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EDITORIAL

A great deal of discussion is going on at the moment about the future of secondary education. Meanwhile the work of existing schools must go on no matter what the future may or may not hold. Some very pleasing results are recorded in this issue that indicate that pupils of this school can achieve a great deal provided that they are prepared to work hard and take proper advantage of the special facilities that are at present available for the intelligent pupil. There are, of course, many distractions in our lives nowadays; and it is not always easy to settle down to homework or other tasks. Yet even today, when everything is done to make success as painless as possible, there comes a time when hard work and concentration are needed if those next exam results are to be really creditable.

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P. West left at the end of the Autumn Term.
Christine Hall, Alyson Walters, D. Bender left during January, 1965.

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SCHOOL NOTES

The school year began on September 8th, 1964. We welcomed to the school the following new members of the staff: Mrs. A. Locke, Mr. D. Wells and Mr. A. J. Keenan. In addition we welcomed to the school the usual quota of new entrants to the First Forms—all keen to make the most of the specialised facilities of a grammar school!

The main events of the term were as follows: the choice of a school play this year was Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and four performances were given in December in the School Hall. During the term there were a number of outings. Several parties attended performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Questors' Theatre, Ealing and enjoyed the production there very much. At the end of the term were held the Christmas Dance and the Christmas Service. At the latter the address was given by the Rev. Fraser McLuskey, M.C., B.D., D.D. During the Christmas holidays a large party of pupils from the school visited the Holy Land. Separate reports follow on other pages.

The Spring Term extended until April this year. For senior pupils the first weeks were dominated by examinations—and the results that followed! The rest of the school looked on in sympathy. In March came the annual Speech Day that is reported on specially. Another School Dance was much enjoyed. At the Easter service the address was given by Rev. W. D. Baker, L.C.T.L. The annual Staff v. School Hockey match attracted the usual enthusiastic crowd of spectators!

The 6th Form German Group have been to three performances of plays: Goethe's "Iphigenie auf Taurus", the Marat/Sade production at the Aldwych, and Brecht's "Happy End".

On March 31st students from the Royal College of Music played music from Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale" in the School Hall.

The summer term—very short this year—is not an easy one to chronicle in advance. Public and school examinations dominate most of it, but there is always a full sporting programme and various outings and activities and, of course, the annual School Sports.

In the production of this issue we have to thank all contributors of reports, essays and poems; we are especially grateful to the School Office for help gladly given; to P. Croll for his enthusiasm in seeking new advertisements; to those who helped to type out copy, in particular, Sylvia Pearce. Once again we are indebted to Miss Ann Dixon who has prepared the material presented in the Old Scholars' section. News of Old Scholars is always welcome at any time and will always be printed.

Finally we draw attention to a new feature in this issue: the report on the newly-formed Parents' Association.

SPEECH DAY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution was held on Thursday, 18th March, 1965, at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall. Following a programme of music and verse, the Chairman, Councillor P. L. Rayner, introduced the Head Master who presented his report. The presentation of prizes was made by Mrs. K. M. Baxter, M.A., Secretary, University of Cambridge Women's Appointments Board. In her address to the school Mrs. Baxter amused her audience greatly by her witty and stimulating remarks and made the point very strongly that girls in particular should avail themselves to the full of education.

HONOURS LIST

Open Awards

M. Neville—Open Scholarship in Music, King's College, Cambridge
S. Colmer—Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences,
Downing College, Cambridge.

University Entrance

Madelene Andrews—University of Durham (French)
Susan Beales—University of Exeter (French)
Elizabeth Brearley—University of Birmingham
(Psychology and Physical Education)
Christine McFarlane—Newnham College, Cambridge (Classics)
Jennifer Peverall—New Hall, Cambridge (English)
J. Burley—University of Leeds (Physics)
E. Drawneek—University of Reading (Mathematics)

Colleges of Advanced Technology

Denise Ricketts—Brunel, Acton
(Diploma in Technology Course—Applied Biology)
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Medical School

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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.

