matched the Juniors in terms of attendance.

Michael Emerson gave us a very competent talk on the organ of Westminster Abbey, and Stuart Hutchinson an equally good one on Beethoven's 'Leonora' and 'Fidelio' overtures. Each produced tapes of musical examples to illustrate his points, and our thanks are due to them both. We have also heard music by Rachmaninov and Brahms, and a recording of music by Bach rendered by the Swingle Singers. The high spot of the year was the Staff v. School music quiz held at the end of the autumn term, which the staff narrowly won, in spite of — or because of — Mr. Rippin's chairmanship!

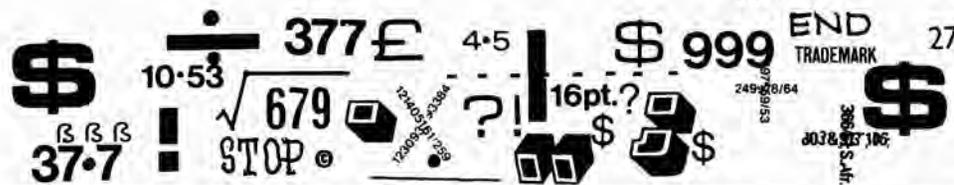
We have tried to extend the appeal of the music society with a hearing of music by "King Crimson" and, at a meeting presented by Nicholas Holt, part of a Concerto for Group and Orchestra by Jon Lord. On the whole attendances have remained limited to the regular dozen or so, though perhaps there is a moral in the fact that the first of the two meetings mentioned above drew an unprecedented forty-six! Certainly we need to attract the interest of a larger cross-section of the school in our regular meetings.

R. Normington, M. Hopkins, U.6.

THE COMPUTER CLUB

The club continued to meet during the Autumn and Spring Terms when instructions was given in FORTRAN and City and Guilds codes. Special FORTRAN cards were introduced and the Mark Sensing was used extensively. There is a possibility that a new language, BASIC, may be used next year — this is an ideal high-level language for beginners.

J.D.



TRIPS & JOURNEYS

EASTER 1971
SOCCER TRIP
TO BELGIUM
AND HOLLAND



Our party consisted of twenty third-formers and twenty fourth-formers, each year-group comprising 14 players and 6 supporters. We left Buckhurst Hill on Monday morning 19th April and after a smooth crossing arrived in bright sunshine at Ostend. A coach was waiting to take us to our hotel in the centre of Blankenberg, which is a very pleasant coastal resort.

Several trips were arranged for us – to Bruges and Sluis in Holland – as well as the trips to the venues of the two soccer games arranged. We also had plenty of free time in which to go off with our friends and enjoy ourselves. The favourite places for members of the party were the amusement arcades which lined the promenade (most of the machines were British!)

Our first game was against St. Joris Sportif, a soccer club with its own ground not far from Blankenberg. Both the U.14 and U.15 teams won their games, the only disappointment being the changing facilities which left much to be desired. The following day we went to Bruges, the regional capital, a very old and picturesque town which requires a lot more than one afternoon to explore.

On the following day we went to Sluis, a small town just over the border in Holland which however did not look noticeably Dutch; the prices were much lower than those in Belgium. We returned to Holland the next day to play our last game against V.V. Breskers. This club was much better than our first opponents both in playing ability and in its changing amenities. I am sure that all the players will remember running out on to the pitch to the sound of music coming from the loudspeakers: this made everybody feel very important. This time the U.15's played first and were told that our opponents were district champions, but we still won comfortably 2-0! The U.14 had a very tight match and drew 0-0. After the match we returned to the hotel which was very comfortable. The food was good although I'm sure many of the party would have liked bigger portions.

After the goodbyes we left for Ostend on Sunday afternoon. The sun shone for us again but this time the crossing was a little rougher and a few members felt the effects and had to lie down in the sick-bay. When we arrived in Dover we caught our coach and reached Buckhurst Station by late evening. All the party were pleased and proud that our team had returned unconquered from our first European venture.

P. R. Andrews 4y.

GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD COURSE 1971

WESTWARD HO!

Waiting at the pick-up points on Saturday 17th April, we noticed the "fair-weather cu" which heralded the fine weather for our first few days at Buckleigh Grange Country Club, in Westward Ho! On the journey to North Devon we stopped at Stonehenge, where Mr. Loveridge elucidated the mysteries of the Beaker people!

We explored a large section of the North Devon coast – and saw such amazing geomorphological features as the famous pebble ridge, several wave-cut platforms, and a synclorium. The most enjoyable walk was one from Lee Bay to Woolacombe in beautiful sunshine.

On Tuesday we were divided into groups and were given separate surveys to carry out. These included farm, village, and town surveys and Torrington dairies. That, and the following evening, when we met an elected spokesman gave a summary of each group's findings. We were astounded to learn that the long-established dairies had been moved to the hamlet of Langtree, but "perhaps the 'MAFIA' had something to do with it!"

We had two very enjoyable days comparing and contrasting the physical features of Dartmoor and Exmoor. Mr. Leek ensured that we were always abreast of the current synoptic situation, and thus we were well prepared for the frontal activity experienced whilst moving over Exmoor.

Although the weather deteriorated steadily during the latter half of the week (culminating on Friday in a violent storm-encountered at Hartland Quay – limiting movement from coach to cliffs, to wave-cut platform and to pub), a very profitable and enjoyable time was had by all.

We should like to thank the driver for his wit and co-operation, despite "obstacles!" We owe Mr. Loveridge a debt of gratitude for his help, advice and preparation, and, of course Mr. Leek, who exhibited his usual thoroughness and good humour throughout the course.

G. Moody, S. Porter and P. Walker, U.6.

BIOLOGICAL FIELD COURSE 1970

The lower VI Biology under Mr. Rumbol's able, efficient leadership ventured forth from their ecosystem at 05.30 hours on the morning of Wednesday 3rd June. We arrived at Dale at 15.15 hours after a tedious journey with several stops for refreshment.

The field studies centre at Dale looks rather forbidding in its exterior aspect, but once inside it is nearly civilised. The food was rather better than we had been led to expect after listening to rather lurid tales from the previous year's expedition.

The work, although strenuous, was absorbing, and finally rewarding. It involved ecological studies of such subjects as salt marshes, rock pools and rocky beaches, and a very strenuous day was spent observing barnacle movements on Marloes Sands, resulting in all members of the expedition suffering from sunburn. Several specimens were collected, including a conger eel and a dab, the later unfortunately dying in transit. We reluctantly departed on the morning of June 9th, a good time having been had by all.

W. Saywell, U6.

SPORT



CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

Again we have had nothing to shout about this season as we have won no trophies. However, there were some outstanding individual performances in the West Essex Divisional Championships, in which the junior team won their section. Towler finished first in the senior race, Christmas second and Ratnage seventh in the juniors, and so qualified for West Essex. Burgess, Beldom and Abbott were first reserves. In other competitions the lower school finished first against Norlington and second at Fairlop.

The House Cross Country was well supported by the lower school, with over a hundred runners in each race, although there were only eight in the senior event. Towler, Worledge and Abbott were individual winners, with Chigwell overall winners followed by Forest, Roding and Hainault.

Colours were re-awarded to Towler.

