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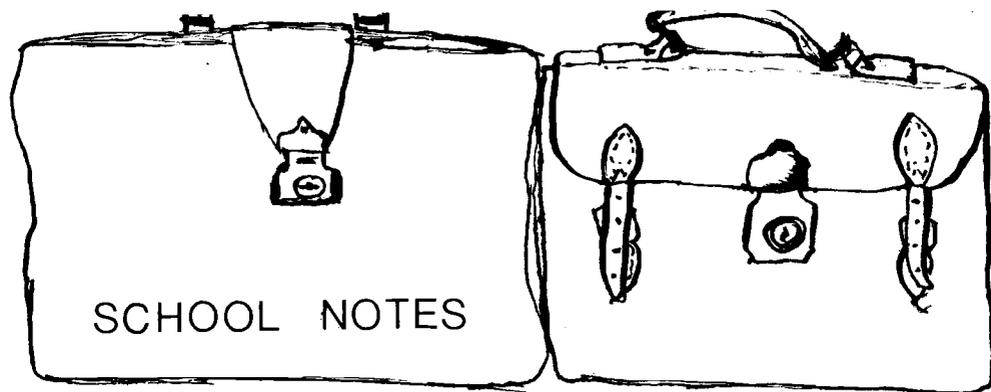
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It is very pleasant to be able to start these notes with two academic records. In the past two years, Old Boys have gained fifteen first class honours degrees. Last November, six of the sixth form gained admission to Oxford and Cambridge Colleges as a result of the entrance scholarships. M. W. Canby was awarded an Open Exhibition in history to read law at Jesus College, Cambridge. A. I. Webb has been awarded the Cooper Exhibition by Nottingham University for the best results in economics and law. D. Bernheim has gained a Ford Scholarship. 50 sixth formers left us last July to take up places at universities or other institutions of higher education.

I have said before that the key to these successes lies in the dedication and happiness of the staff and make no apology for devoting the next pages to them.

Everyone connected with the school was delighted with the appointment of Mr. T. H. Leek as second deputy head. It would take many pages to list all that Tom has done for this school in the past 27 years. Mr. J. H. Whaler's work as examination secretary and with students has been recognised by his appointment as Senior Teacher.

The Governors have invited the staff to elect a representative as observer at their meetings and Mr. Leek has been chosen for this post.

In January Mr. Robert Vaughan Jones joined us as Head of the Religious Education Department from Everton Comprehensive School where he held a similar appointment. Mr. Jones has already made his mark with his "new-look" assemblies.

The end of the school year inevitably brought departures from the staff.

Mr. D. Clayton retired in July after nearly 13 years at the school. Besides his work in the Mathematics Department, Denis Clayton gave a great deal of time and energy to a host of school activities. He was responsible for one of the most ambitious school journeys abroad when he led a party of seniors to Russia in the spring of 1966. The group travelled overland to Moscow and thence to Leningrad visiting the Kremlin, the Bolshoi Theatre, the Kirov Theatre, the Winter Palace and the Hermitage. The return voyage was made by air to Riga where the party boarded a Russian ship which spent two days crunching through the Baltic ice, before reaching Tilbury. Denis shared in the organisation of four more educational cruises to the Mediterranean between 1964 and 1972. He also gave a lot to school football and cricket, was secretary of the West Essex Schools Cricket Association, of the Forest Mathematics Group and treasurer of the West Essex Education Centre. It was fitting that Mrs. Clayton, who has also supported so many school activities, should present the medals on Sports Day. We wish Pam and Denis a long and happy retirement.

Dr. N. Buchanan also retired in July after thirteen years' service in the Mathematics and Physics Departments. Everything he undertook was given his characteristic meticulous attention to detail and carried out with dependability. Our hearts went out to him last November when his wife died after he had nursed her through a number of years of illness. We have not finally said farewell to Dr. Buchanan as he will continue coming in to assist with the advanced level practical physics periods. We all wish him a long and well-earned retirement.

Mr. A. T. Griffiths has been appointed to McEntee High School in Waltham Forest after eight years in the English Department. Apart from his scholarship, he will be missed for his work in drama, verse and public speaking, crowned this year with a double success in the Youth Speaks Competition. He acted as school librarian, helped with 1st XI cricket and rugby.

Mrs. Rhoda Cody (nee Gilbert) was married at Easter and has moved out of the area. In September she takes up an appointment at Copt Hall Girls' School, Mill Hill. Rhoda taught French here for three years and was also in charge of the school's table-tennis teams, travelling with them for away fixtures. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Mr. J. L. Hoskin left in July after three years to become Head of the Economics Department at Tiverton Grammar School, Devonshire. John threw himself whole-heartedly into a wide range of school activities. Besides teaching Economics and British Constitution and introducing Sociology at 'O' and 'A' level, he also taught Geography and accompanied field-study parties in the holidays. He also helped with games and school journeys. Tiverton will be the richer for his enthusiastic teaching and tireless energy.

The following appointments have been made to fill the vacancies:

Mr. A. Hughes, B.Sc. (Aston) to teach Economics, British Constitution and Sociology. He previously taught at Drayton Comprehensive School in Tottenham.

Mrs. M. M. Thomas, M.A. (St. Andrews) to teach French.

Mr. D. S. Patrick, B.A. (Southampton) to teach English.

Mr. L. Stevens B.Sc. (Surrey) to teach Mathematics.

The other vacancy has been filled by Miss Boyd, sharing her time between the Classics and Mathematics Departments. During the past year she has been re-training for this work. In August Helen Boyd married Richard Price, Head of the Biology Department. We wish them every happiness.

Our congratulations also to Richard Luker on his marriage in July and his award of a Ph.D. degree for his thesis.

The past school year also saw the departure of three other stalwarts from the non-teaching staff.

After twenty years' service as assistant secretary, Mrs. Joyce Simnett left us in July when her husband was appointed to a post in Bristol. Generations of Buckwellians will remember with gratitude her cheerful, quiet efficiency. Mrs. Elizabeth Spinks, the other assistant secretary, left us at Christmas to have a baby. Mrs. Spinks was with us for three years. We were fortunate indeed to welcome back to the school office Mrs. Sidonie Gransbury who was with us until three years ago. The other appointments to the secretarial staff are Mrs. P. McGregor and Mrs. S. Temperton.

In September Mrs. Peggy Houghton, after eleven years' service as Canteen Supervisor, moved with her husband to Rugby. Her cheerful, unflappable command of every situation in the kitchen and her cooking were an asset to the school. In her place, we have welcomed Mrs. Storey.

Another departure from the kitchen during the year was Mrs. Harris.

The teaching staff has again kept up-to-date by attending long and short courses. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Whaler have also been called upon to run courses in Mathematics and Modern Languages respectively. The absence of staff on courses throws an added but always readily accepted burden on their colleagues. It is by this means that the school forges ahead in educational developments.

British Constitution and Sociology have been added to the range of 'O' and 'A' level subjects. Mr. Myers has had his Electronics syllabus accepted as a Mode III C.S.E. syllabus. We are extending our use of C.S.E. examinations and this year secured some spectacular results.

With our own staff now undertaking counselling work, Mrs. Bean ceased her voluntary work in October. She later organised a series of meetings between our sixth form and the sixth form of Loxford Comprehensive School.

The Parents' Association has again given us every possible support. The Christmas Bazaar raised £339, the football match, against the Show Biz team, organised by Mr. Silver raised £218 and the Spring Fair £720. All this money has been poured back into the school. The Art-Stock Room has been converted into a pottery room, and the next project is to spend £1,000 on a complete re-furbishing of the stage equipment. The officers of the Association are Mr. A. Walker, Chairman; Mr. Conway, Secretary, and Mr. Knights, Treasurer. Mrs. Paisley and her team of mothers have continued to provide refreshments on every social occasion, and Mrs. Dormer and her team of mothers have undertaken the refreshments after Saturday morning football. The staff and their husbands and wives were again entertained to a farewell supper by upper sixth parents.

The usual parents' evenings have kept us in close contact with parents, as have the morning telephone calls to the staff undertaking pastoral work.

During the course of the year, the re-wiring of the school has been completed and we can now actually see in the hall. We have been re-painted on the outside and are due for a partial re-decoration inside. The workshop has been provided with a second Daneford lathe. Room 30 has been provided with black-out, a screen and pin-up board and has become the History Room. We are also converting room 5 into a Mathematics laboratory.

The school field will see very small boys playing football in the coming year as we shall be hosts to the boys of St. John's C. of E. Primary School who are at present without any facilities for football and cricket.

On 8th November the Royal Navy will land a helicopter on the school field.

The Christmas entertainment took the form of a staff-play — Robert Bolt's "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew", a production which was probably even funnier than the author intended. At Easter the Music and Dramatic Societies produced a musical "Ticket of Leave", written by Michael Maxwell, our second music master.

School music reached an even higher peak during the past year. Mr. Rippin put on an Autumn Concert in October. This chamber concert was so

successful that it will become a regular feature. Because the hall was not available we were forced to use the Dining Hall and discovered what a pleasant setting it made for a concert of this type. The Summer Concert was a tremendous success. The first orchestra reached an even better standard than its predecessor of two years ago. The individual instrumentalists provide an almost embarrassing wealth of talent. Nigel Bielby and John Rawles were invited to tour Northern Italy with the Essex Youth Orchestra. Martin Koch, a member of the National Youth Orchestra, played in one of the Promenade Concerts at the Albert Hall. D. I. Theodoreson also plays in the Essex Youth Orchestra, S. G. Gibson in the National Youth Wind Band, C. C. Giles in the Redbridge Youth Orchestra, and C. C. Giles, M. Koch, B. J. Harper, S. D. Mansfield and M. A. O'Connor in the Redbridge Youth Brass Band.

The work of the Social Service Group has continued. Besides the usual help for aged couples and running an old people's party, they also raised money. £80 was collected for the National Children's Homes, £70 for a Kidney machine at a London hospital and £100, which enabled Toc H to provide SOS warning lights for old people. The last amount was raised by sponsored endurance table-tennis and a jumble sale and was a joint effort with Loughton County High School.

Mr. Stancer and Mr. Skinner took 23 boys to the county's adventure centre at Maes-y-Lade during the Spring Bank holiday week. The Geography Field Study group of 36 went to Ambleside at Easter under the direction of Messrs. Leek, Franklin, Loveridge and Hoskin. Mr. Rumbol took 10 biologists on a field study course at Dale Fort. Mr. Marsh and Mr. Silver took 33 footballers to Majorca at Easter.

It was a good year so far as public speaking was concerned. The school won the Senior and Intermediate Shields in the Loughton Rotary Youth Speaks Competition. Both teams also reached the finals of the debating competition organised by the English Speaking Union.

North East London Polytechnic has adopted us as a survey post on the effects of the M.11 upon the environment. Several joint projects have been planned.

All at school were very pleased to learn that after many trials and tribulations with their ground and club-house, the Old Buckwellians have sold both and are again solvent.

We won the West Essex Schools Relay Competition in an exciting finish in which only two points separated us from the school which came fourth.

Chigwell House won the House Championship for the fifth year running. They also won the football, cricket, swimming, tennis, athletics, cross-country and gymnastics cups. Forest House won the basket ball trophy.

David Kaye was voted sportsman of the year for the second year running, and Robert Buchan was awarded the Mallinson trophy for service to the school.

We should all like to congratulate Mr. Lionel Murray O.B.E. on his election as Secretary-General of the T.U.C. in succession to Vic Feather. Mr. Murray is one of the School Governors and has two sons in the school, and has spoken to our Sixth Form Forum. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are regular attenders at many school functions. We wish them both well in the years ahead.

## SIXTH FORM COUNCIL

To write something original about the Sixth Form Council is a difficult task for, of necessity, a catalogue of the work of the Council over the past year, plus some comment on the nature and role of the Council must be included, and yet to do this always seems to involve a kind of self-conscious justification for the existence of the Council.

In the year 1972-73 the Sixth Form Council put into practice certain changes, some of which I feel demonstrate the inherent faults of the Council as organised at present. However, in spite of whatever faults may exist, the Council did succeed in arranging the installation of a telephone call-box in the senior cloakroom for the use of pupils. The box will accept outgoing calls, but the problems of noise and the disruption of lessons that incoming calls would entail were unacceptable. Considerations of cost are, I feel, secondary for the telephone provides an essential service, for which anxious mothers of first and second year boys are, I am sure grateful.

Mainly at the instigation of the Chairman and myself, the constitution of the Council was amended in order to streamline its operation, remove superfluous and time-consuming procedure and eradicate ambiguities in the wording that had been left by our predecessors. The fundamental rules of the Council were left as they stood, for it was felt that the Council needed another year, at least, in its latest form to prove its efficiency.

In an attempt to ascertain the real extent of the well-known apathy which exists within the Sixth Form, and to try to prevent any criticisms that policy was thrust upon the Council by the G.M.C. and the officers, the Chairman and myself tried to impress upon the members that they should bring their grievances to us, and we would then act upon them. The response to this did indeed indicate that apathy was present, as the main preoccupation of the Council was the Common Room. An extractor fan was installed to improve the ventilation, and an ad hoc Common Room committee was established to finance the tea and coffee making which had been made possible by the installation of power-points and the purchase of an electric kettle.

To reiterate at length the problems of apathy and the ultimate veto of the headmaster and Education Committee would be banal and tiresome, yet it is clear that problems such as these render the Sixth Form Council as at present constituted impotent, and prevent it from contributing meaningfully to the policy-making of the school. Whilst the officers do a useful job in running the sixth-form duties and detentions, it is the operation of the Council as a whole, as a 'legislative' body, that leaves much to be desired. The top-heavy system of committees is unwieldy and hamstrung by the complexity of its relationships. To impose an overlarge representative body on a sixth form whose main consideration is passing 'A' Levels and to believe that a body so constituted could achieve anything of very great value, is a blinkered attitude.

