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EDITORIAL

This school is now twenty-one years old. It was opened in September 1939.

During the years between, which have included, of course, the Second World War, many pupils have spent very important and formative years of their lives working here before going out into the world to earn their livings or to undertake further training.

Grammar schools are a unique and very valuable part of the present secondary system of English education: they exist to cater for those pupils who have the intelligence and, it might be added, the necessary industry, to cope with a high standard of work in a number of subjects and who, as a result, form a natural community whose members are trained for public examinations in a given number of years. Such schools have also a tradition of high standards in matters of conduct; they must seek to aid pupils to develop into responsible and sensibly disciplined citizens so that in the end they are a credit to themselves and to the school that has produced them. At the same time, it is perhaps worth pointing out, grammar school pupils do not regard themselves as automatically superior to others—but, by clinging firmly to high standards in work and behaviour, they emphasise for all to see their own merit and that of the grammar school to which they belong. Greenford Grammar School looks forward now to further decades of hard work and progress in the maintenance of this invaluable tradition in modern education.



SCHOOL NOTES

The Summer term has started and with it the athletics, tennis and cricket seasons and last but not least the usual very important public examinations for senior pupils draw near.

Last term the School v. Staff hockey and football matches, both of which the School won, terminated successful seasons in both games. The 1st XI hockey team are especially to be congratulated on gaining second place in the Middlesex Senior Hockey Tournament. The introduction of rugby to the School produced a "friendly" game, between Mr. Riley's XV and Ager's XV, which resulted in a decided win for Ager's XV.

Earlier in the School Year "An Entertainment" was presented by the Lower forms of the School and met with great success as did the School Play, "Arms and the Man", and the performance of "Messiah", presented by the Choral Society.

We were also privileged to have a further visit from Mrs. Archie Camden, who was supported by three more of her colleagues, who played brass instruments.

The entire Library staff recently toured Ealing Central Library and had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. One hundred and forty new books have been put into the library this term. It is to be hoped that they will be looked after properly.

The congratulations of the School are offered to J. Durnin, 6U, who was fortunate enough to obtain first prize in an essay competition, organised by Shell Petroleum Company, also, to G. Haclin, 6U, who has gained a Mining Scholarship to London University.

On May 6th, we celebrated the marriage of Princess Margaret with a much enjoyed holiday.

In the production of this magazine we have to thank all contributors to this issue and the members of various forms who helped in the actual production in various ways either by seeing that reports were written or by copying out contributions. Their names are recorded at the end of their contribution in most cases but special mention must also be made of those who were ready to copy out contributions and to assist in various ways: Hazel Mizon, Susan Crowson, Christine McFarlane, Joy Twitchin, Jennifer Joy, Susan Smith, Madeleine Andrews, P. Lambert, M. Neville, W. Sneddon, and K. Baldry.

W.H., J.S.

On Friday, 23rd October, the School held the annual speech day and prize distribution.

The evening started with two songs by the choir. Then the Chairman, Mr. J. H. Murray, J.P., who is Chairman of the Governors of this School, gave a short introduction, Mr. James then presented his report.

The prizes were afterwards distributed by Mr. F. N. S. Creek, who was deputising for Mr. Walter Winterbottom, Senior Coach to the Football Association.

Following the votes of thanks, the evening concluded with the singing of the Pilgrim Song and finally the National Anthem.

K.R.

HONOURS LIST

University Entrance

Barbara Baker—University of Southampton (English).
Irene Bell—University of Manchester (Economics).
Janet Garner-Richards—St. Mary's College, Durham (German)
Marion Saw—University of Leeds (General Subjects).
G. Fair—London School of Economics (Economics).
J. Lawson—St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford (History).

Training Colleges

Ann Edwards—City of Coventry Training College.
Janet May—Ball's Park Training College, Hertford.
Christine Wilson—Hockerill Training College, Bishop's Stortford.

The Christmas Service, 1959, consisted of Hymns, Carols and Lessons. After singing two hymns and one carol, and listening to three readings from the Bible, the School Choir sang the carol, "Past three o'clock". The Address was given by Canon W. Fenton Morley. The hymns and carols were introduced by Patricia Fraser.

J.T.

On December 16th, 1959 the Greenford Singers gave a Christmas Concert in the School Hall. The recital consisted mainly of carols and madrigals and was enjoyed by a large audience.

K.B.

An entertainment was given in the School Hall by members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd forms on Thursday, December 10th, 1959. The items included dances, piano solos, choral verse speaking and orchestral items. A very enjoyable time was had by both those who performed and by those who were watching and the performances were of a high standard.

P.L.

The Easter Service was held on Thursday the 7th of April, the guest speaker being the Rev. W. Manson. After the Invocatory Prayer, which was read by Kathleen Freemantle, who also introduced the hymns, the Choral Society sang "Behold the Lamb of God" from the "Messiah". Then came the hymn "My song is Love Unknown", followed by a lesson from St. John, chapter 19 read by Barbara Smith. There followed the hymn "O Sacred Head Sore Wounded", followed by verses from St. Mark, chapter 16 and 1 Corinthians, chapter 16 read by C. A. Chapman. The headmaster then offered a prayer, which was followed by the hymn, "Jesus Christ is risen today". The Rev. Manson then gave his address. The hymn, "Praise to the Holiest in the Height", was then sung, and the Choral Society concluded the service by singing, "Hallelujah", from the "Messiah", which was followed by the Benediction, so concluding the service.

P.F.

On Saturday, April 22nd, at 7 p.m., the School Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. White, gave a performance of "Messiah". The School Hall was completely full and the performance was received with obvious pleasure. The choir sang with great enthusiasm and were well supported by a small, but effective orchestra, which included some former members of the School, and four very competent soloists. They were: Mary Crapnell—soprano, Hilda Bickley—contralto, Cyril Somers—tenor and Gordon Farrell—bass.

W.H.

