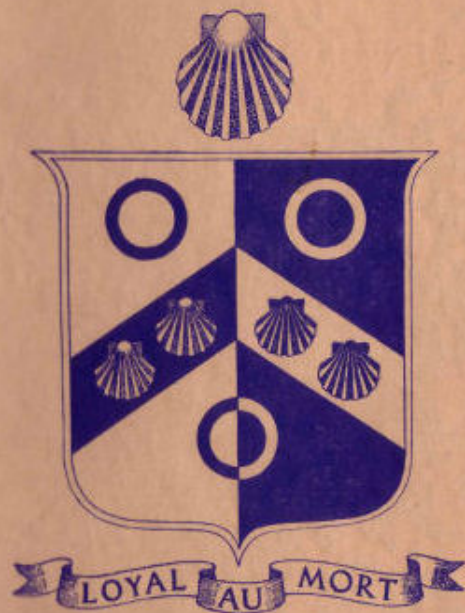


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As Johnson left at the end of the Spring Term, J. W. McIndoe was chosen as Head Boy for the remaining term.

Stella Davies left at the end of the Autumn Term and three new Prefects were then selected.

HOUSE CAPTAINS, 1960-61

St. Andrew's
St. David's
St. George's
St. Patrick's

J. Biggs
F. Bell
J. Brearley
M. Gouldsmith,

J. Conn
J. Stanbrook
R. Lucas
S. Ager

Football, Badminton and Cricket

Basketball

Hockey

Tennis

S. Ager

R. Batson

M. Gouldsmith

J. Brearley

EDITORIAL

Since the publication of our last issue, nearly an entire year has gone—another year which saw more great changes in all spheres at home and abroad. Hardly a day seemed to pass without news of vital decisions taken, of momentous discoveries made, of notable feats achieved and of fresh difficulties created. These matters are of great importance to all of us, but there does exist, even among grammar school pupils, a tendency to ignore the significant events in favour of the more sensationalized material, often trivial, provided by an increasing number of media. Perhaps also some people do not realise the effect which their choice of newspapers, books, television and radio programmes, films, plays and so on has on their character as well as on their general awareness of the developments in the world around them.

R.B.T.



SCHOOL NOTES

In September came the 21st anniversary of the school. This was marked in the local press during the first half of the term by a special article with photographs.

In October was held the 21st Anniversary Speech Day and Prize Distribution. Mr. Moore, Headmaster of Mill Hill School, presented the prizes and gave an interesting and inspiring address.

November and December were both busy months: in November the first School Dance of the year was held and at the end of that month and the beginning of December came a General Inspection and then the end of term tests kept everyone busy. Finally followed the annual parties to finish off the term. At the end of the term there were held the Carol Concert and the usual Christmas service.

The month of January was dominated as usual by the G.C.E. Trial Examinations for 5th and 6th Forms.

In February was held a successful St. Valentine's Dance. During this month the production of the school play went into rehearsal.

Easter being rather early, the Spring Term ended on March 24th this year. On March 18th the Choral Society and Greenford Singers under their conductor Mr. White presented their annual concert and at the end of term were also held the annual Staff versus School hockey and football matches. The Easter service this year was held on March 23rd and the address was given by the Bishop of Kensington.

At the beginning of the Summer Term came the School Play which was successfully presented on three nights in the School Hall and which is reviewed separately in this issue. The First Forms also went on their annual day excursion by coach to London, visiting Dockland, the Tower, Westminster Abbey and other places of interest.

As we write the Summer term is still in progress: it is always very busy and if the weather is good, it can be the most pleasant of the year despite the examinations that come near the end of the school year. Cricket and tennis and athletics are enjoyed by all and the school sports day rounds off the sporting year just as the G.C.E. examinations mark the end of the academic year.

The Whitsuntide service was held on Thursday afternoon, May 18th. The address was given by the Rev. R. S. Rawlings. The service was conducted by the Head Boy, J. McIndoe. As usual there was an attendance of parents and friends at this service.

In response to the advertisements which were displayed around the school asking for contributions for "Prospice 23", there has been a most encouraging stream of literature from many members of the lower school, but the number of articles received from the middle and upper school was rather disappointing.

On various occasions it has been said that this magazine is rather dull and uninteresting and because of this the Magazine Committee has recently made some changes in the composition and contents of "Prospice". Nevertheless, as has been said in so many previous issues, the fact remains that the magazine is what you, the readers, make it. If the contributions which we receive are more numerous and of a more varied nature, then automatically there is a better selection for publication and a periodical of a higher standard can be produced. Please do not forget that each form elects a magazine representative each term and that all material will be gladly accepted by the Magazine Committee either through these representatives or direct from the authors themselves.

The Editors have been greatly disturbed by the lack of enthusiasm on the part of members of the 6th Form towards the school magazine. The number of contributions has been very small indeed and this is all the more regrettable when one realises that the 6th Form should be giving a lead to the remainder of the school in this matter. Many 6th Formers find time to write lengthy papers for various societies but, although they complain of the standard of material in "Prospice", they do not feel inclined to devote a few minutes towards doing something about it. We look forward to a much improved response in future.

Finally it remains to thank those who helped in the long and tedious task of compiling a school magazine: those members of 3B and 4A who helped to copy out some entries; Miss Dawson, Mrs. Hine, Mr. Sparrow, always good friends of this magazine and many others.

STAFF CHANGES

During the year three members of the staff left: Dr. Coates, Mr. Crewe and Mr. Field and we wish them well in other spheres. We welcome to the school Mr. J. Hall as Games Master, Mr. T. Humphreys who joins the Geography Department, Mr. J. Roberts who joins the History Department and Mr. W. N. Greenwood who takes charge of Religious Knowledge. During part of the year, Mrs. M. Baggs, Mr. Tetley, Miss Daniel and Mr. I. D. M. Hamilton have taught temporarily in the school and we hope that they have enjoyed this experience.

SPEECH DAY

The 21st Anniversary Speech Day and Prize Distribution was held on Tuesday, 20th October, in the School Hall. The prizes and certificates were presented by Roy Moore, Esq., Headmaster of Mill Hill School. The Chairman was Alderman Miss E. M. Soutter, M.A. The programme opened with two items by the Choir; then Alderman Miss E. M. Soutter introduced the Headmaster who presented his report. Mr. Moore then distributed the prizes and certificates. After the votes of thanks, the proceedings ended with the school song and the national anthem.

HONOURS LIST

Open Scholarship and State Scholarship

Madeleine Cole—T.H. Green Scholarship in the Faculty of Arts, University of Bristol.

State Scholarships

Stella Davies—English and Latin.

D. French—Pure Mathematics and Physics.

J. Johnson—Pure Mathematics and Physics.

British Overseas Mining Association Scholarship

G. Haclin—Engineering

University Entrance

Kathleen Freemantle—University of Durham (German).

J. Durnin—University of Sheffield (Metallurgy).

T. Durnin—Goldsmiths' College, London (Physics).

G. Evans—Kings' College, Newcastle (Economics).

D. French—University of Bristol (Mathematics).

G. Haclin—Royal School of Mines (Engineering).

R. Pope—University of Nottingham (History).

B. Richardson—Trinity College, Dublin (History).

Training College

Katherine Clark—City of Portsmouth Training College.

Veronica Exley—College of St. Matthias, Fishponds, Bristol.

Shirley Jones—City of Coventry Training College.

Art

Janice Keen—Bath Academy of Art.

PRIZES

In each form of the first four years, three prizes have been awarded for school work during the year; two for attainment (one girl, one boy) and one for progress (girl or boy).

In forms 5 and 6, awards are on a subject basis.

Form 1

Attainment—

Girl—Gillian McFarlane, Beryl Merry, Kay Waddilove.

Boy—D. Kingsman, D. Page, C. Rapley.

Progress—Rosemary Fraser, Janette Till, C. Ley.

Form 2

Attainment—

Girl—Jennifer Horne, Christine Leeson, Christine Merchant.

Boy—G. Allen, P. French, S. Wilson.

Progress—Carol Butler, Karen Winterburn, Sheila Workman.

Form 3**Attainment—**

Girl—Pauline Green, Christine Hall, Suzanne Bilton-Smith.
 Boy—E. Drawneck, M. Fisher, P. West.
 Progress—Elaine Ansell, D. Cook, R. Swain, R. Walters.

Form 4**Attainment—**

Girl—Susan Beales, Christine McFarlane, Jennifer Peverall.
 Boy—G. Allsopp, S. Colmer, M. Neville.
 Progress—Mary Emmerson, Maureen Shirley, J. Harwood.