Bearing this in mind, I would advocate a thorough investigation and overhaul of the whole involvement of the Sixth Form, — and the lower school — in the decision-making process. I would advocate a committee along the lines of the newly-enlarged General Purposes Committee, which now contains a representative of the 2nd Form and a representative of the 4th Form. A single compact committee with representation from the staff, the Sixth Form and the

lower school, which could hear reports from the Games Captains, Social Services and so on could fulfil the functions of the Sixth Form Council, the School Council and the G.P. Committee, whilst still allowing the sixth form representatives to carry out their executive functions of administering Sixth Form detentions and duties. I feel that such a system would give more practical influence to the pupils, while at the same time catering for those who may wish to contribute to the school.

All that remains is to thank the headmaster for his co-operation, to congratulate the Social Services group, who have continued this year their fine record of voluntary service to local charities, to wish every success to my successor, Martin Heather, and Dave Kaye's successor Dave Gage, and to hope that the Sixth Form Council may become the more illustrious body it deserves to be.

Steve Dugay (Secretary)

## EXAMINATION RESULTS 1972-73

Ordinary Level passes or equivalent (C.S.E. grade 1)

The following passed in three or more subjects:

**Ten passes:** L. Halpin, M. Lewis, D. Theodoreson, A. Wright, R. Allison, T. Perriment, D. Lee, N. Pettifer, A. Scott, C. Western.

**Nine passes:** P. Sivyver, S. Wheeler, C. Burton, S. Crouch, F. Fernandez.

**Eight passes:** J. Ratnage, P. Sears, D. Thomas, K. Howard, K. Mahoney, E. Mills, S. Murkett, K. Pond, S. Wright, R. Reynolds.

**Seven passes:** C. Marshall, J. Orson, I. Williams, S. Dyer, I. Head, G. Kirton, G. Prior, R. Williams, J. Bone, N. Cole, S. Vallance.

**Six passes:** N. Long, B. McDermott, M. Slade, A. Wheatley, P. Willis, D. Palmer, P. Ridealgh, C. Larner, D. Leonard, D. Robinson, D. Twiddy, T. Thompson.

**Five passes:** J. Mills, J. Clarke, G. Lucas, D. Parks, S. Dawson.

**Four passes:** S. Baines, A. Bray, C. Goodall, A. Johnson, K. Roles, P. Hayward, I. Walker, S. Christmas.

**Three passes:** G. Seeley, P. Wheatley, P. Jerome, M. Neil, P. Ruddock, A. Smith, R. Waterman.

## ADVANCED LEVEL PASSES

**Four passes:** P. Battagliola, D. Bernheim, D. Harris, S. Rogers, G. Tremain.

**Three passes:** K. Alexander, N. Bielby, K. Blogg, R. Buchan, M. Canby, G. Davies, S. Dowden, S. Dugay, P. Gray, N. Greenwood, D. Iles, D. McCann, A. Mitchell, R. Park, N. Salter, F. Slack, J. Smith, J. Taylor, N. Twaite, S. Williams, W. Williams.

**Two passes:** J. Auld, A. Ayley, T. Barber, R. Barton, M. Beer, P. Bennetts, M. Owen, N. Pink, J. Rawles, G. Russell, S. Silk, S. Sussman, P. Toms, E. Walker, M. Webster, M. Worpole.

**One pass:** S. Gibson, D. Goudge, A. Hoy, R. Mahoney, M. Marsh, C. Tew, R. Wilson.

## Supplementary A Level passes:

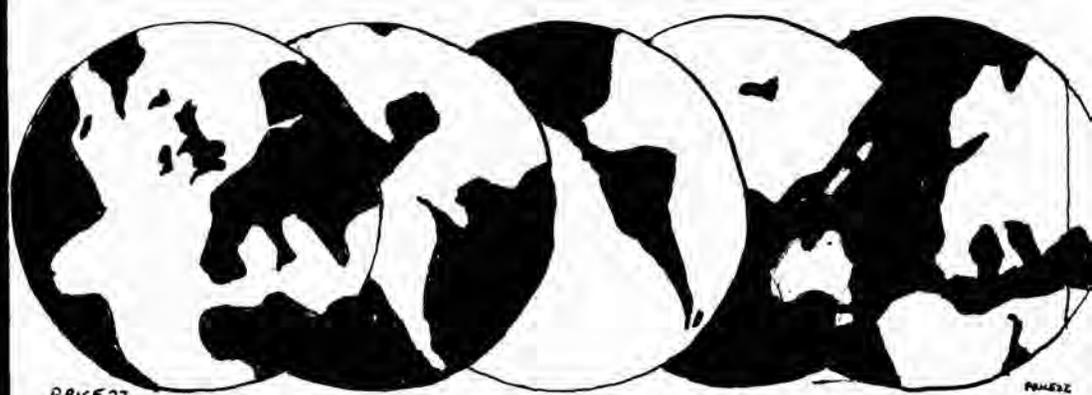
A. Adams, S. Bardwell, A. Vicary.

**UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC PLACES  
TAKEN UP SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1972**

G. T. Allen	East Anglia
B. W. Adams	Culham College of Education
R. Barker	N. E. London Polytechnic
A. K. Bearman	Trent Park College of Education
M. J. Conway	Trinity College, Cambridge
M. Cross	N. E. London Polytechnic
J. R. Ellison	Southampton
S. R. Feber	York
G. H. Garratt	Kent
M. Glass	Portsmouth College of Technology
J. Gower	City
B. M. Hallinan	Kent
A. J. Harrington	Cambridge Technical College
E. Hofmann	N. E. London Polytechnic
A. Ingall	Brunel
R. I. James	Birmingham
S. J. King	Sussex
S. Kalinauckas	Hatfield College of Technology
N. J. Kaye	Lanchester College of Technology
M. R. Leeder	Worcester College of Education
P. G. Leggett	North London Polytechnic
A. D. Macrae	Mid Essex Tech. College
D. J. Mallett	Liverpool
R. T. Mannings	Univ. of Wales Institute of Science & Technology
T. C. Megnin	Balls Park College of Education
R. C. Nash	Hatfield College of Technology
J. P. Paisley	Exeter
R. D. A. Pfister	Kent
J. M. Rogers	Queen Mary College, London
B. D. Samwell	Sheffield
W. R. Saywell	Magdalen, Oxford
S. W. Shales	Bristol
A. Vandenburg	Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh
A. I. Webb	Nottingham
P. J. Webber	Hull University
M. C. Wells	N. E. London Polytechnic
P. D. Wernick	Queen Mary College, London
G. P. Winston	Thames Polytechnic
T. D. Wise	Loughborough

from last year —

P. Stallybrass	York
M. W. Gapes	Fitzwilliam, Cambridge



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**GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP 1973**

When a formidable mixture of snow and hail greeted the intrepid party as they alighted from the coach at Ambleside, more than a few doubts were raised as to the real value of inspecting U-shaped valleys at close quarters. Further doubts were raised on the following day when our courageous group of geographers were caught in a snowstorm a mile or so away from the hostel at Waterside. Fortunately the only way the weather was to plague us for the rest of the trip was via Mr. Leek's interpretation of it in the evenings, and everyone agreed that his on-the-spot analyses were quite invaluable.

The days were usually spent trekking to places of varying geographical interest, but useful and interesting though these places were, Messrs. Leek and Loveridge insisted that their overriding concern was to instil in us a love of fell-walking, and in this it can safely be said they succeeded.

At the hostel at Loughrigg Brow (called after the Norse name for the most wide-spread local plant — the Wild Leek!), evenings were spent reviewing the day's events, after which our members either went to the village, followed up some work in the Common Room, or tested Mr. Hoskins' table-tennis prowess in the games room.

For many the most interesting aspects of the trip were the studies undertaken by small groups examining the social, economic and geographical make-up of several of the small towns dotted around Cumbria between the Lakes and the coast. Certain aspects cropped up consistently in each survey, notably the importance of the Working Men's Clubs in the community's social life, the male unemployment due to a preference for cheap female labour, and — most surprising to many of us — the Protestant-Catholic conflict that became apparent from chatting with the ever-helpful locals.

As far as accommodation was concerned we were more than adequately catered for with centrally heated rooms and unexpected waitress service. Everyone got on well with the hostel staff and with our popular driver Dave, whose driving skills were often severely tested on the difficult Lakeland roads.

Finally, on the last night everyone joined Dave Kaye in his impromptu vote of thanks to Messrs. Franklin, Hoskins, Loveridge and Leek whose thoughtful planning made the trip possible and whose good-natured humour made it so enjoyable.

P. Brill, L6.

## SCHOOL TRIP TO MAJORCA: EASTER HOLIDAYS 1973.

The moment that the coach left Loughton station on a bright Saturday morning at the start of this enterprising venture with a harrassed mother driving frantically home to seek out her son's smallpox vaccination certificate, I knew that it was going to be a trip never to be forgotten.

The rest of the journey passed smoothly despite one or two apprehensive glances by the boys at the Tiger Moth at Luton when it was mentioned that this was OUR plane, and apart from one moment on the plane when after some of our boys were allowed in the pilots' cockpit and I had visions of being transported to Cuba, we landed safely at Palma airport and were quickly whisked off to our hotel.

The hotel itself was indeed first class, a miniature resort on its own with each room having a separate bath/WC and balcony and the excellent meals were all served in a sumptuous restaurant overlooking the vast swimming-pools (2).

Once we had found our bearings, the boys soon became quite adventurous and it wasn't long before they ventured on local excursions to the sandy beach or the local shops and bars where the sounds of young English voices were heard asking for Coke or the seemingly harmless 'Shaingrai'. Quickly they formed small groups and a very pleasing feature was the way in which the different age groups joined together so easily and it was not uncommon to see 4th years strolling along engaged in earnest discussion with 2nd or 3rd years and this harmonious note was apparent all through the whole trip.

Our day's excursion was very full, taking in firstly the very busy and flourishing Pearl factory at MANACOR and then on the famous Caves of Dracca which are a centuries old underground collection of caves where there are numerous stalactites and stalacmites in abundance. This was followed by a lunch time stop at the small town of PUERTO CRISTO where many a hard earned English pound soon changed hands for the Spanish hold-alls, sandals etc that are manufactured on the Island. We then went on to the drive through the Wild Safari Park where our coach was bombarded by both elephants and monkeys all seeking English souvenirs such as chocolates, peanuts and John Skinner's hat. Our party then made its way back to the Hotel Arenal Park where after a quick shower and change we managed to find enough energy to shake a leg or two to the beat of the resident pop group.

Although the weather was not fantastically hot, many of us spent long periods around the hotel's swimming-pools where the only sounds that could be heard were the 4th years card-school calling out "I'll take 3 tricks" in a game that took the senior members of the party by storm.

In a table-tennis tournament held in an adjoining hotel, after some very good play, Mr. Marsh beat Keith Silver 2-1 and so was acclaimed the Champion of the week and bought drinks all round.

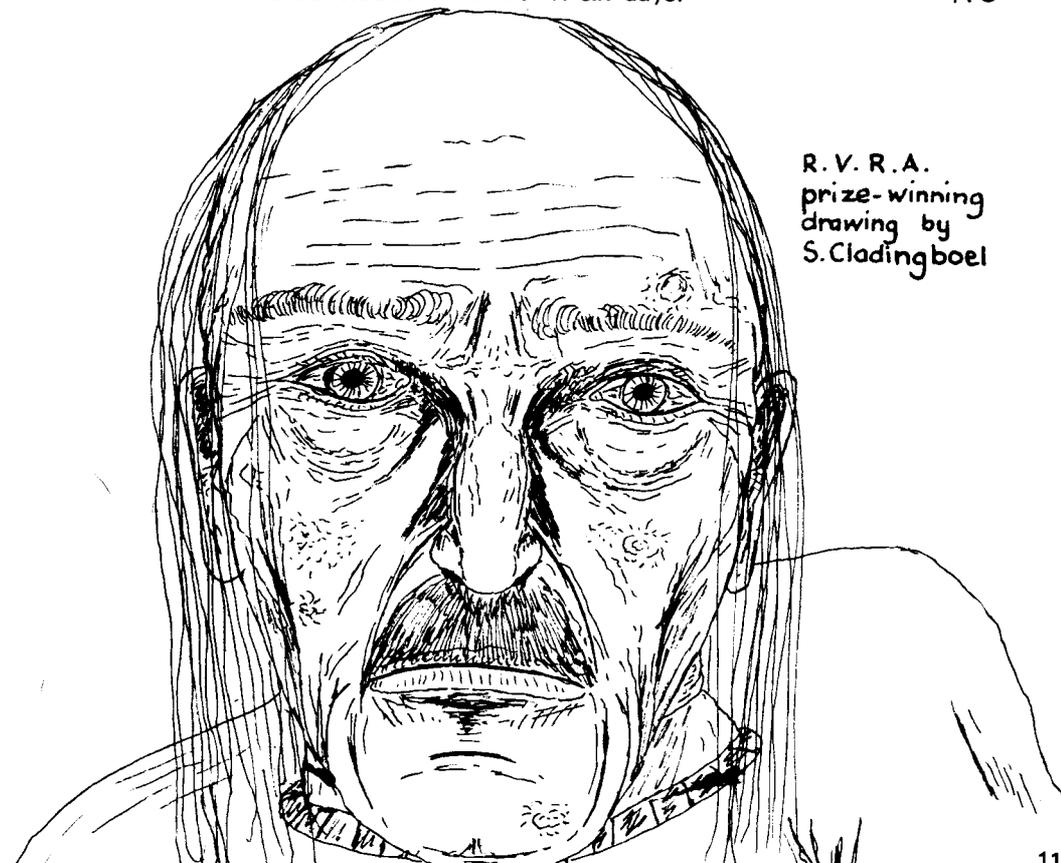
The two football matches played against a local college were first class (especially after the bitter memories of the Belgium games) with hundreds of the children being allowed out to watch and cheer their teams, and the standard of play was very high with the skills of the Spanish boys being matched by the effort and organizational ability of their English counterparts. We were winners of both games by the same scores i.e. 3 goals to 2. The

teams played well and there were outstanding performances by Steve Church and Ian Titmarsh for the Senior team and by Chris Pipkin and David Maddox for the Junior side. Another notable feature was the hospitality given to us by the College.