The School's production of "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw resulted in a great success. The newcomers to the stage acquitted themselves well, especially two fourth formers, Jill Burton and Graham Allsop. Jill Burton played the mischievous servant-girl, Louka, determined to win Major Sergius Seranoff, Graham Allsop, whose voice has remarkable depth and power for his age. The two others making first appearances were Barry Twigg and John Tracey. Twigg as the happy-go-lucky Major Petoff and Tracey as the manservant both produced commendable performances.

Maurice Lewis's characterization of the enigmatic Captain Bluntschli, the hero, had poise and confidence. Patricia Fraser in her portrayal of Petkoff's daughter, Raina, who changed her attentions from Seranoff to Bluntschli, had the spirit and fire required for such a part. Anglea Gimson gave a good performance as Katherine Petkoff, being well suited to the rôle and Eric Perry as Major Plechanoff showed that a short appearance can still leave a big impression on the audience.

It was pleasing also to see members of the School, Madeline Cole and Maurice Lewis, assisting Mr. Field in the production of the play.

The scenery was perhaps the most ambitious the school has had, involving two major scene changes carried out under the direction of Hearmon and Mr. Alderman. Mr. Thornton and D'Arcy, in charge of the lighting were also very successful considering the limitations imposed. Miss Newton must be congratulated on designing the scenery and costumes, and also Diane Phillips who was in charge of make-up. A word of praise to Mr. Sutcliffe for his advice and experience in building the scenery.

It was a pity that after all the hard work by members of the School, the hall was never more than half-filled.

J.I.

During the Autumn term there was a meeting of the Literary Society, which was well attended by members of upper forms. The theme of the meeting was "The Modern Hero". Mr. Alderman gave an introductory talk, which was followed by readings from two books, "Room at the Top" by John Braine, and "The Uses of Literacy", by Richard Hoggart. Excerpts from two recent plays "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett and "Look Back in Anger" by John Osborne were very well acted. The meeting was very interesting and enjoyable.

VIVIEN GACON 6L.

The Vitalis Society, which is now in its ninth year of existence, continues to flourish. At present the total membership is seventy-five of whom twelve are members of the present sixth form.

There have been a number of meetings during the year at which papers have been given on subjects ranging from the Evolution of Early Man to the Shakespeare-Marlow controversy. Other functions included a theatre visit at which we saw, "The Compliant Lover" by Graham Greene; a social evening, and the annual excursion. The main function of the year was the eighth annual dinner which was held on Saturday, 9th April, at Paul's Restaurant, Ealing, at which we were honoured to have as our guest Mr. Botley, M.A., one of the School Governors. The dinner was well attended as in previous years, and we were glad to welcome all those old scholars who continue to give the Society their support and encouragement.

G. HACLIN (Hon. Secretary).

At the meeting held at the beginning of the Autumn term it was decided to re-start the School's Science Society and so a committee was elected with Mr. H. J. Gardiner as Chairman.

Meetings have since been held regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.

Mr. Gardiner presented the first paper, which he entitled

"Evolution". Other papers have been presented by P. Curtis, by J. Durnin and by J. D'Arcy. At the first meeting of the Easter term Mr. Ryalls, of British Oxygen Gas Ltd., gave a demonstration on the properties of liquid oxygen and showed film on the uses of oxygen and acetylene in industry.

During the Summer term a photographic competition is being held, of which full details can be found on the Science Society notice board.

Although the Society tries to cater for those whose interests are primarily scientific, it welcomes any members of the upper school to its meetings and on occasions this invitation is extended to the lower school as well.

The Junior S.C.M. has had another term of activity. The weekly meetings on Friday at dinner time have proved more popular than the monthly meetings held after school. We had held only two main meetings this term—the first being a missionary film, "Hello" at which over sixty crowded into the projection room, and the second was a talk given by a missionary about his work.

The weekly meetings have been very well attended. They have consisted of chorus-singing and discussions. Allsopp has provided much interesting material and with Susan Lamb effectively leading the opposition, the latter have become very popular.

On account of the large amount of activity in the School during the Summer term, we shall not hold any meetings but we shall be starting again in the Autumn term with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

PAMELA PHILLIPS, 6L.

The Tuck Shop has now become an established feature of school life for most pupils, and among the many facilities which a school of this size can offer its members a venture such as this takes its natural place.

It is entirely self-supporting and most of the first year's profit has gone towards providing the necessary cupboards and a working cash balance. It is only now becoming possible to allocate money to the provision of facilities which would not otherwise be available in the school. The Tuck Shop has paid for the hire of films, and at the time of going to press arrangements are being made for the purchase of special cricket equipment which could not be afforded from the normal allowances. Details of this and other purchases will be published from time to time.

The success of the Tuck Shop depends largely on the regular help giving willingly by senior members of the school in the day-to-day work; and thus is provided another opportunity for working together for the benefit of the school community.

C.S.

The Chess Club has played three matches this year. The first was played against Bishopshalt Grammar School and the other two against Drayton Manor Grammar School.

Results

Greenford	...	6 points	Bishopshalt	...	8 points
Greenford	...	4 points	Drayton Manor	...	10 points
Greenford	...	3 points	Drayton Manor	...	7 points

Although these results are rather disappointing, it should be noted that the Drayton Manor Chess Team are Middlesex Schools' Champions.

The grateful thanks of the Chess Club must go to Mr. Allatt, for his personal arrangement and supervision of these matches.

For the first time in several years, the Chess Club held a tournament which was open for entry to all members of the school. Although hurriedly arranged at the end of the Autumn term, it received an encouraging response.

Results of Tournament

Senior

Winner : W. Groves 6U
Second : J. Binney 5A

Junior

R. Flower 1B
D. Robinault 1C

The result of the junior section is definitely promising for the future of the Chess Club. We would, however, welcome many new members to swell the ranks a little. During the Spring and Autumn terms, the Chess Club meets every Friday at 3.30 p.m. in Room 10. All new members will be welcome, and any non-players will willingly be coached by the senior members of the club. The Hon. Secretary this year is R. J. Hearmon.