Form 5

Celia Baines, English Literature; Frances Bell; Religious Knowledge;
 Jennifer Biggs, Geography; Barbara Groves, Greek Literature in
 Translation; Margaret Gouldsmith, Biology; Deirdre Hammond,
 Domestic Subjects; Carol Horne, English Language, German, History;
 Janice Hurst, English Language; Carol James, Music; Jennifer Sebley,
 Art; Sandra Wilson, French, Latin; J. Crompton, Geography; J. Lee,
 Pure Mathematics, Science, Woodwork; S. Miller, Science; G. Reed,
 Applied Mathematics.

Form 6

Stella Davies, Classics, English; Veronica Exley, Domestic Subject;
 Kathleen Freemantle, German; Brenda James, Art; J. Durnin,
 Chemistry; D. French, Pure Mathematics, Physics; L. Green, Applied
 Mathematics; G. Horwood, French; R. Nixon, Zoology.

SPECIAL PRIZES**Physical Training and Games**

Juniors—Geraldine Kerr; J. Hibbert.
 Seniors—Katherine Clarke, S. Ager.

Peiser Prize for Mathematics

P. Johnson

HOUSE HONOURS, 1959-60**Girls**

Athletics—Robinson Cup	-	-	-	St. George's House
Standards Shield	-	-	-	St. George's House
Hockey—Beryl Hall Shield	-	-	-	St. Patrick's House
Netball—Robinson Cup	-	-	-	St. George's House
Tennis Championship	-	-	-	St. George's House

Boys

Athletics—Austin Cup	-	-	-	St. George's House
Standards Shield	-	-	-	St. George's House
Football—Robinson Cup	-	-	-	St. Patrick's House

THE SCHOOL PLAY

The school's production of "The Proper Gent" ("Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme") by Molière was a great success because of the hard work put into it by members of the school and staff.

Many members of the cast had not much acting experience, but took advantage of this occasion to show their ability. Monsieur Jourdain, the "proper gent", around whom the action of the play revolved, was amusingly rendered by Anthony Jeffery; Madame Jourdain, whose commonsense was equal to her husband's stupidity, was very well played by Elaine Baddeley. Angela Gimson's portrayal of Nicole, Monsieur Jourdain's pert, lively maid was very convincing, as was the rôle of Coveille, her lover, which was played by John Platt. Anne Bartlett as Lucile and Phillip Blowers as Cléonte acquitted themselves well as the young romantic lovers; David Bender as Count Dorante and Jennifer Peverall as Countess Dorimène both played their parts with poise and assurance.

Besides the sparkling wit and humour of the play, the audience was also entertained by the dancing, and some music by Lully played by a string quartet at the beginning of the play. The play was produced by Miss M. Kennedy.

VIVIEN GACON, 6U.

SCHOOL CONCERT, 1961

On Saturday, March 18th, at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall, the Choral Society with the Greenford Singers, soloists and orchestra, gave the annual concert. Once again the hall was full and the large audience obviously enjoyed the evening's performance.

The programme was the most ambitious ever attempted by the Society and also represented a commendable resolve to present a programme that was unhackneyed and probably quite new to many in the audience. It consisted of three items: "In Ecclesiis" by Gabrieli, one of the most important of the school of Venetian composers; J. S. Bach's "Ascension Oratorio" and finally "Benedicite" by R. Vaughan Williams. Thanks to long and careful training the Choral Society gave a good account of themselves and reflected much credit on their conductor, Mr. R. N. White. They were well supported by soloists and orchestra. It was an evening both interesting and enjoyable.

W.H., M.N., J.L.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE — EASTER, 1961

From the 22nd to the 29th of April, a party of sixth form Geographers went on a field course in South Wales and Monmouthshire, using Newport as their base. The area is excellent for studying basic geographic principles and the effects of economic

depression. A number of outings were organised which included a trip down a coal mine, a visit to the steel work at Ebbw Vale and a visit to the Usk Agricultural Institute, where the party studied new techniques and the internal economies of farming. A talk on the growth of Cardiff was given by the City Surveyor at the Civic Centre, probably the best Civic Centre in Great Britain. Apart from these trips, the party also went on a number of hikes and coach trips to make practical observation of physical land forms and land use. These included a visit to the glaciated Brecon Beacons, a tour of the Wye Valley and practical land use mapping by members of the party on the Newport "Levels".

The party also visited Isca Silurum, an ancient Roman legionary fortress, Chepstow Castle and Tintern Abbey.

R. FINDLAY, 6U.

TUCK SHOP

During the year ending Easter 1961, the Tuck Shop has continued to make grants towards expenses beyond what is available from public funds.

As last year, some help was given towards the hire of films. A major item has been £33 towards purchases and repairs of sports equipment. About £13 was given towards the heavy expenses of three pupils whom the school entered for Open Scholarship Examinations at Oxford and Cambridge; it is pleasing to note that one of them, Stella Davies, has gained a place in English at a Cambridge College.

The Tuck Shop's more important function is, however, as a community service. This year several 5th formers have given welcome assistance in the day-to-day work, as not enough 6th formers were available. We sincerely hope that this is a sign of increased work occupying 6th formers' time rather than of any lessening desire to serve the school.

The school as a whole should be grateful to all the regular band of 5th and 6th formers who serve them day by day.

C.S.

THE SCHOOL BADGE AND MOTTO

On numerous occasions it has been suggested to the Editor that some account of the history of the school badge and motto should be printed in "Prospice". The amount of space limits the amount of detail to some extent, but it is hoped that the following short summary will prove satisfactory.

The land on which the school is built was once part of the estate of the Lord of the Manor of Northolt, and until the 13th century it was held by two families, the de Bohuns and the de Mandevilles. From the 14th to the 18th century no continuous

family tradition can be traced, but it is recorded that in 1827 the manor and its lands were sold by lot to Sir Lancelot Shadwell, the last Vice-Chancellor of England. His family then held the manor until 1927 and is their coat of arms that the school uses today.

This shield was granted in 1537 and its correct heraldic description is "Per pale or and azure, on a chevron between three annulets, four escallops, all counterchanged."

By the 19th century a motto had been added which is well-known but not always understood by members of the school—"Loyal Au Mort". This must mean "Loyal to the Dead (Man)", and suggests either some specific member of the family or Court to whom the family wished to stress its allegiance, or else an idea of continuous descent, each son being loyal to his father's memory.

We are indebted to the Old Scholars' Association who compiled a great deal of the above information some years ago.

R.B.T.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

New officers were elected for this school year, with Mr. Gardner as Chairman, Hobson and Palling as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and Pamela Phillips, Green, Johnson and Birchall on the Committee.

A large surplus of funds has allowed the annual subscription to be reduced and made it possible for the society to present to the school an illuminated lectern on the occasion of its twenty-first anniversary.

The photographic competition was a great success and plans are being made for a similar one in the summer. Winners of this year's competition were:—

First prize—E. Murphy, 2C, for her picture "Smiler".

Second prize—N. Price, 5C, for his "Rome Panorama".

First Technical prize—L. J. Green, 6U, for "It's a hard life . ."

K. PALLING.

JUNIOR S.C.M.

This year, unfortunately, membership has declined and interest seems to have waned. It appears that only the interest of Miss Rogers, Miss Hunt and Mr. Sparrow has kept the Junior S.C.M. going.

Something new was tried this year in the form of a Bible discussion every Friday at lunchtime, led by a member of Staff and it met with considerable enthusiasm from the stalwart few in the second forms, who had a wide knowledge of the Bible.

During the summer we closed down to make preparations and seek new leaders for the autumn session when we hope to augment our membership to a greater extent.

ELAINE TREVETT and

G. N. ALLSOPP

THE SENIOR S.C.M.

The Senior section of the S.C.M. was revised at the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1960. At study group was formed and the subject of study was "The School of Prayer" by Olive Wyon. This group has continued to meet regularly throughout the Autumn and Spring terms. Since the departure of Mr. Crewe at Christmas the study group has been led by Miss Newton.

Three open meetings were held in the Autumn Term. In September Mr. Henderson of Fact and Faith Films brought a film on the detection of underwater sounds. In October Miss Dawson gave a talk, illustrated by colour slides and a film she made herself, on the Passion play at Oberammergau. Miss Newton gave a talk in November entitled "Experiences in a Hospital in Zululand" which was illustrated by a fine exhibition of photographs. We hope to hold several open meetings of interest to members of the school during the Summer Term.