The time was now simply flying by and on a very warm afternoon our full party hired the fabulous local foot-ball stadium where we proceeded to play a nothing barred, hard-fought 8-a-Side tournament which was won after thrills and spills by Mr. Brock's side. The feature of this tournament was the fantastically amazing refereeing by Mr. Silver whose runs across the pitch with his walking-stick and sun-hat made him a talking point for time after.

The last night together brought the staff party where Messrs. Brock Marsh and Silver provided a sumptuous spread for all plus their own cabaret which consisted of the week's 'awards' to various members of the party who had shone in their own particular field, and so we made our way to bed with the sound of Nick Cowley's 'I'll have half' accompanying us whenever drink was mentioned. Other highlights were the transformation by David Jan-nece into a Miss World Figure at the beauty competition, the amazing dance solos of Keith Silver, and an **unbiased** crowd cheering Mr. Silver to victory in the knobbly knees contest.

And so our party, still intact in numbers, arrived back at the scene of our departure where 33 lots of anxious parents were awaiting to whisk their sons back to a normal routine which for them could somehow never quite be the same and thus concluded a wonderful six days. F. S



## SIXTH FORM FORUM

Sixth Form Forum continues to provide Sixth Formers with informative, and sometimes entertaining, talks on a large range of topics. Inevitably, some have been less inspiring than others, but on the whole the great variety of subjects dealt with have given most people something to think about.

Among the highlights of this year's Forums was one in which Captain Scott and members of his regiment, which had just come back from Northern Ireland, brought home to us the unenviable task the Army are faced with there where, as they asserted, "the ignorance and bigotry on both sides" explain the continual escalation of the violence.

Of considerable interest were the four Forums which dealt with foreign countries. For the second time since she joined the Staff, Miss Boyd was asked to address the Sixth Form Forum, and her arousing, yet well-balanced account of her holiday in Russia were well-received. Another member of Staff, Monsieur Andriamanana, the French assistant, gave an informative talk on his native Madagascar, and Mr. M. Gapes, an old boy of the school, talked the next week about his year's Voluntary Service Overseas in Swaziland. Unique in this year's programme was a talk by a member of the Sixth Form itself, David Harris, about his ten week holiday last summer in the United States of America. Apart from the depressingly violent New York, he thought America a very beautiful place, and that, contrary to popular belief, Americans generally were far from superficial.

Of a political nature, there were talks by Mr. Underhill, the National Agent for the Labour Party, on the subject of the organisation of political parties, and Mr. Stevenson — an ex-member of Staff — who was, at the time of his talk, prospective Labour candidate for Bury St. Edmunds. From the Right, we heard from a member of the "Monday Club", and although our speaker had the misfortune to address a largely hostile audience, politically speaking, this Forum was probably one of the best in terms of audience response. Another such Forum was when Mr. Lionel Murray, Assistant General Secretary to the T.U.C., spoke to an unusually responsive audience about Trade Unions and Industrial Relations.

We were also privileged to have the renowned Professor Thring explain to us his motto of "Technology for Good". He suggested that with all the crimes against the environment, we are set on a disaster course unless we abandon the affluent society for the creative society, in which the quality of life would be far more important than the material standard of living.

Other Forums dealt with the subjects of the Olympic Games, Inflation, Explosives, the East 15 Acting School and Race Relations. Our thanks go to all the speakers who have had the courage to face the ever-critical Sixth Form, and to Mr. Sillis for his work in organising Forum.

M. Canby UVI

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## SAILING

Every afternoon throughout the school year, apart from the two half-terms either side of Christmas, about twenty boys have run the gauntlet of their friends calling, "Hullo, sailor!" to board a coach to take them to Nazeing Sailing Centre. The centre provides six Torches, two Mirrors, an Enterprise and a long-boat together with a qualified instructor. The large gravel pit, formerly two pits joined by a narrow neck of water, has recently been dredged in places and made larger, though there still remain some submerged islands topped by bushes to catch the unwary. Other minor hazards include one area which is screened against the prevailing wind by a row of trees, which makes handling difficult in light and gusty breezes but soon teaches the crew to be alert and responsive. Above all, one soon learns when the wind is blowing over the blunt end to avoid gybing, or to those uninitiated, allowing the mainsail to rush from one side of the boat to the other and neatly decapitating any crewman who is silly enough not to duck.

Other joys of sailing include discovering that if you hit the bank hard enough you can move from one end of the boat remarkably quickly, that the water is very cold, that boats that have tipped their occupants into the water then tend to sail away quite happily and that when a boat is in the area captained by a mad Irishman, cackling with fiendish glee at the prospect of perfecting his ramming technique, one must keep WELL CLEAR.

At the end of the season the result of various escapades is a few boys who have competed in regattas and been tempted to try estuary sailing, a lot of boys who, even after a few weeks' experience, can handle a boat in most conditions and who have become quite proficient at dealing with sheets, painters, centre-plates, goose-wings and similar mysteries and some who came to "see whether they liked it" and didn't.

Some explanations of nautical terms you may hear:

"We are going about" — we are in imminent danger of collision.

"Hard to port" — hard to starboard.

"I've dropped the bailer overboard" — the boat is filling with water.

"This is jolly bracing weather!" — I feel sea-sick.

"Capsize drill" — trying for half an hour to get into a boat with its mast stuck in the bottom of the lake.

"To come aboard" — to wait until he gets one foot in the boat and then push off, hard.

**C.T.**

Postscript: During the Easter Holiday 1974 a party is going on the Midlands canals in three long-boats. It is hoped that this will give some experience of living aboard in some style and comfort, but it will depend on the weather and the availability of good cooks.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

This year the social services' changed in two respects; a closer partnership was forged with Loughton Girls' School, and a central body of four pupils was set up in both schools. But traditional activities, visiting elderly people and the sale of 'Sunny Smiles' booklets, continued. We also chose to support a local charity, that of providing alarm systems for old folks, run by Loughton Toc H. With a sponsored table tennis marathon, a jumble sale, and crisp selling, we raised £100 for this cause. Especial thanks to the four girls from Loughton School: J. Gymer, B. Nunn, E. Goddard, H. Sewell, and to those who helped in any way at all.

M. Cox, R. Morgan, P. Brill, M. Holt

## CHESS CLUB

The chess team has had another successful year which can mainly be put down to the interest of members in the lower half of the school. Fifteen matches have been played, of which we won 8, drew 2 and lost 5.

We entered three competitions and reached the quarter-final of the Essex Knockout Cup before meeting the might of Ilford. The Senior team also played very well in their section of the Essex Schools Chess League, losing only to Ilford County High School.

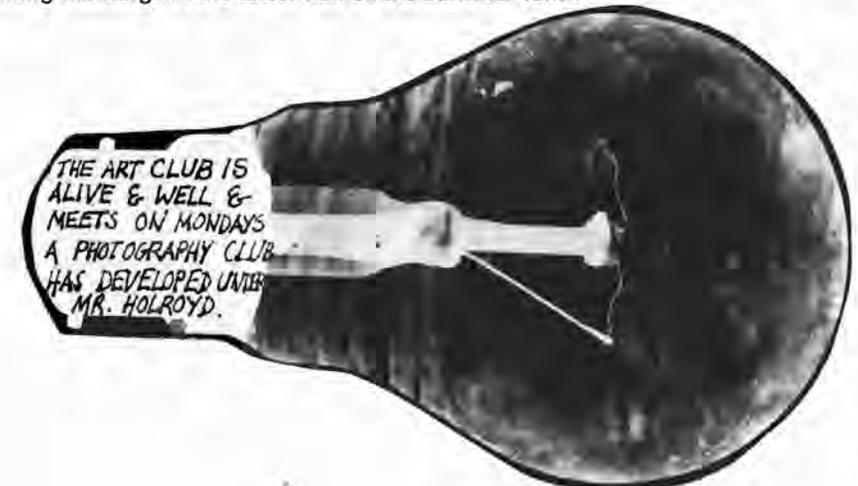
Regular members of Junior and Senior teams include: D. Bernheim, P. Pritchard, A. Iles, N. Selby, T. Paisley, R. Winwood, R. Pearlstone, S. Muth, N. Pepper, S. King, S. Humphries, and P. Davey.

D. Bernheim Upper Sixth and P. Pritchard 4X

## JUNIOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Numbers have been lower this year, but there has been an active programme. Guest speakers have included a C.I.D. officer, a Franciscan friar and a Baptist Minister, and there have been films and discussions.

We have been grateful to Mr. Jones for his help and support, and also for running meetings in the latter half of the summer term.



## THE LIBRARY

This year has again seen a large number of new additions to the library. In particular we were grateful to receive Purnell's History of the Twentieth Century from the school fund, and over one hundred books on Chemistry and Biology from an Old Buckwellian, Mr. L. Martin. We also received gifts of books from members of staff and pupils.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank last year's senior librarians, Messrs. Auld, Bernheim, and Webster, for their devotion to the time-consuming activities of the library, and we are also grateful for the keen support from our junior librarians this year.

The librarians' outing to Blenheim Palace in the summer was a great success. Unfortunately, this otherwise happy picture has been marred for the second year running by the loss of over three hundred books; we obviously cannot continue to sustain such losses, and unless a greater degree of responsibility is exercised by users of the library, the present policy of virtually unrestricted access to the library may have to be reconsidered. This year we say goodbye to our staff librarian, Mr. A. T. Griffiths, who moves on to another school, and we wish Mr. Boothroyd, his replacement, every success as he takes on this arduous task.

A. Brown; M. Walker; P. Wilson; N. Taylor; S. Hutchinson.

## NEW DEBATING SOCIETY

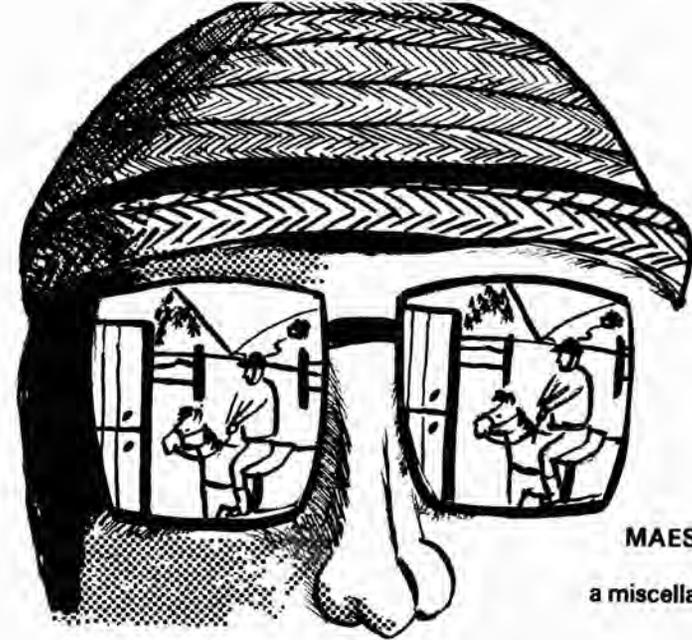
After suffering for a long time from a chronic lack of membership, the Debating Society finally kicked the proverbial bucket. As I had nothing whatever to do with the old Society, I cannot and do not intend to congratulate or lay blame upon any individual person concerned with its successes or ultimate collapse. It flopped, and that is that. Nice try, lads, but tough.

Let it be stressed that the recently formed NEW DEBATING SOCIETY is utterly different in approach. IT will practice more than just debating, the monotony of which I believe was responsible for the stagnation of its predecessor. It will be a focus for all types of public speaking, and thus original ideas and support are whole-heartedly welcomed.

Greatly improved organization and action in league with all other local schools will produce the scope for large scale events and competitions. I am convinced that lack of formality and regimentation will be instrumental in the success of school and inter-school activities. Propriety and procedure are servants, not masters.

So I leave you with a parting thought. If you have any kind of interest in public speaking then the N.D.S. is definitely your scene.

David J. Lee  
Secretary and President



MAES-Y-LADE 1973

a miscellany of impressions

Last Whit Monday at around one o'clock, in the heart of darkest Wales, twenty-three unsuspecting boys climbed off a coach, put their bags in the back of the Land-Rover and walked up the hill to Maes-y-lade. There we settled and were given a cup of tea and a huge orange garment called a Helli-Hensen. It was raining so we went for a walk around the grounds to see if the mud would come over the tops of our wellingtons. . . .

'Cor, what a dump!'

'There's mould on my mattress!'

These were typical of the remarks made on entering a dingy room fifteen feet by ten containing ten bunks. Recovering my wits, I threw my pack into the cleanest-looking of the top bunks.

'Bags it!' I said as others followed my example until all eight of us had a bunk. I was lucky in having the bunk below me (which was by far the wettest) free to store my belongings. My seven companions preferred to use the communal heap in the middle of the concrete floor. . . .

A notable event was the attempt to make porridge from potato powder by Harris, Kay and Silverstone. . . .the evening meal cooked by Group A, a horrible conglomeration of meat and vegetable. . . .strangely-clad in deep-sea divers' boots, boiler suits and helmets with lamps on them, twelve of us played sardines in a Land-Rover. On arriving at our destination, we entered a subterranean realm where everything was wet, walked through waist-deep water, crawled through mud and fell over in rocky tunnels. This was called caving. . . .

We spent the next two days bouncing around on horses in the hills getting sore. No-one fell off, which rather disappointed those who did not think they would fall off anyway. . . .It turned out to be painful, wet, hungry and incomparable. Yes, we had a great time!

Various Hands

## JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB 1973

Junior Music Club only exists during the Summer Term, and, unfortunately, the meetings have been very infrequent this term, the causes being varied.

The first meeting held was to discuss any ideas for future programmes. As a result of this the next meeting held was a "Record Choice", in which members' own choices, ranging from classical through to pop, were played. At the end of this meeting a committee was elected.