P. R. SWAIN 6L

Last term, the twenty school librarians went to Ealing Library to see how a library is run behind the scenes. I had not realised the amount of work that went on.

How do the books get to our local libraries? Firstly, Ealing Libraries find out what books have been published, and then they choose which they will order. They have to take everybody into consideration, remembering that people like various kinds of books.

When the books are chosen, they are delivered to Ealing Central Library, where they are classified, filed and covered. Pockets are put in, and tickets are made to go into the pockets. The books are then sent out to small local libraries, and places have to be found on the shelves for them, old books being thrown away. This work goes on continually, because the libraries have to keep up to date.

At 3.30, we were told that we could go home if we wished, but those who stayed were invited to choose this term's allocation of 86 books for our own school library. We chose many career books for boys and girls. Nursing books have been in great demand and we were delighted to choose quite a number of these; also adventure books, detective stories, several books on trains and aeroplanes, and some fiction books including the "Famous Five" series and "Biggles" books.

I would like to remind everyone that our school library is for anyone's use. Every pupil automatically has a ticket, and there is no charge for the use of books. A great deal of money (well over £100 each year) is being spent on the library, so that new and interesting books can be added. We hope that even more pupils will take advantage of having it in the school.

PATRICIA BUTTERWORTH 3C

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LITERARY SECTION

ONE MORNING

One morning very early,
As the birds began to sing,
In the valley down below,
It was a carefree sound.
I heard a church bell ring
Like a happy child in spring.

SPRING

Spring has come again,
Watch the lambs jump.
Horses galloping over the plain,
Camels with their humps.
They are all full of joy,
All the world is young again.

DIANA SMITH 1A

ON THE DUMP

The most interesting day in the holidays was the day we went to the dump. We started off straight after dinner. We went over the bridge, down one of the steep gravel paths and jumped across a stream. In front of us was a very dirty steep hill. It took us about ten minutes to climb it. After that we had great fun climbing up and down steep hills, jumping over streams and scrambling through bushes. On the way back as we jumped over the last stream, I missed and fell in. We were there for another hour after that getting my shoes and socks dry. When we arrived home, we looked very scruffy and dirty, but we enjoyed it all the same.

HAZEL VINCENT 1B

WHERE ?

Where the hills are topped with snow,
Where the cool, cool breezes blow,
Where the streams do quickly flow,
Into rivers they will grow.
Where the sun peeps through the trees,

Where I feel a gentle breeze,
Where the rivers flow at ease,
Where they run to join the seas.
There I'll run and dance and play,
There I'll walk and sing all day.
Where the sky is never grey.

PAT HOLT 1B

WINTER FLOWERS

The Snowdrop dainty, sweet and white,
Standing brave 'neath winter skies,
In winter drear a pretty sight,
Listening to the North Wind's sighs.

The Crocus yellow, white or blue,
Gives the garden colour gay,
Bringing joy to all who view,
On a cold and frosty day.

The Daffodil stands very straight,
He has a trumpet made of gold,
He comes when winter's getting late,
But while the weather still is cold.

The Tulip really heralds spring,
Bringing winter to its end.
At winter's end he reigns the king,
Winter drear he has to mend.

JACQUELYN JONES 1B

PONIES

When the weather is cold and brisk,
That is when ponies like to frisk,
Through the woods and down to the glen,
Round the meadows and back again.

The snow has come and it's hard to find food,
So they dig with their hooves to find grass that is good,
They grow thick coats to keep out the cold.
It's hard to keep warm when they are growing old.

In summer time the grass grows thick.
The ponies grow fat on the grass which they pick,
They are ridden by children who have such fun
Playing games out in the sun.

SUSAN SKIER 1B

THE HORSEMAN

On a bright moonlit night,
When the stars were shining bright,
There came a horseman riding fast.
Over hill and valleys he did pass,
Into the gloom of that dying day,
Riding fast towards the guarded bay.
One could still hear those hoof-beats thundering along,
And all was drowned by a bell's dong.
Now all was silent and all was still,
As the sound passed over the hill.

BRENDA SPRINGATE 1C

ON THE SEA-SHORE

On the sea-shore, all alone
With the murmur and the moan
Of the waves upon the sea,
I sat,
Watching and waiting for the joyful shout
Of father, from his fishing boat.

"A sudden shout," a sudden wish
That father had caught many fish.
Up I got, full of glee,
To see the fish he'd caught for tea,
Salmon, trout, and slippery eels,
All packed tight in great big keels.

We carried them home, one by one;
They were heavy
So we could not run;
Instead we had to trudge along.
We were too tired to sing the song
That my father taught me long ago.

I listened to the raging sea
As I thought of the coming tea.
The stars above were brightly shining,
And Rover, our dog, for his tea was whining.
The stones on which I stood were slimy,
And my shoeless feet were wet and grimy.

PAT HONOUR, Form 1

THE MOON

The snow had stopped,
The wind was still.
The moon sailed out from behind a cloud
Shedding its light.

? ? ?

are
you
one
of
us

? ? ?