N. J. Burgess Lower VI.

BASKETBALL

As a result of the departure of several senior members and a reluctance to practise regularly, the First team has been less successful than last year, being knocked out of the Essex Cup Competition by Chigwell by a heavy score. The Under 15 team fared better, reaching the Essex quarter-final only to be beaten narrowly. C. Patient played well in this match and scored most of the points. The Under 14's played a couple of games and in the same competition were fairly successful, despite being eliminated by Abbs Cross.

In the Spring term an Under 13 team was started and as a result many of the lower school are developing into promising players, notably Philcox, Bedford and Burnage. It is to be hoped that they continue to win in future.

JUNIOR GYMNASTICS TEAM

This year with the great help from Mr. Brock and Mr. Moore and time spent before and after school coaching us, the standard of the Junior School Team improved. The response at the beginning of the year was very encouraging but as the terms progressed the enthusiasm began to die out.

School team: Beard, Drogman, M. Lewis, Pipkin.

Beard won the Junior Gymnastics Competition and Laird won the Senior Competition.

G. Beard and M. Drogman 2z.

TENNIS

Now that the courts are fully usable there has been a great upsurge in interest in the sport from the juniors to the staff. Indeed, the pressure of numbers wanting games at lunch time and after school, apart from in games periods, (and the numbers of balls lost!) has become so great that each court has now to be booked in advance by payment of a small returnable deposit.

Thanks to Mr. Loveridge and other members of staff House tennis has got well under way, especially in the senior school. The turn-out for practice and matches by first-time beginners and those with more experience has been most promising and this will form a good base on which to build next year.

During the last term the Staff beat the School eight matches to one and the staff of Davenant School 9-0. They were, however, beaten 4-5 by Chingford County High.



FOOTBALL U.15 XI

P	W	L	D	F	A
25	21	3	1	131	31

As our table of results shows, the U.15s had an excellent season. The whole squad should be congratulated on such a fine performance — our only defeat was by the school's 2nd XI, whom we had already beaten 2-1 earlier in the season. We finished off the season with a tour of Belgium and Holland. We played two games, the first in Belgium and the second in Holland. We won both, the first 4-1 and the second 2-0, in which our opponents were the champions of their district.

At the beginning of the season many changes were made in different boys' positions. Notably, Brill moved from forward to full-back, Patient from forward to centre-half and Andrews from mid-field to forward. During the season many boys improved very much in their play including Pivett and Heather in goal, Brill at full-back, Doble at centre-half, the mid-field trio of Gage, Thorneycroft and Hardy, and Walker in the forward line. Not only do the U.15's have a fine first team but they have a very strong reserve side. When the first team is hit by injuries there are many competent reserves ready to fill the gaps. Furthermore, it seems that the number of goals scored this season was a school record and will certainly take a lot of beating. Our top goal scorers were Andrews with 41, Hancock 27, and Walker, 26. We were also pleased to have won the Divisional Cup Competition, beating Davenant 4-1.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Moore for all his efforts and time spent on our team and also for arranging our tour of Belgium and Holland.

Team from: Pivett, Heather, Barr, Cowley, Doble, Patient, Brill, Gage, Thorneycroft, Hardy, Stewart, Treacher, Church, Friend, Walker, Andrews (Captain), Hancock.

P. R. Andrews 4y.

FOOTBALL 1st XI

Results 1971:

P	W	L	D	F	A
28	18	5	5	72	37

The team had another excellent season, managing for the second year in succession to increase the number of games won, from 15 to 18. This was achieved with a young team which contained only three Upper Sixth players.

Training throughout the Summer holidays assisted the development of our fine teamwork, in which the mid-field trio of James, Oxley and Wise played their part well. In defence Feeley was excellent and Barber settled down in goal to replace M. Read.

In attack, Towler, with his non-stop running, made some fine goals and also scored from most of the penalties we were awarded.

Oxley and Travis again represented Essex Senior Schools F.A.

In the future, as we will have nearly the same team next year, another good season is expected. Many thanks go to Mr. Moore for running the team once again. Colours were awarded to Feeley and Towler and re-awarded to Oxley and Travis.

Team from: Read, Barber, Randall, King, Feeley, Kings, Oxley, Wise, James, Harris, Garner, Towler, Pink, Travis (Capt).

M. Travis Lower VI

FOOTBALL 2nd XI

P	W	L	D	F	A
24	14	5	5	90	37

The Eleven have had a very successful season but just failed to reach the objective of 100 goals. Although we lost five matches we were never well beaten and all games were closely fought, with admirable self-control displayed by everyone.

Throughout the season Nash, Beaven and Burgess have been consistently scoring goals (19, 18, 10 respectively) and at centre-half both Surr ridge and Horswill have had notable seasons. In goal, Barber and Reed have played exceptionally well, despite conceding 37 goals.

Team from: Barber, Reed, Magnin, Horswill, Surr ridge, Henderson, Kaye (Capt), Hiscox, Ireland, Burgess, Beaven, Nash, Moody.

N. J. Kaye Lower VI

FOOTBALL U.14 XI

There has been an improvement compared with last season thanks to a good team spirit and everybody's determination. As a result of our sounder defence and sharper attack, together with hard work by the mid-field players, we managed to snatch 91 goals, 28 of them by Knock.

Due to Mr. Brock's help and our good turn-out for training, we have had our best season so far during which we gained the good results of a win 1-0 away at Royal Liberty, and which ended on a high note with an enjoyable week in Belgium. Of the two matches we played here, we won one 2-1 and drew the other 0-0.

Team from: Maskell, Ruddock, Mason P., Walker, Blackwell, Slade (Captain), Mills, Gould, Thompson, Knock, Smith D., Mason G., Bird C.

M. Slade 3X

FOOTBALL U.13 XI

This has been an excellent season for our team and a considerable improvement on last season, thanks to our coach Mr. Drury. A special mention must be made of S. Philcox who scored 34 goals, with six in one game. He and Fox were always where they were needed most.

We also had two District players, Loy and Bedford.

Team from: Church, Koch, Nunn, Happe, Priestly, Loy (captain), Bedford, Stringer, Silver, Philcox, Russo, Fox, Gold, Cobb, Peake, Finch, Williams G., Griffiths, Colley, Hicks, Castle, Bennett,

C. Loy 2X

P	W	D	L	F	A
23	15	5	3	91	46

FOOTBALL U.12 XI

P	W	D	L	F	A
19	11	2	6	72	56

A longer fixture list this season gave us valuable experience. After the first few matches the side settled down to produce some good results. Top scorers in the team were Day, 24 goals, and Slisz, 16.

The Second Eleven first year side played several hard-fought and interesting matches against local junior schools.

S. Hamilton 1y.

SWIMMING

The heating that has been installed has meant that the pool can be used for a somewhat longer period than formerly and as a result swimming standards have risen steadily. There are now only three non-swimmers among the first and second year boys.

In the Divisional Swimming Gala the team came third – a commendable result considering we were competing against schools which have the use of their pools for training all the year round. On the strength of their performance in this competition Christmas, O'Flynn, Dawson and Abbott represented the Division at Harlow.

