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SCHOOL TERMS 1957/58

Autumn Term September 10th to December 19th.

Spring Term January 7th to April 1st.

Summer Term April 22nd to July 24th.



SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We regret to record the death of Miss D.E. Barham, who was the first Senior Mistress of this School. A tribute paid to her by Mr. W. Auger, is to be found further in this section.

A number of staff changes have taken place during the past year. We said goodbye to Miss Helsdon and Miss West and welcomed Miss Cordingley, who is a former pupil of the School, Mrs. Addy and Mr. Evans. Mr. Robertson, after taking a course in Science at Goldsmith College, joined Winchmore Secondary School and in his place we welcome Mr. Packer.

Congratulations to Miss Waddington on her marriage to Mr. B. W. Mitchell and to Mr. Poulter on his marriage to Miss P. A. Macrae. Also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Weir on the birth of a son, and to Rev. and Mrs. Dickson (Mrs. Dickson née Goodeve) on the birth of a daughter.

Early in the year the School attended Mr. Poulter's and Mr. Frith's production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" and the Old Scholars' production of "Love in a Mist".

During the Easter holidays a party of girls visited Switzerland with Miss Hyde, and Mr. Warburton together with Mr. Spooner organised a holiday in Paris for the boys. Miss Carter took the VI B Zoology group to Whitstable for a six-day marine biology course. The course, organised by Miss Carter and two members of staff from Greenford School, was very successful and enjoyed by the staff as well as by the Southgate and Greenford contingents of pupils.

Unfortunately there was no Inter House Musical Festival this year. Many people were very occupied with activities that were in progress to raise money for the Hungarian Students and the House Captains felt there was not enough talent in the School to merit the hard work that the Festival entails.

We hope that next summer we shall be able to resume this annual custom.

Parents' Day was a great success this year, with a record attendance of 453.

During the Autumn Term Miss Quass, who is Assistant Secretary of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, gave a talk on the problem of Refugees. This was on the day preceding the news of the outbreak of the Hungarian Revolution. In response to her talk the School collected a total of £75 for the Hungarian and other refugees in countries where the U.N. is working actively to solve the problem.

Mr. D. W. Bell visited us as a representative from the Council of Christians and Jews, and gave a very interesting and informative speech on Race, Religion and Colour.

Congratulations to Valerie Borton who won the All England Junior Diving Championship.

NATIONAL SAVINGS.

During the School year 1956-57 the total amount saved was £930. The number of savers in the group was 354 and this according to the Local Association is the highest number for any school in Southgate.

The main feature of the year was the strong support from the upper School and the friendly rivalry between the fifth forms in winning the weekly competition for the greatest amount saved and the greatest number of savers.

The National Savings Association also sent a certificate to us - a form of recognition that the School Savings Group had been in operation continuously since National Savings were first started in 1916.

Our aim is that every pupil in the School shall become a member of the group.

HUNGARIAN STUDENT FUND.

In November 1956, following the Hungarian Revolution, the World University Service appealed for help for Hungarian Student Refugees. British Schools were asked to support Hungarian Students for six months while they learned enough English to enable them to continue with their University studies. The estimated cost was £200 for each student. Minchenden School agreed to co-operate with us and we undertook to raise £100 each. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan of Hampstead generously offered to board two students at a very low cost and thus we were able to adopt two brothers, Miklos and Mihaly Kruppa. Miklos had been studying at Budapest University and Mihaly at a Technical College.

The whole school worked hard to raise the money in the following ways:-

By Carol Singing -	£14. 0. 0.
An Inter-Schools Dance -	£17. 2. 1.
Profit from Form Parties -	£ 2. 17. 9.
Money from sales organised by Houses -	£ 4. 3. 10.
Profit from the School Play	£43. 1. 7.
Profit from the School Concert -	£44. 7. 2.

The total amounted to £125. 12. 5.

Miklos and Mihaly visited the School on several occasions. We found them very friendly and charming and we were amazed at the progress they made in English. They attended the East London College, Whitechapel last year, and are now attending the Northampton College of Advanced Technology, London. We would like to thank all pupils and parents whose generosity helped to make this possible.

CHARITIES

The School has supported a variety of charities during the past year. Collections have been made for:- The British Legion; National Spastics Society; Queen Elizabeth Hospital (children); Duchess of Portland; National Diabetic Association; St. Dunstans for the Blind; Red Cross Hungarian Relief and the Mayor of Southgate's Comfort Fund.

P R E F E C T S 1 9 5 7

Head Boy: R. I. Tonge.

Head Girl: Valerie Chadwick.

Deputy: R. Graham.

Deputy: Megan Phillips.

L. Austin; A. N. Barton; G. M. Beech; D. S. Cowland; D. Frohnsdorff; D. E. C. Gutteridge; T. Irwin;
B. Lewis; M. Nettleton; M. D. Plumb; M. D. Rust; J. Saar; P. G. Simmonds; R. Simons; D. C. J. Slawson;
C. D. Williams.

Norma Armstrong; Diana Barker; Penny Bull; Christa Butsch; Penny Charne; Alicia Dolan;
Doreen Goodrich; Marjorie Janson; Pat Mason; Helen Pates; Brenda Phillips; Shirley Punter;
Janet Tooby.

APPRECIATIONS

The Magazine Committee would like to express their thanks to all the people who have assisted in the production of the Magazine. In particular to Mrs. Tooby, who very gallantly undertook the typing of our manuscripts. We are also obliged to our advertisers, and hope that they will be well supported by our readers. We must not forget the Prefects, who were requested to vacate their domain for our printing and assembling purposes.

MISS D. E. BARHAM

Miss Barham was appointed headmistress of the temporary County School for Girls opened in Avondale Road in 1909. In 1910 this School was amalgamated with the temporary Boys' School in Broomfield House, the two together forming Southgate County School in a new building in Fox Lane, with Mr. A. T. Warren as headmaster, and Miss Barham as senior mistress.

At that time co-educational secondary schools were something of an innovation, but the personality and influence of Miss Barham contributed to the early establishment of the new School in the confidence of residents. She held the post of senior mistress with distinction, rendering loyal and devoted service, till she retired in 1937.

Miss Barham won the respect and affection of all associated with her. Kindly and considerate, cultured and scholarly, wise and discerning in counsel and in judgement, generous and sympathetic, always impelled by the highest ideals of duty and service, she was a constant source of strength and encouragement to colleagues and pupils alike.

Successive generations of older girls on leaving school gladly acknowledged the debt they owed to her personal interest in them, her precept and her example.

In her retirement she derived much pleasure from the steady flow of calls and messages she received from former pupils.

In recent years she was called upon to bear pain and distress, but this she did with characteristic calmness and fortitude, and it ever remained a delight and inspiration to be in her company.

Her friends are conscious of a deep thankfulness for having known her, and been influenced by her.

W. C. Auger.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAYS 1956

This year we had the privilege of welcoming Professor W. D. Wright and Lord Soubury as Guest Speakers. Professor Wright is an old scholar of this School, and all who taught him will be proud of his achievements. Among the positions he has held are Secretary of the International Commission for Optics, Chairman of the Physical Society Colour Group and Vice-President of the Physical Society. Since 1951 he has been President of Technical Optics at the Imperial College of Science, London.

With great pleasure also, we welcomed Lord Soulbury who has had a very distinguished career; he served with distinction in the 1914-18 War, and among the many offices he has held are Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education and to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Minister of Pensions, Chairman of the Ceylon Commission, and finally from 1949-1954, Governor of Ceylon.

JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

Address by Professor W. D. Wright, D.Sc., A.R.C.S., D.I.C.

Professor Wright said that in the 32 years since he left the School there had been many changes. There had been five complete changes of pupils, and of the old staff he remembered, only Mr. Smith remained with us. Homework and detentions had altered little perhaps, and examinations, but education was changing. In America, of course, they had the Headmaster's loud speaker in every classroom, and perhaps they would be provided in our new School at Cockfosters; but there are other changes. Specialisation was the present day's need; there was a danger in being too broad and general. We needed more and more technologists, and the big plans of the Government would fail if there were not enough youngsters - including girls - to go in for Science. The Professor stressed the value of the teaching staff, and said that the real aim of Education was to teach young people to ask the right questions.

SENIOR SPEECH DAY

Address by Lord Soulbury, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., O.B.E., M.C.

Lord Soulbury, who confessed that the "Rakes Progress" of his career had included the Presidency of the Board of Education, said that in his "scattered musings" on the subject of Education he would remember how boring some of the talks were he had heard on the matter, where the only point made was the point of intersection of the greatest platitude with the greatest longitude.

Education was a preparation for life and if one went to the University one devoted nearly a quarter of one's life in this preparation, for life has become very complicated, and makes progressively longer demands on formal education.

History showed young men assuming responsibility at an age when some people are just leaving college; Clive, Napoleon and Pitt, and above all Alexander - all great organisers and administrators. How was it done? These men were certainly great geniuses, but uninstructed genius was not enough. They owed their early success to their teachers and education.

And in their days they were not expected to learn too much, but were given more time to think. Mere memorising was futile; education is what remains after you have forgotten all you have learnt at school. And it does not matter what subjects are learnt, so long as they teach you to be accurate, careful, selective and conscientious.

In Lord Soulbury's view the best mental discipline was provided by the classics, for they provided for great qualities. The writing of Latin prose trained one in clarity of mind; precision was fostered, and the speaker instanced the wonderful history of Thucydides as an example: order, the attitude of a tidy mind, was illustrated by the dialogues of Plato or the Ethics of Aristotle; and balance, or moderation, the greatest of the classical qualities, stood in striking contrast to modern exaggeration and sensationalism.

These were the qualities to aim at in education, and the Mediterranean tradition, constituting the tap root of our Western civilisation, provided them. Lord Soulbury preferred Greek to Latin: It is easier to learn, and a much more beautiful language. But, as a last word, we must never forget the beauty of our own English Bible.

His Lordship concluded by remarking that he had asked the Headmaster how long he was expected to speak, and was reminded by Mr. Forrest's reply, of the visiting clergyman who enquired from the sexton how long the usual incumbent made his sermon. "Far be it from me!", was the reply, "to curtail the Gospel message, but there is no record in this parish of any sinner having been saved after the first twenty minutes".

SUCCESSES GAINED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

1956 - 1957

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

D. S. Cowland

M. D. Frohnsdorff

On Reserve List:- R. Graham

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

Note:

Letters in parentheses denote the subjects in which passes were obtained. * denotes a Distinction, Capital letters denote a pass at Advanced Level, small letters a pass at Ordinary Level.
(a) Art; (by) Biology; (b) Botany; (c) Chemistry; (ck) Cookery; (el) English Literature;
(en) English Language; (f) French; (gn) German; (gk) Greek; (gs) General Science;
(gy) Geography; (ha) Human Anatomy Physiology and Hygiene; (h) History; (ho) Handicraft;
(l) Latin; (m) Pure Mathematics; (map) Applied Mathematics; (mu) Music; (p) Physics;
(z) Zoology.

Geraldine A. Allen	M MAP	A. V. Byrne	m hc
June R. Alsford	gn	Rosemary Caplin	en el f m p
T. C. Baker	en el gy h f m p by	Diana Carpenter	en el gy f
Diana M. Barker	*M MAP P o	Valerie Chadwick	EL L GK
Christine Barnes	en f	W. C. Chapman	en h f gn a
A. N. Barton	M MAP P C	P. Cheeseman	m p o by
G. M. Beech	M MAP P o	Pauline Cheeseman	a
Elizabeth A. G. Beeden	en el f gn m map p o	Annette K. Chiles	i
G. Christine Berry	el f m c by	Diana F. Chiles	el h
Barbara M. Bonnett	el gy h l f a	G. C. Clinton	gy m a
Valerie A. Borton	en el f	Christine A. Collins	gy f a
G. W. Bowkett	m p a	Elizabeth J. Corney	gy f m
Beryl R. Bragg	ha	D. S. Cowland	M *MAP P
C. J. Browne	en f m map	Janet E. Cowland	gn e .
Jill V. Budd	en el l f m p o by	J. M. H. Crausez	el m map p c
Barbara J. Burke	ol h l f m g s ck	M. J. C. Cross	en el m map p c
Christa Butsch	GN M MAP	A. S. Davis	M C
D. B. Byford	gy m map	Jennifer M. Deane	en el h f m gs mu