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- cricket - darts - netball - tennis - hockey

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"Arms and the Man"

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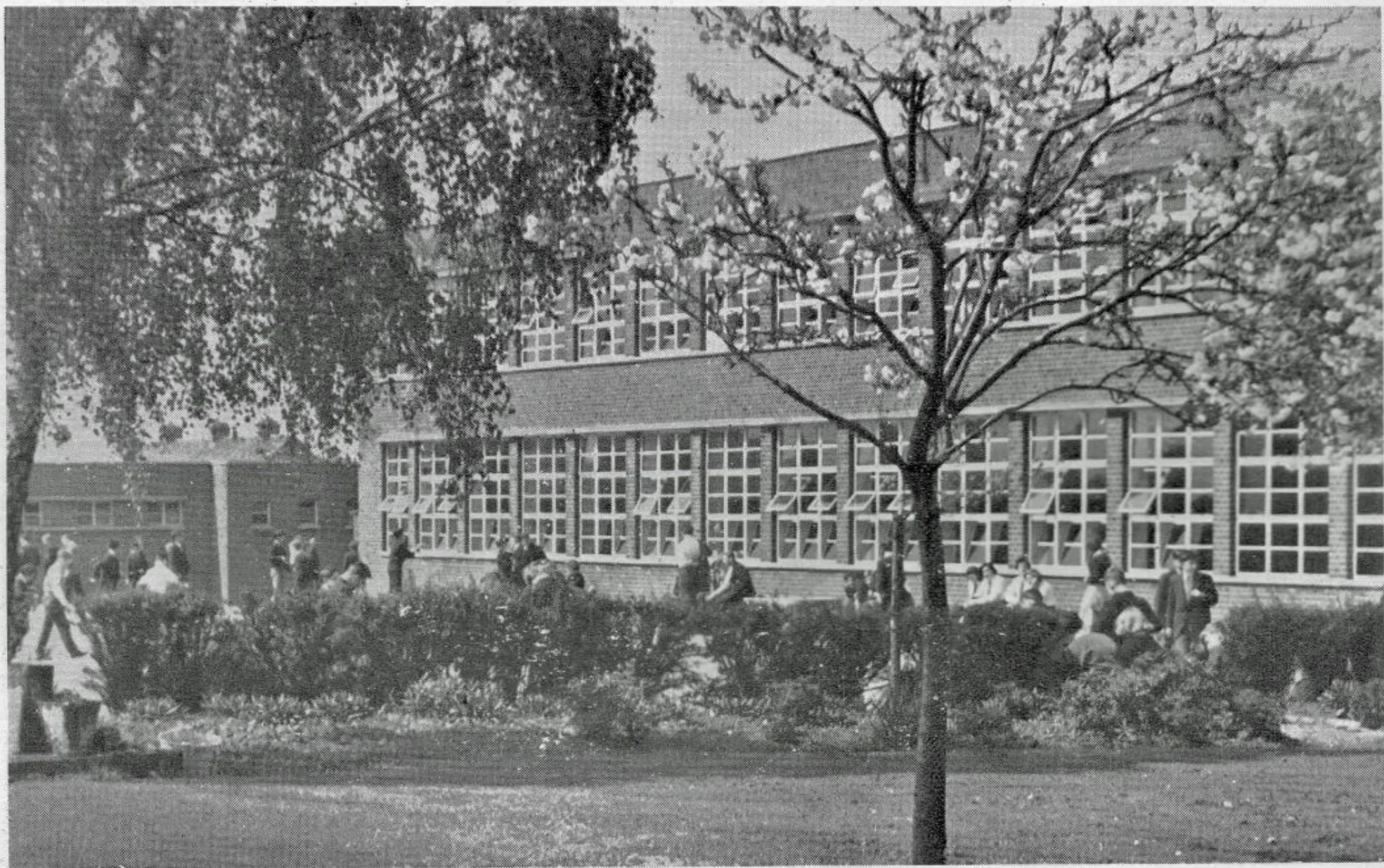
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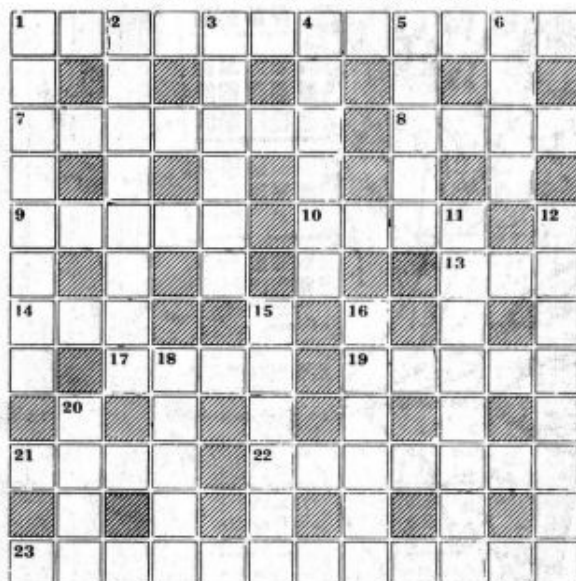
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"South Playground"

(Kindly lent by Mr. Sparrow)

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CLUES

Across

1. Athletics in December might be called this (6,6).
7. Indefinite pronoun. Unknown person (7).
8. A frequent cause of absence from school (4).
9. Found on a strip of water not far from the main gate (5).
10. School Fund members take care not to lose this (4).
13. Sold at the Tuck Shop, especially in summer (3).
14. Our Football 1st XI rarely achieves this score! (3).
17. During the term this is no substitute for a blazer (4).
19. The opposite of a drawn hockey match, perhaps? (5).
21. School sausages and Yorkshire pudding is sometimes called this (4).
22. Painful application (7).
23. The library is like this in winter if there is no heating (12).

Down

1. If we had chicken for school meals, we might see one! (8).
2. Most of the classroom doors bear these (8).
3. He runs away, but not from school! (6).
4. The Head Boy makes one of these on a very special day (6).
5. These are awarded to film stars only—not to those who are top-of-the-form! (5).
6. Schoolmasters often hear this kind of story (4).
11. This does not mean a lenient teacher, just a region! (8).
12. A gun indeed, but not the sort used on Sports Day! (8).
15. There are at least 28 of these in the school orchestra (6).
16. A person with only "U.s" on his report might be called this! (6).
18. Beneath (5).
20. New arrivals at the school tend to do this first of all (4).