EIGHTEENTH INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA – JULY 1971

The Gala was preceded by several 'warming-up' inter-form competitions held over several days and the enthusiasm shown during these by spectators and competitors alike continued throughout the afternoon of the Gala itself. Several school records were broken by Carman ('Open' Plunge) and by Christmas (Intermediate Freestyle, Medley and Butterfly). In the relay teamwork showed its worth and records were set up in Medley, Butterfly and Freestyle. Chigwell House won fairly comfortably on overall points.

1. "Standard Points" Swim	Hainault
2. Junior Free Style Championship. 2 lengths	Abbott (C)
3. Intermediate Free Style Championship. 3 lengths	Christmas (R)
4. Senior Free Style Championship. 3 lengths	Sussman (R)
5. Plunge (open)	Carman (F)
6. Junior Individual Medley (1x3 lengths)	O'Flynn (H)
7. Intermediate Individual Medley (1x3 lengths)	Christmas (R)
8. Senior Individual Medley (1x4 lengths)	Kaye (C)
9. 1 length Backstroke (under 12)	Smith M. (H)
10. 1 length Backstroke (under 13)	Bedford (R)
11. 1 length Backstroke (under 14)	Goodall (R)
12. 1 length Backstroke (under 15)	Dawson (C)
13. 2 lengths Backstroke (over 15)	Kaye (C)
14. 1 length Breaststroke (under 12)	O'Flynn (H)
15. 1 length Breaststroke (under 13)	Church (H)
16. 1 length Breaststroke (under 14)	Crouch (C)
17. 1 length Breaststroke (under 15)	Hammersley (F)
18. 2 lengths Breaststroke (over 15)	Kaye N. (C)
19. 1 length Freestyle (under 12)	D. Lewis (H)
20. 1 length Freestyle (under 13)	Abbott (C)
21. 1 length Freestyle (under 14)	Dawson S (C)
22. 1 length Freestyle (under 15)	Friend (C)
23. 2 lengths Freestyle (over 15)	Soones (H)
24. 1 length Butterfly (Junior)	Jackson (H)
25. 1 length Butterfly (Intermediate)	Christmas (R)
26. 1 length Butterfly (Senior)	Kaye N. (C)
27. Junior Medley Relay (3x1 length)	Hainault
28. Intermediate Medley Relay (3x1 length)	Chigwell
29. Senior Medley Relay (4x1 length)	Chigwell
30. Junior Freestyle relay (4x1 length)	Chigwell
31. Intermediate Freestyle Relay (4x1 length)	Chigwell
32. Senior Freestyle Relay (4x1 length)	Chigwell

Final positions

Chigwell	141 points
Hainault	105 points
Roding	93 points
Forest	47 points

41. 100m	Jones (C)	14.2s	u.12
42. 100m	Abbott (C)	12.6s	u.13
43. 100m	Parks (R)	13.0s	u.14
44. 100m	Worledge (F)	12.9s	u.15
45. 100m	Gray (F)	12.4s	u.16
46. 100m	Beaven (C)	11.5s	o.16
47. 800m	Titmarsh (F)	2m32.5s	u.12
48. 800m	Christmas (R)	2m25.6s	u.14
49. 800m	Towler (R)	2m9.4s	o.16
50. 200m	Muth (R)	29.3s	u.12
51. 200m	Walker I.A. (C)	26.3s	u.14
53. 200m	Gray (F)	25.3s.	u.16
53. 200m	Burgess (C)	23.6s	o.16
54. 1500m	Beldom (H)	4m51.0s	u.16
55. 400m	Murray (C)	1m08s	u.12
56. 400m	Clark (R)	63.4s	u.14
57. 400m	Kaye (C)	58.4s	u.16
58. 400m	Burgess (C)	54.2s	o.16
59. High Jump	Crouch (C)	1.41m	u.14
60. High Jump	Megnin T.E. (F)	1.45m	o.16
61. Relay 4 x 100m	Chigwell	60.0s	u.12
62. Relay 4 x 100m	Hainault	57.7s	u.13
63. Relay 4 x 100m	Chigwell	56.4s	u.14
64. Relay 4 x 100m	Forest	51.9s	u.15
65. Relay 4 x 100m	Forest	51.1s	u.16
66. Relay 4 x 100m	Roding (walk over)		o.16

Outstanding performance (U.14)	Walker, Crouch (joint award)
Outstanding performance (U.16)	Mahoney
'Hayward' Cup for jumping events	Chigwell
Woodford Green Athletic Cup for throwing events	Chigwell
'Webb' Cup for senior 1500m	Towler
'Slade' Cup for under 16 high jump	Pink
'John Henry Taylor' Cup for outstanding senior	Towler
'Bryett' Inter-House Cup	Chigwell

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1970-71

As may be seen from the following table, the 'Cock House' this year was Chigwell. They also won the Inter-house Sports and the Swimming Gala.

	Forest	Roding	Chigwell	Hainault
Football	3	2	4	1
Basketball	3	4	2	1
Cross-Country	3	2	4	1
Gymnastics	0	3.5	3.5	2
Cricket	1.5	1.5	4	1
Athletics	2	3	4	1
Swimming	1	2	4	3
	13.5	18	25.5	10

ATHLETICS

As we expected we have had a good season, with strong teams in most years, the first two being the most enthusiastic in training. Following last season's successes, having won the West Essex Divisionals convincingly, we had encouraging results this year coming first in the intermediate, second in the Junior and third in the First and Second Year Championships of the same competition.

Last Summer Term there were outstanding displays by Towler and Robinson, who have represented Essex and also from Griggs and Kalinauckas who won their individual events in the Essex Senior Schoolboys Competition. Robinson has also been selected for the National Schools Championships and a number of boys have been chosen to represent the Division in the County Championships. The Lower School were also fairly successful in the West Essex Heats.

To the above achievements may be added our winning fourth place in the Bickersteth Cup, a good result which reflects our continued improvement.

Colours have been awarded to Burgess and re-awarded to Towler and Robinson.

H. J. Burgess Lower VI.

ATHLETIC SPORTS 1971

As last year the Sports were held mid-week and the results of field events were decided before the day. There was a good attendance of parents and boys and the weather was fortunately warm and sunny until late in the afternoon. Several creditable individual performances were noted, particularly O'Flynn's win in the 1500 metres in a fast time over this punishing distance and Abbott's win in the 100 metres in an equally fast time.

Our thanks are due to Stuart Storey, the Olympic hurdler, who presented the prizes and made some well-appreciated comments on the level of individual achievements and on the general high standard.