Miss Boyd kindly agreed to be the guest for a "Desert Island Discs" programme in which she played her own choices of records and answered questions from the audience and the chairman, Mr. Rippin. Another popular meeting was that at a recording of a radio programme, telling the story of the pop group "Slade", was played. Also included in that meeting was a recording about folk tunes from the Ukraine. Another meeting contained a recording of Larry Adler talking about the harmonica.

It was noticeable that the largest attendances were on wet days, but usually the attendance consisted of 1st and 2nd formers with a few 3rd formers.

Our thanks go to Mr. Rippin for it was he who organised all the meetings.

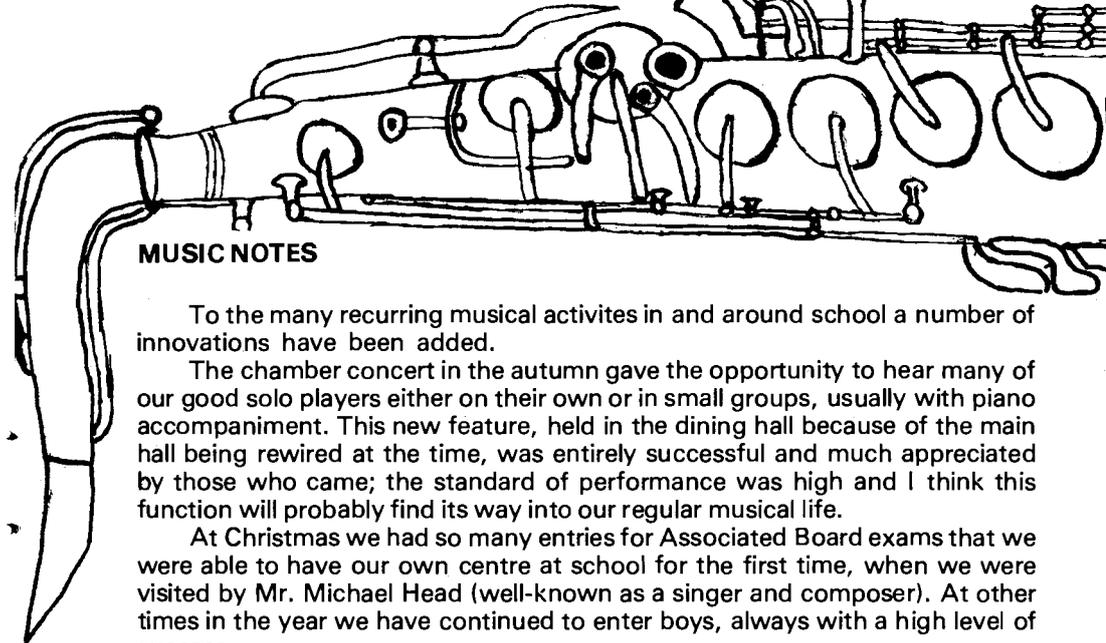
A. Buggy 3X  
D. Beard 2Z  
Secretaries

## SENIOR MUSIC SOCIETY

This year the Society started out with good intentions, determined to meet every fortnight. At the beginning of the year, we met quite regularly. Among the programmes was a "Desert Island Discs" choice by the famous Mr. Lakeman. We felt that we would like to know more about the Big Bands of the 1930's and so Mr. Rippin dug out of his cupboard a recording on this topic. It was enjoyed by most. Then one day, Mr. Rippin unearthed a recording of folk music which was interesting, if not enjoyable.

After that, the Society suffered blows that ended it for the rest of the year. Firstly, the school tape recorder succumbed to a mysterious bug that laid it low for half a term. When it returned to active service, a committee was formed to work out a programme for the rest of the year. But once again, tragedy struck. We found that we could not have any meetings because Mr. Rippin's time was taken up with the production of a musical. However, we hope to have more success next year.

Clive Western



## MUSIC NOTES

To the many recurring musical activities in and around school a number of innovations have been added.

The chamber concert in the autumn gave the opportunity to hear many of our good solo players either on their own or in small groups, usually with piano accompaniment. This new feature, held in the dining hall because of the main hall being rewired at the time, was entirely successful and much appreciated by those who came; the standard of performance was high and I think this function will probably find its way into our regular musical life.

At Christmas we had so many entries for Associated Board exams that we were able to have our own centre at school for the first time, when we were visited by Mr. Michael Head (well-known as a singer and composer). At other times in the year we have continued to enter boys, always with a high level of success.

The third new thing, and by far the most demanding, was the production of Michael Maxwell's musical 'Ticket of Leave'. This adaptation of a Victorian play had been written for and first performed last year by members of the Royal Ballet School (a number of whom turned up for one of our performances). Although composed with young people in mind, neither the play nor music made any concessions to youth, apart from the matter of vocal range to take into account unsettled voices. It was refreshing to come across music which was immediately appealing yet with undeniable touches of originality and humour. The cast, including a chorus of (in some cases) curiously unlikely people, worked very hard at their parts and most evenings were devoted to a sort of shuttle service between the music room and the hall — here for some music, there for some acting. The chamber orchestra, highly polished in performance, was made up of our own boys plus Mr. J. Clapp (a parent and Old Boy) on cello and Mr. D. Ray at the piano.

The remainder of the year has been filled with many regular features: some boys sang in the EFYMA performance of Faure's Requiem; a dozen or more attended the Woodford Concerts to hear pianists Radu Lupu and Ronald Smith (the former recital recorded and broadcast by the BBC), the Kings Singers, Judith Pearce on flute, the famous Tel Aviv Quartet and the Czech Piano Trio. We have had two opera visits to the London Coliseum again, to Rigoletto on the one hand and the Merry Widow on the other, and most of the fourth-year music group went to a Festival Hall concert to hear Antony Hopkins talking about and conducting film music with the Philharmonia Orchestra.



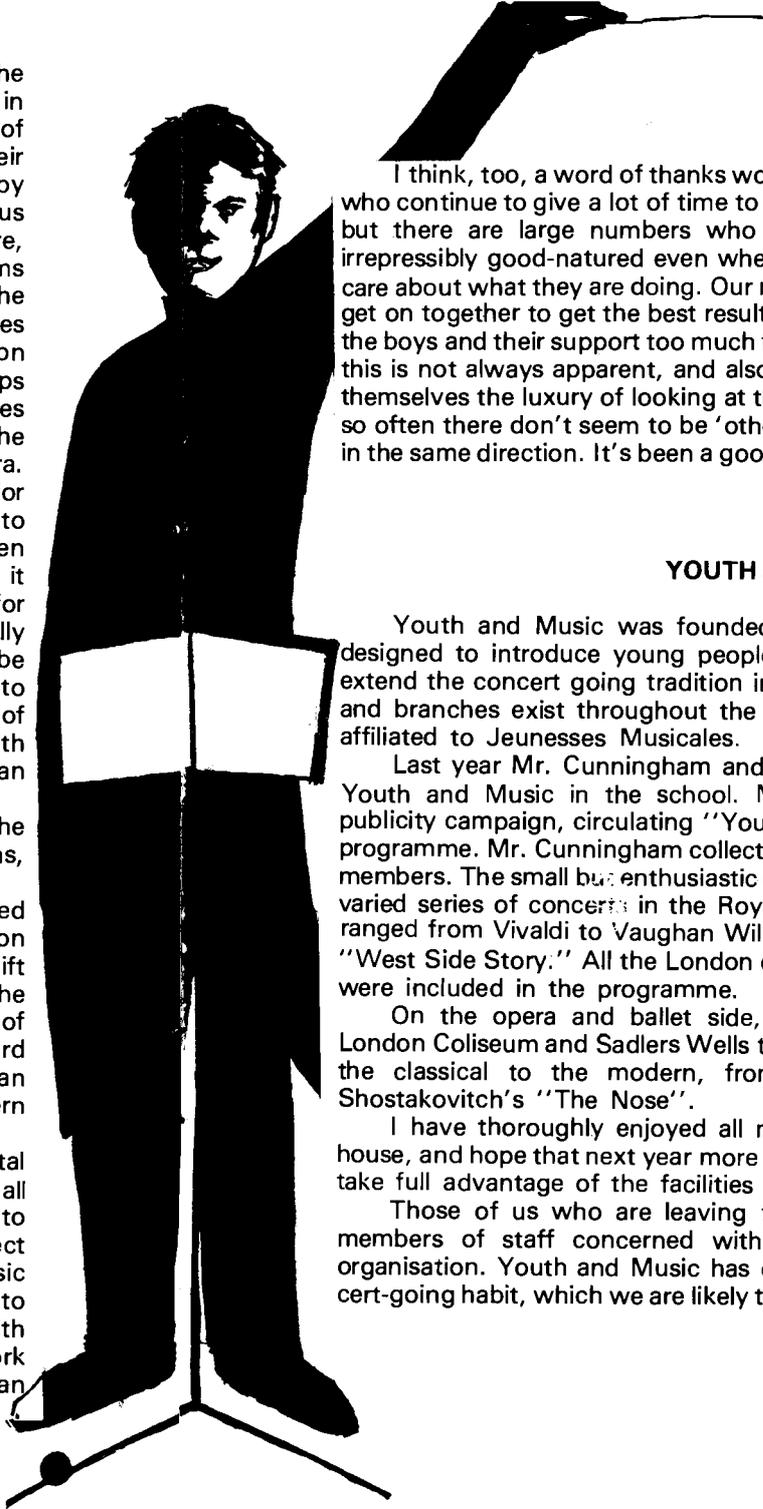
During the year the Senior and Junior orchestras became respectively the First and Second orchestras in deference to the wide age range represented in both, and at the summer concert we said goodbye, as usual, to a number of boys who in one way or another have contributed much over the years by their playing and singing, and who now go to face the outside world: Nigel Bielby goes to study violin at the Royal Academy, Scott Gibson (who only came to us in the sixth form from Chigwell School) is as yet undecided about his future, though music may exert its pull; Peter Toms, Graham Russell, Simon Williams and John Rawles have all been instrumentalists with us, some of them in the choir too, and from the latter we said farewell to Stephen Wright who goes back to Norfolk (whence he came five years ago), Adrian Ayley, Robert Wilson and David Iles, though the last three were not at the concert. This is perhaps also the place to single out Martin Koch's highly entertaining Beatles arrangements which he did for the concert and also to record the fact that he will be playing at this year's Prom Concert with the National Youth Orchestra.

Reports on the Junior and Senior Music Clubs appear elsewhere — for one reason and another, partly due to repairs to the audio equipment, partly to the pressure of work imposed by 'Ticket of Leave', meetings have been sporadic this year, particularly with the seniors. At the same time I find it depressing to record that so few boys are prepared to do anything for themselves in this direction. When we have meetings they are now usually well-attended, sometimes embarrassingly so, but everyone seems to be content to leave everything to someone else (usually me) when it comes to managing and arranging programmes, and there seems to be a paucity of ideas and an unwillingness to get involved. Surely, with so many boys with such varied ideas and talents in music around, there must be some who can knock up a few programmes on their own without teacher's help.

We congratulate Timothy Morris on being one of the joint winners of the Henry Riding Memorial Prize, a local award for promising young musicians, where, by his cello playing, he benefitted to the tune of £25.

The Music Festival this year — unbelievably our tenth — was adjudicated by Mr. Peter Moorse, a senior lecturer in music for the University of London and also sub-organist of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields. Due to the last minute shift of date of this, performers were rather hurried into things, and as some of the seniors had by then left to join the ranks of the workers, there was a loss of perhaps some really brilliant performances. Nevertheless the standard remained high and prizes were awarded to Jeremy Dibble (fluting), Brian Harper (trumpeting), Martin Koch (for his arrangements), Clive Western (organing) and Martin Wheatley (oboeing).

We are particularly fortunate in the high standard of instrumental teaching which we get from our visiting staff and I would like to thank them all for their time, skill, patience, encouragement, (endurance?) and willingness to help at all times and to continue teaching under sometimes less-than-perfect conditions (did you know the English store had become an unofficial music annexe for some lessons?). I am very sorry that Mrs. Treacher is having to leave us owing to circumstances which she cannot control and she leaves with regrets on both sides and our warmest wishes for the future. The good work she has done with our string players will be continued, I know, by Mrs. Susan Sheppard from September onwards.



I think, too, a word of thanks would not be out of place to the many boys who continue to give a lot of time to our school music. People vary of course, but there are large numbers who do work very hard, who seem to be irrepressibly good-natured even when there is a crisis on, and who generally care about what they are doing. Our music is a two-sided affair and we have to get on together to get the best results. In my saner moments I try not to take the boys and their support too much for granted and I hope they are tolerant if this is not always apparent, and also that they may from time to time allow themselves the luxury of looking at things from the 'other side'. The fact that so often there don't seem to be 'other sides' only shows that we are all going in the same direction. It's been a good year.

J.W.R.

## YOUTH AND MUSIC

Youth and Music was founded by Sir Robert Mayer in 1954. It was designed to introduce young people to great music, and by doing this to extend the concert going tradition in this country. It has developed rapidly, and branches exist throughout the country. On the international level it is affiliated to Jeunesses Musicales.

Last year Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Loveridge established a branch of Youth and Music in the school. Mr. Loveridge carried out the advance publicity campaign, circulating "Youth and Music News" and explaining the programme. Mr. Cunningham collected the orders and circulated the tickets to members. The small but enthusiastic group of fifth and sixth formers enjoyed a varied series of concerts in the Royal Festival Hall, and heard music which ranged from Vivaldi to Vaughan Williams' "Wenlock Edge" and Bernstein's "West Side Story." All the London orchestras and many famous conductors were included in the programme.

On the opera and ballet side, performances at Covent Garden, the London Coliseum and Sadlers Wells theatre were attended. They ranged from the classical to the modern, from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" to Shostakovich's "The Nose".

I have thoroughly enjoyed all my visits to the concert hall and opera house, and hope that next year more boys will join YOUTH AND MUSIC, and take full advantage of the facilities it offers.

Those of us who are leaving this year would like to thank the two members of staff concerned with the formation of the group and its organisation. Youth and Music has certainly established among us the concert-going habit, which we are likely to maintain in the future.