	ATTAINMENT	PROGRESS
	Girl	Boy
Form 1		
	Lynne Killick	V. Coleman
	Gillian Lark	D. Grubb
	Janet Towler	D. Graham
Form 2		
	Ann Baldwin	C. Humphrey
	Diane Baker-Dobson	D. Russell
	Beverley Weightman	J. Vale
Form 3		
	Jacqueline Bailey	A. Brett
	Lynn Gardner	M. Elliot
	Vivien Stone	R. Thomas
Form 4		
	Madeleine Brooks	B. Bender
	Carol Crouch	S. Gale
		D. Rayner
Form 5		
	Alison Deane	Art
	Gillian McFarlane	English Literature, French, History
	Nesta Pearce	Music
	Kay Waddilove	English Language, Religious Knowledge
	Angela Woolley	German
	J. Davis	Chemistry
	D. Kingsman	Art, Latin, Pure Mathematics
	D. Page	Physics, Pure Mathematics
	P. Samson	Biology
	P. Taylor	Geography

Special Prizes

Physical Training and Games

Juniors—Linda Brooks
D. Nelson

Seniors—Lynda Barrett
J. Pawsey

HOUSE HONOURS — 1963-1964

Girls:	Athletics — Robinson Cup	St. George's House
	Standards Shield	St. George's House
	Netball — Robinson Cup	St. George's House
	Tennis Championship	St. George's House
Boys:	Athletics — Austin Cup	St. David's House
	Standards Shield	St. David's House
	Football — Robinson Cup	St. George's House
	Cricket Championship	St. George's House
	Basketball Championship	St. George's House
	Cross Country Championship	St. George's House

SCHOOL PLAY

"So fair and foul a day I have not seen". This quotation from the play was certainly brought to life for me on the evening that I went to see "Macbeth". Outside it was pouring with rain and inside the thunder crashed and the winds howled. Together they produced the atmosphere needed to portray the horror of the play. Although the evening was foul, inside the production was certainly fair!

This remark that I have quoted is, of course, spoken by Macbeth and it was largely because of his performance and that of Lady Macbeth that the play succeeded well. The acting of others in the cast—Banquo, Macduff, Lady Macbeth, Duncan and Malcolm and the Porter in his brief scene—also deserves praise. In garb and fiendish appearance the witches and apparitions held the attention and helped to create again the atmosphere of this most atmospheric of plays. The scenery was suitable fiery in hue and rugged in form while good use was made of a gauze.

A.W.

CAST:

Duncan (King of Scotland)	- - - - -	D. Page
Malcolm (his son)	- - - - -	K. Shorey
Donalbain (his son)	- - - - -	A. Wright
Macbeth (General of the King's Army)	- - - - -	E. Leeson
Banquo (General of the King's Army)	- - - - -	C. Ley
Macduff (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	G. Charnock
Lennox (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	G. Adams
Ross (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	P. Sampson
Angus (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	C. Houghton
Menteith (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	P. Croll
Calthness (Nobleman of Scotland)	- - - - -	P. Panayi
Fleance (son to Banquo)	- - - - -	P. Platt
A Boy (son to Macduff)	- - - - -	Diane Dobson
Seyton (servant to Macbeth)	- - - - -	P. Bailey
A Sergeant	- - - - -	G. Adams
A Porter	- - - - -	M. Barry
Murderers	- - - - -	R. Ashworth, J. Hanson
Witches	- - - - -	Judith Lester, Gillian Richardson, Glenda Jones
Lady Macbeth	- - - - -	Lesley Broadley
Lady Macduff	- - - - -	Barbara Phillips
Gentlewoman (to Lady Macbeth)	- - - - -	Joanne Harris
Lords, Soldiers, Messengers, Apparitions:		

Patricia Langley, Christine Matthews, M. Linane, E. Coleman,
R. Budgen, J. Davis, S. Baddeley, I. MacDermot

Production	- - - - -	K. I. Jardine and J. Alderman
Scenery Designs	- - - - -	Miss P. Newton
Scenery Painting	- - - - -	Miss P. Newton and Senior Girls
Scenery Construction	- - - - -	C. W. Sutcliffe and Senior Boys
Stage Management	- - - - -	T. Humphreys, G. Midgley and Senior Boys
Lighting	- - - - -	J. C. Thornton
Costume Supervision	- - - - -	Mrs. C. Casey
Sound Effects	- - - - -	A. Jeffery and P. West
Business Manager	- - - - -	J. B. Allatt
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GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE TO DORSET

Friday, April 2nd, saw the departure of sixteen Geographers from the Sixth Form for a field course in south Dorset. The party was led by Mrs. Pritchard and Mr. Humphreys, assisted by Mr. Pritchard and later by Mr. Wells. The emphasis this year was on coastal erosion and historical geography, and our base was at Swanage; travel throughout the course was by car and minibus.