Event	Name and House	Time/Dist.	
1. 1500m	Towler (R)	4m33.2s	o.16
2. 800m	Beldom (H)	2m23.5s	u.16
3. 110m Hurdles	Megnin T.C. (F)	18.9s	0.16
4. 100m Hurdles	Mahoney (H)	17.6s	u.16
5. 80m Hurdles	Crouch (C)	13.9s	u.14
6. Long Jump	Lewis D. (H)	4.01m	u.12
7. Long Jump	Walker (C)	4.82m	u.14
8. Javelin	Jones (R)	32.52m	u.16
9. Javelin	Kings (C)	33.77m	o.16
10. Shot	Bird P. (H)	8.47m	u.14
11. Triple Jump	Beard (R)	9.98m	u.13
12. 1500m	O'Flynn (H)	5m18.5s	u.12
13. 1500m	Abbott (C)	5m20.8s	u.13
14. 1500m	Christmas (R)	5m02.9s	u.14
15. 1500m	Walker I. (R)	4m49.5s	u.15
16. Shot	Mahoney (H)	11.13m	u.16
17. Shot	Sussman (R)	10.45m	o.16
18. Discus	Scott (C)	25.92m	u.14
19. Discus	Andrews (C)	33.79m	u.15
20. Javelin	Siisz (F)	18.29m	u.12
21. Javelin	Bedford (R)	27.72m	u.13
22. Long Jump	Barr (R)	4.90m	u.15
23. Long Jump	Beard (R)	4.45m	u.13
24. High Jump	Pink (F)	1.50m	u.16
25. High Jump	Muth (R)	1.23m	u.12
26. Hammer	Christmas (R)	20.48m	u.14
27. Hammer	Mahoney (H)	37.68m	u.16
28. Hammer	Robinson (H)	53.08m	o.16
29. Pole Vault	Ratnage (C)	2.10m	u.14
30. Pole Vault	Kaye (C)	2.90m	u.16
31. Pole Vault	Glass (C)	2.54m	o.16
32. Javelin	Hancock (C)	37.86m	u.15
33. Javelin	Crouch (C)	20.72m	u.14
34. Triple Jump	Taylor (F)	10.95m	u.16
35. Triple Jump	Megnin T.C. (F)	10.90m	o.16
36. Triple Jump	Walker (C)	9.67m	u.14
37. Discus	Eustace (C)	28.36m	u.16
38. Discus	Robinson (H)	37.17m	o.16
39. Long Jump	Taylor (F)	5.18m	u.16
40. Long Jump.	Megnin T.C. (F)	5.38m	o.16

Potentially the side was one of the finest for years, but the end results reflected only average performances in all departments of the game. Although they managed in most games to keep the opposing scores fairly low, the bowlers lacked the penetration necessary to get wickets. This is shown by the fact that only two sides were bowled out.

As regards batting, too many times it collapsed under pressure when only a small number of runs were needed to win. Credit is due, however, to Tathall, Hinds, Curnow and Paisley, who between them accumulated nearly two-thirds of the total runs. On the whole, the fielding maintained quite a good standard.

We would like to thank Mr. Clapton for his invaluable coaching and organisation, and also the other members of staff who helped with the umpiring.

Team from: Curnow (Capt), Brooker, Bell, Caplin, Griggs, Hinds, Hofmann, Horswill, Ireland, Kaye, Lye, Nicholls, Paisley, Patient, Patient, Tatnall, Jones.

1st XI 1971 SEASON

P	L	D	W.
7	3	2	2
Batting			
Runs		Completed	Averages
P. Hinds	200	4	50.00
N. Kaye	166	6	27.60
Bowling			
Runs		Wkts.	Averages
N. Kaye	239	24	9.9
D. Brooker	115	9	12.7

1st XI CRICKET

Retrospect of 1970

Team Record:	P	W	D	L
	10	3	3	4

Batting:	Runs	Innings	Highest
A. Tatnell	182	11	70
C. Griggs	64	6	24

Bowling:	Runs	Wkts	Average
			22.8
			21.3

Batting:	Runs	Wkts	Average
A. Tatnell	123	16	7.6
N. Kaye	51	6	8.3
C. Griggs	120	11	10.9

The main disappointment this season has been the lack of games played; although greatly encouraged by Mr. Clapton, cricket seems to have lost favour among many pupils, and a regular 2nd XI could not be levied. As for the 1st XI, regular weekly fixtures could not be found, due for the main part to a lack of interest amongst other schools. As a result of this, the 1st XI didn't really have the chance to build up a regular team and to co-ordinate its potential talents.

Unlike last season we relied almost totally on individual rather than team performances, due mostly to inexperience, since all but three of last year's regular side had left school. Brooker, our opening bowler, plagued with back trouble towards the close of the season, was unable to find his best form (his best figures this season being 4-22) and so we relied almost totally on N. Kaye to bowl out the opposition. With figures of 6-7, he was the destroyer of East Ham G.S.'s innings, when they were all out for 18. Kaye also recorded figures of 4-52, 5-48, and 6-40.

The occasional leg-breaks of Hinds made the cricket interesting if nothing else, his best figures being 4-35.

With the bat, it was again the individual to whom we looked for runs. Brooker started off well but failed to maintain his early promise, whilst Kaye played well throughout the season, making an undefeated 57 against the Staff to finish the season off, supported by Hinds (49) who, the previous day made 128 not out against the parents.



As regards our fielding, close catching was the best department, Horswill taking five catches in all. Outfielding was not up to the required standard this season, too many runs being given away at the wrong time: but it was encouraging to see that as the season progressed Toms kept wicket better and better, and next season he should be a prominent member of the first team. Likewise Mitchell showed promise as opening bat but lacked the luck at times to play a big innings.

Let us hope that in the future there will be enough school matches to attract pupils to play for the school and not their clubs on Saturday.

Our thanks to Mr. Clapton for his assistance and our best wishes to Mrs. Ritchie who has just retired. Teas will never be the same again. What about school cricket?

P.G.S.R. Hinds.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

W. Allan (1961-68) achieved a First Class in Part II of the Law Tripos at Cambridge to add to his First in Part I last year. He is studying for a fourth year at Cambridge to take an LLB and will be helping to supervise the law studies of undergraduates at Jesus College at the same time.

A. M. Bambridge is Business Editor of the 'Observer'. Before he took up this post five years ago he was on the staff of the 'Economist'. He recently spoke about Britain's economic prospects to the Sixth Form Forum.

R. F. Mayo (1946-54) is Senior Lecturer in Electronics at Lancaster University.

A. Woods (1962-69) now at Birmingham University, represented British Universities recently in the throwing the Hammer event.

A. P. Goatly (1961-68), reading at Jesus College, Oxford has as his tutor **J. A. Burrow** (1943-50) who is a Fellow of the College.

P. J. Rowsell (1960-67) who graduated in Law at Leicester University last year recently passed his Bar Finals.

T. E. Hardiman (1948-56) late of the Royal Shakespeare Company, had a major part in a recent series of 'Softly, Softly' on B.B.C. - T.V.

T. M. Hooley (1948-55) and **D. F. Cooper** (1948-55) are both in the Education Branch of the Royal Air Force with the rank of Squadron Leader.

S. J. Gilbert (1941-49) is Senior English Master at Clacton County High School.

M. E. Gorham (1958-65) graduated in History at London University two years ago and is now in hospital administration.

B. Wynn (1958-65) graduated in History at London University two years ago and has an administrative post with Essex County Council.

A. S. Newens is back in teaching following his defeat in Epping at the 1970 General Election. His political idealism and ambition remain undiminished.

D. J. Strauss (1957-64) has been awarded a Ph.D. at Sussex University and has been appointed an Assistant Professor at California University, U.S.A.

J. Hannah (1959-66) who is doing research in Engineering at Queen Mary College, London is President of the Students' Union there.

M. Easteal (1969-66) who was awarded a First Class in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford last year, is now a Civil Servant at the Treasury.

A. Taylor (1962-69) is a Trainee Officer with the National Union of Public Employees in the South Western Division, based in Plymouth.