Marion Digby	en f m c by	D.E. Miller	gy m
Alicia N. Dolan	P C B	Eileen E. Mitchell	en el gy h l f ok
J. A. Doncaster	el gy	P.C. Moule	map p
H. Dryden	el h f gn m	T.H. Osborne	L M MAP P
Margaret E. Drysdale	gy h ok	Valerie Owen	en f
B.G. Duff	m p ho	Deirdre M. Payne	en el h f gs ok
R.T. Elliott	en el l f m p c by	Brenda V. Phillips	a
J.A. Ellison	en el f p o by	Megan Phillips	p C Z
M.S. Eve	gn	P. Phillips	gy m
Julia E. Fensome	en el gy h f m ck	K.W. Pickering	en el gy h f m p by
Pamela J. Fisher	gn	Brenda V. Potts	en el gy h f a
M.D. Frohnsdorff	EL *L GK	Janet Price-Francis	f
Jacqueline Fulcher	en gy ck	Patricia A. Ribbons	en f a
P.J. Glibbery	f m p	H.W. Robbins	gy
R. Graham	M *MAP P	M.D. Rust	*GY m
M. Mary Grieve	f m	J.G. Sale	gy
D.O. Griffiths	gy m	C.E.P. Say	gy h a
Janet E. Groves	gy ck	Anne Scarborough	en el gy h f m a
D.E. Gutteridge	C B Z	B.M. Sedley	m
Gillian M. Hands	en el gy h f gn m ck	R. Serlin	en m p hc
P.W. Hare	a	P.G. Simmonds	C b Z
A.J. Hart	gn	M.D. Simons	m p by hc
Julia M. Heath	en gy f	R. Simons	M MAP P
N.P. Hirshman	L M MAP p	J.C. Slane	p
T.D. Irwin	M MAP p	D.C.J. Slawson	M MAP P C
D.H. James	en gy	Pamela J. Small	gy f
Brenda M. Kenning	EL F GN	Cynthia D. Stainer	en el gy h f
L.S. Laden	by	J.M. Stapley	en el gy h m by
Muriel Landau	h	Sylvia J. Stevens	en el h l gk f m gs
Jennifer A. Lees	en el f m p c	Anne E. Talbot	f ck
B.M. Lincoln	gy ho	W. Talbot	m a
Jill Lowden	f m a	Patricia A. Taylor	f
Patricia R. Mason	EL H I F	Adrienne R. Thomas	gy f a

Ann B.M. Thomas	el gy h f	Janet K. Watson	f
R.I. Tonge	P C B Z	Judith C. Welch	f m ok
M.J. Towers	en f m map p c	M.J. Wells	en gy hc
P.L. Towers	en el f	R.D. White	en
R.C. Vivian	on el gy h l f m hc	K.W. Wilford	en el gy f gn m map p
A.K. Walden	m hc	Rita Wilkinson	en gy a
Valerie E. Walker	en el h f	C.D. Williams	P C B Z
Sylvia A. Wallace	gy f		

Royal Society of Arts Certificates

Typewriting, Stage I

Myrtle Bush, Cecilia Green, Brenda M. Millar, Ellen M. Parkin, Sylvia A. Wallace (credit), Gillian M. Wilson.

Typewriting, Stage II

Myrtle Bush.

Shorthand, Stage I

Penelope A. Bull, Myrtle Bush (50 w.p.m.) Gillian M. Wilson (60 w.p.m., credit)

Shorthand, Stage II

Penelope A. Bull.

Other Examinations

M.D. Rust: Passed Civil Service Examination, Executive Grade.

Prizes for the School Year Ending July, 1957

Form Prizes

IW	Julia Ellman,	Linda V. Smith,
IG	Diana J. Rust,	Michelle S. Leaman,
IH	G.T. Boon,	Susan M. Friend,
IIC	J.E. Onley,	M.J. Stennett,
IIB	M.R. Harvey,	Janet M. Dingle,
IIA	Joyce M. Boon,	H.D. Clout,
IIIC	A. Petersen,	G.A. Penny,
IIIB	M.G. Heym,	B.L. Horner,
IIIA	Anne M. Dell,	Susanne V. Raves,
IV Gen.	G.A. Loveday,	Patricia V. Muller
IV Sci.	R.F. Partridge,	A.J. Lewis

IV Arts.	Jennifer M. Kennett,	A.J. Lewis
V Sci.	T.C. Baker,	Elizabeth A.G. Beeden,
	R.T. Elliott,	K.W. Pickering,
V Arts.	Gillian M. Hands,	Sylvia J. Stevens,

VI Form Subject Prizes

VIB	English: G.H. Kennett, History: Janet Tooby, Latin: G.H. Kennett,	
	French: Annette K. Chiles, German: Annette K. Chiles, Pure Mathematics: P.C. Moule,	
	Applied Mathematics: B.M. Lewis, Physics: L.J. Austin, Chemistry: L.J. Austin,	
	Botany: Marjorie E. Jenson, Zoology: Norma G. Armstrong.	
VIA	English: Valerie Chadwick, Geography: M.D. Rust, Classics: M.D. Frohnsdorff,	
	Pure Mathematics: Diana M. Barker, Applied Mathematics: D.S. Cowland, Physics: R. Graham,	
	Chemistry: C.D. Williams, Botany: C.D. Williams, Zoology: R.I. Tonge.	

Special Prizes

Geometrical Drawing Prizes:	R.V. Chambers,	P.J. Leedham,
Commercial Subjects:	Myrtle Bush,	I. Swinburne,
Physical Education:	L.J. Austin,	Christa Butsch,
Domestic Science:	Gillian M. Hands,	
Art:	Barbara M. Bennett,	G.W. Bowkett,
The "Ingram" Handicraft Trophy:	A.V. Byrne,	
The "Pater" Memorial Prize:	M.D. Frohnsdorff,	
The "Fairfield" Prize:	Brenda M. Kenning,	
The "Richard Bell" Prize:	D.C.J. Slawson,	
State Scholarship Prizes:	D.S. Cowland,	M.D. Frohnsdorff,
Head Boy's and Head Girl's Prizes:	R.I. Tonge,	Valerie Chadwick.

PUPILS PROCEEDING TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Diana M. Barker:	University of Reading.
A.N. Barton:	King's College, University of London (in October 1958).
G.M. Beech:	University of Exeter.
Valerie A. Borton:	Tottenham Technical College.
Beryl R. Bragg:	Accepted by Westminster Hospital for training as a nurse.
Valerie Chadwick:	University of Nottingham.
D.S. Cowland:	Imperial College of Science, University of London.

A. S. Davis:	Northern Polytechnic.
R. Graham:	Imperial College of Science, University of London.
N. P. Hirshman:	Architectural Assoc., School of Architecture.
Patricia R. Hoffman:	University of Manchester.
Brenda M. Kenning:	Institute Français du Royaume Uni.
L. S. Laden:	Hendon Technical College.
Patricia R. Mason:	University of Birmingham.
A. Norris:	Norwood Technical College.
T. H. Osborne:	University of Exeter.
Shirley J. Punter:	Easthampstead Park Training College, Wokingham.
Anne Scarborough:	Tottenham Technical College.
R. Simons:	Imperial College of Science, University of London.
D. C. J. Slawson:	University of Bristol.
Valerie M. Smith:	Tottenham Technical College.
J. M. Stapley:	Enfield Technical College.
Patricia A. Taylor:	Tottenham Technical College.
M. J. Wells:	Hornsey College of Art.
C. D. Williams:	Chelsea Polytechnic.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

by Joseph Kesselring

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is an unusual choice for a school production; indeed, in some ways, an unfortunate one since the characters are for the most part middle-aged or aged. For the cast, too, there is the problem of interpreting a seemingly mundane world in which a perverse and macabre logic prevails. Perhaps the success of this production depended on the fact that the English schoolchild accepts this as his normal lot!

The production stands or falls on the performance of the Brewster sisters, the delinquent brother and his "mittel-European" friend. Here Mr. Frith should be congratulated on the aptness of his casting, and the cast on the response made to the producer.

The two aunts, cosily wrapped in Brooklyn domesticity, a world of good works and aspidistra, charming in their little eccentricities and the graces of another age, yet with a hard core of lunacy, were admirably portrayed. Probably the most polished performance came from Beryl Bragg who showed unusual stage presence and sense of timing and whose voice production was excellent. Though possessing

less technical ability, Diana Barker gave her character a heavy eccentricity which complemented the other sister.

A. Ring triumphed in a difficult part. His tall lean frame moved from languid indifference to pathological anger, his voice from seductive charm, to a vicious gutteral snarl with frightening ease. In Einstein, his accomplice, R. Tonge took the gift of a rich character part with grateful thanks. His rubbery face, the droop of his shoulders marked the down-trodden who is destined to survive. Emotional, weak, contemptible, he made his exit from the play amazed and thankful for his escape, the audience congratulating.

D. Hadden achieved very well the man-about-town suddenly forced to undertake the maddening responsibility of a crazy family. As his fiancée, Gloria Bye was suitably feminine, petulant and delightful by turn.

Individual mention must go to D. Gutteridge's exuberant performance as the brother suffering from the delusion that he was Teddy Roosevelt. He should be complimented on his sense of timing and his expertise with the bugle.

For the rest, the supporting cast was rather disappointing. Lines were not clearly spoken, accents were varied, and the producer had obviously had considerable difficulty in drilling the small parts in precise movement and response to a cue.

On the whole, the production went with gusto. Miss Morris and Mr. Pratt provided a convincing set. A.S. Welch's design for the programme was excellent.

G.M.

"FINE CONCERT AT FOX LANE"

This was the heading of an article in one of the leading local papers. On Wednesday May 15th the School, with the help of several old scholars and friends gave a concert in aid of the Hungarian Students' Fund. The object was to raise £100 which the School had undertaken to collect in order to meet the costs of "adopting" a Hungarian refugee student.

The first item on the programme was Rossini's "Tancredi" overture played, very spiritedly, by the School Orchestra. The Junior and Senior Choirs provided entertainment, the Junior with "Five Eyes" and "My Normandy", and the Senior with "Over the Mountains", and a most impressive rendering of "And the Glory of the Lord", from Handel's "Messiah". We were very grateful for the presence of Miss Maureen Guy, whose beautiful contralto voice won her second prize in the "Daily Mail" Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Prize concert, and she delighted our audience on this occasion by singing "Softly Awakes My Heart" from Saint Saens's "Samson and Delilah", and three Welsh folk songs which she

introduced herself. Another fine singer, Mr. Samuel Cooper, was accompanied on the piano by his son, Alan Cooper, an old scholar. Mr. Cooper's four songs met with great approval, as did the two folk songs rendered so charmingly by Miss Brenda Cutler, another old scholar.

The Oakwood Ladies Choir entertained the audience with three lively songs including a costumed puppet dance. This was followed by a group of 4th form girls who sang the popular song "Ma Honey". The School Jazz Band provided entertainment with lively versions of "The Saints", "St. Louis Blues", and "Alexander's Ragtime Band". All of these were received with cheers from the jazz enthusiasts of the School.

Miss Pamela Jones, who was at the School for the purpose of gaining teaching experience, played two clarinet solos, "Allegro in B flat" by Handel and "Carol" and "Fughetta" by Gerald Finzi.

Jennifer Deane played two piano solos, Mozart's "Allegro" from "Sonata in C", (No.10) and "Allegro in B flat" by Clementi, and she also accompanied the Green House boys who sang the negro spiritual "Steal Away".

Beryl Bragg of the 6th form entertained with excerpts from Shakespeare's "Henry VIII" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Her acting was excellent and was much appreciated by the audience.

The concert finished on a very appropriate note with two of Brahms' Hungarian Dances played by the School Orchestra. Piano accompaniment during the evening was by Mr. L.H. Baggarley.

The two Hungarian Students, Miklos and Mihaly Kruppa were among the large and very encouraging audience. The concert raised about £45 and provided a very good evening's entertainment.

Jennifer Deane.

THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIRS

The Junior Choir

This year the Junior Choir was able to add to the entertainment not only on Speech Day but also at the concert which the School held in aid of the Hungarian Student Fund. After regular practices during the Autumn term, they gave a lively rendering at Speech Day of "Shepherd's Dance" and "Now is the Month of Maying". At the concert later in the year the choir sang two more songs, "Five Eyes" and "My Normandy", the latter being sung in canon with an "echo" sung by two third form girls.

Throughout the year the Junior Choir has sung from the platform at assembly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

I should like to thank Jennifer Deane, our accompanist, for her regular help and co-operation and I hope that there will be plenty of support from the Juniors again this year, especially from the boys who only too rarely put in an appearance at the practices.

Brenda Phillips VI Arts.

The Senior Choir

The Senior Choir has contributed towards the success of the various School occasions which have been held over the past year. At the annual Speech Day it gave a very spirited rendering of Gustav Holst's "Song of the Shipbuilders" and Percy Fletcher's "Ring Out Wild Bells", and at the Carol Service at the end of the Christmas term it performed various items and also led the School in the singing of the general carols.

"And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's "Messiah" proved to be a most popular choice for the concert given for our Hungarian students, and the folk song "Over the Mountains" provided a most effective contrast. On this occasion the members of the choir were most co-operative in coming to several rehearsals during the Easter holidays, and credit must also be given to David Freeman, a former pupil of the School, for the success of these early rehearsals.

The Senior Choir, as in previous years, has been given the task of leading the hymn-singing at assembly on three mornings a week but it is unfortunate that only a few keen members appear on the platform on these mornings.

It is hoped that this year there will be many new members from the fourth form to replace those members who have now left the School and that they will prove as valuable to the Senior Choir as many of them did to the Junior Choir.

Jennifer Deane V Arts.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Over the past year the School Orchestra has continued to play at morning assembly on Tuesday and Friday of every week, and has practised regularly every Friday evening. In this way it has been able to maintain its repertoire which includes a large and varied range of music and composers.

It provided entertainment at the annual Speech Day and during the intervals of the School Play, and at the concert given for our Hungarian students the "Hungarian Dances" Nos. 5 and 6 by Brahms were very well received.

The Orchestra is, however, very small and new members are always welcome. The School is willing to lend out instruments to any young people who wish to join the Orchestra but who are not lucky enough

to own an instrument. These are lent without charge, on condition that the borrower has outside tuition and makes reasonable progress.