Saturday began with a visit to Maiden Castle via Dorchester (and the relevant sections of the museum there) through extensive areas of land taken over by the Army for use as ranges and tank-training areas. Indeed, we motored along almost in fear for our lives, since the minibus, painted a subtle shade of yellow, was an excellent moving target for any over-enthusiastic trainees. There followed a visit to Chesil Beach and the Isle of Portland, where one member of the party discovered obvious disadvantages in explaining the finer details of raised beaches and wave-cut platforms less than fifty yards from the Portland Bill foghorn.

On Sunday morning, we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Drayton, now living in Southbourne. In the afternoon we split into three groups and proceeded to map the land-use of areas to the north and south of Swanage. On Monday we studied the coastline of Dorset, west of Swanage, including Lulworth Cove, Durdle Door and Kimmeridge Bay. Tuesday was spent studying the village of Corfe, five miles north-west of Swanage, with the aid of Ordnance Survey plans, and inspecting the results of marine erosion on the chalk cliffs near Ballard Down.

The last day included visits to Worth Matravers and Church Knowle. In the morning we went to see evidence of Bronze Age settlement, while at nearby Winspit Bottom, we investigated a series of disused quarries and tried a little coastal erosion of our own! At one point our attention was distracted by a small aircraft repeatedly flying low over our heads, but appropriate gestures with geological hammers soon got rid of him. The afternoon was spent at Church Knowle, touring a dairy-farm.

The evenings were spent copying up the day's notes (for the conscientious!), watching the television (for the addicts!), or else making intensive studies of the local hosteleries, which seemed to be the most popular. By the end of the week, the strain was beginning to tell, and attempts to arouse some of the more heavy sleepers had to be seen to be believed! On the whole, it was a week of hard work; but also one of enjoyment. R.D.

THE SOCIETIES

S.C.M.

This has been a reasonably successful year for the society. What has been sometimes lacking in numbers has been made up for to some extent by the enthusiasm and interest of those who have attended meetings.

The usual programme of lunchtime meetings each week with monthly meetings after school has been kept up. Every Thursday we have met for prayer and Bible study. Meetings on the second Wednesday in each month, have, in general, been fairly well attended. There have been films, filmstrips with recorded commentaries, and addresses by speakers.

In the Autumn Term one very successful meeting in the form of a Brains Trust was held and questions were answered by Miss Rogers, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. Wells. In February the S.C.M. were invited to a meeting at Southall Grammar School where a few of our members participated in an open discussion. Members from Southall have in their turn attended three of our meetings and it is hoped that this association will continue. In March a film from the television series "Sunday Break" was shown. This was made up of excerpts from a Passion play entitled "A Man Dies" and performed by members of a Bristol Youth Club. For the third consecutive year invitations were extended to pupils from many local schools, who, together with our own pupils, formed a large audience.

This year, we welcome a new member of the staff, Mr. D. Wells, who has joined Mr. Greenwood in the work of running the S.C.M.

As usual, we shall be losing a number of members at the end of the school year; but we shall be relying on the remaining nucleus of members to carry on the work of the S.C.M. as successfully as in recent years. K.J.S.

JUNIOR S.C.M.

The Junior S.C.M. has continued to meet regularly in the lunch hour on Fridays.

During the Autumn Term, felt toys were made for an orphanage in Zambia. At Christmas we visited an old people's home to sing carols and to take presents of home-made sweets to the residents. In the Spring Term the meetings, taken by the members, have been based on the Scripture Union Bible Readings for the day.

FORUM

The Forum has had an active year, promoting interest in cultural matters, public affairs and debating. At the start of the year it was decided to allow members of the 5th Form to join the Society and it is hoped that more will do so in the future.

In July, 1964, there was an outing to Chichester and some of the party attended a performance at the theatre there. More recently there has been an outing to Cambridge to see the Colleges, our guides being former members of the Society, and to attend a performance of "Romeo and Juliet", in which the part of Juliet was played by Jennifer Peverall, a former secretary of the society. Plans are now being made for a trip to Blenheim Palace and Oxford at the end of term.

Other activities have included a visit to "The Jew of Malta" at the Aldwych Theatre and in November a small group was invited by an Old Scholar to attend a debate at the London University Union.

Debates were also held in the school, one a political debate at the time of the General Election and another on the motion: "This House would rather have lived a hundred years ago".

Two film shows were also held: one featured Fernandel in "The Man in the Raincoat"; the other was made up of several shorter films: a Chaplin film, a prize-winning documentary and an extract from a Japanese feature film.

Earlier in the year a literary meeting was held at which members read passages of verse and prose.