J.W.S. Hart (1954-61) has been awarded a Ph.D. in Physics at Leicester University. He is a lecturer in Physics at Lagos University, Nigeria.

M. Spinks is President of the Students' Union at City of Cardiff College of Education.

CONSUMER REPORT

Instead of the traditional University Letter from a recent Old Boy, we are publishing this year an account of the Symposium held at the school during the Summer Term in which former pupils now at university gave us information and views on the institutions of higher learning they now attend. We hope thereby to give a wider picture of university life as it is lived in Oxbridge, Redbrick, 'New University', Multi-campus and 'Poly'.

While hesitating to name an actual 'Best Buy', we give here our impressions of their impressions:-

A. P. Goatley (Jesus College, Oxford) College system has its advantages: a more intimate student community and an awareness of a wide range of political and religious views. One advantage of the tutor system is that one comes in contact with a number of colourful and eccentric characters. Conventions and traditions still exist despite radical rebellion — but gowns are no longer compulsory. Social activities limited owing to a shortage of females: moves to make some colleges co-ed are being discussed.

G.M.B. Frankel (Hull) Geography, Maths and Psychology all good departments — not enough Sixth Formers consider non 'A' level subjects (e.g. Psychology) as a degree choice: very interesting course ranging from the study of statistics to dissection of sheep's brains. High chuck-out rate in Law, Physics and Economics. Campus buildings a messy mixture of architectural styles but a supply of student nurses close to the university. Afterthought: Hull is a good place to pass your driving test as there are no hills for hill starts.

I. Andrews (N.E. London Polytechnic) Business Studies Course is fairly hard going — there is a system of continuous assessment so one must keep the final result in mind. No residences — find your own landlady and lump it. A ten-storey office block is used as an annexe which means working at a temperature of 90 degrees F. in summer. The Lang Lab. is ten miles away. Social life and club activity leave a lot to be desired.

J.B. Weston (Exeter) Campus in lovely Devon countryside. A 50-50 ratio of men to women students is the 'best' in the country. Half of the students are in Halls of Residences and the social life is good. Chuck-out rate? In Chemistry Dept. 23/60, better than some. Alleges that some of the Cornish students wear smocks and all drink 'scrumpy'.

P. J. Murch (Loughborough) Second largest campus in Europe; 93% in residence. Not the place for Arts subjects, but Engineering and Sandwich courses really excellent. This University of Technology is on the same campus as a College of P.E., a College of Education, a Technical College and a College of Art the social life is GOOD.

J. Harris (Kent) Easy-going place, pleasant site, thriving social life but one of the highest 'chuck-out' rates in the country. Everything left to the student — some tutors inaccessible owing to their own research. Organised on the Collegiate system: four colleges of 600 students — and four big bars. There is a small theatre which is fully used by theatre groups and the sports facilities are excellent.

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PLEASURE 1

The day was hot and I was thirsty. I gripped the four-pointed tap handle and felt the metal compress the skin on my hand. My wrist tightened, and a hiss emerged with the clear stream of water. I pushed the glass into the flow. A little ran over the lip and scuttled down the side. As the glass filled slowly within an inch of the brim the bubbles burst noiselessly, and I raised the glass to my dry lips which offered a slight resistance as they dragged on the smooth polished edge of the tumbler.

I let a drop fall on my tongue, finding pleasure in delaying the agony for a second longer. Then the water cascaded into my mouth, streamed through my teeth and left my mouth tingling. I could almost hear my rationed throat crying out for more. I tilted back my head and let the last few drops stream into my throat — a few running out and down where, if I had been Dracula, my fangs would have been.

I left the sink feeling as if I had just been reborn.

Nicholas Rufford, 2y.

PLEASURE 2

Once when we went to a beach in Wales called Pendine I saw a man make a petrified forest. He dug up the saturated grey sand, put it between his fingers and by squeezing it would make a high spiral-shaped tree. He would then put a fort inside the forest with towers like the trees

I would run down the steps from the promenade at breakneck speed, jump the last few and land feet first in the sand. I would feel the sand between my toes all cool and tickling. I would then change into my bathing costume and run over the sand to the sea, jumping over or avoiding sandcastles with dogs chasing after me and snapping at my heels. Then I would rush into the sea laughing and splashing around, tormenting other people by splashing water on their sunburnt backs.

I would soon make friends with other boys and we would play at submarines. We would lie on our stomachs in ankle-deep water and wait until a big wavelet came along; then we would let it run over us.

If we were unlucky enough to pick a beach whose sea-bed was covered with rocks and pebbles, we would make 'castles', 'boats' and 'cars' out of the stones. I can remember once building a boat and when I was sitting in it, it collapsed covering me up to my chin. I was trapped for a good fifteen minutes before dad came to find out where I was and dug me out. I didn't think it manly to shout for help.

When we had dinner I had to go to the sea and wash my feet and hands. Then I would sit down and eat my cheese sandwiches of 'brown' bread — we called it that because of the sand on it. I can remember the gritty taste of the tea as I swallowed it down. The occasional wild wet dog came up to us, his eyes dancing with excitement, hoping for a bite of food or for somebody to throw a ball for him to fetch.

Ice-cream always tasted different at the sea-side — creamier, tastier, cooler. In fact, when it comes to that everything tastes nicer when you're by the seaside

G. Williams, 2y.

PLEASURE 3

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I had come home from school after a hard day when I looked through the door and saw the loaf. It was golden and had a crisp outer crust — one of my Mother's specialities.

I opened the door and sternly told myself that I must do my homework but as I passed the table I could feel the heat being generated by that perfect product a yard or two away. It could not have been more tempting if it had a label saying 'Eat me'. I would have tried to get at it if it were guarded by a monster out of Greek Myths. I estimated its vital statistics as 12, 10, 14 *

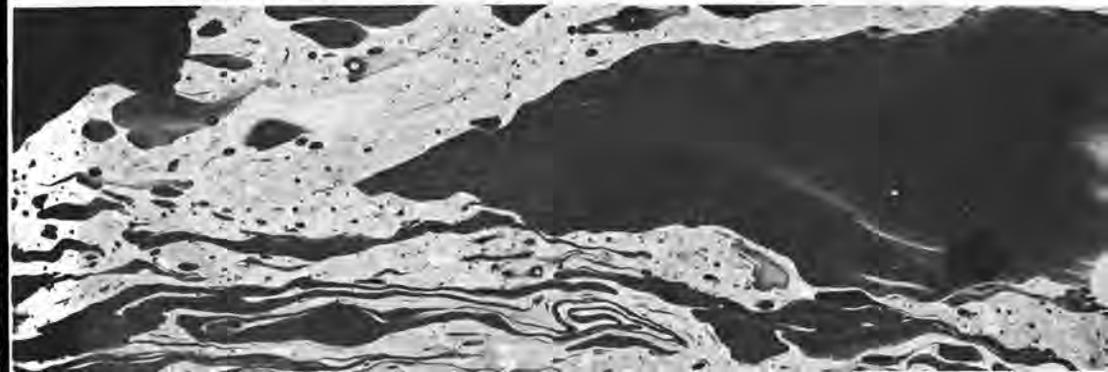
Suddenly I saw the breadknife leering up at me from the floor. That did it. Without taking the breadboard into use I started to saw away at a two inch hunk. It was like cutting a bath sponge with an ice-lolly stick. At each stroke it tried to repel me. As I penetrated further little chips of crust flew out and stuck to my cardigan. Suddenly the bread became very hard: I pulled away at a hunk which slid out quite easily and revealed where I had started sawing the table.