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## AUTUMN CONCERT 1972

The Autumn Concert in the Dining Hall on October 19th provided generous scope for the school's leading instrumentalists in an individual and group capacity.

The violinists were Nigel Bielby, leader of the School Orchestra, (Handel's "Sonata in F" and Suk's "Un poco triste"), John Rawles (Telemann's "Sonatina in A"), and Clifford Oliver (Sarasate's "Players-Spanish Dance"). Peter Toms (piano) played a Chopin waltz and "Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum" from Debussy's "Children's Corner".

Among the wind instrumentalists, Jeremy Dibble played Walter Leigh's "Sonatina for flute" with great assurance, Richard Selby (oboe) played the theme from the second movement of Bizet's "Symphony in C" and Scott Gibson (clarinet) was outstandingly fluent in Rossini's "Mazurka".

Christopher Giles (horn) played Ravel's stately "Pavane pour une Infante defunte" and Martin Koch ended the concert brilliantly with the first movement of Gordon Jacob's "Trombone Concerto".

The Brass Quartet played Reiche's "Quatricenia" and Schein's "Musical Banquet". Ian Theodoresen (viola), Scott Gibson (clarinet) and Mr. Rippin collaborated in the minuet from Mozart's wonderful Trio K.498. The Wind Quintet played Robert Washburn's "Suite" and "Two Dances" by Denes Agay. Christopher Giles (horn) and Martin Koch (euphonium) were partners in Mr. Rippin's "Variations on an old French Carol". An enthusiastic audience enjoyed it all!

P.E.S.

The Summer Concert held on the 13th July 1973 was one of the longest and most successful in recent years. The overall standard of performance demonstrated the excellence achieved by the boys and music staff of the school.

The concert opened with orchestral pieces by Rawsthorne and Hoddinott followed by three sixteenth century madrigals performed with their original texts. The performance of Arcadelt's song of death 'Il bianco e dolce cigno' was particularly fine. Next came pieces played by the second orchestra which were marked by some very good oboe-playing by Martin Wheatley. 'Street Sounds' by Phyllis Tate, a work with interesting textures for wordless chorus accompanied by piano and percussion, was sung with considerable zest.

Probably the highlight of the first half of the concert was a canzona quarta by the Venetian composer Giovanni Baptista Grillo, a contemporary of Monteverdi. The beautiful wind tone and the control and fluency of the echo effects of the two choirs of brass were quite outstanding. The first half of the concert ended with an excellent performance of Pierre Rode's Seventh Violin Concerto by Nigel Bielby. The solo part gave plenty of opportunity for virtuosity, but the orchestral accompaniment was dull and there was little melodic flair.

In the second half of the concert we had the Weber Concertino for clarinet and orchestra in which the soloist was Scott Gibson, who, like Nigel Bielby, was giving his last performance at the school. The 'madrigal' from 'The Mikado' by Arthur Sullivan was followed by two more pieces from the

brass group, 'Eleanor Rigby' and 'Hey Jude', arranged with considerable skill by Martin Koch. Despite the fact that these pieces had been re-echoing through the school during the previous week, the high quality of the performance still gave it tremendous impact.

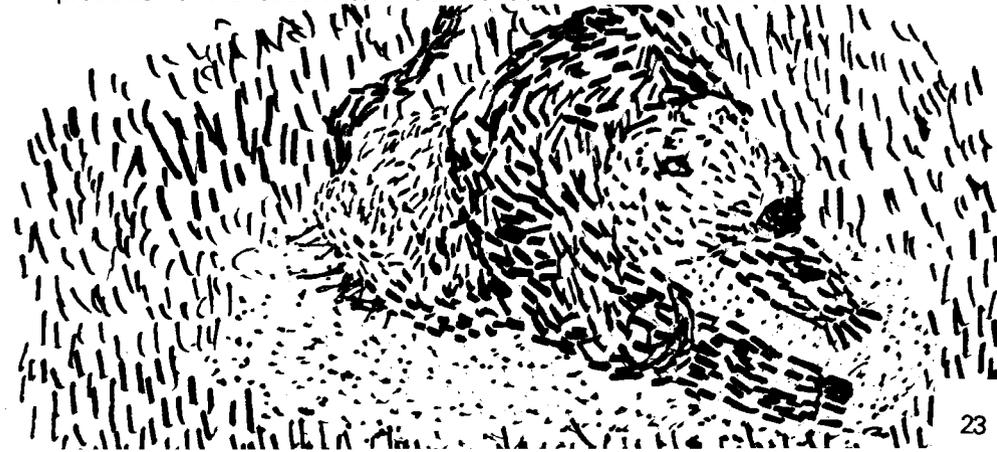
The choir's item in the second half was the pop cantata 'Holy Moses' by Chris Hazell. Although good in parts, this was not as interesting a work of its kind as others that have been performed in recent years. The concert closed with the Triumphal March from 'Caractacus' by Elgar.

## THE SPOKEN WORD

The departure of Mr. Griffiths at the end of the school year left a gap which will not easily be filled. For some years he has been in charge of the many activities which come under the general heading of 'The spoken word.' It was fitting that teams under his direction should sweep the board at this year's Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition, by winning both the U 16 and the U 19 trophies. Members of the team were D. Iles, S. Hutchinson, C. Western and N. Pettifer. Teams were also entered for the English-Speaking Union competition in which one team got through to the area final and in which D. Iles won an award for the best individual speaker.

At the annual Verse Speaking Competition we had a change from the usual external adjudicator by press-ganging Mr. Griffiths himself into the 'Hot seat'. In his tactful yet constructive adjudication he found much to praise, although he criticised the choice of set poem in the Junior Section. ('Tomcat' by Ted Hughes) as being too difficult. Awards went to Marchant 2Z, Rooney 2Z, Moran 2X, Simister 4Z, and Kaye 3Z. Consolation prizes were awarded to Burnage 2X and Waite 1Z.

Other activities included contributions to the E.F.Y.M.A. festival and a sequence of prose and verse "Willingly to School?" introduced by S. Hutchinson at the Summer Concert. With the arrival of Mr. Jones as the new master in charge of R.E., assembly readings have been given a new lease of life: this has meant new challenges for the readers and speakers who are often called upon to give commentaries on slides, take part in dramatic readings and generally get across a very different kind of 'Lesson' from the chapter-and-verse of the conventional assembly. One can detect in the attention — occasionally rapt attention — given to readings of this kind a gratifying appreciation of the readers' efforts and of the choice of material read.



# DRAMA

## 'TICKET OF LEAVE'

To my mind the success of a Musical Play depends on the memorability and 'catchiness' of its tunes, and the fact that numbers like 'Night out' and 'Hawkshaw the Detective' haunted me for months afterwards shows what an accomplished score our peripatetic 'Wind and Brass' teacher Michael Maxwell had put together. The fact that weeks later the songs were being sung, occasionally mezza voce but more frequently at full voice, over the quiet Lakeland Fells, is further proof if that were needed. The small orchestra of piano, strings, woodwind and percussion performed the ingenious score which so successfully 'married' a mixture of modern and 'traditional' tunes with precision and attack.

'Ticket of Leave' marked a highly successful collaboration between the Music and Drama departments presided over jointly by Mr. Rippin and Mr. Rooney to whom the highest praise is due. Music and Drama fused happily together and the whole performance was played, particularly on the second night, with admirable zest and panache. I also liked the faded 'Victorian' sets, designed and built by Mr. Downey and assistants, which, together with the costumes, (all thanks to Mrs. Hynes-Higman), more or less perfectly in period, completed the feeling of authenticity which marked the whole production.

It is perhaps invidious to isolate individual performances from such a large cast all of whom acted and sang with such obvious enjoyment and showed such talent, but special mention must be made of Stuart Hutchinson's admirably suave, plausible and dangerous villain (nicely sung too!); Nigel Cole's hugely funny detective 'Nailer' Hawkshaw, Noel Greenwood's highly sympathetic north-country hero and Stephen Marchant's irresistible Cockney Sam, a performance which almost stole the show.

The sixth-formers who made up the chorus of customers, navvies and bank-clerks sang out lustily and entered fully into the spirit of the melodrama especially in the pub scenes. The junior ragamuffin chorus threw themselves wholeheartedly into the singing and acting with an enthusiasm which was occasionally alarming but always highly infectious.

As usual a special word of praise must go to the girls of Loughton County High without whom a production of this kind would be unthinkable, and to all those helping behind the scenes on the set, make-up and lighting. Mr. Prentice and the Art department produced yet another in their fine series of posters for school productions.

I have seldom enjoyed a school production more than I did this one and I should very much like to see more ventures of this kind which bring out the combined fascination of Music and Drama which, to me, is unique. With all the acting and musical talent which this school has at its command it seems a pity that more productions of this kind are not attempted. Another encouraging feature of this production was the inclusion in the cast of a number of boys who have previously had little to do with School Drama and Music and who not only enjoyed themselves immensely but also gained a great deal from the experience.

J. C. L.

The Christmas Entertainment 1972 was a joint staff-pupil presentation of 'The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew' by Robert Bolt, produced by Mr. Downey who some years ago directed another of Bolt's plays (in more serious vein) in a memorable production. In his handling of this play, Mr. Downey laid a sound foundation with his customary flair for inspired casting: who but he could have spotted the zany potential of Mr. Prentice as the hard-done-by egg-painter Obadiah, or seen the hugely comic possibilities of Mr. Skinner as the oafish 'heavy', Squire Blackheart? Both of these characters were the source of enormous amusement to an appreciative audience.

Those in the audience whose memories went back to a previous staff play, 'The Drunkard', were not surprised to find Mr. Clapton (Baron Bolligrew) and Mr. Loveridge (FitzOblong) dramatically opposed in their respective roles of villain and hero. Mr. Loveridge was superb as the quixotic do-gooder, enthusiastic and vulnerable, incorruptible except by the foulest of foul play. Technically his presence on the stage gave a 'lift' to the less experienced actors by his injection of pace and his impeccable timing. Mr. Clapton's Baron Bolligrew came across excellently in his finely-calculated blend of greed, callousness, cunning and bluster. No stranger to limelight and Lechner, Mr. Clapton has developed a nice line in stage villainy which first appeared in his Squire Cribbs in 'The Drunkard'. His experience was a considerable asset in this long part which he executed so well with the aid of a deliciously offensive snigger, flat vowels and eloquent eyebrows.

Mr. Rippin got the play off to a crisp start with his portrayal of the Duke whose tetchy manner and gutsy inclinations he projected so well. He was ably supported by the satellite members of his court, and here Mr. Downey managed to achieve skilful differentiation of character — the oily Juniper of Mr. Cunningham, the crushing modesty of Strong-body (Mr. Holroyd), the ingratiating toadyism of Smoothe (Mr. Whaler) and the aristocratic non-chalance of Mr. Cartwright's Trumpington. When the action moved to the Bolligrew Islands we encountered the bluff Captain, nicely roared by Mr. Sears, the well-calculated N.C.O. crassness of Mr. Barber's Sergeant and the hand-wringing, fence-sitting Lord Mayor of Mr. Stancer. These smaller parts were etched with commendable care for detail by the producer and the actors concerned.

The second act brought us the sinister sardonic figure of Dr. Moloch, played with a breath-taking sang-froid by Mr. Griffiths, whose fruity voice and suave manner fitted the part of Professor of Wickedness to perfection. Miss Boyd gave excellent support as his Magpie familiar, neatly suggesting the servile snobbery of the college 'scout'. Dick Mahoney was the more plebeian Magpie, and though reportedly irregular in attendance at rehearsal, had only to draw on his natural talent as an actor to give his usual relaxed performance. Another sixth-former who has contributed well to school drama, John Smith, growled a convincing henchman, while an assorted band of Dramatic Society members ably supported in the role of poor and needy peasants.



The resources in setting, sound, music, lighting and costume put at Mr. Downey's disposal by members of the Society and the supervising Staff were up to the usual high standard one has begun to expect at Buckhurst Hill. Mr. Downey deployed his forces most effectively: particularly striking were the glowing eyes of the inevitable Dragon (on this occasion apparently imported from the Celtic Fringe). Mr. Downey not only produced, but also played the part of the Storyteller. Although a credit was given to a prompter in the programme, one got the impression that if lapses of memory occurred, his help was disdained by a cast who welcomed the opportunity for the occasional creative improvisation.

Rarely has the whole school, staff and pupils, found such common cause in a challenging venture which was not only enjoyable for the participants, but also gave much pleasure — occasionally irreverent — to the audience of schoolboys and their parents.



## THE DIVE

At the top of the cliff  
tensed as a bowstring  
Stands the diver  
staring into the blue depths below.

He raises his arms  
slowly topples  
And then is plunging, falling  
in dignified flight.

The waves rush nearer  
frothing up like greedy hands  
snatching and grabbing  
wild with anger.

A moment of indecision  
while poised above the seething mass,  
then a flurry of spray and water  
as the waves claim their victim  
and close over the struggling body.

Then, silence.  
The grabbing monster changes  
into a dark serene beauty  
Calm and cool.

The sudden contrast  
in that one second  
Is really incredible  
like nothing before.

Now he floats  
Slowly,  
in the calm underworld of the sea,  
Where the rule is that nobody  
but nobody  
can move with a jerk or a jolt.

The waving fronds, the gaping fish  
add to the beauty  
Of this noiseless  
slowed-down world.

But now he must go  
Back to the screaming cities  
the snarling cars  
and the dirt-saturated air.

R. Stubbs 2X



# REVOLUTION

I gazed with sullen resentment upon the plump, bearded man seated opposite me. His exquisitely shaped moustache, his immaculate and prim black bow-tie, his whole appearance presented an image of laborious punctiliousness that was growing steadily more repellent to me. With difficulty, I unclenched my fist and, noting the tingling film of perspiration on my palm, pondered his last remark. Seeing a chance to reaffirm his speech, Wilson continued:

"I cannot tell a lie, Ian. It was I who terminated your robot." Poor Wilson; the slave of historical cliché, the servant of ridiculous melodrama instilled in his helpless youth by relentless and merciless psycho-education. His mind is continually doped, his thoughts and emotions dampened to the level of mere mediocrity. But we're all enslaved to something. Everyone is tamed with cardboard sex and trained to languish in a spiritual void. Life itself is reduced to a long mechanical function.