This year two members of the Orchestra, Mavis and Elaine Hemmings (violin and flute) were chosen to attend the Orchestral course at Trent Park for a week at the end of July. I am sure that they and all the members of the Orchestra will join me in thanking Mr. Smith for the excellent leadership and patient encouragement which he has shown to us at all times.

Members of the Orchestra during the past year:-

Violins:	Mavis Hemmings, Diana Barker, R. Larkins, C. Pennington, Josephine Scotney, P. Smith, Vida Anderson, Hilary Vare, Carol Calvert.
Cello:	Mr. Toobe.
Bass:	Mr. Reynolds.
Flute:	Elaine Hemmings.
Trombone and Percussion:	K. Pickering.
Piano:	Jennifer Deane.
Conductor:	Mr. R. Smith.

Jennifer Deane V Arts.

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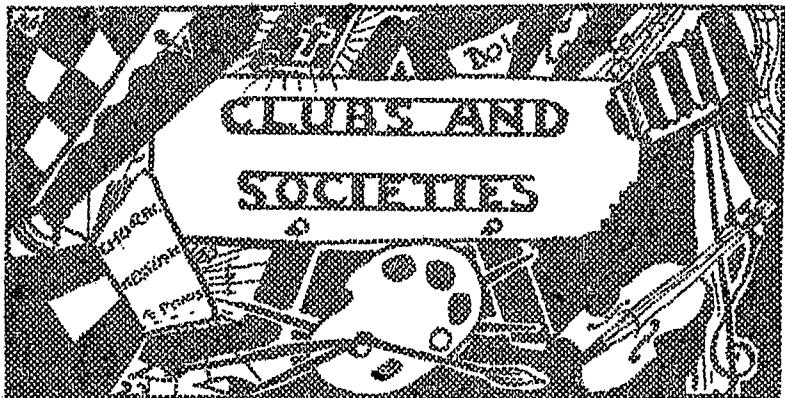
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SCHOOL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The Junior Christian Union

The Junior Christian Union has met each week during the past year. The meetings have included Bible Studies from the Old and New Testaments, missionary stories, Bible Quizzes and a Bible "What's My Line?". At some of the meetings the members have spoken about their favourite hymns or verses from the Bible and on Bible subjects. During the Autumn term we had the privilege of welcoming Miss H.V. Kay B.Sc., to speak to us. She gave an interesting talk on "Why should I read my Bible?"

We joined with the Senior Christian Union for squashes and for some special meetings, including the presentation of the Fact and Faith film, "Time and Eternity".

There has been an average attendance of about fifteen at the weekly meetings and if you are a member of the first, second or third forms, we invite you to join us in the Biology laboratory each Monday dinner-hour at 12.20.

Rosemary Caplin VI Science.

The Senior Christian Union

Numerous and interesting were the events of the past year in the Senior Christian Union. During the Friday dinner-hour in the Winter and Spring Terms a study was made of the first and second Epistles of Peter, while later in the year our attention was diverted to extracts from the Gospel according to St. John. These studies were alternated with "Up to date testimonies", speakers, and a discussion on "What is a Christian".

At the end of each term, we held a "special" meeting in St. George's Hall, to which we invited a visiting speaker: At Christmas we enjoyed a very helpful talk by Denis Shepherd, and at the end of the Summer term the Reverend D. Clark visited us.

We had a number of interesting speakers throughout the year, including two missionaries from the World Wide Evangelisation Crusade, who spoke about the Belgian Congo, and Mr. Parry, from the Potters Bar Methodist Church, who spoke on the three D's of prayer. These were:- Disciplined Prayer, Developed Prayer and Devoted Prayer.

Naturally we continued our Tuesday prayer meetings in St. George's Hall, as they are one of the essential foundation stones of Christian fellowship.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Kay, a travelling secretary of the Inter School's Christian Fellowship, who brought a Fact and Faith film entitled "Time and Eternity".

Outside activities have been a great success. We held two squashes at which the Reverend D. Monkcom and the Reverend C. Miller spoke. In July a ramble was made round North Mimms woods, followed by a squash in the evening at Potters Bar.

Altogether the year has been very successful. The membership has increased slightly, but there is still plenty of room for new members, who will be warmly welcomed.

Beryl Bragg VI Arts.

THE CHESS CLUB

Chess is possibly the oldest game in existence and is played by well over a hundred million people. It is a game of skill, not luck, and although it is easy to learn, the mastery of the game requires indefinable talent. It is possible for two people to play chess who do not understand a word of one another's language.

Possibly chess was first played in India, where men wagered their fortune or their wives on its outcome. About 700 A.D. the Moors brought the game to Spain whence it spread quickly to France, Italy and Scandinavia. The Norsemen are supposed to have brought the game to England.

Over the past seven years the interest in, and the standard of play of chess in this school, and indeed in this district, has increased tremendously. Seven years ago the Club consisted of about twenty members who often had to supply their own chess sets for matches, which were invariably lost, some of the Junior team having only played for a few months.

Now we have a total of sixteen sets and a "paid up" membership of about sixty and for the last few years, excepting this year, we have won over half our matches. This year's rather disappointing result is mainly due to the fact that so many of our Senior team have left and to make up the correct number for a match, we had to borrow players from the Junior team.

The two School teams competed in the Local Schools' Chess League, which we founded three years ago. The Senior team was chosen from Simons (Captain), Hirshman, Osborne, Williams, Crausaz, Eve, Simons (Jnr.), Wilford, Cross and Davis, and the Junior team from Partridge (Captain), Parmenter, Summer, Heddle, Berman, Swinson, Sandford, Over, Culham, Robertson and Susan Calvert.

As I have said, the position of our School in the League was a disappointing one, the final positions being:

<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Enfield	Enfield	Enfield
Tollington	Minchenden	Minchenden
Minchenden	Tottenham Grammar	Tollington
Tottenham County	Tollington	Tottenham Grammar
SOUTHGATE	Trinity	Tottenham County
Tottenham Grammar	Tottenham County	Trinity
Trinity	SOUTHGATE	SOUTHGATE

I would like to thank Mrs. Wood and Mr. Poulter for the help they have given me over the past two years in the running of the Club and the League and I would wish every encouragement to my successor. I also thank Miss Morris for bearing with the inconvenience of having the Chess Club in the Art Room over the past year and also the catering staff and girls, who have been such a help in providing teas for the matches.

During the past year two or three books on chess have been acquired by the Library which I recommend to all those who wish to improve their chess.

C. Williams VI Science,
(Secretary)

The Geographical Society

This year has been a very successful year for the society. There have been many talks and a number of new and unusual films have been shown. The attendance has been very good throughout the year and the record was for a film showing the journey of a Polish training ship in the North Sea. At this meeting there were 130 members present.

Talks have been given by many people, known and unknown to the School. These talks have been on many subjects, varying from "Frozen Antarctica" to "South African Life" and as well as being interesting, have been highly educative. The talk by Tonge and Gutteridge about their "Journey to Venice on £10" was extremely colourful and well illustrated by a collection of slides which would be a joy to own. They told the society of their experiences, in some cases nerve-racking and in others very amusing.

We were fortunate enough to welcome Mr. Banjo Solaru to give an illustrated talk on his native Nigeria. He spoke of many things, ranging from the type of clothing his people wore to the mode of transport they used. He himself wore his tribal dress and he explained carefully the use of his hat, his long robe and why they were worn by his people.

A talk about "Antarctica" was given by Mr. Gaul who had been to Graham Land, though colour slides revealed the many difficulties and hazards of current exploration there. Nevertheless Arctic exploration is less rigorous than it used to be.

Fraulein Hoffman, known to most of the School, gave a vivid talk about her native city, Berlin. She explained the difficulties faced by the city's inhabitants due to its present division. Her colour slides did not include any of the surrounding countryside for Berlin is completely enclosed by East Germany.

A New Zealander told us about his personal experiences in the Pacific Islands. This included the story of a 200 year old tortoise on Tonga Island which commands more respect than Queen Salote herself.

The last meeting of the season was a talk given by two young speakers, D. Mosey and F. Brookes who spoke about modern aircraft and the growth of this industry in recent years.

The Society, which meets every Friday in Room 4, will be pleased to welcome any new members who are assured of an interesting time. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wise and Mrs. Mitchell (formerly Miss Waddington) who have procured both speakers and films throughout the year.

Ruth Eckstein IV Arts.
(Secretary)

The Radio Club

The Radio Club was formed in September 1956 with Mr. Reynolds as President. We were given a start by a presentation of two television sets and some other odds and ends by Pye Radio. We wish to thank James of V General for his generous donation of thirty radio valves. Our activities in the past year consisted of practical work and four lectures on transistors, radio valves, aerials and electron beams. In March we went on an outing to Cambridge where we visited three colleges, viz., Christ's, St. John's, and Trinity and were given potted histories of them by Mr. Weir. Afterwards we inspected Pye's Radio factory.

This year we hope to introduce film shows. There will be two series of lectures on practical and theoretical aspects of radio, to be given by the President and Secretary respectively. There will

be a sale of components in order to raise money to buy constructional kits. We will concentrate on building transistorised equipment and hope to construct our own transmitter.

The membership fee is 1/6d p.a. We meet every Thursday in the Physics Lab. New members, especially from the junior forms, will be very welcome.

M.J. Towers VI Science.
(Secretary)

The Art Club

Every Tuesday a small group of pupils gathers in the Art Room to pursue their individual interests. No aptitude for art is required and members are given a free hand in choosing the work they enjoy most. A number of different activities take place, the most recent being Weaving. There is room for a great deal of scope and more members would be very welcome.

Janet Cowland VI Science.
Helen Pates. VI Science.

The Poulters

The Poulters have continued to meet, although somewhat irregularly, during the Autumn and Spring terms of this year. The irregularities were perhaps due to the pre-matrimonial activities of a certain Poult. We are however, grateful to Mr. Sharwood-Smith, who has attended our meetings faithfully and lowered his intellect to our level. We must also express our gratitude to Mrs. Barker for her hospitality and her excellent sausage rolls.

Although a diversity of extracts were read from many authors, such as Bertrand Russell, Tolstoy, and D.H. Lawrence, the ensuing discussions frequently strayed very far from the original topic.

We should like to extend a welcome to all new members of the sixth form and all present members who have not yet acquired a taste for sausage rolls.

Diana Barker VI Science.
Helen Pates VI Science.

The Play Reading Society

They don't, of course, know whether it is a comedy or not and so they assume that it is. This makes for some strange interpretations of parts in such plays as R.U.R. for instance. After one act of that opus, during which the society's members rolled in the aisles, Sm-th -v-ns and R-b-rts-n, were highly indignant to find that their brilliant comedy interpretation was not an accurate reading of the author's mind.

We meet at 6.30 because, it is said, the girls like to go home first to put on their war paint and battle dress - this may or may not be true - but the rumour that some of the boys go home to wash can obviously be regarded as a calumny spread by disaffected members of the Chess Club.

There is tea at half time, you will know why I describe it as that when you come, so bring a cup and twopence with you.

The Junior Discussion Society

The Junior Discussion Society has had a lively and interesting series of meetings during the last year. All the debates and discussions have been well attended. The topics under discussion have varied from serious matters such as "Road Safety", "Blood Sports" and "Sunday Entertainments", to lighter School affairs; the "Prefectorial System" and "School Dinners", although, judging by the heated arguments these are very serious matters too!

A new departure for the Society has been the impromptu speaking contests held in the Easter Term. There were ten speakers at each meeting and the subjects ranged from "Shoes" to "Television", "Clothes" to "Pets". G. Boon and Heather Smith, both first formers, won the competitions.

D. Oxley, the Minutes Secretary, and his successor Ann Bryceson have both done their jobs well.

Unfortunately, through a natural exuberance of high spirits not all the remarks at some debates have been addressed to the chair. But this willingness to speak in public and state personal opinions is a fine example to many seniors.

Janet Tooby VI Arts.

The Senior Discussion Society

This year proved to be a difficult one for the society as many "stalwarts" had left and their places had to be filled by newer members. J. Stapley was elected President in succession to J. Sear and I would hereby like to thank the latter for all the active support he rendered to the Society.

The most lively debate this year was that on the Government's handling of the Suez crisis. Apart from this meeting members have been decidedly reluctant to speak and consequently this year's speech-making contest was cancelled. Various other meetings, including a talk by Mr. T. G. Benson M.A., on Race Relations in Africa, completed the years programme.

At an Inter-Schools meeting which took the form of a Balloon Debate, G. M. Beech, defending a character named Harry Milligan Sellars, triumphed in what was surely a most "down to earth" meeting for his opponents.

Thus we look forward to another year with the hope that our members will not be quite so bashful in voicing their opinions.

M. Nettleton VI Science,
(Secretary)

The Serious Music Club

The Serious Music Club has continued to meet during Thursday dinner hours. Although attendance has not been very great the keenness of most of the listeners almost compensated for the lack of numbers. I should like to thank members who have brought their records.

This year the club has been able to use long playing records owing to a new three-speed record player kindly loaned by Mr. Baggarley, who takes a keen interest in the club. I should emphasize that all members of the School are very welcome at the meetings, please come along with your requests and suggestions; in this way I may learn the kind of music that the majority of the members appreciate and ultimately make the meetings even more enjoyable.