The most important meeting of the year took place in March when the Society was honoured by a visit from Mr. D. Worswick, the Vice-President of Magdalen College, Oxford and Director of the Institute of Statistical Research, who spoke on "Rich and Poor Nations". A large number of 6th formers from other grammar schools in Ealing attended this lecture on the problems of poverty and affluence.

The Forum looks forward to another year of varied activities and trusts that enthusiastic support will be forthcoming from 5th and 6th Formers.

THE VITALIS SOCIETY

The Vitalis Society remains a successful and thriving organisation, with its overall membership steadily increasing; although some members have departed to distant corners of the globe, we are still able to contact the majority of our number. Fifty people attended the Thirteenth Annual Foundation Dinner, held on April 3rd at Paul's Restaurant, Ealing. The Guest of Honour was Dr. R. E. Turner at the University of Sussex; response to his address was made by E. Leeson, in the absence of P. Croll. Mr. P. Johnson, a former head boy of the school, proposed the toast to absent friends.

The papers presented at this year's meetings have ranged over a wide variety of topics, both serious and light-hearted. Mr. W. H. C. Smith, guest of honour at the Twelfth Annual Dinner, was invited to be guest speaker at one of the meetings during the



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Autumn Term, and he presented a very interesting paper entitled 'The meaning of nationalism'.

Because of Miss Strickley's unfortunate illness, two meetings were held at Mr. Alderman's house at the beginning of the Spring Term, and our thanks are due to him, in addition to Miss Strickley, for their hospitality to the Society.

The current Sixth Form members of the Society are: P. Croll (Chairman), Christine Merchant (Secretary), P. Panayi (Treasurer), Pat Ashworth, Jennifer Horne, Gillian Ismay, R. Budgen, P. French, D. Kingsman, E. Leeson, C. Ley and D. Page.

C.M.

JUNIOR FORUM

During the last few months the Junior Forum has increased its membership greatly. We have had four debates, a treasure hunt and a film, kindly shown by Mr. Lockhart. A talk was given by Suzanne Rees, Form 2C and Mason, Form 2A, on the Holy Land cruise and these were accompanied with slides. We hope that members will continue to enjoy the society and will help to keep it flourishing for many years ahead.

D.G.

FILMS AND FILMING

A large number of films have continued to be shown during the year in lessons and outside them, drawing on specialised film libraries. In addition to the showing of films designed mainly to instruct, some films were also shown from time to time to illustrate the art and history of the film itself, using the resources of the British Film Institute. Mr. Hall and his fellow enthusiasts have gone on making films that have later been screened to school audiences and that have created much interest.

J.L.

PUPPET CLUB

Once again the First Form Puppet Club presented its Puppet Concert in the Geography Room on the 31st of March. The Puppet Club is wholly a First Form activity that helps to stimulate creative interest and is run by the Art Department under the direction of Miss Newton.

Each of the three First Forms is divided into groups and they select a story or make up their own. The rehearsals were supervised by Miss Newton, Susan Anderton, Diane Smith, Joanne Harris and Alison McClusky.

The performance consisted of two compositions by the players: "The Monsters" and "Shipwrecked", together with extracts from "Hansel and Gretel", "A Christmas Carol" and "The Wind in the Willows". Another group had their puppets portray pop singers with suitable record accompaniment.

The performance was well attended and the audience thoroughly enjoyed it.

S.A. and D.S.



LITERARY SECTION

DURING MY HOLIDAYS

During my holiday I most enjoyed my stay in a caravan. My brother and I went swimming every day because we had very nice weather.

The caravan was very big. It had two doors. Both were in the front. One was in the middle of the caravan which led to the kitchen.

There was a General Store there which sold almost everything.

At the back of our caravan, down a little hill, there was a farm where we got our butter and eggs.

SHEILA JOHNSON, 1A.

THE NORTH STAR

Oh, North Star,
How wonderful you are!
You shine so bright
In the darkness of the night,
And when the morning dawns once more,
You disappear into the light.

JENNIFER CHATTINGTON, 1A.

MY DOG

My dog is black with white paws.
She likes to stay and play indoors.
She loves to go for romps in the park,
Even when it is quite dark!
She likes to play with the cat all day,
Even though the cat won't play.

MARION CANN, 2A.

HOLIDAYS

School is over once again.
Holidays have started.
No more lessons.
No more games.
No more calling
Teacher names!

Books and papers packed away.
Desk lids all shut tight.
For six weeks or even more,
They'll be hid from sight.