PAMELA PHILLIPS, 6U.

LITERARY SOCIETY

This year there were two meetings of the Literary Society. Both were extremely interesting and well-attended and dealt with two controversial authors, George Orwell and Robert Graves. The characters and lives of these two men were briefly and skilfully portrayed. By means of a few well-chosen extracts from their novels, we were given an example of the nature of their work.

C.H.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has played three matches this year. Two matches were played against Bishopshalt Grammar School and one was played against Drayton Manor Grammar School. Results:

Greenford 6 boards	Bishopshalt 8 boards
Greenford 5 boards	Bishopshalt 9 boards
Greenford 4 boards	Drayton 10 boards

The School Chess Tournament received an encouraging response this year, and although many hours of play have been completed, the final results in both Junior and Senior sections are as yet undecided.

New members to the Chess Club are always welcome.

D. J. QUINN
P. R. SWAIN

VITALIS SOCIETY

The Vitalis Society continues to meet regularly and with enthusiasm. The spirit of the society has been evident in both the papers presented by various members, which have ranged in subjects from studies of classical composers to aspects of politics, and in the intensity of the ensuing debates.

In November, the society visited the Globe Theatre to see Paul Schofield in "A Man For All Seasons"—a curious but very entertaining combination of tragedy and humour.

On Saturday, 22nd April, 1961, the Vitalis Society held its ninth annual Foundation Dinner at Paul's Restaurant, Ealing. The reception for the 44 guests and members was held at 7 p.m. The Chairman for the evening was the President, Mr. L. James, who proposed a toast to Her Majesty the Queen. The guest of honour, Mr. Michael Green, Author and Rugby correspondent of "The Observer" proposed a toast to the Society, to which S. Ager replied. Mr. G. Dunkin proposed the toast to absent friends.

The officers and members of the Society are at present as follows:—President: The Headmaster; Vice-Presidents: Miss M. Strickley, Mr. E. Field, Mr. J. Alderman; Hon. Chairman: S. Ager; Hon. Secretary: R. Findlay; Hon. Treasurer: C. James, R. B. Twigg, C. Hobson, R. H. Batson, W. Halden, J. Tracey, K. L. Palling, P. Phillips, C. Horne, S. Miller.

R. FINDLAY, Hon. Sec.

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THE SWING AND I

High and low, high and low,
Over the streams and bridges we go.
Low and high, low and high,
Almost touching the clear blue sky.
High and low, high and low.
Over the railway tracks we go,
Watching the trains go on their way
To parts of the land so far away.

HILARY PHILLIPS, 1A.

AUTUMN

When the leaves are falling fast,
Colours of red and gold;
When memories of Summer,
Seem very, very old.
The swallow leaves the countryside,
And swiftly flies away,
He seeks a blue and sunny sky,
When ours is dark and grey.

SUSAN MOORE, 1A.

THE WILD ROBIN

The snow is gently falling,
The flakes are whirling round,
The robin flies from bough to bough,
Then hops down on the ground.
I opened wide the window,
And threw him out some seed.
I called to little robin,
"Please come down and feed."

SUSAN BARLOW, 1A.

MYSTERY

Below the blue waters sleep
Fair maidens sleep
In a slumber deep.

Will they ever waken?
That we do not know.
This mystery is as old as time.

KATHLEEN POOLE, 1B.

A SUMMER SPELL

A spell of bright warm weather,
After a winter dull and grey,
Brings happiness and pleasure,
And laughter all the day.

R. DAVEY, 1B.

RAIN

I don't hear the pitter patter, pitter patter of the rain.
I just hear the incessant falling of the pouring, teeming rain.
It flows along the gutters down into the drain.
After it's gone down the drain, we do not see the rain again.

PAT HILL, 2A.

PLYMOUTH

Plymouth lies in the county of Devon, and is a very interesting city. During the war, many old parts of it were destroyed but now they have been replaced by modern buildings. This city has, therefore, become most popular with holidaymakers, and in the summer it is very crowded.

Plymouth Hoe is very beautiful. The many flower beds are filled with rows of colourful flowers. It is also famous for its association with Sir Francis Drake who was playing bowls on the Hoe when the Spanish Armada was seen approaching. A restaurant, which is a converted aeroplane hanger, contains a mural, commemorating this and was painted by the students of a Plymouth art school.

From Plymouth Hoe can be seen Drake's Island which is situated a short distance from the shore.

JANE PEARCE, 2B.

POEMS FROM 2B

Sheep are looking solemn-eyed
At their lambs on either side.
The trees are proudly bearing leaves
Gently fluttering in the breeze.
Now that Spring is here at last,
Winter memories are past.

PAT HOLT

Each room has its memories
Of times long past and gone.
Of happy days which once it knew,
And sad days too.

JANETTE TILL

The house stood upon a hill,
Dark and dreary, damp and still.
When I watched it, I seemed to see
It stare right back at me!

WENDY CHUDLEY

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

In my bedroom is a very large window. I often look out of it if I have nothing to do during the day. In the morning the milkman comes to deliver the milk to our doorstep. Sometimes the rag-man comes round the street on his horse and cart collecting the old iron. The horses are not very clean but they seem to be happy. Sometimes the horse stops and the children come and look at him. Often he eats grass out of the children's hands. The man in the cart does not like this and often tells them to go away. In the evening the stars appear in the sky that is getting darker and darker. It all changes in a very short time. During the day the children play in the street, and, of course, make a lot of noise. During the day time the birds come down in the garden looking for food for their young. Sometimes they pull the worms out of the soil; otherwise they eat the scraps and morsels they find in the garden. The birds sing in the apple tree and the birds sometimes peck at the cherries on the cherry tree in the garden. Sometimes the birds sit on the gutter and chirp merrily. In the morning the paper boy comes round and delivers the papers round the street; the postman comes also. If anybody comes in the garden, you can see them when they enter. You can see anybody coming along the street and it is very useful. I use the window for many purposes.

W. HARRIGAN, 2B.

A COLD NIGHT

A warming fire is in the hearth.
The light is on, the curtains drawn.
The snow is on the gate and path,
While frost is forming on the lawn.
How comforting to be inside!
We pull our chairs towards the glow.
We hear the howling of the winds,
And feel the dampness of the snow.
We sit and talk and laugh and joke,
And be as joyful as can be.
Outside the weather is so cold,
But no cold weather can we see.

HAZEL MIZON, 3B.

MOTH COLLECTING

When I was in the first year of this school I had a sudden urge to take up a strange hobby—moth collecting. My first moth was a small moth that I caught with my hands in my bedroom. When moths have been caught, they should be kept in a small glass pot (allowing lots of sun), with a perforated top. They should be fed on laurel leaves with a small dose of poison on them. After eating a small drop of poison a moth will open its wings and rest upon the flat shining surface of one of the laurel leaves. If the poison and laurels are not arranged properly, the moth may come to rest with his wings closed and many a fine specimen has been ruined by trying to open those stiff little wings. When the moth is dead it is placed on a tablet of cork with a pin supporting the abdomen. Then the name and species of the moth are placed close to the specimen.

At one time I had about thirty different types of moth. The prize of my collection was an orange Tiger Moth called so because the tip of the fore-wing is a bright orange colour. Also I had a larger Hawk Moth with a wing span of two and a quarter inches. I found this large moth on the bark of a tree and I only discovered it quite by chance as it is camouflaged with deep brown and light brown wings.

J. MOSEDALE, 3B.

ROMANIES

Man's cities grow and countrysides shrink back before his hands, but still in many parts of Europe the descendants of a dying race live an existence that their ancestry knew centuries ago. With strange language and unwritten law inborn, they steal like unpredictable shadows through unobtrusive paths. They are the Latin race of the true gypsies, the Romanies, a people with a home. These are they who follow the laws of their nature like a religion. A people with strange secrets in their dark eyes for whom the stars and leaves are the messengers of changing seasons.

The seasons may see them wandering in nomadic groups over lonely hills and through desolate valleys, but they are old ways, for the trees rustle before them and rivers gurgle with their music. The countryside knows that they will always pass again as before some day.

In families they wander continuously, for the nomadic spirit is in their blood, passing as it does from generation to generation with the mysterious eyes, dark skin and black hair, so characteristic of the Romanies. Theirs is a way of life that only a Romany could love, for many men understand only the skyscrapers and cities, and not the trees, the rivers, and the winds.

The sun calls them to rise, and the stars are their watches in the night as the fires crackle low and men and dogs curl by the ashes and sleep in the cool of the night breezes.