I suddenly realized that Wilson was again speaking.

"I've got a new interest, Ian: sadism. An essential quality for successful political domination. Your robot was my first victim."

I watched his lips moulding and fashioning the lies. Yet he was innocent of this sin. He said merely what he wanted to be true, because the society around him had made him that way — had made everybody that way. Wilson's muddled and spasmodic imagination envisaged himself as some romantic and ruthless demagogue. It was pitiful. He used to tell me how interested he was in psychology; now his memory could regurgitate countless volumes in a flood of irrelevance. He made me want to vomit. My fingers clenched the arm of the chair and I leant forward menacingly.

"You disgust me, Wilson. Get out of here."

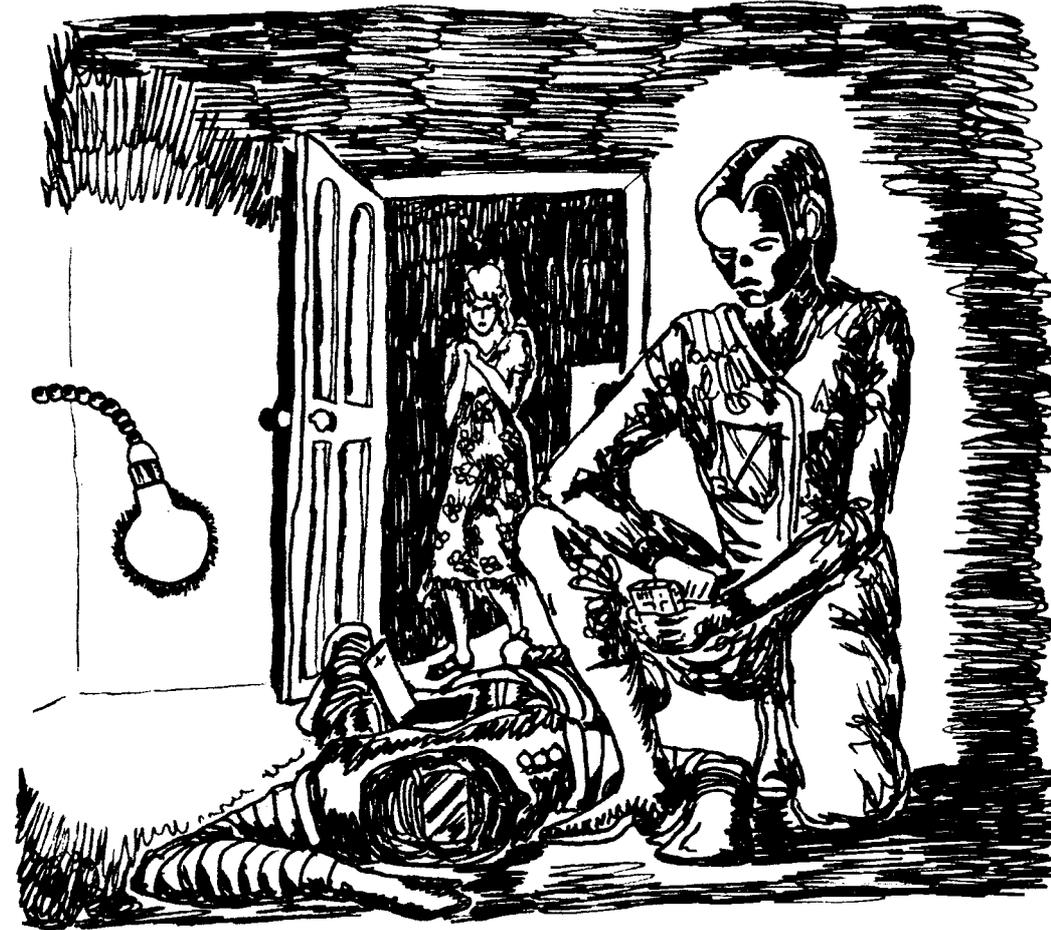
He too was rising from his chair, but he kept his distance.

"Now, now, Ian. Control your emotion. Anger is bad — should take some mind-soothers if I were you. Calm you down. Remember, Individualism is our saviour. Individualism has brought peace in our time."

Individualism! Individualism the government calls it! The great hope which became an ogre more powerful than its creator. An undefiable system demanding homage from men who can justify it only with conditioned platitudes. Damn the monster. Let it starve! Suddenly I felt an intense and angry feeling welling up inside me. I hated those institutionalised, stereotyped, inanimate wretches called men; I loathed the heartless system; I despised the shameful excuse to which life was reduced.

I leapt out of my seat and screamed at Wilson with a passion comparable only to hysteria. I screamed and screamed until my throat was dry, and I enjoyed it. Presently I sank wearily to my knees, inhaling in rasping gasps. The outburst had been an exhausting, emotional experience, surprising but none the less spiritually rewarding. Still breathing heavily, I looked up. Wilson had gone, and my numbed eyes briefly explored the familiar contours of the room. The walls stared back at me with a prosaic stillness which seemed oppressive.

I had to prepare myself for an act of revolutionary dimensions. My mind recoiled as I considered what Cynthia would do when I told her. I felt persecuted: a perversion condemned to be rejected by society, my only crime being freedom of thought. The prospect seemed unbearable, and I was gripped by a desire to find a bottle of mind-soothers to drug and subdue my rampant spirit. Almost impulsively I reached inside my pocket, and my fingers



discovered the reassuring shape of my ancient Walther. I wondered dimly why I hadn't used it on Wilson, but the thought was drowned in a whirlpool of confused emotions.

I sighed lengthily, then my eyes fell on the robot. How pitiless is fate! The robot is dead: an empty, silent heap of machinery; yet I loved that robot. That

is individualism, for everybody loves his own robot. And while marriage exists, no mutual love is found save that shared affection for one robot. Marriage is a reproductive pact, a tactile entente — no more.

I smiled wanly, but at that moment my deliberations were interrupted by the hiss of the main door. This was it; the consummate act of independence. My heart pounded as I watched the girl enter the room; Cynthia — my wife, and yet so distant. She glided into the room like a cool, refreshing breath of spring; a beautiful, painted butterfly — warm and enticing yet cold and isolated. She set down her parcels and removed her coat with that purposeful brusqueness characteristic of the middle class of the 1920's. Small wonder, for Cynthia was as devoted and enslaved to this short period of history as Wilson was to politics and contrived chivalry. It was no fault of hers, and I felt something for her that has long since been lost to the passage of time: I loved her.

I sat and watched her every silent movement, conducted with the utmost economy and efficiency. Soon she saw the dead robot. She halted, then turned slowly towards me, her cherry lips parted:

"Ilan, my robot!"

Even her distress was perfectly in period. With difficulty, I matched her stare.

"I did it, Cynthia. I don't love that robot any more. It's not worth loving." I leant forward. "I love YOU, Cynthia, don't you understand? I love YOU."

Her face was a picture of bewilderment. She gazed in turn at the robot and at my face, then, half whimpering, half sobbing, put her hands in her hair. Her voice was a shriek.

"You murderer! I hate you. I hate you!"

She fled from the apartment and her screams died in the distance. Failure. I had tried to break out of my prison, but I had failed. I put the Walther to my temple and pulled the trigger.

D. Lee

## CONSUMER REPORT

... being the third in our series, replacing the traditional University Letter and giving sixth-formers the Low-Down on Higher Ed.

At the end of the Summer Term four of our former pupils returned to give their successors in the Sixth Form their impressions of life at university/polytechnic. Not to be outdone by the 'posh' Sundays in providing a Students Service, we had our own correspondent present at the Forum to report proceedings.

No blobs for a best buy, but for a variety of views, read on . . .

### London (Michael Shenker, Chemistry, Queen Mary College)

Course is on the unit system whereby one can take 9-12 units for degree — exams each year, continuous assessment in practicals — 'chop' only comes to unhappy misfits, steady workers have no problem — staff/pupil ratio and relationships good — but some lecturers are poor teachers — there is student representation but much apathy — language labs available, German useful for science students — social and sporting life good — social life enlivened by the proximity of nurses from London Hospital and Goldsmiths College.

### Oxbridge (Jim Pollard, History, Trinity)

Our Man at Cambridge spoke of the pressures brought to bear on pupils by teachers and parents so that university became an automatic choice. He advised his listeners to consider carefully whether university would give them what they really wanted. He then listed the advantages of university life: the comparatively leisurely life, the fact that choice of career was postponed, the better cut of the financial cake given to universities at the expense of the polys. He stressed the importance of checking carefully on prospectus claims with regard to the content of courses and accommodation. Big names did not necessarily mean good teaching as research is all-important in the academic rat-race. He liked the tutorial system of teaching and was glad there was no continuous assessment: he preferred working very hard some of the time (before exams) to working quite hard all of the time (continuous assessment).

### Breezeblock (Keith Harris, Economic and Business Studies, Bradford)

It's new — 'the first breezeblock university — chose Bradford because they did a good P.R. job and gave a whole-day interview — plenty of satanic mills and rain but lovely buildings and charming people — benevolent attitude to first-year failures — heavy preponderance of male students, but Art College, Technical College and Hospital conveniently close by — recreational facilities very good: music, sports, film, etc and a good union.

### The Student as Commuter (Ian Fletcher, Business Studies, Central Polytechnic, Regent Street.)

Not residential, hence necessity to travel up and down each day — some advantages to living at home — a four year sandwich, two years college and now a year with Eastern Gas Board — industrial placings are found by college — classes small, tutorials smaller — assessment by exam but course work taken into consideration — allowed one re-sit if one subject failed — course has an advantage over a straight degree in career prospects.

In answer to questions, the general consensus of opinion favoured going into Halls of Residence where possible, deplored the lack of counselling, stressed the usefulness of language study in the Sixth Form and questioned the advisability of taking a buffer year off between school and college.

P.S. On that last point our speakers were in polite disagreement with last year's panel. The assessment will be continued in our next issue.



# SPORT

## 1ST XI FOOTBALL

This year we enjoyed another long run in the Pratt Cup only to be beaten in the semi-finals by Champion School, who beat us in the quarter-finals last year.

The rest of the fixtures brought mixed fortune as we lost eight of our twenty-five matches, drew to and won the remaining fifteen.

All our losses were marginal while many of our wins were decisive which is illustrated by the fact that we scored 94 goals and let in only 30.

The team next year will be virtually the same as only two players are leaving so further success can be expected.

The team was chosen from: Kaye (Capt.), Pink, Barber, Eustance, Hardy, Brill, Gage, Dobe, Slade, Thorneycroft, Watson, Heather, Walker, Smith, Kings.

Colours were awarded to Kaye, Pink, and Barber.

D. Kaye UVI

## 2ND XI FOOTBALL

The season started badly with a series of defeats. A month before the Christmas break things started to look better for us; the reason for this was that the team started to play as a team and we were able to field the same players each week.

After several selections for each position we finally decided on our best team, but after the departure of our former captain, David McCann, the team became slightly unsettled for a while until a new captain was appointed.

A new goalkeeper was required when Heather left for the 1st XI. The person who took his place was David Flowers, who played outstandingly if not consistently. Other notable mentions should be made of Andy Smith, Peter Ruddock and Trevor Burton for their work in mid-field, of Martin Church, the Mainstay of the defence and also of Tim Marks, Ian Walker and Julian Ratnage for scoring a vast majority of the goals.

Those who played were: Flowers, Clarke, Wheeler, D. Smith, Church, Burton, Ruddock, A. Smith, Mills, Marks, Ratnage, Rogers, McCann, Masters, Maskell, Conway, Heather, Treacher.

Leading goalscorers were: Marks (15), I. Walker (10), McCann (9), Ratnage (9), A. Smith (5), Ruddock (4) and Church (3).

## U15 FOOTBALL

This season started off as being one of the most promising known; we weren't only winning nearly all our games, we were winning by wide margins — 8-0, 11-0, 5-0 and even 16-0. However, our standard declined for a few games and we decided to change positions. Stuart King left before he could see the difference we finally made after having our roles changed over, this despite some people protesting, though they too, like the rest of the team, finally settled down.

Once again Steve Church acted his role in goal well. Knights, Paul Pritchard and Graham Skinner, all newcomers, settled down to play good football while Lawrence Gold and Chris Loy both worked hard and showed their versatility by popping up and scoring unexpected goals. Bill Priestley played his strong, dominating game. Graham Nunn was still the greatest person to watch with skill and bravery combined to give spectacular stunts. The majority of our goals came from Ian Beford usually in an attack that started with Keith Silver beating a full back and crossing it. Steve Philcox, who reads the game well would be there to pick it up, beat a man, put a through ball to Ian who would rocket the ball into the net.

Finally, mention must be made of our faithful coach, Mr. Drury, who has been with us for three years now.

The team was chosen from: Church, Knights, Nunn, Priestley, Gold, Loy (Capt.), Morton, Silver, Beford, Philcox, Stringer, Pritchard, Skinner, King.

## U12 FOOTBALL

P	W	D	L
20	8	1	11

The team started the season well after a few games. Up to Christmas the team was very consistent but after the holidays it was hard to find our rhythm again. Our best win was against Harold Hill 9-1 and our worst defeat against our old rivals West Hatch by 5-1. The Second Team played four matches against local junior teams.

Goals scored: For 59 Against 47.

C. Moore 1Y

### U12 CRICKET

P	W	D	L
6	1	1	4

The season was, on the whole, unsuccessful, as we lost most of our matches.

Against Beal Grammar School, however, we did win. In this match Jacobs and Higgins took 7 wickets between them. We were chasing 56 runs and eventually we got these thanks to Smith's score of 39.