J. Slane VI Arts.

The Popular Music Club

The records on, feet are tapping, hands clapping, the off-beat's there, and the Popular Music Club is in session again.

Early last term, there was a craving for music other than that of the "Slow, slow, quick quick slow" type which had dominated the hall in the dinner hour. For this reason at 1 o'clock every Thursday, the Popular Music Club meets in the hut. The club aims to please everyone who likes anything from Traditional Jazz to Elvis!

We would like to thank all those members who have brought records every Thursday. We hope to see you next term.

R. Serlin V Science
G. Morrow IV General

The School Jazz Band

The idea of a School Jazz Band was suggested in the Spring Term, as it was noticed that there were a few enthusiastic players, who welcomed the idea of playing in a band. This band played at the School concert in aid of the Hungarian Refugees, and now plays at other events.

As many instrumentalists will be leaving School next term, the band would welcome, keen, new members.

Members of the Band were:-

Trumpet:	R. Serlin.
Trombone:	D. Gutteridge
Clarinet:	D. Freeman
Piano:	G. Morrow
Banjo:	J. Stapley
Drums:	K. Willford
Washboard:	C. Say.

R. Serlin V Science
G. Morrow IV General



SPORTS

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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING 1956-57

The winter again provided an opportunity for runners to show their perseverance and toughness over the country and enjoy this competition, even though it might be compared with knocking one's head with a hammer, in that it's so nice when one stops. The main event is the Inter-House Championship when so many boys gain their first experience of cross-country racing. This was held in November and all boys took part. The Senior race was won by Red House, while Green took the Junior and First Form and the Middle School race went to Blue House. In the last race Baker set up a new record of 14 mins. 14 secs.

House Result

Senior	1. Red	2. Green	3. White
Middle	1. Blue	2. Red	3. White
Junior	1. Green	2. Blue	3. Red
First Form	1. Green	2. White	3. Blue

Individual Winners

Senior	1. Slawson	2. Stapley	3. Tonge
Middle	1. Baker	2. Elliott	3. Townsend
Junior	1. Middleditch	2. Horner	3. Milland
First Form	1. Bradshaw	2. Marvell	3. Robertson

The Inter-School race arranged by Southgate Harriers was well organised as usual. Out of 12 teams the School came 5th.

In a triangular match with Tollington and Glendale the Intermediate Team came 1st and Senior 2nd.

Teams were:-

Intermediate:- Partridge, Groom, Townsend, Martin, Robertson, Bint.

Senior:- Baker, Dryden, Slawson, Tonge, Thompson,

The Middlesex Grammar Schools race at Parliament Hill Fields attracted more entries than ever before. Out of the 34 teams the School came 13th. Baker ran magnificently to come 4th.

FOOTBALL

Despite staunch work by the captain and many faithful players it cannot be said that the 1st XI enjoyed a successful season. Nor, for that matter, did most of the School teams. To a Newcomer to Southgate it appeared that Inter-House matches were played with more fire, vigour and vim than Inter-School matches. The latter were approached with a certain amount of indifference by some players. It is to be hoped that a correct attitude and the House "will-to-win" will be adopted in Inter-School matches next season.

"It is the game that counts", we know, but in addition to playing fairly, sportsmanship means putting your last ounce of power into your team's efforts and not being just "good losers". A very unsuccessful American coach who was proud of his team's sporty actions on the field defended his team to the Principal one day by saying, "But, yer gotta admit, they're good losers",

"Good!" granted the Principal, "why, they're perfect!"

At the time of writing it is evident that play has improved and we look forward to a successful 57/58 Season.

The regular 1st XI was:- Denbigh (G.K.), Male (V.Capt.), Pretty, Austin (Capt.), Wifford, Churchill, Talbot, Townsend, Beck, Doncaster, Sale.

Top Scorers were:- Beck (14) and Talbot (10).

Colours were rewarded to:- Austin, Male, Beck, Denbigh, Pretty.

New Colours:- Talbot and Doncaster

Honours were gained by various players this year. Austin and Male were selected and played for the Middlesex Schools County XI during the Christmas and Easter vacations. Townsend played for the Middlesex Junior XI and together with Bint had a successful season representing the U.15 XI Wood Green and Southgate District XI.

Record of Matches

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals against</u>
1st XI	17	2	12	3	43	57
2nd XI	15	7	5	3	50	46
3rd XI	12	1	10	1	20	50
U.15 XI	12	2	8	2	18	57
U.13½ XI	12	2	8	2	27	53
1st Form	14	6	7	1	38	29

Inter-House Championship

As stated, House competitions were as keen as ever, Red House carried the honours in the Senior House football, runners up being Blue House, closely followed by Green and White.

At the end of the Spring term we had the popular 6-a-side House matches, Blue House just managed to hold off a strong challenge from Greens to win with 17 points.

Result

1st.	Blue	17 pts.
2nd.	Green	16 pts.
3rd.	White	12 pts.
4th.	Red	8 pts.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI enjoyed a successful hockey season, They played against Edmonton County Boys team and won 3-1, trounced the Girls 1st XI Hockey team 5-2 and challenged the Staff, who quite rightly declined, as they wished to keep their tactical moves a secret for the important annual match v. the Girls' 1st XI Hockey team.

CRICKET

From the results one can see that the School did not have an entirely successful season. In this the 1st XI must take its full share of the blame.

We began the season with some much needed new equipment and an invitation from the Old Scholars' C.C. to use their practice nets at Cockfosters once a week. This we did, and thank them very sincerely for the privilege.

This year the batting averages were headed by Denbigh, and Duff had the highest bowling average.

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
1st XI	11	1	5	5
2nd XI	8	2	5	1
Under 14½	3	1	2	-
Under 13½	8	3	4	1

Teams were chosen from:-

1st XI:- Male (Capt.), Denbigh, Duff, Pickering, Browne, Bint, Miller, Groom, Dickens, Rawson, Parmenter, Glibbery.

Colours:- Male, Denbigh, Duff, Bint, Browne, Groom.

2nd XI:- Ring (Capt.), Welch, Cross, Sandford, Jouning, Baker, J. Sale, Doncaster, Talbot, Towers, Aupers, Elsom, Hershman, Byford.

Under 14½:- White (Capt.), Toms, G. Sale, Blundell, Penny, Weisberg, Hall, Dewhirst, Povey, Bugg, Poole, Collins.

Under 13½:- Toms (Capt.), Slough, Collins, Strudwick, Marvell, G. Sale, Tanner, Miller, Flood, Hencken, Rose, Povey, Baek, Thorpe.

The House competition was contested with the usual keenness. Red House carried off the "Greenwood Cup", while Green House won the Junior Trophy.

The season was brought to a close with the Staff v. School Match. This year a fairly good proportion of masters represented their team but they did not prevent the School snatching victory in the last few balls.

M. G. Male VI Science.

Addendum

Although the cricket table had improved, it was still too dangerous for fast bowling and all First XI matches had to be played away. The team coped with travelling and strange ground conditions quite cheerily.

It is unavoidable, we know, but facilities for practice in School are not good and one's spirit is kept alive by the belief that one day there will be lots of practice nets (even though we might have to wait for -- "The New School!").

Many thanks to the captains for the hard work they put into organising teams and caring for equipment, and to the masters who gave up their time to accompany the teams.

H.P.

TENNIS

The Boys' Tennis team has now been in existence for two seasons and in the past one, we can safely say that our standards have been consistent with those of the previous year - that is, of one match played, only one was lost, and this was against Minchendon.

Apart from the regular team, some dozen boys came for a weekly game until play was stopped half-way through the season, when the posts and nets disappeared, as a result of the Borough Council Parks Dept.'s initiative. Thus all the remaining matches had to be cancelled, with the result that our face has been saved again!

The team was:- R. Graham (Capt.), R. Tonge, A. Bocci, M. Male, P. Hare, G. Dickens.

R. I. Tonge VI Science.

ATHLETICS

Overcast skies and a chilly wind heralded the morn of the Inter-House Championships, but midday brought brighter conditions and enabled the guests of honour, parents and friends to enjoy a gay and sporting afternoon. This was the first official duty for the Mayor and Mayoress who congratulated the competitors on their record-breaking performances and said they found it all very stimulating to watch. Twelve new records were set up and two equalled.

The Victor Ludorum Individual Championships

Senior School Austin (Blue House)
Middle School Partridge and Sedley (both of White House)
Junior School Rawson (Green House)

House Result:

1st. White 165 pts.
2nd. Blue 139 pts.
3rd. Green 118 pts.
4th. Red 95 pts.

The Middlesex Schools A.A. Championships

These Championships were held at the White City on 5th June. A pleasing number of boys gained placings:-

1 mile - 2nd, Baker, who went on to compete in the All-England Championships.
440 yds. - 2nd, Elliott
220 yds. - 1st, Brees.

Middlesex G.S.A.A. Finals

The Middlesex G.S.A.A. Finals Meeting was held at Alperton on 16th July. Nine competitors from this School qualified for this meeting, having gained first or second place in the N. Middlesex G.S. Meeting at Broomfield Park. They were:-

Beck, Bundle, Austin, Baker, Elliott, Sandford, Sedley, Partridge, Groom. Bundle (Hurdles) and Baker (Mile) came 3rd in the finals and Sandford (Javelin) 4th. School Colours were awarded to Baker.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

<u>Seniors</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
100 yds.	Austin	B. 11.1 secs.	11.6 secs.	10.2 secs.
	Brees	W.		
220 yds.	Brees	W. 25.6 secs.	26.6 secs.	New Record
440 yds.	Elliott	W. 54.2 secs.	58 secs.	53.4 secs.
880 yds.	Baker	R. 2 m. 11 secs.	2 m. 25 secs.	2 m. 9.9 secs.
1 mile	Baker	R. 4 m. 49.5 secs.	5 m. 15 secs.	4 m. 48.1 secs.
110 yds. Hurdles	Bundle	R. 16 secs.	17.5 secs.	15 secs.
High Jump	Beck	W. 4 ft. 10 ins.	4 ft. 7 ins.	5 ft. 7 ins.

<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Ist.</u>		<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
Long Jump	Austin	B.	19 ft. 6 ins.	17 ft.	20 ft. 2½ ins.
Triple Jump	Austin	B.	37 ft. 8½ ins.	34 ft.	40 ft. 2 ins.
Javelin	Cowland	R.	136 ft. 11 ins.	110 ft.	142 ft. 8 ins.
Discus	Beck	W.	88 ft. 1 in.	95 ft.	133 ft. 8 ins.
Shot	Simons	G.	38 ft. 8 ins.	38 ft.	41 ft. 9 ins.
Relay	White House		48.4 secs.	48.8 secs.	New Record (Old Record)

<u>Middle</u>	<u>Ist.</u>		<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
110 yds.	Sedley	W.	11.4 secs.	12 secs.	10.7 secs.
220 yds.	Sedley	W.	26.8 secs.	29 secs.	25.2 secs.
440 yds.	Partridge	W.	58.4 secs.	62 secs.	58 secs.
880 yds.	Partridge	W.	2 m. 16 secs.	2 m. 32 secs.	Equals Record
1 mile	Groom	B.	5 m. 12.5 secs.	5 m. 30 secs.	5 m. 5.8 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles	Lewis	B.	12.5 secs.	14.5 secs.	11.1 secs.
High Jump	Partridge	W.	4 ft. 7 ins.	4 ft. 6 ins.	5 ft. 3 ins.
Long Jump	Sedley	W.	19 ft. 4 ins.	16 ft. 6 ins.	20 ft. 6½ ins.
Triple Jump	Townsend	B.	37 ft. 3 ins.	30 ft.	Equals Record
Javelin	Sandford	R.	93 ft. 11 ins.	85 ft.	128 ft. 8 ins.
Discus	Dickens	B.	106 ft. 4½ ins.	80 ft.	121 ft.
Shot	Sandford	R.	36 ft.	32 ft.	37 ft. 7 ins.
Relay	White House		52.2 secs.		50.6 secs.

<u>Junior</u>	<u>Ist.</u>		<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
100 yds.	P. Smith	B.	12.6 secs.	13.6 secs.	11.2 secs.
220 yds.	Rawson	G.	30.5 secs.	33 secs.	30 secs.
330 yds.	Back	G.	47.4 secs.	54 secs.	New Record
Hurdles	Smith	B.	13.5 secs.	16 secs.	New Record
High Jump	Hudson	G.	3 ft. 9 ins.	3 ft. 10 ins.	4 ft. 10 ins.
Long Jump	Miles	B.	14 ft. 1½ ins.	13 ft. 6 ins.	16 ft. 8 ins.
Triple Jump	Sale	W.	28 ft. 1½ ins.	28 ft. 6 ins.	32 ft. 6½ ins.
Javelin	Rawson	G.	84 ft. 2 ins.	70 ft.	New Record
Discus	Rawson	G.	85 ft. 4 ins.	60 ft.	New Record
Shot	Onley	G.	21 ft. 11 ins.	Heavier shot used.	36 ft. 8 ins.
Relay	Green House		57.9 secs.		56.7 secs.

SWIMMING

This year's activities followed generally the pattern of previous years. The weekly lessons at Arnos Bath for First Formers were continued under the guidance and instruction of Miss Fettes.