These are the only men, the dark skinned nomads, for whom the stories that the winds whisper among the boughs are not hidden. Their fires twinkle in the night and their singing is music for the shadowy trees who sway in the night winds and whisper them tales and messages from afar.

The Romanies alone know the delicate savoury herbs hidden deep in the country with which to taste their stew-pots, and it is only they whose eyes see tracks in the woodland paths that are scarcely there. They have a strange power by which they always know the way in their listless wanderings, for only a Romany can understand another of his kind.

Occasionally the Romany wanderers all meet together, for something draws them to a certain place as if by instinct, and the families re-unite. Perhaps it is the whispering of the trees that tells them.

Still their caravans trundle along the lanes of Europe, as these unpredictable people pursue their reserved way of life, the only life they could love. They travel in many lands, but they are still of one people, the wild eyed Romanies who have not changed their ways for centuries and never will until the nomadic spirit is broken in them.

JENNIFER HORNE, 3C.

SPRINGTIME

Lacy cobwebs, covered with dew
In bead-like sparkling droplets,
Hang from blossom-covered branches,
Like diamonds hanging from the trees.

The new green leaves from buds, forming
Tiny patches of green and pink,
Covering up the bare, brown twigs
Left from the cold, white winter months.

Snowdrops peeping from the snow,
Dainty heads bowed and while swaying
With the wind, their heads nod
With pleasure at the Spring to come.

DENISE RICKETTS, 4C.

SNOW

Down, down, down, incessantly endlessly the snow came floating down from the laden sky with disarming grace and covered the sleeping world. Till at last the heavens were exhausted.

The world then lay breathless and enchanted, with its alluring cover of enticing whiteness. Each tree lining the avenue looked resplendent in its new attire; the upper half of every bough laden with crisp, firm snow. While grass, plants and tips of bulbs

planted by hopeful gardeners were completely lost to sight. The miserably grey pavements and roads were hidden beneath their white mantle and the silence of the early morning was magical. Not a sound that would shatter the world's temporary beauty and the silence was to be heard.

A robin sitting on an overturned tree trunk contrasted sharply against the whiteness. The holly berries that had fallen off looked like the drops of blood from a wounded animal in flight.

Indeed the splendour of the morning was only temporary for all too soon the people woke, breaking the silence with their loud voices which frightened the robin away. The holly berries were trampled underfoot by merry children on their way to school. Numerous cars reduced the snow to unwasted slush; the wind blew the snow from the trees leaving their boughs pathetically bare, till all the beauty and purity had been destroyed and the earth suddenly seemed to heave a pitiful sigh.

KAREN NORREHAMMER, 4C.

THE DEATH OF A BULL

It is five minutes past six on Thursday. I am sitting on one of the hard concrete benches of the Placa de Toros Monument in Barcelona. The bullring is empty, for the grand parade which marks the beginning of the "corrida" or bull-fight has just ended.

A riveted steel door at one side of the bullring opens, and a bull rushes out; enraged because he has been in complete darkness for some hours. Coming into a patch of sunlight, he stops, dazzled by the strong light, and awaits the next move, which comes from a "cuadrillero", one of the matador's team of assistants, who attracts the bull's attention, with his pink and yellow cloak. The bull charges, and the cuadrillero, with the necessary split-second timing, jumps behind his wooden screen, but the bull, with his bulk, is not so fast, and his horns stick into the wood, and can only be removed with difficulty.

The picadors on their horses now enter the ring. The horses are well-padded nowadays, which prevents much of the bloodshed which used to occur, before this padding was introduced. The bull charges the horse, and receives a jab in the back of the neck, administered with the picador's lance. This not only enrages the bull, but also weakens his neck-muscles, reducing the danger of the matador being tossed later in the fight.

After the bull has been wounded several times by the picadors, the horses are led out of the ring, and then a "banderillero" takes two darts, or "banderillos", and approaches the bull, then charges him, on a curve. As the bull nears the banderillero, he jumps into the air and throws his banderillos into the bull's neck, which naturally annoys the bull. Two other banderilleros now follow suit, and then all the cuadrilleros now retire from the ring, to make way for the matador.

The matador now enters the ring, and with his pink-and-yellow cloak, makes a few simple passes. The bull gradually loses his shyness, and comes nearer to the matador each time. Now our young "star," Pancho Camino, attempts the daring Triple Veronica, in which he twists his cloak three times around his body, with the bull following. As a climax to this magnificent feat, he pulls the bull's tail, and then springs nimbly away. At this the entire crowd stands up, and yells "Ole!", and people shout across to each other. Camino is indeed earning praise.

After only a few more ordinary, but well-executed passes, Camino is given the scarlet cloak, and killing sword, which means that the director of the fight has given permission for him to kill the bull. Camino makes one or two passes, and then positions the bull, with his head down, but not too far down, for the kill. He then raises the sword, and with one swift motion plunges it into the bull's neck, between the collar-bone and the neck-muscle, so that it just skirts the lung, and then impales the heart. The bull bleeds through the nose for a minute, and then crumples up and falls to the ground. Two veterinary surgeons enter the ring, to certify the death of the bull. At a signal from the director of the fight the surgeons cut off the ears of the bull, and give them to Camino as a sign of great bravery.

The entire crowd now stands up once more to hail the great matador. Flowers are thrown into the ring, and the matador throws the ears into the crowd, thus signifying his acknowledgement of the cheers. Meanwhile the bull is being ingloriously dragged away, and after the fight the rather tough meat will be given away to the poor, as it has been for many centuries, for nobody will buy the meat of a six year old bull. It is very tough and rather tasteless.

In the evening, there were six bulls, each matador fighting two. I think that it is well worth ten shillings for a seat to see this magnificent spectacle.

D. BENDER, 4C.

DECK-CHAIRS

When some friends of mine visited Austria last summer, they grumbled that there were no deck-chairs. What is it about a deck-chair that the English enjoy so much? All among the beaches and promenades of the seaside resort are thousands of people reclining in them. "Give me a deck-chair and some sun," they say "and I will be happy." This expectation of blissful comfort is seldom fulfilled.

After carrying the deck-chair up and down, searching for a secluded spot to park it, there follows ten minutes of puzzled manoeuvring, punctuated by helpful but ineffective suggestions from the on lookers on how to erect the contraption. At last one is seated and a sigh of content is heard. Then the first doubt creeps in as the wooden bars begin to engrave themselves on the back of the neck and behind the knees.

By this time the searchers have found one's hide-out. One wonders if it is really necessary to relate their family history in such strident tones. The neighbours on the other side have brought their own radio which is free for all. So considerate of them!

The ticket collector appears. He demands two shillings with a consoling assurance that one and sixpence will be returned when one takes the deck-chair back. The people behind seem to have brought their own deck-chairs but there is a new bye-law which compels one to pay for parking space.

Now for a peaceful peep at the newspaper but a fitful breeze thinks otherwise. After chasing the back page along the beach to conform with the Litter Act, one ruthfully returns to find a stranger occupying one's haven of rest. Having wearily explained and shown one's ticket, the onlookers now maintaining a stony silence, one at last retrieves one's deck-chair and closes one's eyes in preparation for "forty winks". One raises one's face to heaven and on it fall three spots of rain. Leaping to one's feet, one gathers one's belongings and joins the hopeful queue to await one and sixpence. Thus ends a day with a deck-chair. "Oh, to be in England!"

JANICE BUCK, 5B.

THE VIEW FROM THE TOP OF ST. PETER'S BASILICA

One of the best views that I have seen is to be had from the cupola of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. From there one can see, to the front in the immediate foreground, the roof of the enormous church with its massive sculptured figures overlooking the famous St. Peter's Square with its two fountains and the needle in the centre.

Beyond the square is the Via della Conciliazione with several modern buildings contrasting with the older buildings. The Via della Conciliazione leads to Pia Square on the banks of the sluggish, dirty River Tiber by the Ponte St. Angelo which is guarded at the northern end by St. Angelo Castle, the mausoleum of Hadrian. Beyond this, the whole of Rome stretches out and the dome of the ancient Pantheon is easily noticed.

To the left of the church is the Vatican Palace and outside the Vatican city itself are some residential areas which suddenly give way to open land without any real suburbs, as in London.