Next I took the butter and butter-knife, and made an assault on the bread. However the butter was stone cold, and instead of spreading on the bread simply ripped holes in it. I put the butter into the grill and put on the highest heat that was available.

I was toying with the idea of destroying all the evidence of the scratches on the table with Evostick and yellow paint when I was alerted by a violent hissing. At first I put it down to Grandad gargling down the other end, but soon realised it came from the grill. Three quarters of the butter had evaporated and the remainder was sizzling like cooking oil. With the aid of a tea-towel I poured on the butter.

Then came the business of eating the loaf. I tore away at the hunk. The inside was warm and chewy, but the outside crust was superb. It cracked and crashed under the power of my molars. One piece got wedged between my front teeth, but I was too involved with the bread to worry. I was coming to the last mouthful when my stomach began to feel the warmth. I could even distinguish between the soft warmth of the loaf and the scalding heat of the runny butter. I crammed in the last mouthful and returned to the sofa to put my feet up, watch television, loosen the chip that was jamming up my teeth, and feel the warmth of the loaf spreading all over my person.

A. Rumsey, 2Y.



TUNES OF GLORY 1.

Fort George in Invernesshire was built in 1748 to keep the Jacobites from rising again. We went through the entrance gate and paid our admission fee. Flags hung above us like sheets hanging from a block of Japanese flats. Certainly they were not inspiring. Further on were the uniforms, some worn by vacant-faced dummies: the blue one was hung up just as a corporal in the Bengal Lancers left it in 1879. The pith helmet hanging idly on a hook was just as a sergeant major would have put it after a hard day drilling natives in Kenya one day in 1912.

Medals and silverware adorned the next room, including rams' heads snuff boxes inlaid with silver and studded with jewels. These were interesting but none of them had ever seen overseas service. The next room contained racks of guns — one might wish the uniforms could speak, but the guns had already spoken. How many mutineers had seen the muzzle of the snub-barrelled Whitworth carbine, just before it belched fire, smoke and lead with a deafening crack during the Indian Mutiny.

There were the curiosities, of course. A metal match case with a bullet embedded in it; an elephant-foot umbrella stand; two tiger-skins, reminding one of the old days when every soldier above the rank of captain had shot his tiger during his spell in India.

Outside we saw a grenade squad practising with those things that can kill and maim many people, but can only be used once. In a way, Fort George is a glass bottle, full of the memories of the honourable wars before bombs and aircraft, when men and only men fought, and innocent women and children did not have to endure the rigours of rationing, bombs and nuclear radiation.

S. Crouch, 3y.

TUNES OF GLORY 2.

While the family was on a visit to Guernsey we decided to have a look at a German Occupation hospital. It was raining hard when we arrived and I was glad to get into the shelter of the entrance. The hospital was really not much more than a ruin, but nevertheless it was still in good enough order to imagine what it was like when it was in use.

We had to pay to get in, and the front entrance was rather like the end of an aircraft hanger, as it was semi-circular in shape, with a large corrugated iron door painted green. The interior was lit by a series of rusty old lights on chains replaced here and there by modern fluorescent lights where the old ones had become unserviceable.

Just off the entrance hall, there was a kitchen with corroded cast iron boilers and old gas cookers. There were several glass cases with tarnished knives and forks, and other cooking utensils. There were several rusty ventilation shafts which showered dust upon us. The ceilings were painted cream but the paint was peeling off to reveal the bare concrete.

We went down a half-built extension. At the end, where the excavation had stopped, there was a fence, and behind the fence we saw a few pickaxes and shovels, left just as they were during the emergency evacuation. From this we saw the washrooms with cracked basins and rusty taps.

We went back through the kitchens down a cream-coloured tunnel and into a ward. It was here, seeing the rusty beds, the old tables and chairs, and the straps hanging from the ceiling, that I felt a strange feeling of loneliness and desolation, of thwarted efforts, a feeling of defeat. It was rather like coming into a room and seeing a half-eaten meal, when you know that there is no one around for miles and miles.

K. J. Howard, 3y.

TUNES OF GLORY



ON THE PRECIPICE

Now if I have understood Schopenhauer correctly he is saying that the negative inducements to live are merely the transitory intense gratifications of hunger, sleep, warmth and voluptuousness. This is assuming the person to be healthy, which in terms of pleasure is again only a section of his life. I put before you then the image of the man who defined these, finding little relish or gratification in them. Schopenhauer turns inward, and looks to 'will' and its tool, the intellect. Yet even these he believes to be echoes of a pessimistic universe, dominated not by God but evil. One is reminded of Hamlet:

'What is a man
If his chief good and market of his time
Be but to sleep and feed? A beast, no more.'

Schopenhauer puts this hypothesis:

'Imagine this race transported to a Utopia where everything grows of its own accord and turkeys fly around ready-roasted, where lovers find one another without any delay and keep one another without any difficulty: in such a place some men would fight and kill one another, and thus they would create more suffering than nature inflicts on them as it is.'

Thus the happiness of a given life is measured by the absence of suffering — which by definition is 'negative'.

In an age where group consciousness is the dominant socio-political force, it is all the more necessary for educationalists and young people alike to be aware of the individual voice, the individual's response to his or her existence and the duality of a single being, the duality of matter and spirit. The shadow media, television and the tabloids, are the greatest dangers to this generation and its successors. We cannot seem to emerge from a dogmatism in which forces mass, as in Ireland, on absolute arguments, without seeing the shading within these opposites.

People complain that there are no philosophers any more — they have sold their individual consciousness to a wider entity. This may be true, but its origins lie in the proceeding decades when political absolutism could undermine a whole society, as in Germany during the twenties and thirties. As Schopenhauer reminds us 'Man excels all animals, even in his ability to be trained.'

Unless we can fly above these nets, their destructive negation will eventually trammel all creative stimulus, and we ourselves shall have been partly responsible.

Gregory Cox. U6.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Any Social Services Committee which exists for the period of just one year may well be tempted to walk the well-trodden path of its predecessors and shy away from innovation. To some extent we were guilty in this respect; yet, in some areas of our activity, we at least tried to lay the foundation for a fresher approach to such a committee's problems. Our chief inheritance was the schemes for visiting the elderly; this, in conjunction with the girls of Loughton County High School, we continued to operate in much the same way. Nevertheless, the Summer Party, which traditionally took place in July, was replaced by a coach outing to Audley

End. This decision was reached after consultation with the old people and the trip was a great success. The traditional Christmas party was held as usual and, considering the threat of a power-cut, it went off very smoothly. Later it was suggested that a Christmas outing may also be desirable, either instead of or in addition to a party. This was accepted as a possibility, but the decision obviously rests with our successors. Loneliness amongst the elderly poses a considerable problem; the most important need, it would seem, is to take these people out of their too-familiar surroundings whenever possible. This we did on two afternoons of the year.