Another very close match was against Langdon School in which we scored 76. They got off to a good start until their number 3 batsman was bowled by Dick. In the same over another two wickets fell for 0. With one over left Langdon needed one run to tie, two to win. Cox came into bowl. The first ball went down the leg side for a bye; it should have been hit for four but fortunately it was missed. After that all balls went down the off side and the over was a maiden. The match was drawn, much to our relief!

During the season the batsmen with the highest averages were Smith (16) and Cox (7.5)

P. Cox 1X

### U13 CRICKET

P	W	D	L
4	1	0	3

We started off the season with some fine cricket, only to be beaten by Davenant, away, by 4 wickets, though we redeemed ourselves at home to Ongar when we won comfortably by 6 wickets. Eash Ham fairly massacred us by scoring 56 more runs than we could manage and at Beal a good game went the wrong way with the result that we lost by 12 runs.

Outstanding performances came from: Edwards — 16 wickets in 4 games; Morris — 15 n.o., 19 and 24 and some fine wicket-keeping from Reynolds.

Thanks are due to Mr. Stockton for putting up with us and for his help.

P. Morris 2Y

### U14 CRICKET

P	W	D	L
11	4	1	6

Our season, although short, was somewhat unsuccessful, the team winning only 4 out of 11 games. On Tuesday 3rd July we took part in a Cricket Festival held at the School and on the pitches at Roding Valley and Buckhurst Hill. We lost our first match against Epping and then the team tried harder and won the next two matches by 3 wickets and 5 wickets. By winning these we scraped into the final by a lead of one wicket.

In the final we played Saffron Walden and after a brave effort we lost by just one run! S. Tatnall took 21 wickets in the day, which was more than anyone in all the 9 teams taking part.

In our last match of the season we drew against Ilford County High owing to a fantastic 58 not out by M. Ingram and a magnificent catch by K. Smithies behind the wicket to dismiss an Essex Youth Club player. G. Pease hit the only 6 of the season against East Ham.

The whole team would like to thank Mr. Marsh for giving up his time after school and on Saturdays to coach us and umpire our matches.

Batting averages: 1 - 24 Ingram  
2 - 9 Tatnall  
Bowling averages: 1 - 5.3 Tatnall  
2 - 6.0 Walters

S. Tatnall 3X

### U15 CRICKET

P	W	D	L
6	3	1	2

In general, our batting performance throughout the season was better than the bowling, though both have tended to be erratic very often because of poor turn-outs, the team being different every week.

However, notable innings have included a quick 29 not out by Bedford (including two sixes), and a 40 not out by Burnage against Parmiters. The best bowling figures came from Bedford who took 7 wickets for 30 runs in the season. Good wicket-keeping by Philcox and Cobb prevented large numbers of byes, even though wides were commonplace.

The team was picked from: Nunn, Burnage, Hicks, Turner, Philcox, Selby, Iles, Lucas, Trett, Bedford, Priestley, Chaplin, Gold, Happe, Finch, Cobb, Bell and Ingram.

### 1ST XI CRICKET

P	W	D	L
12	3	1	8

Batting:

	Runs	Completed Innings	Average
P. Eustace	82	4	20.5
D. Kaye	104	7	14.8

Bowling:

	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Wilkins	109	14	7.8
P. Eustace	120	15	8.0
G. Russell	127	13	9.8
D. Flowers	198	19	10.8

Catches: S. Williams - 6, A. Doble - 5.

Although the weather was in our favour (only one match was cancelled through rain) our results were disappointing. The team relied on individual performances and seemed unable to work together when the occasion demanded. The XI managed to take wickets when needed but the batting, potentially good on paper, did not live up to expectations. After good starts by earlier batsmen, Kaye and Eustace in particular, the rear of the order collapsed when runs were badly needed.

Wilkins, Flowers and Eustace were consistently good bowlers. With figures of 5-17 Flowers helped to beat Royal Liberty which we have not done for some years. Eustace recorded figures of 4-34 against Southend and 4-12 against King Edward VI who were dismissed for 57. Other bowling figures were Wilkins: 4-8 and 3-12, Russell: 4-15 and 3-22.

On the whole, fielding was good, especially in the catching department where a total of 40 catches were held.

Our thanks to Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Clapton for their help and encouragement and to Mrs. Paisley and the Parents Association for the teas.

Team from, Mitchell, Russell, D. Kaye, Wilkins, Toms, S. Williams, Greenwood, Eustace, Flowers, Baldwin, Doble, Andrews, Soones, Bretton, Bird, Heather, Hicks.

G. A. Russell

### U15 BASKETBALL

This year we played few games and considering that the team was very new, that many had not been good enough the previous year and that players were constantly leaving we did quite well.

In the Essex Cup we were knocked out (with a weakened team) against the previous year's winners, Chigwell School, but in a friendly match with the help of our new coach Mr.

Stockton we narrowly beat the eventual winners, Luctons. In our match against West Hatch we won convincingly, with the debut of Australian Brad Fraser.

Philcox and Bedford both played for the district team, with Burnage narrowly missing a place.

The team was chosen from: Philcox, Bedford, Burnage, Selby, Nunn, Skinner, Fraser, Silver, Harling, Bennet and King, one of our good players who unfortunately left at Christmas.

P	W	D	L
3	2	0	1

### 1ST TEAM BASKETBALL

This has been a rather uneventful year of mixed fortunes. We were knocked out of the Essex Cup in the first round by Westcliff, which was a disappointing result as we had hoped to repeat last year's successful run to the final.

Our few friendly matches brought narrow defeats by Chigwell, but an easy victory over the Harlow Schools Champions, Netteswell, and our visit to Wanstead resulted in a win by a margin of 50 points.

Great promise for the future has been shown by the Fourth Year members Philcox and Bedford.

Colours were re-awarded to Kaye.

The team was: Kaye (Capt.), Hoy, Eustace, Greenwood, Toms, Sussman, Goudge, Philcox, Bedford.

D. Kaye UVI

### TENNIS

In marked contrast to last summer's cloud, cold and gales, the sunshine and heat of this June and July have encouraged much greater use of the tennis courts and it has been a pleasant sight to see them fully booked almost every evening. If the exploits of Nastase, Smith, Laver et al., were most nearly approximated by ageing members of the teaching staff, nevertheless many an engaging battle has been fought out by the more junior members of the school both privately and in the context of the House Championship (won by Chigwell for the second year running). The seeds of their success lay not only in skill and effort as exemplified by such notables as Dave Kaye, Noel Greenwood, William Stringer, William Priestly and that irreplaceable trio of the Burnage family, but also in their ability always to field a full team. Despite fine individual performances the efforts of the other houses were sometimes nullified when only two pairs took the court.

It is perhaps invidious to pick out an individual performance for special mention but Goodwin of Roding showed his quite outstanding talent through his total command of every shot in the game. He will obviously go very far in the sport.

J. C. L.

### BADMINTON CLUB

There has been a great increase in support for badminton this year especially in the upper school. All age groups have had school matches with fair success. The 1st Team won 4 out of their 5 matches.

In the Junior Section the winners of the knock-out tournament were:

Doubles — Vallance and Rooney.

Singles — Vallance

The winners of the U15 knock-out were:

Doubles — H. and M. Burnage.

Singles — Selby.

We entered six pairs in the senior doubles section of the G.S.B.A. American Tournament in which Lait and Calcraft qualified for the semi-final with two walk-overs out of three games.

The School's 1st Team was chosen from: Jeffries and Glasscock, Lait and Calcraft, Halpin and Burton, Walker and Brown, Austin and Baldwin.

J. Glasscock LVI (Capt.)

This year's weather after threatening to rain was kinder than most and turned out to be quite a nice spring day which was enjoyed by well over 150 adult spectators.

The standard of achievement was quite high, especially in the Junior races and for the first time in memory we had an exciting finish to two races which resulted in dead-heats. These were in the 1st year 100 m (Carpenter and Hewitt), and in the 3rd Year 200m (Jones and Mott).

The Sprint races were all closely contested with only half a second separating the first three runners in four out of the five races. This in itself was a unique occasion.

The 400m races saw some good running and Abbott (4th Year) showed what a fine athlete he is by almost walking the last 60 yards and yet still clocking 59.3 seconds.

In the 800m races there was quite a surprise win by Stephenson (2nd Year) and easily the best of these races was a fine tactical run by O'Flynn (3rd Year) to win by some 10 yards from the favourite, Smith, a result which was reversed in the 1500m.

The 1500m also showed the promise of Lindelauf (2nd Year) who raced away to win by almost 100 yards in the fast time of 5.08 minutes here clearly is a boy with a promising future.

The Senior 850m and 1500m were won by Christmas in convincing fashion.

In the field events the day's most spectacular event was the Pole Vault which was again won by David Kaye with 2.50m and this was warmly applauded by a large crowd. Andrews completed a double in the Senior Triple Jump and Long Jump. Other doubles were also completed by Muth (High Jump and Discus), and Crouch (High Jump and Javelin).

The Inter-House Competition was won by Chigwell.

At the end of the day the prizes were presented by Mrs. Clayton and as usual a fine tea was provided by the members of the P.A.

F. E. Silver



## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

- J. Delfgou (1946-52) has been appointed Divisional Personnel Manager of London Rubber Industries.
- P. Hughes (1965-72) has recently finished his training at the B.B.C. Engineering Training Centre, Wood Norton, Evesham, and has joined the B.B.C.
- J. D. Lewis (1954-61) lives at Braintree and is in computers at Cambridge.
- J. Dunne (1958-64) has been awarded a French Government scholarship to help him with his Historical research at Rouen and Paris.
- A. M. Hardman (1960-67) is researching for a Ph.D. in History at Sussex University. His subject is "Industrial Relations between 1914 and 1930".
- J. J. Pollard (1964-71) has been elected President of the Students Union at Trinity College, Cambridge. He got a Class II division I in Part I of the Historical Tripos.
- A. C. C. Wilson (1964-71) is in the Jesus College, Cambridge, first boat. He was in the Jesus College team in I.T.V's "University Challenge" but was eventually eclipsed by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. He got a Class II Division I in Part I of the Historical Tripos and is now switching to the Law Tripos.
- E. C. Cocking (1943-50), Professor of Botany at Nottingham University was featured in the "Observer" in September 1972 for his work at Nottingham which might lead to a breakthrough in World food production. He talked about his work to the Sixth Form Forum in March 1973.
- A. Haine (1962-69) got a Class II Division I in Part II of the Historical Tripos at Jesus College, Cambridge.
- M. J. Laver (1961-67) has been for a year Lecturer in Social Administration at Queen's University, Belfast. He has been appointed to a similar, but permanent post at Liverpool University.
- Dr. K. A. Joysey (1943-46), Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge has been appointed Director of the Geological Museum at Cambridge.
- M. Kalinauckas (1968-70) got a Class II Division II B.Sc. in Social Administration at the New University of Ulster. He is now a trainee social worker with the London Borough of Barking.
- A. P. Woods (1962-69) got a B.A. Class II Division I in French at Birmingham University. He ranks about twentieth in Britain in hammer throwing. He is now a trainee manager with Lloyds Bank.
- T. M. Cook (1962-69) got a B.Sc. Chemistry Class II Division I at Southampton University.
- D. A. Pippard (1962-69) got a B.Sc. Chemistry Class II Division I at East Anglia University.
- M. F. Hopkins (1964-71) is at Portsmouth Polytechnic, studying French and English. During the summer vacation, he is helping to run a children's group in the U. S. A. and next year he will be teaching in Normandy.
- M. J. Gapes (1964-71) is an executive member of the University of Cambridge Students Union. He is studying Economics at Fitzwilliam College and got a Class II, Division II in Part I of the Economics Tripos.
- M. J. Conway (1965-72) is at Trinity College, Cambridge and got a Class II, Division II in Part I of the Economics Tripos.
- J. Kilbey (1968-70) got a Class III LLB at Hull University and is now fixing

- up articles with a firm of solicitors.
- M. B. Caplin (1963-70) has had a bout of glandular fever and has postponed taking his LLB at Hull University until 1974.
- A. R. L. Tatnall (1963-70) got a Class II Division I B.Sc. in Chemistry at Exeter University.
- G. A. Nicholls (1962-70) got a Class II Division I LLB at Southampton University and is now fixing up articles with a firm of solicitors.
- A. G. Paisley (1963-70) got a Class II Division I B.A. in Economics at Nottingham University.
- D. W. Cooper (1961-68) is within a year of becoming a Methodist Minister and in due course will be joined in this respect by M. J. Turner (1959-1966) who is currently teaching.
- C. S. Rowland (1958-65) lecturer in the Music Department of Lancaster University, leads the Lancaster Ensemble and Sartori String Quartet. The 1972-1973 season included performances in the Chester, Minehead and Bath Festivals, BBC Radio 3 broadcasts, a Scottish TV recital and a concert in Windsor Castle for the State Visit of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. He also plays soccer for the village of Bentham in the West Riding.
- R. J. Harding (1959-66) lectures in Music at Redbridge Technical College.

## R.N. Helicopter visits B.H.C.H.S Nov.'73



## BUFFER YEAR IN THE DRAGOONS

*Graham Kings left school last December after gaining an Oxford place and goes up to read law in October of this year to read law as he intends to make his career in that profession. He decided to spend the 'buffer year' in the army and so took a short Short Service Commission in the Inniskilling Dragoons. His anecdotal account below begins with a description of the high jinks at a brother officer's Stag Party.*

The course started below the famous charge against the German Ammunition train, flashed past the frozen glare of that 'very gallant gentleman,' through the heavy double doors of the dining room, up a wooden ramp onto one end of the long table, meandered around the various silver stags, horses and castles, down the ramp at the other end, turned left under the lofty noses of Baden Powell and our ex Colonel-in-Chief, through an open window onto the terrace and crossed the pond on wooden planks, passing through the fountain. There, by the finishing point, stood the barman ready to fetch the refreshing prize each time the course was completed.