To the right of the Basilica is another residential and open area while behind the Basilica lies the Vatican radio station which is constantly broadcasting to all parts of the world in many different languages. The view is very extensive and takes in most of Rome, the skyline being almost monotonous with the spires and domes of the several hundred churches that are in Rome, but one has to work to be able to admire the view. A lift is provided for conveyance to the roof and then a sloping passageway takes one

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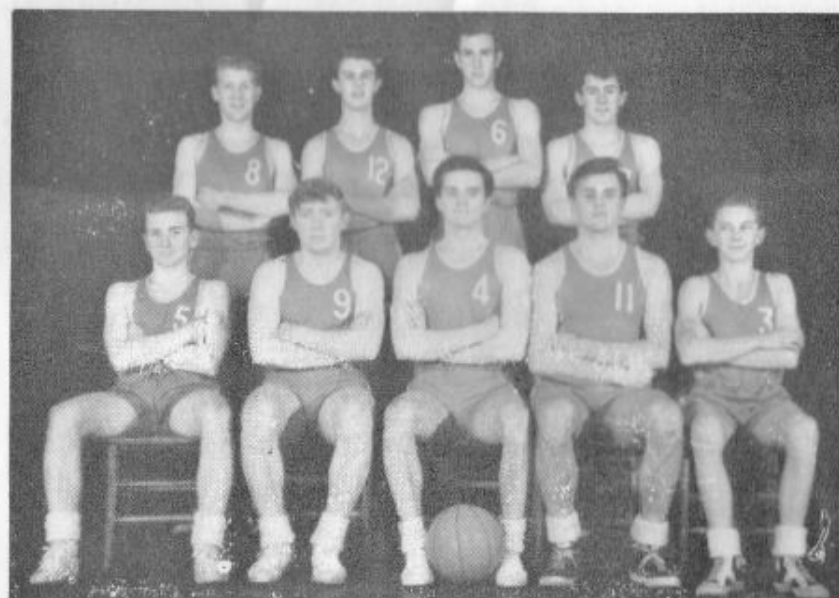


School Prefects, 1960/61



1st Team Hockey

B. Groves; J. Peverall; S. Wilson; L. Barrett; J. Britton.
Mrs. Price; J. Brearley; J. Logan; M. Gouldsmith; C. See; J. Kitson;
F. Bell.



1st Team Basketball

R. Flanagan; J. Conn; J. Binney; K. Thompson.
D. Foster; J. Salisbury; R. Batson; S. Ager; K. Gardner.
(Winners of the Middlesex Open Championship)

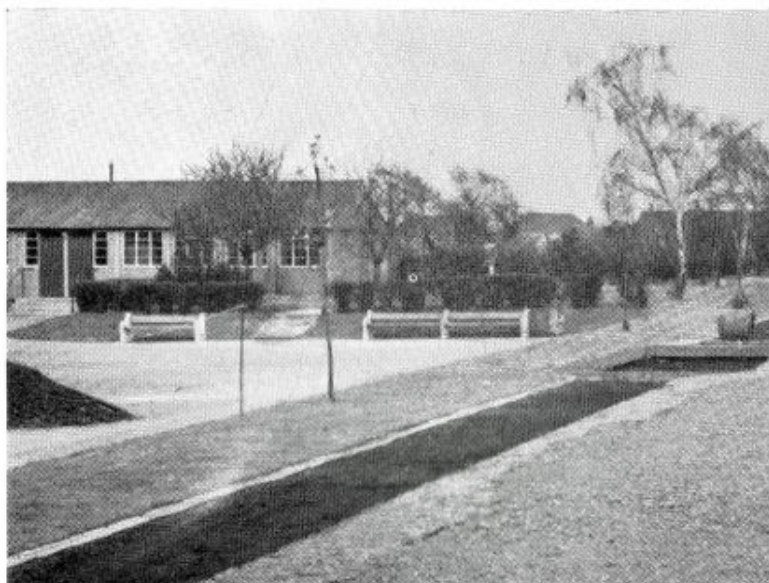


1st Team Football

R. Ser; J. Conn; J. Binney; R. Flanagan; K. Baldry.
D. Foster; K. Thompson; R. Batson; S. Ager; J. Salisbury; K. Sharpe;
T. Thornett.



The Start of the Inter-House Cross-country Championship



The New Long Jump Track

to the inside of the cupola, a short way above where it joins with the roof. From there a seemingly unending series of flights of stairs and very tightly spiralling staircases take one to the top, which is about forty feet higher than the top of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, where one recovers one's breath before admiring the view and thinking about the downward journey to the roof from which a good, if somewhat restricted view is possible

From the roof, the Pantheon is still visible and the cupola makes a magnificent sight with its bright stone shining in the brilliant sunlight which raises the temperature beyond the hundred degrees. This makes the journey more exhausting and the view much more rewarding.

D. GILBERT, 5B.

SOLILOQUY

Five years have passed since first I breathed Greenford's sweet air,
And through those years—so filled with work and care—
Myself to work have I diligently applied—
To do my homework have I also tried.
Sometimes in gloomier mood I thought:
"What use will this be to me when I have left
And a place for myself in the great world cleft?
How can Maths help?" you will perhaps have heard me mutter
When I've a steady job—a-sweeping of a gutter.
And "Ovid and Virgil are all very well—
To pass time perhaps when counting bars of a cell."
But now at last the end is in view.
Now I can perhaps forget
School dinners of spud and stew.
Two years or more perhaps
Then time must set me free.
What do the fates hold in store?
A 9 to 5 job or adventure galore
When I leave and school days are no more.

ANON.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BELONGING TO A YOUTH CLUB

Many teenagers belong to a youth club today, the main reason being, I think, to meet other people of the same age and with similar interests. There are many different kinds of club: some connected with the church and some specializing in certain activities. One finds a variety of people belonging to a youth club and many new friendships are made by young people belonging to such clubs.

Often clubs hold their meetings on Friday evenings and to go out on a Friday evening makes a welcome change from work at school and is also a pleasant relaxation. I think that clubs which

do not specialize are the best kind because there is nearly always a choice of activities at any one time. This means that if there is something going on in which one has no interest, there is always something else to do which is more interesting.

At many clubs, a person qualified in some activity visits the club either every week or every other week to teach those who wish to learn. At the club to which I belong, I could learn first-aid, oil painting and drama. There are records being played most of the time and many kinds of dancing can be learned from the other members of the club. Many teenagers and young people enjoy playing table-tennis so most clubs are equipped with a table-tennis table and supply bats and a ball for the game. There are usually other activities but they vary with the different clubs.

Often, outings are arranged to see shows and visit various places of interest nearby or homes for old people or orphans. Most clubs hold bazaars and jumble sales and everyone is kept busy making posters and preparing for them in other ways. The proceeds of these sales usually go to charity or towards paying for something that the club really needs.

Most boroughs hold competitions for the youth clubs in the borough. In my borough a drama festival is held every year and the borough drama adviser visits all the clubs in turn, helping to produce the plays which are to be performed. The club members interested in drama have a busy time trying to learn their lines and making the scenery and clothes.

Some clubs play games against other clubs in the same borough and some boroughs hold swimming galas which provide more activities for the members of the clubs involved.

I think that young people should be encouraged to belong to youth clubs, for these organisations provide something for the youth of today to do in the evenings. I think also that clubs are one answer to the problem of juvenile crime, but of course not everyone can be persuaded to join a youth club.

MARGARET RAWLINS, 5B.

TIME

Time the judge, the healer and the thief,
Stronger and swifter than the poets have told,
You swirl, spin, rush and fall, grinding
The dark rocks into fine sand,
Cruelly wearing down our days into pebbles,
Small pebbles of memory.
And I would linger longer there,
Beside life's teeming river,
Watching your sands flow through my fingers
Before they fall at last for ever,
And I would escape a little while

The frantic, surging foam, just sifting
From the black sediment of years, gathering
The minute gold dust of humanity.

JANET ROBERTS, 6U

THE APPROACH OF WINTER

Winter has invaded my world,
Stealing the sun, in whose dying embers
Are reflected in lesser majesty
Autumnal tints, all members
Of this departing season.
She descends with her mist
Of hungry white locusts which devour
The faded beauty
Of trees whose boughs were once kissed
With Spring's refreshing flowers;
Fulfilling her relentless duty,
She shrouds our familiar surroundings,
Then she and her minions depart
Leaving skeletons stark against the heavens,
Yet lightly clad in white, which stings
The hands and chills the heart.
The wintry sunlight
Filters through the heavy skies;
The snow outside remains immaculate, crisply white.
Yet within, the crackling firelight
Emits its welcome blaze—a glow in the eyes
Of those who huddle round it,
Eager hands outstretched.