Voluntary classes were also held on Wednesdays after School but the attendances were rather disappointing, except during the warmer weather. It is owing, perhaps, to this lack of steady training that only a few boys swam for the School at the North Middlesex Grammar Schools Gala. Although both

junior and senior teams were entered, they were outclassed by the keen competition of Schools with perhaps better facilities.

The annual School Gala was held as usual at the Barrowell Green Bath where luckily the rain held off for the afternoon.

Results were:-

Senior Champion	Slane	(Blue)
Junior Champion	Sale	(White)
Progress Cup	Sale	(White)
Leonard Evan White Memorial Cup	Diana Barker	(Green)

House Results:-

1st.	Green	32 pts.
2nd.	Blue	26 pts.
3rd.	White	22 pts.
4th.	Red	13 pts.

J. Slane VI Science.

GIRLS' SPORTS

HOCKEY

The 1st XI had a very successful season, losing only one match. The team spirit was high and the co-ordination between the attack and defence was good, owing mainly to an unchanged team throughout the season.

Four members of the team, B. Phillips, C. Butsch, A. Stapley and N. Armstrong, attended the Junior County Trials held at Popefield. The latter two are to be congratulated in obtaining places in the Junior Middlesex Reserve XI.

The 2nd XI was less successful but improved towards the end of the season. Several members of the team showed great promise.

1st. XI.

The 1st. XI team was selected from the following:-

N. Armstrong, B. Phillips, J. Tooby, M. Hemmings, C. Butsch (Capt.), R. Caplin, C. Berry, D. Goodrich, M. Bompas, A. Stapley, J. Heath, J. Cowland.

2nd. XI.

The 2nd. XI team was selected from the following:-

H. Pates (Capt.), P. Ribbons, V. Barnett, V. Neighbour, J. Welch, M. Drysdale, C. Berry, C. Owen, J. Fulcher, J. Matthews, C. Johnson, G. Aylward, E. Mitchell.

1st. XI Colours.

Re-awarded - N. Armstrong, C. Butsch,

Awarded - A. Stapley, B. Phillips, J. Tooby.

Results

1st. XI.

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals against</u>
	14	9	1	4	57	14
<u>2nd. XI.</u>	9	4	4	1	22	28

Inter-House Hockey Competition

Results.

1st.	White
2nd.	Green
3rd.	Red
4th.	Blue

NETBALL

In spite of the disappointing match results both teams showed enthusiasm and promising talent. I hope that next season all players, especially shooters, will practise regularly during the dinner hour.

I should like to thank the Staff and senior girls, especially Ann Frohnsdorff, for helping with the Saturday morning matches.

- 14 Team.

R. Haynes (Capt.), M. Coulson, D. Kavanagh, M. Kearns, A. Bompas, D. Walker, H. Tull.

- 13 Team.

D. Burgess, S. Swinburne, J. Foot, J. Boon, R. Ross, R. Urbanek, B. Meakin.

Results.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
- 14	12	3	-	9
- 13	12	5	1	6

Inter-House Netball Competition.

Senior

Junior

1st.	Red House	1st.	Blue House
2nd.	Green House	2nd.	Green House
3rd.	White House	3rd.	White House
4th.	Blue House	4th.	Red House

J. W. G.

TENNIS

Although the standard of play did not seem high this season, the results were gratifying. Unfortunately our hard courts were out of action and this restricted practices.

We again offer our congratulations to Minchenden on retaining the Rose Bowl after two most enjoyable, rainy matches.

1st. VI.

1st. couple:-	Brenda Phillips	~	Christa Butsch.
2nd. couple:-	Janet Heath	~	Anne Stapley.
3rd. couple:-	Janet Cowland	~	Janet Tooby.

2nd. VI.

1st. couple:-	Mavis Hemmings	~	Christine Berry.
2nd. couple:-	Valerie Pugh	~	Ann Bompas
3rd. couple:-	Elaine Hemmings	~	Dorothy Crane or Hazel Tull.

Results.

	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Drawn</u>
<u>1st. VI.</u>	9	6	3	~
<u>2nd. VI.</u>	6	1	5	~

School Tournaments.

Senior:-

Singles winner	~	Anne Stapley
Runner up	~	Christa Butsch
Doubles winners	~	Brenda Phillips and Christa Butsch
Runners up	~	Janet Heath and Anne Stapley

Junior:-

Singles winner	~	Ann Bompas
Runner up	~	Hazel Tull

Inter-House Tennis Competition.

1st.	White
2nd.	Green
3rd.	Red
4th.	Blue

ROUNDERS

At the beginning of the season the general standard of play was very disappointing. However, towards the end of term both hitting and fielding showed a marked improvement and match results were much more favourable.

The teams were selected from the following girls:-

1st. Form,

M. Leaman, G. Shulman, J. Clarke, G. Franks, A. Bryesson, V. College, G. Lewis,
M. Barnett (Capt.), J. Woodward, S. Knott, S. Du'Merton.

2nd. Form.

A. Haskell, J. Boon (Capt.), L. Corman, J. Cross, R. Ross, S. Garnish, A. Julian,
J. Foot, D. Burgess, M. Trueman, S. Swinburne, E. Clarke, N. Hambides.

3rd. Form.

D. Kavanagh, S. Plant, M. Coulson, S. Rockall, R. Haynes, M. Kearns, D. Walker (Capt.),
N. Fisher, C. Owen, A. Barratt, V. Anderson.

Results.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>
1st. Form.	7	1	"	6
2nd. Form.	8	4	"	4
3rd. Form.	8	3	"	5

Inter-House Rounders Competition.

	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Junior</u>
1st.	Green	Blue
2nd.	White	Green
3rd.	Blue	White
4th.	Red	Red

ATHLETICS

Once again the Sports Day results were extremely gratifying. Six new records were set up and one equalled.

It was again difficult to find enough people interested to compete in outside meetings but those who did gave a very good account of themselves.

Congratulations to J. Lees and D. Kavanagh on winning through area trials to go to the White City.

Finally, I do thank all members of Staff and House officials, Mr. Martin, Mr. Bray and Mrs. Horrex for their support and co-operation.

J. W. G.

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

<u>Senior Events</u>	<u>1st.</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Record</u>
100 yds.	J. Fulcher	R.	13. 8 secs.	12.6 secs.
150 yds..	C. Butsch	W.	22 secs.	20.1 secs.
220 yds.	J. Cowland	R.	35 secs.	32.1 secs.
80 yds. Hurdles	J. Fulcher	R.	15 secs.	12.6 secs.
High Jump	J. Cowland	R.	3 ft. 8 ins.	4 ft. 7 ins.
Long Jump	J. Cowland	R.	12 ft. 6 ins.	*15 ft. 1 in.
Discus	J. Alsford	B.	55 ft.	79 ft. 6 ins.
Javelin	P. Cheeseman	B.	50 ft.	74 ft. 1 in.
Shot	J. Alsford	B.	25 ft.	35 ft. 5 ins.

<u>Intermediate Events.</u>	<u>1st.</u>		<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
100 yds.	D. Kavanagh	W.	14 secs.	12.7 secs.	12.2 secs,
150 yds.	D. Kavanagh	W.	22 secs.	20.2 secs.	19 secs,
70 yds. Hurdles	H. Tull	G.	15 secs.	12.5 secs.	12.2 secs,
High Jump	V. Pugh	W.	3 ft. 10 ins.	4 ft. 2½ ins.	4 ft. 6½ ins.
Long Jump	A. Bompas	G.	12 ft. 6 ins.	13 ft. 9 ins.	15 ft. 6 ins.
Discus	B. Fitzsimon	W.	50 ft.	*94 ft. 2 ins.	79 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin	J. Welch	W.	45 ft.	59 ft. 7 ins.	65 ft. 6 ins.

<u>Junior Events.</u>	<u>1st.</u>		<u>Standard.</u>	<u>Performance.</u>	<u>Record.</u>
80 yds.	C. Clay	W.	11 secs.	11 secs.	10 secs.
100 yds.	R. Ross	B.	14.2 secs.	*12.5 secs.	13 secs.
High Jump	R. Ross	B.	3 ft. 6 ins.	3 ft. 11 ins.	4 ft. 3 ins.
Long Jump	R. Ross	B.	12 ft. 3 ins.	*14 ft. 8 ins.	14 ft. 7 ins.
Rounders Ball	N. Fisher	W.	125 ft.	*185 ft. 8 ins.	169 ft. 4 ins.

Relays.

Senior	Red	-	58.2 secs.	57.1 secs.
Intermediate	Green	-	58. secs.	57.5 secs.
Junior	Blue	-	=58.6 secs.	58.6 secs.

* Now records set up in 1957.

= Record equalled.

- "A. T. Warren" Cup - Champion House - White
- "Marjorie Kingdom" Cup - Intermediate 100 yds. - D. Kavanagh
- "Mistresses Challenge" Cup - Senior Relay - Red.
- "Doreen Sentence" Challenge Cup - Senior 100 yds. - J. Fulcher
- "Prefects Challenge" Cup - Junior Relay - Blue.
- "Doris Long Challenge" Cup - Senior High Jump - J. Cowland.

Medals.

Middle Discus	-	B. Fitzsimon	Senior Discus	-	J. Alsford
Middle Javelin	-	J. Welch	Senior Javelin	-	P. Cheeseman
			Senior Shot	-	J. Alsford

Championship Medals.

Senior	-	J. Cowland
Intermediate	-	D. Kavanagh
Junior	-	R. Ross

"Christine Pirrie" Cup - J. Cowland

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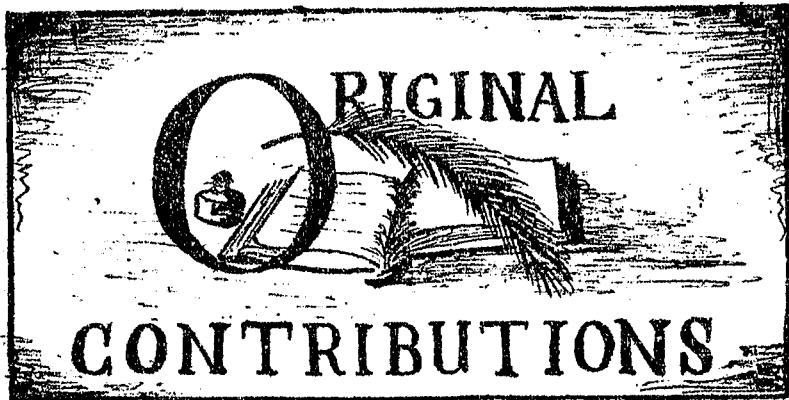
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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

First Day.

Wondering whether I'll be late,
Ah! at last, the new School gate,
Squeaky shoes and empty case,
Brand new hat and shining face,
Crisp white blouse with new striped tie,
Long blue slip, but oh, so shy,
Boys and girls all in a crowd,
Second formers looking proud,
Then at last the whistle blows,
Butterfly feeling grows and grows,
Up the big stone steps at last,
Wish my heart didn't beat so fast,
Along the corridor into the hall,
Happy School year to start for all.

Hilary Yeates I G.

Awarded the prize for the best original contribution from the Junior School.

WITH LOVE, MOTHER.

If you have had the fortune/misfortune to have been away from home for long periods, as I have for the past eighteen months, I wonder if you will find my general impression about Parent's Letters correct and if you will arrive at the same conclusions as I have. If not, no doubt you will have a chance when you visit Uncle Jim, go to University or some other Approved Training Institute, where some of us may later congregate.

After the first few letters, when there is considerable variation in the address, the number of Christian Names used, if any, and title (i.e., Master/Mister/Mr./Esq.), the contents will generally settle down to a strictly observed pattern running along the following lines - 1) Comments about the lateness of my own last letter, the fact that it was not stamped, and that I still haven't written to

Auntie Molly, with appropriate reprimands. 2) A Brief Softening-up Period, with Inquiries after my health, regularity and comfort, with generally appropriate suggestions shouted out by Father if he is reading the "Chemist and Druggist" at the time of Mother's writing. 3) The statement that Father (who certainly has not been consulted) "sends his love". This is a hasty stop-gap, to give Mother time to have a Think about what's going to follow. 4) Account of her activities during the week. These can generally be taken as based on facts, but in the cases of local rumours, marred by obvious embellishments. 5) Reports on the health of domestic animals. If one of these is not mentioned in three successive letters, it may be presumed dead. Their love for me is not sent, since I have ceased to send Rover my love. 6) Occasional Special Reports, such as a visit to the cinema. If they enjoyed a film, I can take it that there is nothing much to commend it. If not, it is an indication that I will find it good. 7) Suggested Plans for next reunion. These are merely entertaining and should not be believed, since, as is pointed out in the last letter before I go home, "the money seems to disappear into thin air". 8) The signing-off clause. This begins "Now I must really stop, since I have lots and lots to do", which may be taken as a visit to a Bridge Party. The length of the explanation generally varies with its truth - sometimes there follows as much as has already been written - and is often, therefore, the most touching part of the letter. Also a reminder to write to Auntie Molly and "P.S. Are you changing your socks every day?"

After a time, I began to ponder the underlying reasons which make parents write like this and have arrived at the following theories:-

I find that I have quite definitely been mistaken in expecting information in letters from home. They are meant, often unconsciously, to indicate the continuance of a relationship which will, in due course, be resumed. Any really significant information - deaths, murderous assaults with the bread knife, bankruptcy - will be dealt with in the press. Thus, the home may be regarded as completely unchanged and the letters disregarded.