Our main source of income continues to come from crisp sales and, despite two price rises (one called 'decimalisation'), these have remained consistent. From this income we were readily able to finance the summer outing and the Christmas party, and at the end of the year send £10 cheques to three charities — NACRO (Prisoners' Aid), the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child, and Release. A number of Assembly collections in aid of Shelter and the NSPCC gave varying results, but an emergency appeal at the time of the Pakistan Emergency raised an excellent £25. Two further, but none-the-less effective, fundraising activities were the National Children's Home (Sunny Smiles) collection throughout the junior school and the sale of UNICEF Christmas cards to a discerning clientele. On the practical side a number of us helped at a party for Claybury patients just before Christmas, which was a useful experience as well as a reminder that what we considered an arduous evening's work is performed by certain people every day of the year. It also brought home to us that the problems of mental health is not one to be swept nervously under an otherwise respectable carpet.

A suitable culmination to the year's activities was our participation in the Alexandra Rose Day sponsored Walk in March, again in co-operation with Loughton County High School. Some forty boys from all the years of the school took part and all managed to complete the walk from the Tower of London to Kew Gardens, taking in seventeen bridges en route. As a result of this we were able to send off a total of £235 in aid of Woodford School for the Deaf; a creditable effort by any standards. The Walk, or its after-effects, will undoubtedly be remembered for some time to come by all concerned.

In retrospect we feel we left undone many things we ought to have done. This is no time for self-congratulation, yet while social problems exist the activities of organisations like School Social Services are justified and desirable.

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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Nicholas Holt (Secretary), Michael Hopkins (Chairman), Robert Normington, Nigel Parkes-Rolfe, William Saywell, Peter Walker, Andrew Wilson (Treasurer), Peter Wright.

M. Hopkins. U.VI.

MAES-Y-LADE 1971

Once upon a time twenty one boys and two staff set off for Wales with the satisfaction of knowing that they were about to do something that would relieve them from the routine of dates, formulae, detentions and homework. Returning a week later with some parts stiff, some sore, some blistered and some just tired did a lot to convince those critics who thought all had gone for a siesta.

The week was spent at a farm house in the Brecon mountain area and has been designed for the introduction of a variety of outdoor pursuits to school children from Essex. As well as taking part in the activities, the boys were responsible for the housekeeping, cooking and state of the place and themselves. The latter in some cases proved the hardest to perform, but a vigilante committee found the use of a water trough most convenient.

Dumped some five miles out on the first evening, equipped only with a map and instructions to return to base, proved rather difficult for certain members since bedtime did not arrive until after midnight.

To help aching limbs, the following day involved horse riding and some more walking! Potential Lester Piggotts were disappointed with their steeds since they failed to perform like Derby winners, but one or two flew through the air with rather too much ease for their liking.

Having thus warmed up, a fifteen mile hike followed on the next day and when some found the way back difficult, a benevolent shepherd (the boys had a different name) went out in his Land Rover to round 'em up.

On the next two days we were involved in a number of water incidents. Caving in limestone turned out to be damper than expected and though none got stuck, the occasional breast stroke was performed in large puddles. Likewise canoeing provided plenty of entertainment. A cold River Wye greeted bodies who travelled too recklessly or performed embarkation with too much 'lean'.

Soon twenty five horses of varying shapes and sizes mounted by like riders set off on a ten mile trek to a camp site. A seat-weary crew created a variety of concoctions on their primus stoves before using the local as a sweet shop to supplement their diet. Although the occasional chicken pecking at breakfasts and packed lunches aroused indignation, it was a somewhat quieter party who made the trip back to the farm.

A final fling on the dry ski slope on the last morning completed the general weariness, though we could still laugh at the new born foal antics of one or two.

And so to the triumphal return to the Roding Lane Palace. It is rumoured that all lived happily ever after, but there were one or two missing on Monday morning. Beware ye future adventurers!

E.M. and D.A.S.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

In my last report of April 1970 I was able to advise the completion of the Swimming Pool Heating and to hint that the provision of Tennis Courts was a dream the P.A. would like to see materialise. The breathtaking speed with which this figment of the imagination took shape speaks highly of the tremendous co-operation that exists amongst parents and between them and the school, from the Governors, Teaching, Ground and Catering staffs, to the boys themselves — after all where would we be without 600 programme sellers!

With the help of a generous loan from Dr. Pippard (now repaid) the P.A. were able to provide funds for the installation, in October 1970, of two Hard Tennis Courts. Since then they have been in daily use both in and out of school time; this is the best reward those who worked so hard to raise funds could have. In thanking the P.A., the Headmaster said "The tennis courts have been a terrific asset to school facilities".

Bursting with enthusiasm and having cleared its debts, the P.A. have been able, as a result of the splendid financial success of the 1971 Spring Fair to fulfil the Headmaster's current shopping list which included musical instruments, an electronic calculator, language booths, tapes for the Video Recorder, loops for the Loop Projector, electronic equipment for the physics laboratories, books for the library, cricket nets and other sundry items. The "balance in hand" is not great, but might be the basis of another major project, the covering of the Swimming Pool, which could provide 'year round' swimming facilities (will this dream suddenly materialise too!)

Whilst fund raising efforts constitute a major part of the P.A. function this is not its sole aim. The successful and active Sports Club, which, at the kind invitation of the Headmaster, makes use of School facilities, has Tennis, Badminton and Cricket sections. New members should contact Mrs. Pat Kaye (500 5211).

The Association are mindful of the encroachment of the M11 Motorway and support the school in its endeavours to minimise any resulting adverse effects on School amenities. Of great concern to the P.A., and Headmaster, is the safety of boys who have to cross Roding Lane on their way to or from school. Efforts to improve the safe crossing of boys who use this stretch of road are being pursued.

The continuing success of B.H.C.H.S. P.A. is based on the willingness of Parents to help in many and varied ways. To handicraft working parties, stall holders, traffic organisers, ladies providing endless 'tea and buns', and to all who help in many other ways, may I say "Thank You".

Peter Greenwood
(Honorary Secretary)

OLD BUCKWELLIANS

This year has seen a partial reorganisation of the Association. Because of the continued deterioration of the ground at Roding Lane North, sports activities have ceased here, though the Football Club continues to do well at its new headquarters at Bradwell Road. The Old Bucks Cricket Club have booked facilities at Wadham Lodge Sports Centre—new members will be very welcome for next season, to play two games every week-end on a good pitch. The Hockey Club had difficulty in finding a new ground and, now that several members have left, it has folded up, though The Farmers, the Hockey Club's notorious festival side is still going strong. It went to the Thanet International Festival this year and hopes to make a fourth trip to Holland next Easter.

At the home ground negotiations with the council have continued about whether the lease of the ground should cease or whether the initial, very poor preparation of the pitches could be improved. We have also had discussions with local sporting and other interests with a view to a possible merger with another club. None of these discussions has as yet resulted in a solution which will provide a lasting security to the club.

The clubhouse itself has been the venue of several social "do's" and the Grapevine Discotheque run by several stalwarts who have been called upon to combine the physical prowess of Henry Cooper with the business flair of Bernard Delfont when dealing with the often large audience. The discotheque will continue on Fridays from September.

New ground has also been broken with the formation of an Old Buckwellians Lodge, which contains at least twenty members.