Home we go
On this lovely day
To begin
Our holiday.

MARIAN MOORES, 2A.

NONSENSE

A man,
In London
Said,
That heads
Are
Of no use
Because,
If you have five heads,
That
Is the equivalent
Of five toes,
Which,
You have
Anyway.

D. ADIE, 2A.

AUTUMN

Our garden is all green and brown,
Now the autumn has come around;
All the trees have shed their leaves,
And all the flowers have spread their seeds.
The wind blows; down comes the rain
Always on each window pane.
Oh! for the summer I yearn and yearn!
Come winter, come spring, come summer's turn!

SHIRLEY BROWN, 2A.

A FUNNY INCIDENT

This happened when I was two years old. We lived in a flat in Acton that backed out onto a square. Across the square was an embankment about thirty yards away in which a rat lived. We children were not allowed on the embankment because it was surrounded by a fence.

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All this time my mother had been chasing down the stairs to try to stop me but she did not reach me in time. Because of this, whenever I pass the flat I always remember the headache that followed. I also look for any rats. The original rat is most probably dead by now.

A. TOZER, 2A.

RESPONSIBILITY

You cannot understand why such a thing should happen to you.
Left to face the world and fight battles of your own.
You cannot see the way to go when first you're left alone,
The path ahead is hidden: the future veiled from view.

SHEILA HILL, 2A.

A WAYSIDE STATION

As I walked past the lonely old station I only saw darkness. There were no people or trains. There was no one about and the ticket office had cobwebs and spiders on it. The lines were rusty and it looked so desolate. The wood was rotting in the waiting rooms. It had seemed ages since I had heard the chugging of a train and the blowing of a whistle.

LINDA SEARY, 2A.

THE CASTLE

The castle with its dour grey walls
Frowns out upon the world outside.
Inside its damp and empty halls
Memories of dark and wicked deeds abide.

The bold ramparts stand out alone;
Stonework, moss-clad and very worn,
Has borne the brunt of many a storm.
Soon it will stand no more!

The walls are cracked; the halls are bare;
The dungeons dank and deep;
The trumpets that once were wont to blare
Are silent now across the steep.

A storm approaches: the castle shakes;
The ramparts fall; the hall collapses.
Destruction but a moment takes;
The castle is at last no more.

S. ROBERTS, 3A.

MY FAVOURITE CHARACTER IN FICTION

Sherlock Holmes was created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in the 19th century. Nowadays everyone has heard of Sherlock Holmes and his faithful companion, Doctor Watson. Sherlock

Holmes was brought problems to solve which baffled the police. He observed the facts of the case and deduced the final facts from them.

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Owing to public protest, Sir Arthur had to explain away his death and write more tales.

Sherlock Holmes will be popular for many years to come, even though the books were written over sixty years ago.

A. SUMMERS, 3A.

LAST CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

During the Christmas holidays, I was one of the fortunate people from this school who went on the British Company's Holy Land Cruise. We spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Israel and also visited Italy and Greece.

We were woken at 5.45 a.m. on the morning of Christmas Eve. Everyone was off the ship, the M.S. 'Dunera', by 8.0 a.m. and into the coaches. Somehow, most of the boys had been put into one coach and most of the girls into the other. We were going to tour Jerusalem that day and Lower Galilee the next.

The coach stopped at several places and at Mifgash Shimon I had my photo taken while sitting on a camel. There had been this nice, quiet camel sitting on the ground, for people to have their photos taken with, but when I sat on it I never expected it to stand up. It lurched forward, first on to its front legs and then on to its hind ones. I was sure that I was going to fall off and, apart from being so terrified, I felt so elegant perched up there!

When we actually arrived in Jerusalem we visited several churches and the Hebrew University there, to see the Dead Sea scrolls. We were all looking forward to it but unfortunately the scrolls were in a very tiny room and about six coach loads of people had arrived there at once and were all heading for this one small room. After leaving the University, we visited some more churches and then we returned to the ship. On the journey back the coach driver switched his radio on and the first record to be played was the Beatles' 'She loves you'!

The next morning we were again woken at 5.45 a.m., but as it was Christmas Day, many girls had already been awake. We left the ship after breakfast and our first stop was Acre, the walled

city on the coast, built by the Crusaders. We were taken for a walk through the city and, although all the interesting places were pointed out to us, it was the children there that fascinated me. I had never seen such beautiful children in all my life and they were so small!