On the other hand, Mothers recently separated from their beloved are going through an important emotional phase, such as the Realisation of Importance of Child Phase. Here they see in the child their only hope of holding on to the Father, and so maintaining a suitable financial dependence. If this is the only reason, then I can safely conclude that this is not the case in my home.

With Fathers it is very difficult to draw conclusions, since they hardly ever write and if they do, it is with the constantly vigilant eye of a nagging Mother over their shoulder. e.g. "Don't put such ideas into his head", "Nobody can read that writing", "Don't keep telling him that I am wasting the money on dresses. What about you last Friday...." (in this case the letter will never reach me).

Since Father does not write often, it must be presumed that he is capable of an emotional independence of his child. Thus when he does write, he writes a) to ease his conscience, b) because Mother has forced him to, but never because he thinks it will please the child. Thus it will never make good reading.

My observations along these lines have now come to an end. Next week I shall commence a new course of studies - reading between the lines.

But I have arrived at two conclusions. Firstly, letters from home are written to be written, and not to be read, and should be read, if at all, as such. Secondly, all Fathers should have instruction in child psychology and all Mothers in spelling. All grandparents should have typewriters.

What do you think?

Yours, etc.,
R. I. Tonge. VI Science.

Awarded the prize for the best contribution from the Senior School.

A Train of Thought

The day was hot, and flies were buzzing
On the carriage window pane,
As I jolted slowly onwards
Up to London by the train.

Long ago the train had passed
Through the pleasant countryside.
Now no pleasure could be found
In the cheerless view outside.

Bricks and mortar, grime and grit,
Windows peering bleary-eyed
From the dreary backs of houses,
Built in long rows, side by side.

Here and there hung grimy washing
Limply waiting to be dried.
Not a tree, a blade of grass
Or a flower could be spied.

But then, within a tiny yard,
I saw, against an old brick wall,
A bit of heaven, a patch of blue,
Delphiniums standing straight and tall.

Flowers as blue as any lake,
Blue as any summer sky,
Planted by a loving hand
To delight a weary eye.

Continued.

Suddenly there seemed to shine
Through the bleakness, grime, despair
A ray of hope, a ray of life,
And all because of flowers there.

Susanne Raves III A.

A Visit To Paris

Last Easter a party of boys from this School went to Paris for a week's holiday. During this time we went for several walks to places of interest including the Bois de Boulogne the Arc de Triomphe and the Cathedral of Notre-Dame.

The first day of our holiday we went on a coach tour round Paris, stopping at many places of interest. We visited the Sacré-Cœur whose shining white dome can be seen from a very long way off and the Chapelle des Invalides. It is in this building that Napoleon is buried, in the most beautiful tomb that Paris could offer him.

On one of several excursions we went by train to Versailles. In going round the Palace, we saw the great hall of mirrors in which William I was proclaimed German Emperor and the peace treaty of 1919 was signed. Afterwards, we went for a walk round the gardens, noted especially for their ornamental waters and fountains.

Nobody could visit Paris for the first time without going up the Eiffel Tower. So on a rather hot morning we made our way there by Metro. We went up by lift to the second stage where we were able to take some good photographs and then boarded a second lift to the top. We were fortunate enough in having a good clear day and a good view of Paris and the Seine below.

On another excursion we were taken by coach to the town of Fontainebleau. There we were shown round the Palace which is one of the finest buildings in France. It was the favourite dwelling-place of Napoleon I and it was there that he abdicated in 1814.

After a walk round the town, we went out into the country and explored the caves where brigands used to hide out. There were many rocks and caves on both sides of the road and it was a perfect place for an ambush. After more exploring, we returned to the coaches and thence to Paris.

In the evenings, after tea some of us would go for a stroll into the surrounding streets. As darkness closed in around us, we would watch all the lights of Paris gradually appear. We would then retire to one of the many cafés for a drink of coffee, and finally make our way back to the hostel for the night.

However, our seven-day stay seemed all too short and our holiday soon came to an end. After a four hour train journey we arrived at Calais on time only to see the ferry drawing out of the harbour. Consequently we arrived at Victoria at 11.30 in the evening, instead of 7.30. British Railways proudly announced that no-one was delayed more than three and a half hours!

Our most sincere thanks go to Mr. Warburton and Mr. Spooner who made this most enjoyable holiday possible.

M. Earl IV Science,

A Striking Thought

'There are teachers and teachers!', the wise schoolboy said,
'But the only good teachers are those who are dead'.
Having cracked this, his very own joke,
The young boy suffered a terrible stroke,
Not of a nature affecting the brain
But of a kind effected by canes!
'There are schoolboys and schoolboys!', the wise teacher said,
'But those who are wise keep such thoughts in their head'.

D. Hadden V Arts.

Something New in The Fourth Estate

Not long ago the hierarchy of sober, unhysterical journals waged an ingenious campaign to win readers from the more popular orders. Space was bought in papers with large circulations, like "Radio Times" and the evening press, for advertisements which worked on a principle rare in advertising. They made little attempt to please the present tastes of the majority they were aimed at; their implication was that these tastes were not of the best and should be quickly jettisoned.

In fact these advertisements, frowning out at the man in the tube or the bus, were solemn warnings against frivolity. Their message was that world events, science, the arts and allied subjects are far too important to be ignored.

A survey of the effects of this strategy would be interesting, for the August dailies and weeklies certainly outstripped their more powerful rivals in craft. Not that one is quite unmoved by glaring offers from the "Daily Dash", in inch-high type, to shoulder one's tax burdens for several years to come. But it is stunning to think that a little more spent on one's periodicals in a different direction, will lift the reader from the rut of thoughtless existence.

Nor was this all. The new reading material was, apparently, likely to increase one's earning power - though the advertisements went on to hint, just to hint, that not everybody could face the challenge of a style and range of subjects some way above his present fare.

The reader thus jerked up at a shrewd attack on two sensitive spots: his mental powers and his income. Of course, he could read better stuff if he made the time. A bit less idle TV (perhaps a few selected plays and the "Brains Trust") and a ruthless veto on those hours spent devising a profitable permutation, would make room for all these worthwhile journals.

A mass of readers, taught by their popular weeklies that all good writing must be "pally" ad nauseum, were no doubt repelled by what seemed a cold and forbidding aloofness. But the hope remains that support for the trivially chatting papers is not to be gauged by their sales. How often are they hastily put down with words like, "Of course it's rubbish, but there was nothing else in sight" or "I was at a loose end".

Possibly no single reason exists for this. It may be that the real value of broadly-based education, as something more than a preparation for specific careers, is becoming apparent to parents and their children. Perhaps people are more aware of the need for higher standards of intelligence in an increasingly complex society. If a man realises that the value of plain physical work, and little more, is likely to drop in the modern Utopia we dimly envisage, he may think that any laziness in thinking is no longer fashionable.

In Erewhon illness was treated more as a crime than as something regrettable but unavoidable. Might the brave New World of the distant future fasten the same stigma onto intellectual laziness?

Anyway, if these thoughts are at all widespread, serious writing may hope to gain more converts. Real success must wait until a lot of people have done a lot of re-thinking about leisure and entertainment generally. But a suggestion strikes hardest when it confirms ideas that are already jiggling in people's minds. This is why that sharp campaign is more likely to win more skirmishes than those who despair at the supremacy of the popular press will concede..

"People of position and ability take the "Thinker". Why not feed your potential powers on a diet worthy of them? If your digestion can cope, that is..." Wherever challenge is preferred to coaxing, such an approach may find a mark.

G. H. Kennett VI Arts.

A Visit To A Prison

Have you ever visited a prison, seen the prisoners in their cells, watched them partaking of their food and witnessed their exercise within the confines of the prison? No, you haven't? Yet I am sure you have at some time visited one of our so-called zoological gardens. Why then did you answer my first question in the negative? Have you not seen animals in their cages, watched them devour the food thrown to them and witnessed their pacing up and down their limited enclosures?

There is little difference between a zoo and a prison. Men are put into prison as a result of wrong-doing with the hope that a period of corrective detention will improve the offender and safeguard the public. Animals are put behind bars merely to be mocked and stared at by humans who have no thought for the lower animals other than as a source of entertainment.

To term these places of animal residence 'zoological gardens' is a gross insult to the science of zoology. A scientific study of animal behaviour cannot be undertaken whilst the subject is in captivity. What purpose then is fulfilled by keeping these poor creatures restricted in unnatural surroundings? Cat and dog owners would not keep their pets caged up continuously. Why then should their highly intelligent relations be submitted to such treatment? What an insult to condemn a lordly lion or a wild wolf to a life within a small cage into which little sun enters, only the laughing faces of the 'superior, civilised' beings!

Surely the money used for the upkeep of zoos would be better spent in sending trained zoologists out into the wilds to study the world's wonderful beasts in their own environment where they behave naturally.

You may think the general public ought to be able to see unfamiliar animals so as to know of their existence and appearance. However, in this age seeing is not necessary for believing. Films and photographs would suffice for the ordinary man in the street, I have never seen an Eskimo but I know what one looks like.

Think then on these things and maybe you too will come to the conclusion that there is only one other legal institution, involving animals, worse than the zoo; namely, the circus.

Norma G. Armstrong VI Science.

What To Be Or Not To Be

I've looked at all the leaflets from the Youth Employment Officer,
Difficult and specialised, they're not just ME.
Metallurgy, theology, technology, astronomy,
Stenography, philology or plain P.C.

I've thought about the lepers in the isolated colonies
Should I go and succour them or isn't that ME?
Perhaps a lady almoner in Dulwich or in Wimbledon
Psychiatrist, psychologist or mere G.P.

If I went to University and studied Ancient History
Could I go to Italy and look around Rome?
I'd hope to meet Sir Mortimer, that famous archeologist,
See the Baths of Caracalla and St. Peter's dome.

Continued

Perhaps I'll be a journalist and interview the diplomats,
Startle all the critics with my unmatched style,
Rise to be an editor can you really credit it?
... Coming down to earth again. . . how does one file?

Brenda V. Phillips VI. Arts.

"Southgate" Invade Switzerland.

On Wednesday April 10th, twenty excited girls accompanied by Miss Hyde, Miss Davies and Mrs. Wood left Victoria Station for Switzerland. After a smooth crossing from Folkestone to Calais, we passed through the Customs and boarded a train for Basle. We arrived at 5.30 a.m. and enjoyed a typical Continental breakfast of coffee, rolls and cherry jam. We then took the train to Lausanne where we changed to another which carried us to Chillon, a small village a mile from Montreux. At 10.30 on Thursday morning we arrived at our hotel, the Auberge Du Cheval Blanc, which overlooked Lake Geneva.

When we had rested ourselves and enjoyed a good meal, we walked along the lakeside to Montreux. The following day we visited the Chateau de Chillon where we spent the morning exploring its ancient towers, halls and dungeons.

On Saturday morning we boarded a coach bound for Geneva. Despite a breakdown at Dion, we arrived safely and were conducted round the magnificent United Nations Building. We then went to see the Reformation Gardens and the large and expensive stores in the town.

On Monday morning, equipped with sunglasses, raincoats and strong shoes, we ascended a mountain by funicular railway to Roches de Naye, where there are extensive skiing slopes. Although visibility was poor, we had a hilarious time in the deep snow before we returned to the narcissus-covered slopes at Caux.

The following day we enjoyed a coach tour in the Gruyère country, including a stop at Gstaad where some of the more adventurous members of the party ventured on a perilous ascent by chair-lift. We went on to the village of Gruyère where a French-speaking guide conducted us round the Chateau. One of our party purchased a goat's cheese there.

There were also excursions to Lausanne and Les Avants. During our stay we experienced both snow and sunshine. One evening we were fortunate enough to see an Alpine "glow", which was most impressive. Most of us enjoyed the unusual but appetising Continental food.

We began our homeward journey on Thursday evening. At Basle Station we spent an anxious hour due to the French Train strike. Fortunately we were able to board a crowded train for Calais. We

arrived at Victoria an hour late, to be met by worried parents. Thus ended an unforgettable and wonderful holiday.

We would like to thank all those who make our holiday abroad so enjoyable, especially Miss Hyde who organised it all.

Anne Pearson)
Margaret Simpson) V Arts.

The Sad Tale of Harriet Juliana Pates.

Harriet Juliana Pates
Was always eating stoneless dates.
One day she had a nasty pain
Through eating dates while in the rain,

These dates had just begun to sprout -
Their stones had not been taken out -
And Harriet was put to bed,
With date palms growing from her head.

Alas! This girl was soon no more,
Although they gave her pills galore
And in the churchyard by the yew,
A solitary date palm grew.

Be warned you children one and all,
Or you this fate will soon befall.
Don't keep on eating stoneless dates,
Or you will be like H.J. Pates.

Ann West IV Arts.

I do not Believe in Ghosts

It had all seemed so simple when I had first dwelt upon the idea. Just to walk into an old, empty house, and stay there the night, watching for a ghost. For that was the proposition put to me by my uncle, the owner of the house; for it was said to be haunted and I, always a materialist and disbeliever in such fantasies had accepted a challenge to come and wait for the phantom to appear.