ANGELA GIMSON, 6U.

DREAMS

Night comes. Darkness and isolation
Are mine then.
I listen to the silence.
I watch the darkness—
A hundred phantoms and strange sounds
Invade the realms of my imagination.
Like a frightened child, I tremble
And seek to lose my fears in sleep
But even there I am not free.
Strange dreams force themselves upon me
And I wander.
Alone or pursued, flying or walking
Through lands half-familiar,
Meeting faces half-recognised,
And still I am tormented
Until at last I wake, no longer afraid.

JUNE CLARIDGE, 6U.

THE MOORS

The wind is blowing,
And the ferns are swaying.
Each green frond is dancing in the cool, misty air.
They're curling green fingers,
To catch the feathery
Pieces of mist, which clutch at our hair,
As we walk on the moors.
The sheep are all grazing,
Or lying and lazing,
As the sunlight comes peeping at last.
Each sunbeam a bow,
Shooting light on the dew.
And we see dawn coming fast,
As we walk on the moors.

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HOUSE REPORTS

ST. ANDREW'S—GIRLS

The first and second year girls of the House did well in the Netball Tournament, being placed second to St. David's House. The 1st years came third in their section, but the 2nd years placed very well and won their section.

The Hockey Tournament result, although an improvement on last season, was not so satisfactory. All our three games ended in goal-less draws, with the result that we were placed third. There is, however, a brighter outlook for next season, for most of the team were composed of 3rd and 4th year girls.

There is the Standards Shield, Tennis Tournament and Athletics Cup to be fought for next term and I hope that every member of the House will do her part in helping to win at least one of these.

JENNIFER BIGGS.

ST. DAVID'S—GIRLS

The earlier part of this year has shown some improvement in House activities. The juniors, particularly the 1st years, put up a splendid performance in winning the Netball Tournament. The hockey team did not do so well, but I do not think that it was for lack of effort.

Everyone appears to be working hard, and if this is maintained we should have a more successful term in both Athletics and Tennis.

FRANCES BELL.

ST. GEORGE'S—GIRLS

This year the House has been involved in two competitions: the Junior Netball Tournament and the Senior Hockey Tournament. The Juniors, consisting of 1st and 2nd years, played hard, but our overall position of 3rd was a little disappointing. In hockey we are very pleased to fill 2nd place thanks to the determination of the whole team.

JILL BREARLEY.

ST. PATRICK'S—GIRLS

St. Patrick's House had a reasonably successful season this Spring Term in the Netball and Hockey Tournaments. Unfortunately, the juniors competing in the Netball Tournament were placed fourth.

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The House was more successful in the Hockey Tournament and was placed first, with a score of 16 points. The games were very hard and the teams evenly matched, but Patrick's managed to win two games against George's and David's, respectively and draw with Andrew's.

This is the second successive year that Patrick's has won the Hockey Shield. I hope this success will encourage further efforts this summer. All girls competing in both Tournaments should be praised for their efforts.

MARGARET GOULDSMITH.

ST. ANDREW'S—BOYS

This year has not been one of the most successful for St. Andrew's House. We have improved in Cross-country and were placed second. Football was disappointing but our teams played well although the results were not in our favour. We have high hopes for a good place at Basketball.

With the Athletics Season now upon us we are hoping for good results on Sports Day.

J. CONN.

ST. DAVID'S—BOYS

After a rather bad start in the House football competition both the senior and junior teams played very well, winning the last three matches, and so giving us the required points to put the House second.

In the cross-country race this year the House only managed to be placed third despite some good running by our senior team.

A convincing victory over St. George's House gave us a good start in the House basketball competition.

In the final term of the year with the start of cricket and athletics we hope to see St. David's placed first in House competitions, especially at cricket where we have only lost the championship once in the last six years. I feel sure that with the full co-operation of all members of the House we can look forward to a term of success.

J. STANBROOK.

ST. GEORGE'S—BOYS

Once again the only success gained by the House was in the cross-country, of which we won both senior and junior sections. It is unfortunate that this success is marred by the extremely small numbers which ran in the senior event. This meant that when we provided the first two runners home we were assured of winning the event, something which would not have been true if a full field had run.

In the football competition we occupied the same position for the fourth consecutive year—third. This was due entirely to the juniors, who gained five points out of a possible six, auguring extremely well for the future of the House; because these boys will provide the nucleus of the House in two or three years.

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Although the Basketball Tournament had not been finished at the time of the submission of this report it seemed obvious that the best we can hope for is to finish third, but our final position will probably be fourth. Unfortunately there was no junior section in this tournament.

Finally, we look forward to a more successful summer this year.

R. LUCAS.

ST. PATRICK'S—BOYS

This year has been a mixture of disappointment and triumph so far. The greatest disappointment was the lack of enthusiasm shown by some seniors who were picked for the House cross-country team. After a hard struggle, we were forced to accept the wooden spoon in spite of our junior team being placed second in their section of the competition.

We managed, however, to win the Football Tournament for the fourth year in succession and all those who played in the competition deserve our congratulations.

In the Basketball Tournament we scored the most convincing win of the two matches played, and I see no reason why we should not win this tournament next term.

The summer season, is perhaps, the most important and I think that it is possible for us to win both the cricket and athletics competitions. This ambitious programme can only be realised with constant enthusiasm and a "House consciousness" which results in every member pulling his weight, however little this may be. We have the potential ability, we now need the keenness and drive to bring it out.

S. M. AGER.



SPORTS SECTION

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1960-61

Although the results this season have been encouraging, there is still room for improvement.

The First XI played fast, attractive football which has compared favourably with any team encountered this season. We suffered six defeats, the majority of which took place when we fielded a weakened team through injury.

The Second XI, although winning only two matches, gained valuable experience which should help the First XI considerably next season.

The Under 14 XI were rarely successful but their enthusiasm, coupled with better positional play, should bring improved results next year. Three members of the team: Rapley, Robinault and Sharod represented Ealing on several occasions. This weakened the team, thus helping towards the lack of success.

The 1st Year XI has played very well indeed and such keenness should help towards an excellent Under 14 XI next season.

The full support of the school is needed to achieve improvement next year and the whole school should take a great interest in those teams which represent it.

Summary of Results

1st XI—Captain: Ager. Played 17, Won 10. Drew 1. Lost 6.

Goals for 72. Against 40.

2nd XI—Captain: Johnson (6U). Played 9. Won 2. Drew 3.

Lost 4. Goals for 25. Against 42.

Under 14 XI—Captain: Johnson (3C). Played 15. Won 4. Drew 0.

Lost 11. Goals for 44. Against 83.

1st Year XI—Captain: Dowson. Played 8. Won 5. Drew 0.

Lost 3. Goals for 29. Against 19.

Inter-House Tournament

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
1st—St. Patrick's	6	5	—	1	37	14	10
2nd—St. David's	6	3	—	3	20	24	6
3rd—St. Georges's	6	2	1	3	19	23	5
4th—St. Andrew's	6	1	1	4	10	25	3

Colours—Re-awards: Ager, Salisbury.

New awards: Conn, Flanagan.

Half Colours—Johnson (6U).

S. M. AGER (Capt.)

BASKETBALL REPORT

Without doubt, last season was the most successful in the history of the school. The first team lost only three of their fifteen matches and amassed a total of 1030 points. The proudest achievement of the team came in winning the Middlesex Open Championships, something which has never been done since Greenford entered the competition.

First team:—Ager, Salisbury, Conn, Binney, Flanagan, Thompson, Gardner, Lucas, Batson.

R. H. BATSON (Capt.)

HOCKEY REPORT

Owing to the continual rainfall, a large number of our matches had to be cancelled and subsequently our practices.

The First XI results:

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
9	4	2	3	11	6

The team was very young and inexperienced but managed to win four games and only lose two games. Towards the end of the season the results were more successful. It must be remembered that, the standard of hockey set up by last year's team was extremely high.

The Second XI has had a very disappointing season. The team has:

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
7	0	6	1	2	15

The losses were mainly the fault of the forwards, who were often unable to shoot hard and snatch opportunities. The defence, however, has played steadily.

The match against the staff was hard, ending in a goalless draw. The teams were very evenly matched and the game enjoyable.

This season, colours were awarded to Elizabeth Brearley, half-colours to Jennifer Biggs and re-awards to Frances Bell and Margaret Gouldsmith.

MARGARET GOULDSMITH (Capt.)