(Answers on page 36)

And all the world
Came out from 'neath its darkened shroud
To find itself
All covered with white.
The moon goes back
Behind the cloud.
The world once more is black
And still.

CHRISTINE KING 2B

SPRING

One morning early in the year I awoke to see the sun shining brightly in my bedroom. My first thought were that this was a special day after the cold and grey of the winter. All the time whilst I was dressing and having my breakfast, I felt elated and looked forward to going out in the sunshine.

Later in the morning my wish was fulfilled and I went for a walk in the park. Here, the first thing that attracted my attention was a bed of daffodils just coming into bloom. Looking around a little further, I noticed that the trees were beginning to show green.

I suddenly realised why I felt happy, for it was the first day of spring.

CHRISTINE LEESON 2B

BIRDS

The peacock is so graceful
With her feathered span so gay,
The robin is so pretty,
In every little way.
The budgerigar is handsome
With wings pressed back so neat
And the duck is also graceful
With large and flat webbed feet.

The sparrow is the meekest
With wings held stiff and tight.
The cockatoo is funny
Especially in flight.
The thrush is gaily speckled,
His chirpy song so small,
But my favourite is the ladybird
Who is not a bird at all!

HAZEL MIZON 2B

WINTER

The sky is dull,
The trees are bare,
The ground is frozen everywhere.
The frost is sharp,
The wind is strong,
The days are short,
The nights are long,
The snow is deep.
Cold is the rain,
Now winter time is here again.

HAZEL MIZON 2B

A SHORE SCENE

In a series of undulating waves, the land graduated towards the sea. The green folds blended into an abrupt cliff that fringed the coastline, and down this meandered lazy and difficult paths, constructed to avoid the boulders and sparse bushes that hugged the irregular descent.

High above were the nooks and ledges, immediately beneath the overhang of the cliff, which afforded lodgings for the nests of sea birds: the precarious, safe kingdom of the gulls, the faithful coastguards of the shore.

The yellow, newly-washed sand was scarcely perceptible beneath a confusion of miscellaneous rocks, which melted the sharp margin of the steep ascent and the continuous sea, and was itself often swallowed in the temporary reaches of a high tide. The rippling waves themselves seldom receded far from the rugged margin, the narrow borderland of sandy rock separating the waters from the world of earth, which, though so close, seem strangely far apart.

JENNIFER HORNE 2C

MY BUDGERIGAR

My budgerigar is an albino (pure white with pink eyes). She can do many tricks such as playing with a balloon on the floor, emptying a box of matches, playing with a small rubber or plastic ball, sliding down the arm of our wooden chair on a matchbox, eating apple from our hands and many other tricks. She is a very noisy bird and she screeches if I play the piano or if the wireless is playing. So far she has laid ten eggs of which none have hatched. When a friend brought her budgie over for a weekend, my budgie was very cautious at first and the two budgies were very unfriendly to one another and pecked each other. After a while they settled down together and went into each other's cages. When my friend left, the two birds would not go in their own cages and we had a job getting them apart.

A. BENBOW 2B

MY AUSTRIAN HOLIDAY, 1960

We all assembled at Victoria Station and met the leaders of the Anglo-Austrian Society. We then divided into our given colour groups and after we were all present and luggage was in, we boarded the train. All the parents waved good-bye and then we were off.

We reached Dover at two o'clock and, by the time all the luggage was loaded, it was four o'clock. The crossing was calm and we seemed to reach Ostend soon. Here the other parties except the Green Party left us and boarded another train. An hour later we were in the train and on our way towards Klagenfurt. We went through Bonn, Cologne and Salzburg, by which time we were in Austria.

When we reached Spittal Millstatt, the Green Party left us.

We had been travelling for twenty-three hours in the train when we reached Klagenfurt. We stepped out of the train and caught the coach to Juggenddorf. We slept soundly that night.

In the glorious three weeks that followed we had a wonderful time. We visited Gurk Cathedral and many other interesting places. Some days we went to Maria Worth.

When we were at the camp, we had Austrian boys and girls to play games.

One day we were entertained at an Austrian school and we entertained the girls there. Another day the Green Party visited us. The camp was on a hill and at the bottom was a beautiful lake, Lake Worthersee. Behind us were beautiful pine forests.

One day we went through the forests on a ramble. On one occasion we saw a black squirrel which only inhabits this part of Austria.

The holiday passed every quickly and soon we were on our return home. The staff at the hostel were very kind to us and were crying just before we departed.

The journey home was by the same route that we had come. As we were not in Sleeper Carriages, we slept on the seats and in the luggage racks.

At Dover we said good-bye to our friends and then boarded the train to Victoria Station, where we saw our parents again.

ELAYNE ANSELL, Form 3A

NIGHT

Like thick rich velvet the inky black darkness enshrouds the sleeping world. The stars twinkle like sequins woven in a romantic Indian sky. Palely the fragile moon, looking as though it was cut from a piece of solid silver, shines down upon the silent, expectant and slumbering town. Windows and yesterday's puddles shine

like painted silver as the moonbeams rest upon them. The branches of the trees seem to be encrusted with millions of resplendent jewels stolen from some treasure chest as they sway gently.

A breeze whispers over as though too strong a gust would blow the perfect beauty away.

The droning of a distant aeroplane, bound for some distant foreign country full of mystery and romance, disturbs the water birds sleeping among the dewy reeds along the river bank and they utter some throaty groans, annoyed that they should be woken.

Almost as quickly as it came it is gone again and they resume their broken sleep till morning when the unique beauty as the past night will have merged into oblivion and a new day will have been born full of new joys and sorrows.

KAREN NORREHAMMER 3C

LIGHT

The stars that softly shimmer,
Are stealing 'cross the way
Of time, and of the heavens,
Before the coming day.
The clouds are white and wispy.
The sky is powder blue.
The sun in all its glory
Will soon be rising too.
The sun will soon be master
Of all the clouds and sky
Until she sinks in flaming red
And softly says, "Goodbye".