Later we went for a ride across the Sea of Galilee in a motor launch and then we visited Capernaum. At one place we thought that we had lost one of our number and we had to be counted about ten times. We had not lost anyone though. At Capernaum we saw an ancient synagogue, built in the 5th Century A.D. We also visited Nazareth and Tiberius.

It was very easy to forget that it was Christmas Day because the weather was so unfamiliar to us and, although we were in the Holy Land, only a very small proportion of the people were Christians and celebrated the day. Just to remind ourselves, we sang some hymns in the coach and had our traditional Christmas meal, with an Israelean orange to follow it.

The New Year was spent at sea. We had left Naples on the 31st December and by the evening were several hundred miles up the coast. We were allowed to see the New Year in but we had to have a rest in the afternoon. There was a dance in the recreation room and at 12.00 the ship's bell was rung three times and Auld Lang Syne was sung. This brings tears to my eyes at any time, but in such an atmosphere I found it impossible to have a dry eye. There were many Scots on board and they really made it a night to remember. The next morning we were leaving the boat and we were all woken at six o'clock.

BEVERLEY WEIGHTMAN, 3A.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDITATIONS ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays are a rare luxury. Sometimes I feel that they are not long enough whereas at other times I think that they are too long. I believe that the Christmas holiday is always too short as compared to the summer holiday which drags on for six tiresome weeks. The first week only is enjoyable and then there is the promise of five boring weeks ahead of you. The Easter holiday is the only decent one, in my opinion. It is not too long and not too short.

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For the first two years that I came here, the summer holiday was a bore, from one day to the next. I did not really know my school-friends well enough to go and stay with them and I was too young to go to the Youth Club. This has all changed for me now. Last year I went swimming every day that I was at home and went to the club in the evenings. The club was open on

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Sunday afternoons as well. On these rare occasions, either home-work was done, we 'caught up' on the latest records, or just talked. We all went to Wales last year and the days were filled by going out with another family to the mountains.

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When I was younger, about eight, I could play contentedly for all the holidays. At eleven, I was too old to play and too young to go many places. However, at fourteen and fifteen there are far more places to go. There are Youth Clubs, bowling alleys and many other places where one can seek amusement.

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I spend most of my school holidays, like many people of my age, slaving in a shop from morning until night, bringing in money, but not much enjoyment. This way one learns to appreciate the well-earned Sunday which is mostly spent in bed, or on the sofa, recuperating from hard work, and Saturday night out, which is a pleasant way of disposing of half the week's wages.

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When the end of the holidays is near, I become gloomy at the mention of school because by now I am enjoying the holidays to the extent that I do not wish to return to school. The night before I go back, I think about the enjoyable time I have had during the holidays. I do not worry then about going back to school because I know that I must.

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I look forward to my holidays but, after a few weeks, I wish that I was back at school. The summer holidays are the most boring holidays of all. This is because they are so long. I think that the summer holidays should come in two parts. Instead of having six weeks all at once, we should have three weeks holiday, come to school for two weeks and then have a second three weeks holiday. I would sooner have my holiday in this way than in the present way.

A JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Last Christmas I was fortunate enough to be a member of the school party who went to the Holy Land. It certainly was a great experience and I enjoyed myself tremendously.

We started out on Wednesday, 16th December, at approximately a quarter to one. The coach ride to Victoria was very exciting. Everyone was thrilled at the thought of going to Israel. At last we were at Victoria. We took our heavy cases on to the platform and waited for the train, which was to take us to Dover. We reached Dover at approximately six o'clock. We had to wait two hours for the party from Aberdeen and finally at approximately eight o'clock we left England.

The crossing of the Channel was very calm and we all arrived safely at Calais. We went through Customs and then clambered on to the continental train. Five girls and myself shared a couchette and very soon we were asleep. We woke up next morning surrounded by flat land. We travelled through France, Germany, Switzerland and North Italy. I, like many others, liked Switzerland best.

When we reached Venice at midnight, we clambered on to a small boat which took us to the 'M.S. Dunera', our home for the next two and a half weeks. The ship was quite big. We were shown to our dormitories and when we had settled down we all went to bed and very soon we were all asleep.

Next morning we were told the ship's rules. For the next few days the Adriatic Sea was very rough and there were many people who were seasick, including myself.

Our first stop was Athens, where we all did some shopping in the morning and in the afternoon we went to the Parthenon, which was very interesting. It was raining that day but it did not spoil the fun for us.