This was Dudley's last Bachelor night in the Mess. Ex Formula 2 racing driver, speed addict, expert instructor on the Chieftain's power pack, it was he who had introduced us to the potential of the mini-motorbike, and had threatened to replace the silver horse centrepiece with a silver crank-shaft. At that time in the Mess we had two monkey bikes and the 'Dud Machine' which was powered by a motor mower engine. We had already played a mechanised game of polo with croquet mallets and now after several successful laps all three bikes lay drowning in the pond.

Life in the army was not all I had expected. I had joined the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards on a Short Service Limited Commission for 9 months between school and university. The 3 week Sandhurst crash course was obviously tough but rewarding. All the choice remarks of the drill square were thrown at us, prefaced with the obligatory "Mr. . . . ." and finished with the sarcastic "sir" and we soon learned where the sun shone out of . . . !

The sergeant major informed us 'the only difference between me calling you "sir" and you calling me "sir" is that you mean it.' We did too.

There are many true stories about the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst; one of the most recent took place on the Adjutant's Parade. Now the Adjutant on parade is like God on four legs and while inspecting the cadets his horse disgraced himself on to the mirror toecaps of a certain cadet. Turning in the saddle he said.

"Oh, I do apologise for that."

"That is alright, Sir, I thought it was the horse."

Then, with one pip on each shoulder, those of us going to Cavalry Regiments went to Bovington where we learned to drive, fire, load and command Chieftain. I knew it was supposed to be the best tank in the world and now after living and working with it on exercises and having seen the German Leopard and Swedish 'S' tank, its only two serious rivals, I am positive that I would rather go into action in Chieftain.

Soon after I arrived in Munster, West Germany, the Regiment went up to the tank ranges at Hohne. One day we almost had venison for dinner when a herd of deer ran across my sights. My gunner was itching to do some machine gun practice but we had previously had orders not to fire at game. After two weeks firing and some night firing with the artillery dropping illuminating flares, we moved up to Soltau tactical exercise area for a fortnight. Here after the first week I was thrown in the deep end and took over my troop. I was very impressed by troop (4 tanks, 15 men) with the way each one did his own particular job and the pride he took doing it well. The justified pride of being part of a good crew or Squadron or Regiment and always striving to be better at their own job, men and officers alike, is something which very much appealed to me. It may not be so prevalent in civilian life today but it is still the backbone of our army. This is what some people try to explain by using the word 'professional.'

About 60% of our Regiment is Irish, both Catholics and Protestants and although we have our due share of scuffles they are very rarely about religion. When we returned to our ex Luftwaffe camp in Munster we had a bomb scare in one of the blocks. Outside in the warm night air an Irish voice was heard: 'Home sweet home!'

In June myself and two other subalterns took 12 soldiers 'adventure training' in Norway for two weeks. The first week we trekked about 60 miles across the mountains to a Fjord where we rested for a couple of days and then canoed down the Fjord out to sea and into Kristiansand.

The Regiment are going to Cyprus for U.N. duty in November but as Infantry, or as we say 'in a dismounted role'. The soldiers had never fired a rifle before nor done any infantry tactics so we went to Vogelsang, near the Belgian border, for two weeks in July. Vogelsang camp was built as one of Hitler's stud farms for the Master Race. The countryside is rather like the Lake District but the whole camp still had an eerie atmosphere. The first allied soldiers to reach there used the many nude statues for target practice. They now look very unhappy. However, the soldiers enjoyed the break from tanks and soon found it is much easier to clean a rifle than a 120 MM gun.

Friendly rivalry existing between the Cavalry and the Brigade of Guards has produced the nickname for the latter, of 'the wooden tops.' We had four Grenadier Guards sergeants instructing us on the ranges and one of them required a hammer and nail to fasten the gate.

"'Tis to keep your beret from falling off, isn't it?"

I then saw a short tubby Irish gunner being thrown over the hedge.

GRAHAM KINGS



## THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to report another good year for the Association and well up to the standard set in previous years. As a consequence items on the Headmaster's shopping list have either been cleared or finance is available to meet them.

Our three main fund raising events this year were the Christmas Bazaar, a Show Biz XI football match against a School XI and finally the Spring Fair. All three events, were well attended and marked with the usual enthusiasm of 'the helpers' both Parents and Boys.

Once more the Christmas Bazaar proved very popular and £350 was added to the fund in an evening which was very pleasant socially as well as being beneficial financially to the School. The football match which was played in the usual monsoon conditions of previous years yielded a satisfactory profit of £220 and finally a Spring Fair held in ideal sunny weather produced a further £720 to add to our revenue for the year.

As indicated previously all the commitments on the shopping list have been met and additionally £1000 has been set on one side for the refurbishing of the School stage which will be commenced in the near future.

Consideration is at present being given to the construction of a Sixth Form Common Room in order to improve the present facilities. It is envisaged that this will take the form of a "Mobile" building which could be sited adjacent to but apart from the main School building. A project of this nature would involve the Association in considerable expenditure but the advantages gained would be considerable in the further development of the School.

On the sporting side the P.A. had two very enjoyable cricket matches against the Headmaster's XI and the School XI. Both of these concluded with satisfactory wins for the Association.

Fresh recruits for Badminton played on Monday and Wednesday evenings are always welcome — a new season starts in September and those interested please contact Mrs. Bedford Tel. 500 5981.

I do not wish to close this report without paying a tribute to Peter Greenwood who until last year so ably carried out the duties of Honorary Secretary. His calm and so efficient handling of the job made the Committee work that much easier and set a standard that will be difficult to maintain.

Ray Conway (Honorary Secretary)

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### OLD BUCKWELLIANS SPORTING CLUB

The first thing I ought to do is to introduce ourselves to you. As the name suggests we are the sporting section of the Old Buckwellians Association and as such are open to all school leavers who wish to join.

At present the only really active part of the Sporting Club is the Football section although there are plans afoot to re-start the Cricket section next season and also the possibility of starting up new and varied sporting activities within the Association.

The Football section has approximately 60 playing members and runs three teams in the Old Boys League. The standard of play is generally quite high and there is quite keen competition for places in the teams. Indeed there is every possibility of starting up a fourth eleven in the future if our playing strength continues to grow at its present rate.

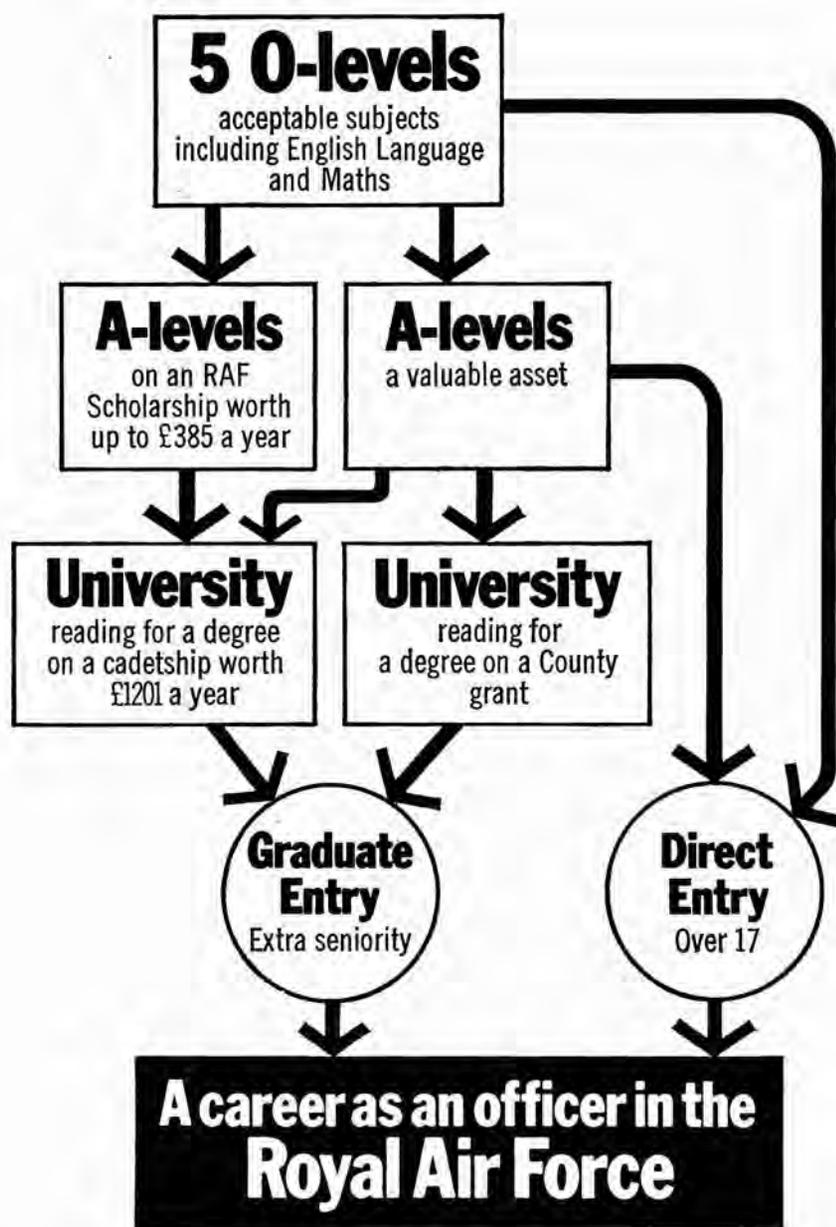
We have two pitches at Bradwell Road, Buckhurst Hill (just the other side of the Roding from the School) and have recently spent over £1000 refurbishing our changing accommodation which is now very respectable.

Two seasons ago the 1st XI won our first trophy, namely the Amateur Football Association's Essex Junior Cup and we have every hope they may do the same again this season.

Every Thursday evening we run football training sessions in the School Gym — I must say it's a hard slog for some of us as we're not getting any younger — but it helps us to keep fit for Saturday's games.

As a club we are very keen to keep an active link with the school. We usually manage one or two games against the school each season which invariably turn out to be nostalgic walks down memory lane with most of us disclosing some hilarious chapters from our old school days. We are of course only too pleased to welcome any players from the school who may wish to join us. Anyone reading, who is at all interested should give me a ring at 01-989-9801 (the name is Chris Hassall by the way) and I'll soon have you turning out for the Old Bucks.

It only leaves me to wish all school members and staff all the best and look forward to perhaps meeting some of you in the future.



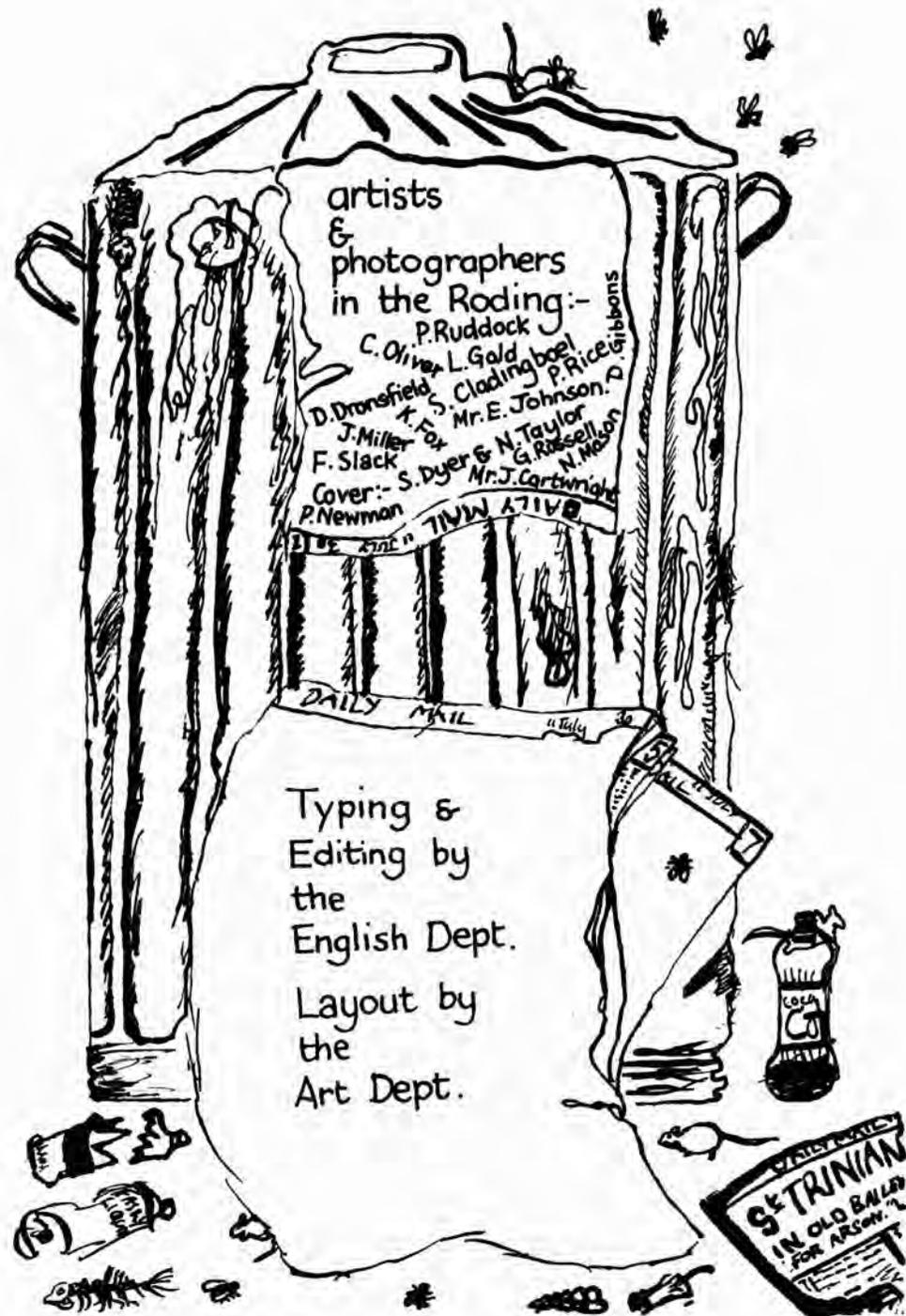
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