DENISE RICKETTS 3C

A "SHOCKING" STORY

Two men Mr. Amp and Mr. Coulomb were charged with assault and battery. They pushed people off buses because they were bad conductors. Mr. Amp was given a discharge but Mr. Coulomb was put in a dry cell.

One day when Mr. Coulomb was eating nuclear fission chips in his cell, he saw the chance to escape. His cell door was open so he made a volt for it. After a chase round a magnetic field by an electromotive force he offered no resistance to arrest. When he was asked why he escaped he said, "Watt? Oh! I was going 'ohm to see me coil."

R. COOK 4A

PENSHAW MONUMENT

Penshaw monument stands on the top of a large hill; it was built in the 12th century by the people of Penshaw. There is a story as to how it came to be built. There was supposed to be a very big worm who stopped people from getting across the river Wear. There were a great many people who tried to pass the worm but it either swallowed them or squashed them. Then a great many Lords and warriors tried to kill the worm but they only were killed. Then Lord Lampton had to cross the river so he had a suit of armour made with knives which had their points facing outwards. Lord Lampton put this suit of armour on and he set out to cross the river. When the worm came to wrap itself round Lord Lampton, the knives stuck in the worm and it was killed, so the monument was built on top of the worm (which was buried in the hill) as a memorial to Lord Lampton who killed the worm.

Until a few years ago you were allowed to walk on the top of the monument but so many people were killed that it was closed. Now no one is allowed to go near the monument because it is liable to fall down.

A. HARRISON 4B

HAMPSTEAD

I think Hampstead is one of the most lovely and pretty suburbs of London. In the seventeenth century, it was just a small village, or rather, an overgrown hamlet. When it became a populated town, full of fine Georgian and Regency houses, in the late eighteenth century, it was just starting to become a renowned health resort. In the eighteen thirties the houses began to creep down the hill and it eventually became just another London suburb.

Fortunately, Hampstead has been mostly left alone since those early days. There are no industrial buildings of any kind in the district, and every road that one travels along has beautiful old houses lining it; there are not many churches, nor are they old ones, but between the rows of houses there are lovely green parks and wide open spaces.

Just to the north of the main part of the town, there is a series of extensive, wooded grassland between which are a few cottages and houses. Here is the famous Hampstead Heath, where many people take long walks. A funfair is held here twice a year. There are three large ponds or lakes; in the summer when it is warm, they are used for bathing purposes.

The main shopping centre of Hampstead, I think, is unreliable, but one must say that there is a great variety of commercial enterprise. At opposite ends of the scale are the small, quaint coffee-shops and restaurants and the large self service stores, which together make a very interesting town within the city.

M. NEVILLE 4B

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WINTER

As Autumn draws to a close, leaving the trees bare of their foliage, the cold bleak Winter creeps in. Winter with its snow, rain, fog, and bitter icy winds, makes the countryside look miserable and bare, but with the arrival of frost the trees, hedges, and woodlands take on a ghostly appearance.

But, for all the beauty of Winter, it brings many hazards. Roads become covered with ice, making them treacherous for motorists and causing many accidents. Householders keep a watchful eye on water pipes and tanks as they may freeze up and burst, sometimes causing considerable damage in the home.

Our English fogs often cause great delays in public transport. Sports, too, for example, football and rugby, are also affected by the fog and icy conditions, but games such as skating are enjoyed with enthusiasm.

Birds which are winter residents find it difficult to obtain their own food, and bird-lovers often place food out for them.

As the days begin to lengthen and the sun begins to add a little warmth to the air, one realises that Spring is not far distant.

T. THORNETT 4B

ONE NIGHT

One night

As I, propped up on my pillow,
Surveyed the unearthly chart
Which represents the life I've led,
Scores of ghostly apparitions
Clouded my tired vision and fled
Into every corner of the familiar room.
Former friends, and faces, grey and expressionless,
Danced before my eyes, I tried to guess
Their names; and where they met me:
But they eluded me
And faded into the gloom.
Occasionally they ceased their incessant gliding
And floating before the foot of my bed;
But each turned its head
Before I could recall it.
I tossed about beneath the shifting covers,
Striving to blot out that face,
To remove each trace
But there were others . . .
Emerging from the shadows
Rows and rows
Of them. Like a thousand foes
Of an advancing army. Who knows
Why my heart froze

Within me, and suddenly rose
 To my throat? I sat up as if in the throes
 Of a violent fever.
 I stumbled out of bed and turned on the light
 Whereupon those cowardly visions fled out into the night.
 Tremblingly, dry-eyed
 I sighed—
 A broken, nervous sound—
 Laughed a hollow laugh and found
 I was not afraid.

ANGELA GIMSON 6L

BEWILDERMENT

Fields of freedom and the shadowy pine
 Do countless acres just to me resign,
 And guard ambitious highways long claimed mine,
 And yet I stumble over still
 Ties time has tried in vain to sever;
 I see in dreams of mist and heather
 The slender path we climbed together
 Long ago.

ILLUSION

They say we cannot live on dreams
 And we are fools who try.
 We must face life just as it comes,
 Live for each minute passing by;
 Fill all our thoughts with work and play,
 Let activity steal our hours away,
 But the heart has fever again.
 The hopeless desert traveller dies
 Without the mirage in his eyes;
 The hibernating squirrel stays
 Nourished by dreams of summer days,
 And how would spring burst forth anew,
 If dreams, cherished all winter through,
 Once in a while, did not come true?

JANET ROBERTS 6L

THE ESSO PETROLEUM COMPANY LECTURE

On Friday, the 8th January, members of the Upper 6th chemistry set attended a lecture sponsored by the Esso Petroleum Company. This was given in Beveridge Hall, Senate House of the University of London by a national representative of the company.