Our next stop was Haifa. It was Christmas Day and we were going to Jerusalem, which was very beautiful. We were in Israel all day and in the evening we went back to the ship. Next day we went to the Sea of Galilee which was also very beautiful.

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Coming back, we stopped at Naples, where we went to Pompeii. We did some shopping in Naples.

At Genoa we left the ship very unhappily at the thought of leaving all our newly-made friends. We got on the continental train which took us to Calais. The second Channel crossing was also calm. We reached Dover at approximately eight-thirty a.m. We got on the train to Victoria and then travelled on a coach back to school. This was the end of a "Journey of a Lifetime".

CAROLE DROY, 3A.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Friday morning seemed to drag as I was looking forward very much to the afternoon.

Some of my friends and I were going ice skating and, as I had only been once before, it would be quite an experience.

It was hectic trying to walk down the stairs with only two narrow steel blades to rest on, but in the end I managed it.

CRASH! Legs sprawled everywhere and my ankles felt like lumps of jelly as I heaved my way to the bar. That was the fourth time and I felt like giving up hope, but the knack suddenly came and I was, at last, skating around the rink.

Five o'clock arrived and that meant home, after a very enjoyable, but hurtful, afternoon.

ANNETTE DERHAM, 3C.

A THUNDERSTORM

The rain lashing viciously at the window panes, the bright yellow lightning streaking across the sky, the loud clatter as large hailstones come tumbling down and fall with a loud "plop" into huge puddles, the deafening noise of the thunder, the huge black thunder clouds scudding across the sky: all go to make up a thunderstorm.

Usually a dull dark day heralds the coming of a thunderstorm in the late afternoon or evening.

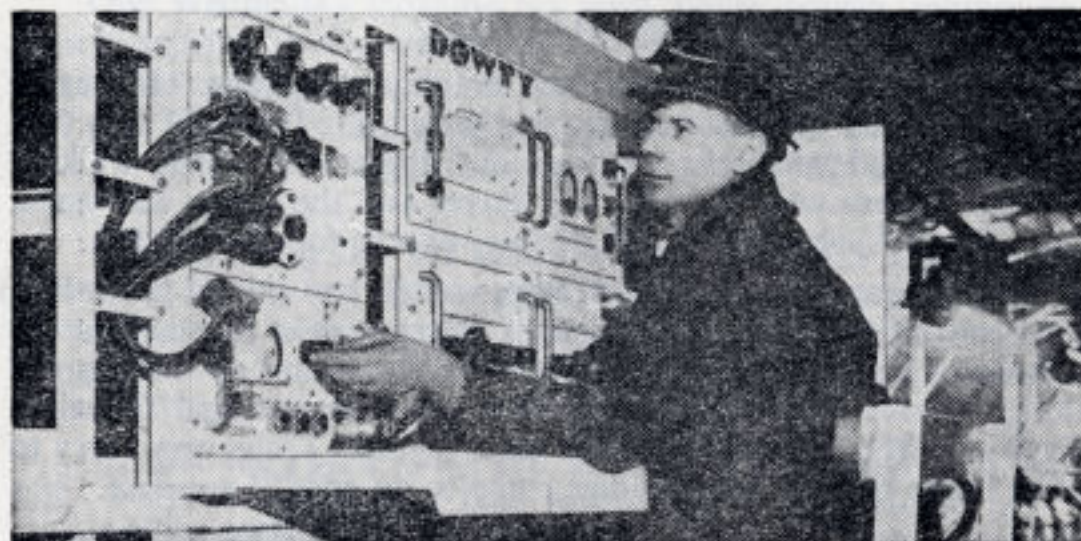
I am one of the few people who really enjoys a thunderstorm. It gives me a great sense of freedom to see all the clouds "letting themselves go", as it were. They empty themselves completely of rain and it makes me feel as if I could empty myself completely of thought and forget about everything.

This is all very well if you are inside watching the rain; but, if you are outside in it, some people do not find it so enjoyable.

There is just one part that I do not enjoy and that is when the storm has passed and all the pavements are wet and the trees are dripping with water, and I have to go out somewhere, to school perhaps. The water on the pavements seeps into my shoes, and the rain from trees and hedges drips down onto me. The atmos-

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phere is also very humid and many people do not enjoy this either. But, of course, there is always a clean smell about everything and, if the rain comes after a dry week, the farmers are always satisfied people.

RUTH DAY, 3A.