But now, walking slowly up the great drive, the old mansion looming up at me, I began to wonder if I had been foolhardy in my quick decision. But I was not turning back now, and, on reaching the stone archway, I stepped inside, putting the key in the lock of the door. This door was of wood, oak, I supposed, and on the ancient iron knocker was cast a face, staring down at me - It reminded me rather of the face of Marley's ghost in "Christmas Carol!". Was this the face of the ghost here? I wondered. No - no there wasn't a ghost I reminded myself.

The door creaked open, protesting loudly at my intrusion, and shut with an alarming crash, echoing into the dimness. I turned around and took stock of my surroundings. It was still dusk, and a little light from outside came in through the windows.

I found myself in a large hall and, directly in front of me, a wide formidable staircase, and as my eyes glanced upwards, they met suddenly with those of another human form - an ancient painting on the wall - no doubt of a former inhabitant. The staircase disappeared into darkness, a corridor perhaps.

To my left was a smaller passage which led maybe, to the kitchens. On the other side there was another oak door, beautifully carved wasn't that another face on it? I took a few steps forward and stopped fascinated, as my footsteps re-echoed. Which way was I to go? I couldn't stay comfortably here in the hall all night, not knowing what lay in wait . . . upstairs above.

I looked again up the staircase - what secrets did it hold? Secrets that had been forgotten for years, where people of old had lived and died. I could almost hear a groan. No! my imagination was running away with me.

Taking a deep breath, I walked up the stairs, passed the old painting, I could feel its eyes watching me, penetratively. Yes, there was a corridor at the top, but I couldn't see the end of it. It was nearly dark now, perhaps there would be a moon later. I switched on my torch; the corridor was not very long, with an alcove at the end. I continued along this corridor. Here my footsteps were even louder, giving the effect that there might be someone downstairs, walking along. Someone downstairs? - I pulled myself together, reaching the alcove. There I found an old chair and table, exactly befitting my purpose, almost as if it had been laid out for me almost as if they knew I was coming.

They? I sat down.

From here I could see along the corridor, the top of the stairs, and darkness. It was now quite dark and a slim shaft of moonlight drifted in through the window, wanly lighting up a small patch of the flooring in front of me, leaving the darkness beyond even more dark and ominous.

Everything was very fusty, and smelt of old age; and dust got everywhere into one's eyes, nose, and a - atishoo! The sound echoed around, almost ending in a laugh - but it was my imagination again - wasn't it? Was it? No, no, there was a laugh I heard it. I nearly cried out, but, stifling my cry I was silent, hardly daring to breath, feeling myself going hot and cold in the effort. But I had not imagined that laugh; something within me compelled me to remain motionless. Minutes passing, nothing happening.

Then suddenly I saw it. A figure was standing at the top of the staircase; - but it wasn't a figure, it was justthere. I felt myself trembling and all my muscles were tense and taut. I couldn't take my eyes off it. It seemed to be coming closer, closer. I wanted to turn and run, but there was no way out behind me. "Almost as if they knew I was coming" The muscles in my knees straightened, and, as if in a dream, I felt myself standing up. I wanted to run - make a dash past it, but I could not move. Panic had rooted my feet to the ground. My eyes were fixed ahead - suddenly my feet flew.

I knew nothing except that I was moving along in the darkness, down the stairs, knowing only that behind me - coming faster, faster, surely, surely, than I could move. I came to the door, it was stuck, it wouldn't open. In my panic I wrenched at it, pulling it open and tearing out into the welcome fresh air. I heard the door slam behind me, and far away the same deep throated laugh.

I didn't stop running or glance back until I came to an old, familiar seat, where I collapsed panting. After a while I was able to collect my thoughts. Now, by the light of the friendly lamp-post shining on me, it all seemed fantastic, imaginative. Had it been my imagination? No, it had happened. I had been chased by a ghost, hadn't I. Hadn't I? Imagination? Was it?

Jane Atkinson V Arts.

All In A Roman's Day

The citizen of Ancient Rome in the first century A.D. began the day very early, even before dawn. He had to because he was unable to sleep against the continual noises of the city and its citizens going to work; as Martial describes it,

"The laughter of the pressing throng wake me and Rome is at my bed's head....Schoolmasters in the morning do not let you live; before daybreak, bakers; the hammers of the coppersmiths all day". Even if the wealthy sheltered themselves from this clamour, in the midst of their houses, they were disturbed by their own servants, who appear to have dusted, swept, and scrubbed the whole house as soon as day broke. It was a firmly established habit of all Romans, to get up as soon as possible, mainly because they hated artificial light and appreciated the beauty of sunlight.

Not even bothering to wash, a typical citizen breakfasted on a glass of water, prayed in his chapel, and left his house. From here he probably made his way to the barbers, where an excellent cross-section of Imperial Rome could be found gossiping at any time of the day. As the barber's iron scissors had no pivot or proper handles for his fingers the operation was hated but necessary. But soon the fashion for long curly hair, using curling irons and lotions, was adopted.

The next duty of the citizen was to visit his patron, a wealthy man who felt it his duty to supply small presents of food or money to poorer men, such as barristers, or professors, or artists, who were often completely dependent upon him. Once there a citizen would have to wait his turn, not in order of arrival but of rank; the praetor came before the tribune and the freedman before the slave. He would also have to treat his patron with due respect and address him as "master" or else he might be sent away empty-handed. This reliance upon a patron existed through all levels of society at Rome, because each man, whatever his social position or wealth, had someone above him whom he had to acknowledge as his better. No one, except the emperor, could consider himself independent of another's kindness.

Women were naturally exempted from giving or receiving these gifts and also from doing any kind of work. If they were poor they did their own housework, but otherwise they were free to visit their friends or go for leisurely walks. A few might train for a profession as a means of passing time, but hardly any thought about training for a career. This seems even stranger because they sacrificed liberal rights and privileges for their sheltered homes away from the noisy Forum. Furthermore by some wonderful achievement they seem to have persuaded their menfolk to buy all the shopping, because in the shops and market only men are painted by Roman artists.

Meanwhile at the port of Ostia, ships from all parts of the known world were unloading into the many warehouses, covering at least sixty acres. Inside these were stored Spanish oil, Egyptian corn, timber from Gaul, Greek masonry, tin from the Scilly Isles, and even amber from the Baltic, and to deal with all this commerce more than one hundred and fifty corporations existed at Rome.

The main contrast between the Roman dock-worker and our own today is that they did not all live in one section of the city, but their dwellings were scattered about the city between flats and private houses.

During the afternoon the Romans would often resort to gambling, to which they were passionately devoted even though it sometimes cost them their whole fortune. The Caesars, in their efforts to curb this, prohibited gambling except during the Saturnalia, in December, but it took more than a few laws to prevent the Romans enjoying their favourite pastime.

In the later part of the afternoon the people would visit the baths, which in themselves were a small-scale town with shops, theatres, and shaded walks. The number of baths rapidly increased until it was impossible to keep count of them and the entrance fee was so small that even the poorest could attend them daily.

After these exertions the Romans returned home for the only main meal of the day. No forks were used and they ate with their fingers which needed washing after each course. A guest was permitted to bring his own table napkin so that he could take away with him any delicacies, which he had no time to eat. Some banquets lasted until past midnight, but most dinners were simple meals of meat, fish, eggs, fresh vegetables and fruit. Honey wine was served at the beginning of the meal, followed by much stronger wines nearly always diluted with snow or water.

By the end of the meal darkness would have fallen over a sleeping Rome, until the sunrise when once again the noisy city would come to life.

Jennifer Kennett V Arts.

SAYINGS OF THE YEAR.

"American Art Galleries are the best, since there is no-one to clutter up the view!" -

Mr. Wise in a talk on America.

"In Dinner-hour this School is a Rock 'n Roll Billy Butlin Camp!" -

Mr. Roberts.

"All straight lines are curves" - Mr. McCarthy.

"In this School no-one seems to be proud to be in the 1st XI" - Mr. Packer.

"I have news concerning the new School Buildings" - The Chairman, Alderman Evans, at
Speech Day.

"We all know you know something about figures" - Mr. Wise to Mr. Frith.

"Privileges for Prefects? Well, in the New School...." - Mr. Forrest answering a Prefect's query.

"Does 'Life' really stop in Paris when the Government falls?" - Mr. Poulter on the French
Government crisis.

"It's useless asking me questions about sound - I don't know anything about it" - Mr. McCarthy
during a lesson with the Sixth Form.

OLD SCHOLARS' NOTES AND NEWS

Those Old Scholars who remember the days when Mrs. Tilbury, the wife of the then Caretaker, cooked the School dinners for about fifty children, will be sorry to hear she passed away at her home in Norfolk on the 29th March last.

Mrs. M.M. Fairfield, J.P., who has always been a good friend of the School, has resigned from the Middlesex County Council. Locally Mrs. Fairfield has served the public with distinction and Zeal and she has earned the admiration of all those who have any knowledge of her honorary service.

Alderman George Peverett, who has been Chairman of the Education Committee for a number of years and who has been on the platform at very many of the School's Prize Givings, has resigned from Southgate Borough Council and a presentation was made to him by Southgate Council in recognition of his many years of public service.

In May this year R.P. Protheroe, B.A., whom some pupils will remember as coming to the School from Canada and entering one of our Fifth Forms, was ordained and he has been appointed to a curacy at St. Margaret's, Roath, Cardiff.

Two interesting Lecture Recitals have been given by Iris Payne, one on Chopin and the other on "The Piano Grows Up". These were delightfully presented and the pianoforte examples from the great composers were all played from memory and immensely enjoyed by those who heard them.

Congratulations to Alec Hedgecock who has recently obtained his Master Mariners' Certificate in Wellington, New Zealand. We understand he has recently become engaged to a New Zealand girl and they will eventually settle at Lyttleton, Christchurch, N.Z.

We offer congratulations to Southgate's new Mayor, Councillor Beardow, who is a parent of an Old Boy of the School.

Alan Styles has just been appointed Manager of the Palmers Green Branch of the National Provincial Bank. He and his two brothers will be remembered by some of the older generation of scholars.

David Ingle Smith, A.K.C., who gained a B.Sc. First Class Honours in Geography at London University last year, gained Upper Second Honours in Geology. David took this normal three year

course in one year. He has now gone on an Arctic Expedition attached to McGill University, Canada, and will spend one year on Hazen Lake, Ellesmere Lane, North of Greenland. He then goes to McGill University for a second year to obtain a M.Sc. Degree.

Shaun A.N. Darley has been granted a National Service Commission in the R.A.F. with the rank of Pilot Officer in the Equipment Branch.

T. Baker was chosen for the mile event to represent Middlesex Schools A.A. in this year's Inter-County Championships.

Kenneth Hughes has gained an Economics Degree with Second Class Honours (First Division).

James A. Bowles has gained a Second Class (First Division) Honours in Physics and Pure Mathematics from the Royal College of Science. This success carries with it an A.R.C.S. Diploma. He will continue his studies in the electronics field on a post-graduate course.

Jonathan Smith has accepted a student-apprenticeship with the English Electric Company.

Richard Mann was on duty in Bermuda during the important talks between the President of the United States and our Prime Minister.

Betty Caplin has a teaching post in Edmonton.

Kenneth Clare and Stuart R. Jessett have been successful in apprenticeship examinations and awarded indentured apprenticeships in Engineering Draughtsmanship, Inspection and Testing of Electrical Telecommunications equipment respectively, by Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd.

J. Coren has obtained his LL.B. Second Class Honours at London University.

Isabel Hathaway is now teaching at St. Mary Magdalene Primary School, Islington. She is beginning a course leading to a Science degree at the Northern Polytechnic, Holloway.

Carolyn Rimer has passed her L.T.C.L. (TTD) at the Trinity College of Music. Next Easter she will sit for her L.R.A.M. (Accompanying) and then stay on a further two and a half years to graduate.

Stella Barker qualified from Brighton Training College and is now teaching at Cranbourne Infants' School, Potters Bar.

D.J. Taylor, who obtained B.A. Honours at Birmingham University, has now gained a Diploma in Education at Borough Road College (attached to London University).

G.K. Mottram has passed his second year's examination at Imperial College.

Hazel Pearson, B.A., has passed Stage III of the R.S.A. examination.

Congratulations to Brenda Langford who gained her diploma at the French Institute and also passed the French (Higher) examination of the English Chamber of Commerce. Brenda is now working as secretary to a director of an international Press firm.

Hilary Barton obtained a B.Sc. Honours Degree in Pure and Applied Mathematics and Geography at Reading University. She is now at Homerton Training College.

Marjorie J. Riley who is now a member of the Society of Radiographers is working at the North Middlesex Hospital.

Valerie Birch has attended several courses at foreign universities in the vacations during her course at Bristol University.

R.W. Elliott has gained a B.Sc. General Degree, Second Class Honours in Pure and Applied Mathematics and Statistics at University College, London.

Joyce Caplin has obtained her Certificate of Education at Bristol University and has a teaching post at Blyth School of Girls, Norwich.

Margaret Eggleton B.Sc. has obtained the Post-Graduate Certificate in Education at the University of London Institute of Education.

Carole Parmenter has obtained her Teaching Diploma at Norwich Training College and has a teaching post at the Sir Thomas Abney Secondary Modern School.

R.C.J. Wade passed out of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, into the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers as a Second Lieutenant. He will be going to the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

N.W. Ford obtained a B.Sc. (Eng.) Second Class Honours at London University.