The lecture began with a review of the Petroleum Industry, its past, the future and also the economics involved in such a concern. Most of the subject matter dealt with the by-products obtained by the "cracking" of petroleum and of the great, comparatively new chemical industry which has arisen in this field. Countless numbers of organic compounds can be synthesised from petroleum and short film strips illustrated some of the chemical processes involved.

From the polymerisation of ethylene, that is the linking of the molecules of the compound to form chains of molecules, comes polyethylene, commonly known as polythene. Synthetic rubbers, such as from butadiene, are also petroleum derivatives. Rubbers from this source can be tailor-made for any requirement. Some are acid and some flame-resistant.

From the naphthenes comes adipic acid, a stage in the production of nylon. Also from benzene come phenol, dyes, plastics and D.D.T.

A great new industry, that of plastics, has arisen through research into petroleum by-products. Here, from the polymerisation process, plastics can be made having almost any property desired. Amongst these are included polystyrene and perspex.

Demonstrations showed the preparation of dyes, latex foam rubber and nylon thread. Also the remarkable properties of some rubbers and plastics were demonstrated. At this point a break was taken for refreshments.

The second part of the lecture dealt with other side-industries springing up from the Petroleum Industry. We are now all familiar with detergents which are one product of petroleum research. Paints are also largely from this source and a new paint, from a butadiene polymer, was demonstrated which was hardened by flame application. One third of the fertiliser used in this country comes from this industry as do herbicides and insecticides.

Many other products are from this source such as anti-freeze, aromatics and textiles. During the last ten years or so, many new synthetic fibres have been produced including nylon from butadiene, terylene, orlon, acrilan all from ethylene.

Finally the lecture ended with the thought of the expected continued expansion of the industry and how it will affect our everyday lives.

J. DURNIN 6U



SPORTS SECTION

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1959-60

The records show that the season was, on the surface unsuccessful. We were, however, rebuilding the 1st teams and the junior teams and so we had to field young, inexperienced players, with greater determination next year these same players, who lack little in ability, will be able to do well.

J. M. H. Salisbury created a new school record by 39 goals in 21 games for the first team this season. In the 1st team there have been a series of injuries which hindered progress but despite this some very constructive football was played. The first year eleven contains some very worth-while players who will serve the school well in the future.

Summary

1st XI—Captain: Lewis. Played 24, won 9, drawn 2, lost 13.

2nd XI—Captains: Johnson, Pope. Played 12, won 5, drawn 2, Lost 5.

Under 14 XI—Captains: Robins, Fox, Brooks. Played 14, lost 14.

Colours—Re-awards: Lewis, Salisbury. New award: Emberton.

M.L.

HOCKEY, 1959-60

This has been the best season ever in the history of the school. Both 1st XI and 2nd XI deserve to be congratulated for playing so well.

1st XI have played 11 matches and won 11; 70 goals for; 7 against.

The 1st XI were also placed 2nd in the Middlesex Senior Hockey Tournament, losing only by a corner, the best position yet achieved by the school.

The 2nd XI have played 12 matches, won 9; lost 2 and drawn 1; 25 goals for; 11 against.

The 3rd year XI played 1 match and won it and they entered the Middlesex Junior Hockey Tournament and were placed 4th out of six.

Colours awarded to Margaret Gouldsmith and Frances Bell. Re-awards to Brenda James, Dawn Wolfe, Madeleine Coke, Shirley Jones and Katherine Clark. Half colours to Pauline Tiernan. Special mentions to Catherine See, Jennifer Biggs and Barbara Groves.

I hope that the good results achieved this season will encourage future hockey teams to play just as well or even better.

KATHERINE CLARK (Hockey Captain)

BASKETBALL REPORT

At first glance this season's senior result seems disappointing. However, the standard of basketball played was high and each game was keenly contested, two being lost by one point. In the Middlesex Basketball Cup the team was beaten in the semi-final by Edmonton in a hard match.

The juniors have done very well, winning all but two of their matches. In the Middlesex Cup they were unlucky to be knocked out in the first round by Downer, the national champions.

Senior Team—Nixon (capt.), Batson, Haclin, Salisbury, Durnin, Ager, Pearson, Foster.

Matches played 8; won 3; lost 5; Middlesex Cup, lost 3.

Junior Team—Conn (capt.), Baldry, Sharp, Thompson, Lucas, Lambert, Flanagan.

Matches played 4; won 4; lost 0; Middlesex Cup, played 6; won 4; lost 2.

J. DURNIN (Hon. Secretary)

The Basketball Club.

NETBALL REPORT

The 2nd year team, captained by Joan Marchant, has played the most matches this season. The 3rd years have only had one which they lost. Unfortunately the 1st year team also has not had a very successful season but we hope they may do better next year.

The results of the games played are :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
1st year team	4	0	1	3	14	35
2nd year team	10	5	0	5	75	104
						A.N.

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OLD SCHOLARS' SECTION

From Strength to Strength—In Coming-of-Age Year

Although the last Annual General Meeting began on a note of pessimism, the election of a new Old Scholars' Central Committee has taken the Association through one of its most successful years. Of course there is still much room for an increase in membership, but the activities of the past year have shown a real strength and all of the Association's sub-sections have established themselves as going concerns.

Football Club

Although our teams have not won any medals in the 1959/60 season, under the firm and talented leadership of Dick Rowe they have become a force to be reckoned with in the Nemean League. Now that both teams have emerged from the bottom position there is no reason why in the near future we should not see them taking first place.