CRICKET REPORT

All four teams have had a successful start to the season :

	P.	W.	L.	D.
1st XI	8	4	3	1
2nd XI	8	5	3	0
Under 14 XI	6	3	3	0
First Year XI	6	4	2	0

The first eleven, unable to field its full strength side on two occasions, was easily beaten both times but attained convincing victories over its other opponents this season.

The second eleven, not having played many matches last season, have done exceptionally well in winning five out of eight matches played. One match they lost was played against Eliots Green first eleven.

The under 14 eleven and first year eleven have both played well, the under 14 eleven having improved a lot on last season's standard, when they were rather unsuccessful.

J. STANBROOK.

TENNIS REPORT

The tennis results have been rather disappointing this year. At the beginning of the season the 1st VI seemed promising but it has not improved as much as was hoped. The 2nd VI was much the same but both teams are very young.

1st VI

Margaret Gouldsmith
Jill Brearley
Margaret Rawlins

Jennifer Peverall
Susan Warwick
Janice Buck

2nd VI

Sandra Wilson
Frances Bell
Deirdre Hammond

Julia Logan
Sandra Goldsmith
Jill Burton

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Elaine Baddeley

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OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one years is not long in any school's history. The ivy has barely had time to envelope the ground floor windows. No distinguished old scholars have been knighted. There is as yet no lore nor archaisms to attract the interest of foreign tourists. Nevertheless 21 years is sufficient time for a school to have a history and in that history can be seen an embryonic tradition.

The Old Scholars' Association is of course much younger than the School itself, but we thought that in this anniversary year it would be interesting to select a few items from the minute books and to scrape a little moss from the milestones which have led us to the present day.

Extracts and Items from past Central Committee Meetings

- 12.6.56—Mr. James was a Staff member of the first O.S.A. Committee.
- 10.7.45—Plans in progress for a Ramble to Great Missenden. A Boating party on the Thames, the members having cycled to Datchet.
- The "1st Anniversary of the O.S.A. Dance" on the 27.10.45 saw the cutting of an "iced birthday cake plus trimmings".
- 20.11.45-4.6.46—Difficulties reported with two members of the Committee being called up into the forces.
- 10.46-2.47—Committee applied for a "business room" in the School. Mr. Withrington offered the stockroom off the Library.
- 7.7.47—Proposed to advertise in the School Magazine for a typist to assist with general secretarial work!
- Summer, 1947—The first School Magazine issued and circulated through O.S.A. to members.
- 5.7.48—School leavers addressed by Committee member on the advantages of joining the O.S.A.
- 20.9.48—Proposed sub.: 6/- p.a. and 3/6 new leavers.
- Summer, 1949—Prolonged enquiries into possible colours and crests for the Association.
- 3.2.50—Mr. Gilbey enquiring into Shadwell family crest as a possibility.
- 18.7.49—Proposed introduction of a newsletter for O.S.A., as opposed to a circular about committee meetings.

29.1.52—Proposal to extend Association Membership to husbands and wives of members. Life membership and Vice-Presidency introduction proposed.

9.1.53—Mr. Withrington accepts Vice-Presidency.

13.10.54—Joint-Membership introduced for married Old Scholars.

12.2.55—First Annual Dinner at Paul's Restaurant, Ealing.

26.1.55—Membership drive results 103 members: 30% increase over past year. (Membership later exceeded this figure).

19.6.56—Old Scholars' Reception attended by 100 people.

October, 1958—Treasure Hunt Car Rally as Inaugural event of O.S.A. Motor Club.

5.5.60—O.S.A. Headed notepaper available for the first time.

15.7.60—Report on Cricket Match v. School. Possibility of its being repeated on 8.7.61.

3.11.60—Membership 167 after Annual General Meeting.

The Years of Prospecting

The Prospect Players came into being in 1948. In that year a small group of Old Scholars formed themselves into a 'negotiating' Committee and under the leadership of Miss Harland laid the foundations of an Old Scholars' Drama Group and began working towards their first play.

Even at that early stage in the P.P.'s. career, there was considerable selection and rejection of plays until a suitable one was found, bearing in mind actors available, money available and audience appeal. "Arms and the Man" by Shaw was the first P.P. production, under Miss Harland's able leadership. Of the Players in that production only Donald Manning remains in the P.P. fold. Such names as Betty (Barfield) Goddard, Geoffrey Springett, Sylvia Thom, Peter Boynton, Jean Mercer and David and Brian Evans have unfortunately disappeared from play programmes at Greenford.

In the following year two plays, "Sir Simon Stylites" and "A Phoenix too Frequent" were entered for the Ealing Drama Festival and were later performed at the school with music sung by the Greenford Singers and played by Michael Reeves. Also in 1949 a play, with the unbelievable cast of 37 was produced. It was "The Skin of our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder and had special music written for it by Gerald Eades.

In 1950 plays were entered for festivals, The British Drama League Festival and The Ealing Drama Festival. "The Phoenix" revived and "The Farce of the Worthy Master Pierre Patelin". The "Patelin" play was entered for The Ealing Festival also, along with part of "The Critic" by Sheridan.

Apart from festivals, a full-scale production of "Mr. Bolfry" by James Bridie was given in the school hall in that year.

The years from 1948-1953 were very good years for the P.P.'s., with a large keen membership (40 paid-up members in 1952) and much activity. All kinds of stunts were devised to publicise P.P.'s. production, John Rolfe's vintage car was to be used for one "stunt", undefined. No note was made of the outcome.

In 1951 "Playbill" by Rattigan was presented, consisting of "The Browning Version" and "Harlequinade". This involved a sizeable cast and casting difficulties arose, before the production was finally staged. Another festival (Ealing Drama) was entered with "Overruled" by Shaw and this was later presented at school, with additional musical items played by A. L. Smith and Dick White on two pianos. A second successful attempt to combine music and drama.

In 1952 "The Critic", previously entered for a festival in 1950 was revived and recast and entered for the British Drama League Festival. This won the first round of the festival and later the cast were transported to Abingdon for a further presentation. "The Lady's not for Burning" by Fry was also produced that year.

1953 saw "Hello, Out There" at the British Drama League Festival and combined with "The Anniversary" and "Sunday Costs Five Pesos", it was produced at the school.

Later that year "You can't take it with you" was produced by Betty Goddard and was particularly memorable as it made a profit of £36. (Quite an achievement and never repeated).

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"She Stoops to Conquer" by Goldsmith was performed in 1954 after much deliberation and "The Bear" by Chekhov entered for the British Drama League Festival in 1955.

1956 brought "Present Laughter" by Coward, which had a very expensive-looking set comprising £200 worth of contemporary furniture kindly loaned free of charge by a local firm. A profit was surprisingly made on that production in spite of "thin" audiences. At least the play was pleasant to look at.

Then followed a new venture—a melodrama "The Silver King" by H. A. Jones, which was "pruned" for the Greenford stage. There had been a move afoot for several years to produce such a play, but until then had been shelved. The P.P.'s realised that the play would have immense audience appeal if performed in the spirit of the time. It was, happily, a great success and enjoyed equally by the performers and audience. An old-style programme was devised for the occasion and a suitably "old-style" piano was used for the songs which appeared during the action.

Later that year "The Noble Spaniard" by Maugham was produced by Peter Goodrham.

1958 and 1959 brought "Who is Sylvia?" by Rattigan and "The Importance of being Earnest" by Wilde. Strangely enough the latter had been on the lists of suitable plays right from the year 1949, but had never been seriously considered until 1959.

Finally in 1960, the P.P.'s put on three one-act plays, "Village Wooing" by Shaw, "Two Gentlemen of Soho" by A. P. Herbert, and "The Ring of Kai-Lung" by E. Howe.

This was the last production of the P.P.'s, who have since then tried unsuccessfully to cast "The Burning Glass" by Charles Morgan, and have decided against a full-scale production for the time being. We hope this is only a temporary set-back and are content for the time being to read plays and watch other people doing the acting.

The main hazard that an organisation such as ours must contend with is the debilitating effect of marriage and parenthood. Finding time for rehearsals is difficult for older members. The future depends on new blood. If any school leavers have a spare histrionic pint they should contact Miss Ann Dixon, 7 Elm Grove, North Harrow.

Football Club

Except for an earlier brief excursion into the Old Boys' League, Old Greenfordians F.C. is one of the new sections of the Association. In the 1958-1959 season two teams began competing in the Nemean League. The season ended with some heavy defeats and with the Club occupying bottom places in both the senior and the reserve sections. The 1959-1960 season showed a slight improvement and the teams moved up a few places. The improvement continues. New players however, are still needed. School

leavers should not delay joining if they want to be in the side that eventually wins the league championship.