Heather Phillips B.A. has a teaching post at Parkstone Grammar School, Poole, after obtaining her Teaching Diploma at King's College, London.

D. Hastilow, B.D.S., is now a dental officer in the R.A.F.

A. Varney has passed the Intermediate and Economics Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

T. Webb is entering Bristol University this year to study dentistry.

A. Powell, M.B.Ch.B., is taking a House Physicianship at the Paediatric Hospital, Sheffield.

Christine Akhurst who holds a certificate from the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama is now teaching Drama, Mathematics, English and Religious Knowledge at Selsey Secondary Modern School, Selsey.

Pamela Couzens has gained a B.A. Second Class Honours in French at Nottingham University. At present she is taking a course in Education at Nottingham.

Margaret Nettleton has obtained the diploma of Licentiate of the College of Speech Therapists and is now the Speech Therapist with Salford Education Committee.

MARRIAGES

Mr. Kenneth Hall to Ann Channing.
S.J. Samain to Miss Christine Marsden.
Trevor C. Bowles to Miss B.M. Sanders.
Mr. M.C. Pickup to Mollie Williams.
Mr. Stuart Barnes to Jill Marriage.
John F.S. Pryke to Miss S.M. Smith.
Mr. C.J. Omer to Pamela James.
Mr. G.J. Riches to Ann P. Carritt.
Dr. Geoffrey Carriett to Miss Joan Sims.
Mr. R.F. Bruton to Daphne Williams.
James C. Alexander to Miss E.A. Braby.
Mr. B.E. Battersby to Roberta Byrne.
R.L. Dupont to Miss S.C. Rees.
Mr. D.F. Blake to Margaret Finch.
Mr. R.M. Kerr to Jill V. Scott Knight.
Mr. B.A. Maynard to Mavis Curtis.
Mr. A. Burn to Delphine Goulder.
Derek S. Eteen to Miss P.M. King.
Mr. P. Everett to Mary Fludder.
Mr. B.L. Jenkins to Jean Shirley Wright.
Mr. Gunnel to Maureen Edwards.
Mr. C.R. Collier to Gertrude Dalgleish.
Mr. P.A. Langston to Janet M. Owen.
Mr. M. Olley to Maureen O'Sullivan.

BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. Ron. Barnett
(Joan Silver) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Ingle ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Poole ♂ A daughter.
To Dr. & Mrs. P.A. Chapman
(Barbara Frampton) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. D. Glashier
(Sheila Chalk) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Victor Benham ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Swann (Mary Boot) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Coombes ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. C. Bunyan ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. A. Grout ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. G. Jones (Barbara Duncan) ♂ A son.
To Lieut. & Mrs. A. Buckler (Jean Grist) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Harold Smith
(Patricia Meade) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Elmer
(Dorothy Gadan) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rolls (Sheila Orr) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. Jack Loach ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Walker
(Joan Bentley) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Spooner ♂ A daughter.
To the Rev. & Mrs. P.H. Mundy ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. B. Dupont ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. Johnston (Cecile Hobbs) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. Hale (Dorothy Purnell) ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. Alan Dumayne ♂ A son.
To Flying Officer R. Mansfield &
Mrs. Mansfield (Hazel Polhill) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. John White (Myrie
Pannell) ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. R. Dumayne ♂ A daughter.
To Mr. & Mrs. R. Norton ♂ A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. G. Miller (Delphine
Gordon) ♂ A daughter.

BIRTHS

To Mr. & Mrs. K. Stokes	" A son.
To Mr. & Mrs. N. Last	" A daughter.
To Mr. Mrs. Tony Sinden	" A daughter.

SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB.

The fact that our 1st XI returns to the Senior Division after only two seasons in the Premier tends to overshadow all other considerations, but there are a number of reasons why Season 1956/57 must be regarded as well above average in Club history.

The Reserves, after a magnificent season, just failed to finish runners-up in Division II (North); the 3rd XI, after a promising start with some large scores and convincing wins, gradually deteriorated and were found in seventh place in Division III (North); and the 4th XI, whose team spirit and sportsmanship was commendable throughout, finished fifth in Division IV (North), higher than ever before.

The drainage work carried out by the Borough Council during the close season at Brackendale proved entirely satisfactory, and in a wetter than average season only one match had to be postponed. Further improvements at Brackendale were the erection of chain link fencing around the ground and the installation of a magnificent gas boiler.

The 1st XI's early matches revealed defensive weakness, and it was only after Christmas that a rearguard of Dickie Dyer, Mick Fenh, Keith Lovett and Tony Wright, skipper for the sixth season, stemmed the alarming flow of goals conceded.

The attack performed well but lacked finishing power, and many games were lost by the odd goal. Brian Bale was in great form throughout and was top goal-scorer for this XI with 17. Vice-captain Dave Cooper worked hard at inside-right but a troublesome knee injury prevented him from reaching top form. Brian Cook, whose touches of brilliance at outside-right gained him further League honours, also played well.

The Reserves, after losing the first two matches in September, made a fine recovery, and it was not until January that the next defeat was recorded. The strength of this side lay in its halfback line of Derek Messling, the team's most consistent player, Henry Green, and Reg Wilford and also in the shooting ability of Brian Toms, who equalled the club's individual goal scoring record with 37 goals, and Henry Belasco with 31 goals.

The 3rd XI were severely handicapped by the loss of Alan Bourne and Peter Chilton with leg injuries just before Christmas, and with the promotion of John Cliff and Brian Newman to higher elevens,

the attack lost most of its punch. Consistent performers were Tony Davies, Owen Froomes and Geoff Pickering.

The fortunes of the 4th XI can be divided into two distinct halves:- prior to Christmas when only two games were lost, and afterwards, during which only two games were won. It was a tragedy, not only for this XI but for the club, when Colin Smith broke his leg; the selectors had marked him for higher status when this happened and subsequently the side lacked inside forwards who could supply Peter Stocker and Derek Harris, on the wings and the irrepressible Frank Hill at centre forward, with the passes which lead to goals. Strong defensive displays were consistently given by the Skipper Brian Oliver, John Buxton, Brian Heath and John Gentle.

Terry Robinson, Team Secretary, Trevor Goldsmith, Fixture Secretary and Bill Feakes, Treasurer, worked extremely hard to ensure that the club ran smoothly, and deserve the highest praise.

Membership is quite good, but there is always room for more; a warm welcome will be extended to any new members and I can say with conviction that Old Boys football is as enjoyable as any in the country, so if you would like to join please contact me as soon as possible.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB

In writing the previous report on the Club activities the forecast was made that 1956 would prove the worst Season in the Club's history - and so it was, as the tables below show. It is apparent that, although the bowlers are present to take advantage of wet conditions, there are all too few batsmen able to use their feet to the slower ball. In view of the weather a surprising number of games were played - many at "home" where the new drainage stood up well to a severe test. But nothing could have coped with some of the torrential rain experienced - in particular for the local "Derby" V Old Minchendenians, when the Pavilion was surrounded by water several inches deep, and the visiting skipper, mistaking a floating plank for a safe foothold, nearly had to be rescued from a wet death.

Results 1956.

<u>Ist. XI</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>NOT OUT</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>HIGHEST SCORE</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
C. Tosh		11	1	221	54	22.1
R. Clark		14	-	254	60	18.1
A. Leather		10	1	146	25	16.2
J. Spring		23	5	265	45	14.7
H. Green		14	2	172	49	14.3
T. Goldsmith		25	2	250	43	10.9

<u>Ist. XI</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WICKETS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
H. Green		179.9	43	397	55	7.2
G. Willison		159.9	34	380	38	10
R. Clark		51	12	143	12	11.9
J. Spring		228.4	45	584	43	13.5
M. Kennedy		134.7	23	367	24	15.3

<u>2nd. XI</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>INNINGS</u>	<u>NOT OUT</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Willison		14	6	194	24.2
Cooper		16	1	270	18
Tester		19	3	209	13
Hough		16	1	193	12.9
Ryan D.		11	1	125	12.5

<u>2nd. XI</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>	<u>OVERS</u>	<u>MAIDENS</u>	<u>RUNS</u>	<u>WICKETS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Cooper		25	9	38	8	4.8
Willison		205	63	379	51	7.5
Tester		195	50	510	58	8.8

During the winter months much voluntary work went on at the Pavilion where the whole of the interior including the visitors dressing room was redecorated. Of the younger members Mike Kennedy was a familiar figure with paint smeared all over himself. Chas. Hough who was mainly responsible for painting the main ceiling, also undertook to reconstruct the scorebox. Unfortunately owing to business commitments he has been unable to complete the work so far. Credit must also go to the same member for planning the reconstruction of the second sightscreen.

Once the Pavilion was redecorated, the Committee decided it was time to begin refurnishing. Accordingly two new tables and a dozen chairs were purchased. Immediately it was apparent that it was not desirable to leave the remaining trestle tables and forms looking very odd against the new furniture, and the Club dipped deeply into its pockets and now the Pavilion looks quite smart and attractive.

Season 1957 began on a very cold and bleak day, but soon fine weather came along which lasted till August. Rain then appeared for several weekends, but it is hoped that a better spell in September will round off what has proved a very enjoyable Season.

The 1st. XI have played well and wiped out the memory of the previous Seasons results. Starting with a creditable draw with Southgate 1st. XI on the Walker Ground - nine matches had been won by the middle of July and 4 lost with 8 drawn. Roly Clark was running away with the batting honours - his 68 against Cockfosters in some 27 minutes will long be chatted about - and he was well over 400 runs by that time. Unfortunately a broken finger sustained in taking a hard hit catch has put him out of the game till September. Basil Richards has played several nice innings on Saturdays, and Wally Galeano and Mick Leather have been well to the fore in opening the innings. The two Smith brothers have proved very useful left handers and should contribute many more runs between themselves. Tony Davies has kept wicket consistently well, and is heading for a Club record in "victims".

The bowling has been dominated by Henry Green who has been bringing them back sharply from the off and had collected 67 wickets for only 7 runs apiece by Mid July. He is now set for his 100 wickets for the Season requiring only 15 more with a month to go. Gordon Willson and Jack Spring have borne the brunt of the bowling "at the other end". The former has taken 47 wickets at 12 apiece and the latter 56 at 14 each. Stuart Fox, back from the Forces, is showing signs of becoming the Club's slow bowler. He has had only a few chances to show his worth yet, owing to the sustained accuracy of the three fast bowlers. Norman Lowen still bowls a steady and nagging length when required, but Mike Kennedy has temporarily lost the previous Seasons accuracy and length and in consequence has been seldom called on to bowl.

The 2nd. XI have not been having a very good season, mainly due to the loss of some of the senior members to the 1st. XI. In particular Gordon Willson, the nominal skipper, has not played six matches for this XI, and he has been the mainstay of the XI's batting and bowling for several years. However there has been a most promising influx of new members from the School and with some experience behind them, the XI should begin to fare better next Season. John Saar is getting plenty of wickets with his fast bowling, Nigel Jordan has shown much promise with the bat. Roy Martin in his second Season with the Club has also proved a useful bowler of the slower type. On several occasions games have been given to present boys of the School - and others have been at the Ground on Tuesday evenings, which night has been specially set aside for practice on the ruberoid wicket with some of the Old Boys to coach and encourage.

Any other lads from the School who would like to join the Club should contact the Hon. Secretary at the address given below, or Mr. Rolfe at the School.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD GIRLS' HOCKEY CLUB.

During season 1956/7, the club again fielded two elevens each week, the second XI having far more success than the 1st. XI, quite the reverse from the previous year.

The 1st. XI again took part in the end of season tournaments - the Middlesex and the National Physical Laboratory - and in both they put up a very good performance. At Easter members of both teams combined with the Old Minchendenians to enter the Ramsgate Festival, under the name of "Rivals United". The rivals remained united throughout the weekend, which proved to be most successful both socially and from the match results angle -- the team winning four of the five games played.

Season 1957/8 is now rapidly approaching. A good fixture list has been compiled for both teams and plans are already under way for the annual Bazaar, to be held this year on the 30th November.

There is always a welcome and a cup of tea for any Old Scholar who happens to be passing the ground at Cockfosters on a Saturday afternoon during the winter months and there is still ample room for new members. If you are at all interested in playing, please get in touch with me.

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SOUTHGATE COUNTY OLD SCHOLAR'S LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Towards the end of last season, a dreadful discovery was made at Brackendale. It was that there were people who had never heard of us - not only people living comparatively close to the pavilion and grounds at Winchmore Hill, but those who make the daily journey to a School desk at Fox Lane! It was pretty obvious that something had to be done - and fast - so there and then, SCOSLTC started putting itself on the map. By word of mouth, by planning open days and socials, and by publishing a monthly magazine, SCOSLTC and Brackendale have gradually found their way on to more and more people's lips, the result being more members, increasing support for the Club's activities, and a healthier Club atmosphere all round.

The figures speak for themselves: out of a total membership of 67, no fewer than 33 are new members this year - a large proportion of them being old scholars. New faces are not the only innovation. Both the ladies' dressing room and the much-used kitchen have had new coats of contemporary paint, the men's dressing room now boasts two hot shower installations - and the mechanically-minded may be interested to learn that the ten members owning scooters have formed their own club - the "Wee-Wheelers" - which provides both colour and utility on week-ends.

The final page is missing from the only copy that we have been able to find of the original publication.