As can be seen from the above the main difficulties of the Old Bucks stem from the lack of a good supply of new members to fill in the gaps made by those O.B.'s who have left the district or who have 'done their bit' and want to hand over to new blood. It is unfortunate that the liaison with the School has deteriorated with the result that boys leaving for a career or further education quickly lose contact with their contemporaries. Moreover, many Old Bucks can give very useful advice based on experience to those entering a job for the first time, or who are planning their future.

We are attempting to provide a greater contact between Old Boys by issuing a regular newsletter so let us hear from you, whether you live in deepest Borneo or darkest Toot Hill.

Finally, please remember that an association such as ours depends very greatly on the enthusiasm and ideas of new members. The clubs are branching out in sport and socially and would welcome your support—and they may be able to help you too. Don't put off the decision but join us now by writing to the Chairman, Jack Sutton, who can supply all information. 20 Albion Hill, Loughton, Essex. Tel. 501 508 0942.

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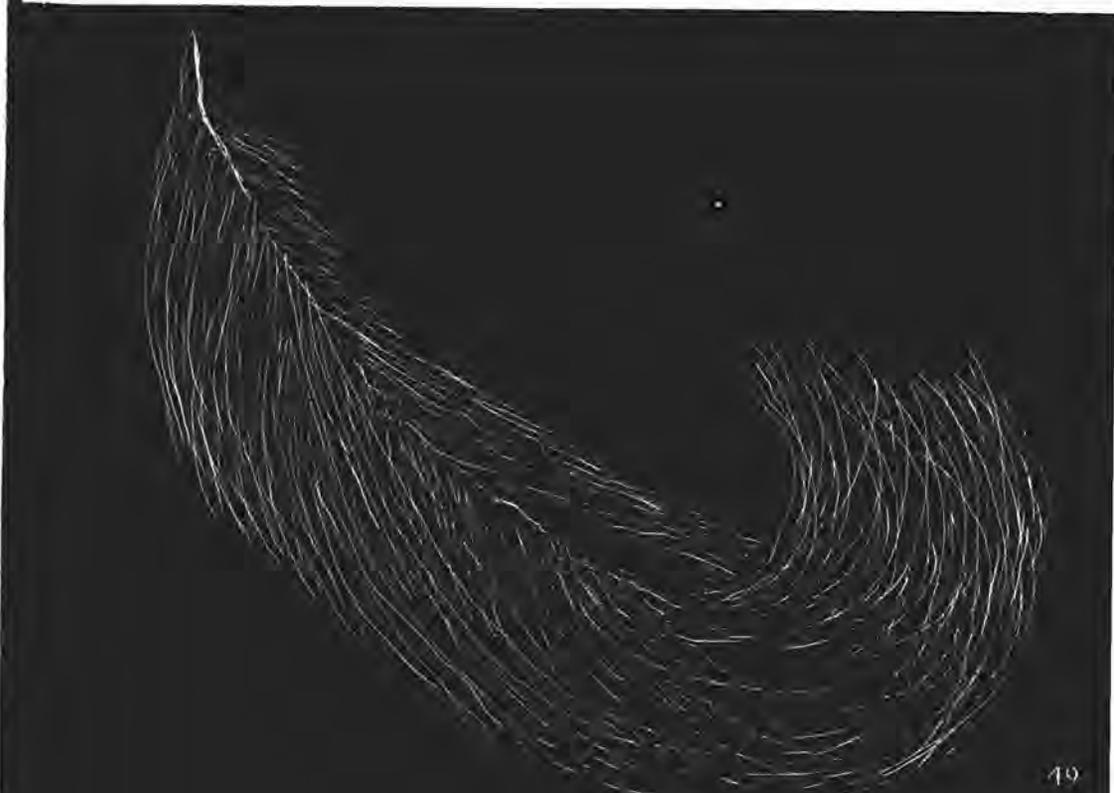
OLD BUCKWELLIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Now that the main ground at Roding Lane North is unplayable we have decided to improve the facilities at the Bradwell Road ground. We have been using these very good pitches regularly for a long time and are now in the process of renovating the changing rooms so that they become the permanent base of the Football Club.

The club itself is the most alive section of the Old Boys and following a promising season last year we are about to embark on an ambitious 1971-2 programme. We shall be running four sides and again we shall be entering for the Essex County Cup, the A.F.A. Essex Cup and two other A.F.A. Cup competitions. We shall also be playing in the London Old Boys' League.

As you can see from this challenging fixture list, there are great opportunities for new members both on the field and for meeting other Old Boys for a jar and a natter, and they will be very warmly welcomed.

If you are interested in joining please contact the Football Secretary: Dave Hopkins, 237 Prospect Road, Woodford Green. Telephone 01-505 0727.



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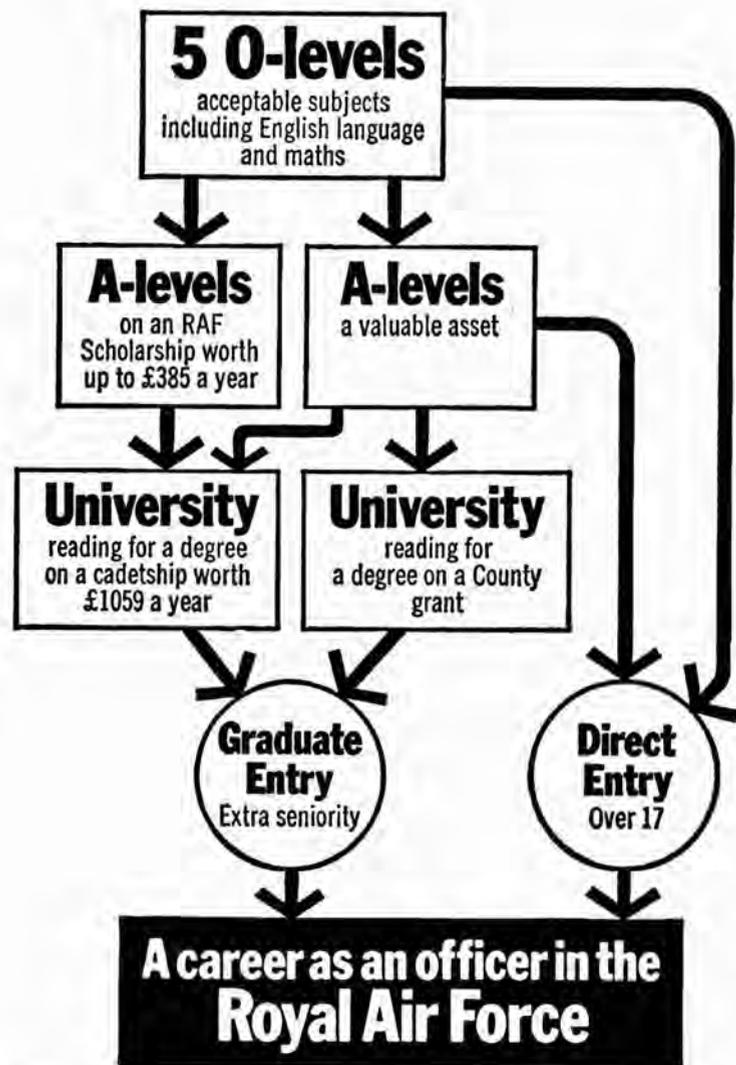
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