League Tables :

Senior Division III	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Meadhurst	20	17	1	2	87	22	35
Old Actonians	20	16	2	2	77	22	34
Valiant Sports	20	11	3	6	65	38	25
Thos. Cook & Sons	20	10	3	7	57	41	23
Aquarius	20	11	1	8	57	46	23
Harlesden Amateurs	20	9	3	8	49	49	21
Finchley All Blacks	20	9	2	9	58	48	20
Old Greenfordians	20	5	5	10	45	65	15
N.P.L. Sports	20	6	1	13	56	67	13
Polytechnic Students	20	3	1	16	24	92	7
Iraq Petroleum	20	1	2	17	25	110	4

Reserve Division III

Harlesden Amateurs Res.	18	15	2	1	65	12	32
P.O. Engineers Res.	18	13	4	1	78	23	30
Thos. Cook & Sons Res.	18	9	2	7	40	39	20
Hurlingham Oddfellows Res.	17	7	5	5	56	31	19
Aquarius Res.	17	6	3	8	42	54	15
Old Greenfordians Res.	18	7	1	10	45	69	15
Old Elysians Res.	18	5	3	10	44	64	13
Hale End Res.	18	4	5	9	26	43	13
Viking Sports Res.	18	4	3	11	35	48	11
N.P.L. Sports Res.	18	4	2	12	21	69	10

Prospect Players

On October 16th and 17th, 1959, so the annals of history record, the Prospect Players performed their 21st play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde.

Its success was due to the tireless producer, Don Manning, and the cast of old and new faces, including Molly Brown—Lady Bracknell, Deirdre Nadal—Gwendoline, Clive Gillingham—Algernon, Bruce Paton—Jack, Joan Lees—Cecily, Patricia Goddard—Miss Prism, Barry Richardson—Doctor Chasuble, and Don and Alan Jupp as the two gentlemen's gentlemen.

The financial aspect was favourable (i.e. the loss not exceeding a few shillings) and the monies were ably juggled by Tony Helling. We thank Mr. R. White for his excellent ticket salesmanship in the school.

Lack of capital is a little limiting but we hope to produce a mammoth spectacle in the not-too-distant future. Meanwhile we are contenting ourselves with three modern one-act plays for a June production; an Oriental mystery, a Shavian comedy and an A. P. Herbert Shakesperian burlesque.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. James, Miss Dawson, Mr. Todd, the caretaker and many other friends for their help and we look forward to another fruitful year's "playing".

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Motor Club

Doubtless this is one of the Association's most active sections even though it is the youngest. During the year many rallies have been held around the Home Counties. When the gears have not been grinding through country lanes, the film projector has been sweeping the members round such exciting bends as the Monaco Grand Prix, Silverstone and Nurburgring. This may be thought a coterie for the cognoscenti, but it is surprising how membership is growing and it's not even necessary to own a car. Anyone can go along just for the ride.

Social Events

At the beginning of the year, it was decided to hold three main social functions for the Old Scholars' Association. In doing this, more time could be allowed for the preparation of each function and so, we hoped, provide a more enjoyable gathering.

Our first venture, the Christmas Ball, proved to all that this decision was a right one. On December 19th in the Princes Room, Ealing Town Hall, an excellent evening put us in the right spirit for all Christmas activities. All tickets were sold and the hall was filled to capacity. Bill Billingsley and his band added to the success of the Dance but grateful thanks we owe to Mr. Peter Goodrham, M.C., one of our committee members.

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As we go to press plans are going ahead for the Old Scholars versus The School cricket match on 9th July. A good beginning and, if the weather clerk is on our side, a good ending to the year's events.

Where are they now ?

Eileen Bygrave (née Mellor) writes in to say that the third child expected in the last edition is a boy. Norman Bygrave (née Bygrave), her husband, is soon to take up an appointment as Senior English Master at a new Bristol school.

Brenda Machin, now Mrs. Tovey, has settled in Melbourne, Australia.

Ronald How is a District Inspector for an Insurance Company.

Philip Payne teaches Science at Brockenhurst Grammar School.

Gerry Maguire made a fleeting visit at the beginning of 1960. The purpose of his trip was a wedding. He and Mrs. Maguire are now back in Canada.

Margaret Biggs is now Staff Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

To Colin and Margaret Alvey, a son—Richard.

Edna Howe, engaged to be married on October 1st.

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Tennis Report

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Last year the tennis teams had an excellent season and won all their matches. This year, however, the teams are very much younger and have not, so far, been particularly successful. Nevertheless considerable keenness is being shown and the standard of play is improving with every match. More practice is needed in tactics and positional play on the court.

The 1st VI consists of: Jill Brearley, Edwina Parlour, Dawn Wolfe, Margaret Rawlins, Margaret Gouldsmith, Linda Sands.

The 2nd VI of: Shirley Jones, Kathie Clark, Deirdre Hammond, Jennifer Peverall, Susan Warwick, Janice Buck.

The Under 15 pair: Elaine Baddeley, Rosemarie Olney.

	Played	Won	Lost
1st VI	3	1	2
2nd VI	3	0	3
Under 15 pair	2	0	2

J.B.

Cricket Report, 1960

School cricket has made a reasonable start this season:

	P.	W.	D.	L.
1st XI	5	2	1	2
2nd XI	2	—	—	2
Under 14 XI	3	—	1	2
First Year XI	4	3	—	1

The first team, although being a very young side, made a good start by winning its first two matches. From the other three played, one of which was drawn and two lost, the only convincing defeat was by Mr. Alderman's XI.

Neither the second eleven nor the Under 14 eleven have had much success yet this season, due mainly to the lack of confidence in batting, but there is sufficient time throughout the remainder of the season for this to improve.

The first year XI have done exceptionally well by winning three out of four matches played this season and it is hoped that they will keep up this standard.

J.S. (Hon. Sec.)

Answers to Prospective Crossword

Across—1, Winter Sports; 7, Someone; 9, Barge; 8, Cold; 10, Card; 13, Ice; 14, Nil; 17, Suit; 19, Untie; 21, Toad; 22, Inflict; 23, Refrigerator.

Down—1, Wishbone; 2, Numerals; 3, Elopes; 4, Speech; 5, Oscar; 6, Tall; 11, District; 12, Repeater; 15, String; 16, Duffer; 18, Under; 20, Rove.



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