Final League Tables 1960-1961

Senior Division III	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Finchley All Blacks	16	11	3	2	61	25	25
Sudbury Court	16	11	2	3	47	18	24
Hale End Athletic	16	8	6	2	58	24	22
Old Greenfordians	16	8	3	5	57	36	19
Harlesden Amateurs	16	7	5	4	41	29	19
Valiant Sports	16	4	5	7	57	40	13
N.P.L. Sports	16	5	2	9	36	47	12
Old Elysians	16	4	2	10	39	69	10
Polytechnic Students	16	—	—	16	9	117	0
Reserve Division III							
Hale End Res.	14	10	2	2	47	25	22
Valiant Sports Res.	14	8	3	3	45	26	19
Sudbury Court Res.	14	9	1	4	38	25	19
N.P.L. Sports Res.	14	4	5	5	33	33	13
Old Greenfordians Res.	14	4	4	6	33	33	12
Old Elysians Res.	14	3	4	7	36	43	10
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Motor Club

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Badminton Club

Badminton is played every Wednesday evening in the school hall. If anyone would like a game—just turn up.

In addition to the many activities of the Association, membership entitles you to a copy of the Monthly Newsletter and a free copy of "Prospect".

The continuing growth of the Association depends on new members. All school leavers are urged to begin their adult lives by ensuring that the friendships and associations made during the formative years of school days are continued through membership of the Old Scholars' Association. You will never regret it.

P.G.

NEW PUPILS, 1960-61

Form 1A

Allatt, Kathryn; Barlow, Susan; Brooks, Hazel; Buchanan, Janet; Conkleton, Yvonne; Crouch, Carol; Ellis, Lesley; Haunton, Joanna; Lark, Linda; Master, Margaret; Moore, Susan; Noyle, Celia; Phillips, Hilary; Rose, Sandra; Toombs, Lynn; Werndley, Gillian; Bell, R.; Bernard, M.; Clarke, A.; Croll, D.; Eatough, M.; Foster, M.; Holt, N.; Keep, D.; Knox, J.; Lewis, A.; Mossman, C.; Rayner, D.; Thomas, C.; Tiernan, N.; Walker, A.; Willcox, S.

Form 1B

Arhcell, Pauline; Barnes, Pamela; Brooks, Madeleine; Cahill, Linda; Cook, Brenda; Davis, Linda; Fuller, Margaret; Ingham, Patricia; Jones, Annette; Lerner, Ruth; McMullen, Cheryl; Moore, Valerie; O'Donoghue, Yvonne; Poole, Kathleen; Scott, Sandra; Ustrell, Patricia; Williams, Pauline; Bells, S.; Brown, A.; Coggin, P.; Davey, R.; Ferris, C.; Hill, K.; Hunt, S.; Kingan, R.; Lovidge, T.; Pearce, S.; Scott, J.; Thorn, S.; Wall, D.; Williams, J.

Form 1C

Aspin, Clare; Broadley, Lesley; Brown, Mary; Clark, Katherine; Crepar, Jacqueline; Dean, Lesley; Fonseka, Lesla; Grounsell, Paula; Ingram, Patricia; Kettle, Marie; Marshall, Janet; Montague, Sheila; Neville, Sylvia; Pearce, Sylvia; Postins, Susanne; Weeks, Penelope; Ashworth, R.; Bender, B.; Bryson, J.; Collier, P.; Dowson, C.; Ford, A.; Holmes, C.; Jory, S.; Knibbs, R.; McGoay, M.; Perrott, B.; Smith, G.; Thorpe, J.; Warren, W.; Wright, A.

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ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

It was a sunny October afternoon and we were being shown around the buildings. They were grimed with soot and some were merely huts—a “temporary” measure of ten years ago—but even if they had been garden sheds, I doubt if anyone present would not have thought them “grand”. This was Manchester; the buildings the University and we were the new students, hoping we’d be able to look at these same buildings for at least three years to come. More than two scholastic years have passed since then, old buildings have come down and new ones have risen in their place; students have come and gone, but whatever changes have come about, the most striking factor of University life remains the same—the awareness, which takes very little time to become apparent, of unity. I doubt if there is any other such large institution where people from so many different walks of life, chosen for no common factor and thrown together in no particular pattern, could obtain this feeling so strongly.

The premier difficulty for the new student is getting familiar with the idea of there being no one to give them a timetable of lectures; no one to tell them where the lectures are to be held; no one to tell them which lectures to attend; no one, in fact, except oneself. No one imparts the information on where and how to register, but somehow this is completed with each “fresher” asking other “freshers” what happens next. From where is the information forthcoming? Every aspect of the university round is detailed on the numerous boards and both academic and social life would probably be non-existent without them. Everywhere one looks there are notice boards and it soon becomes second nature to scan these several times a day. One sees notices vaguely referring to lecture subjects which seem as though they might be meant for oneself but, turning up at the appointed place and time, it is not unusual to find that it is not being held that day but a notice will confirm a new date.

For the first two or three weeks of the first year “freshers” try to attend a great variety of socials and society meetings and to see all the celebrity speakers but eventually life falls into some sort of pattern. Still being inexperienced with the pattern, however, one tends to think life revolves around lectures and, if one has only ten hours of such per week, this could be disastrous; but after three weeks or so, even six cups of coffee a day begins to seem too many and it diminishes to four and stays at this level for most of the year except at exam time.

Life becomes a mixture of social and academic activities. At the centre of all activities is the Union building which in Manchester is a long fawn building with a multitude of steps leading up to the main entrance. There are four floors (more are to be added) containing lounges, reading rooms with all newspapers and magazines provided, studies, numerous society offices, bars,

two large debating halls, billiard rooms, table tennis rooms, debating rooms, bath rooms, rest rooms, T.V. rooms, a large coffee bar and a small one, dance halls, a general store, telephone kiosks, stamp machines, letter boxes, as well as many of the luxuries of life such as thick pile carpets, contemporary furniture and an excellent hairdresser’s for ladies. This building becomes a second home to all students, and to many it is home from 9 a.m. until 10.30 p.m. On Saturday evenings too there is the “weekly hop” when hundreds of people shuffle around a crowded dance floor.

Society functions are also held in the Union and at first one is tempted to join numerous societies but the very fact that there are so many is restraining and eventually one joins perhaps three or four, but only becomes a regular attendee at the meetings of two—for example, a political society and a sports club. All societies are very active and most have an excellent social life attached to them; particularly the sports clubs and every Wednesday afternoon is lecture free to allow matches to take place between various universities. Manchester’s close competitors are Leeds, Liverpool, Sheffield, North Staffs and the University of Wales but in the major tournaments all provincial universities take part.

School academic life is rather different from that of University where subjects are not always taught mainly for examination purposes. It is difficult to comprehend the vast variety of courses that are available to school-leavers and the only way to get some idea of them is to apply to the secretary of the different faculties for the Prospectus of those courses available. It entails a great deal of correspondence but is very much worth while. Even while at the university undergraduates continually discover new and interesting courses which they had not heard about previously.

These are three aspects of study. First and foremost, private reading; secondly individual tutorials and finally lectures. The latter are about one hour long although often they are two hours, and they are just like school classes except the audience may be anything up to two hundred, and they are very rarely active participants. The lecturers are usually specialists who spend their lives studying, reviewing and revising and it is not unusual for a lecturer to give details of a theory which has expounded, months before his paper or book on the subject have been published. Tutorials are the most important academic contact one has with the lecturer and these are one hour long discussion groups between five and six students and a tutor. One learns in these how to use the facts gained from lectures and books and during them personal difficulties with regard to understanding are expanded. Besides group tutorials most faculties have a system of individual tutorials, held only two or three times a term in the first two years but more frequently in the final years. In these discussions knows no bounds; even financial difficulties can be brought to a successful conclusion!

Student living accommodation in Manchester is something of

a problem. There are ten student Halls, four for women and six for men but with nearly eight thousand students these are not sufficient. Many students live in "digs", flats or at home and, although one year in a Hall is supposedly an experience not to be missed, the majority of students prefer in their second and third years to become more independent and find a flat. There is a plan, however, to build a "self-contained" village where students will live in groups of about forty and will be able to arrange their own dances, parties and meetings but in such a manner as to enable a greater number of students to participate more fully in "under-graduate life". It will be a very welcome experiment, for such it is, and will probably be more appreciated by those students who live up to ten miles away from the lecture halls.

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