MY HOLIDAY

We went to Wales for our holidays this year. It was at Pembray that I encountered my first jellyfish. The sand was firm and warm and when the tide was out, there was a long walk to the sea. There were scarcely any waves and the water was warm too. When I swam I felt full of joy—except for the jellyfish.

The house where we stayed later was on one side of the valley, right at the top, and when one of the jets flew low across the bottom of the valley, I could see over the plane as it skimmed along. I also inspected the cab of a steam engine and talked to the driver who offered to sell the train to me. I was very sorry to come home but "all good things come to an end," I suppose.

M. EVANS, 3A.

OPINION

I do not agree with people who say that Grammar Schools should be abolished. It would be a most unfair system if Comprehensive Schools were introduced all over the country. It would not be fair upon the Grammar School pupils because their standard of education would be lowered and they would not have the chance to be as well educated as they would if they went to Grammar Schools. The senior schools would send out pupils with a low standard of education, who are really their best pupils; then the colleges and universities would accept them, thereby lowering their own standard of education and also the standard of education throughout the whole country.

FOURTH FORMER.

AN AMUSING OCCASION

A few months ago, I decided to rinse my hair. I do not believe in dyeing my hair, but my friend and I decided to have a change and use a dark brown rinse. All went well until the stage was reached when we had to rinse the colour through the hair. Unfortunately, a large percentage of the colour seemed to descend upon the sink and my hands.

Somewhat daunted, we continued to pour it on, and reached the end of the liquid without any further mishaps. I rolled up my hair and went under the drier. When my hair was dry, I brushed it out energetically and looked at the mirror. To my amazement, it had gone bright RED, along with my hands. I think I moved more quickly then than I have ever done before. I washed my

hair through about a dozen times and finally succeeded in making the colour slightly subdued. From thenceforth, I decided never again to use a rinse on my hair.

HEARTBROKEN FOURTH FORMER.

A VISIT TO THE COUNTRY

One Wednesday morning my aunt, uncle, cousin, mother and myself decided to visit Peaslake. At first we found it difficult to locate, but a neighbouring farmer helped us with our directions. We were soon driving through the town's narrow lanes which led into Peaslake. We stopped at a small wood which was used as a car park.

After parking the car under a tree, we laid a cloth on the grass and spread our dinner upon it. We had a very nice lunch, after which my cousin and I looked for cones. By the time that our parents had washed the dishes, my cousin and I had collected at least twenty cones.

We put the cones away and followed our parents up a steep hill. The hill led us to a lane with houses and bungalows on either side. My mother recognised the house in which they had stayed during the war. On the gate was the name of the house, which my grandfather had made twenty-five years ago. The house remained as it was all those years ago. At the front of the house was the large rockery with water trickling down it. At the back of the house was the tennis court.

While we were gazing at the house, an old grey-haired woman came out. She was Mrs. Turner's sister. She explained that Mrs. Turner had just recovered from a stroke, but she was steadily recovering. We talked with her sister for a while. Then we left, for we did not want to disturb Mrs. Turner.

We left Peaslake and stopped for a while at Newlands Corner. The scenery there is fantastic. It is one of the most beautiful views in England. We stayed there for a short while only.

At four o'clock we reached Guildford open-air swimming baths. We soon changed and were in the cool refreshing water. My little cousin, who is four years old, was swimming in the deep end with her water wings on. I could not swim at the time, but my uncle helped me and I could swim four strokes when we left.

On our return home we passed through Bushey Park. It is very much like Richmond Park. My cousin and I took some apples and bread to feed the deer. My aunt stayed in the car. A large stag approached me and I stroked and fed him. I imagine that he was the leader of the herd as his antlers were very large. I approached the does and the young, but they ran away. It was beginning to get late and so we had to leave, but it had really been an enjoyable day.

JANET ROBERTS, 4A.

THE CASE OF THE NUT

Once upon a Greenwich mean time there was an ordinary English hazel nut, who was madly in love with a peanut. Every day they would meet. Then one day the ordinary English hazel nut met a handsome, moneyed Brazil nut, who, strange as it may seem, came from Brazil. They conspired to get rid of the peanut: they cracked him and disposed of his body at the London Zoo.

But then a grey, yellow-spotted nut-eater noticed the ordinary English hazel nut and devoured her. The Brazil nut was filled with kernel and grief and hanged himself so that left only the grey yellow-spotted nut-eater to live happily ever after!

FIFTH FORMER

FRAGMENT

Footsteps in the street,
A glow from hot ashes.
A thousand nights are but a memory:
A thousand feelings in one annihilated.
The river runs black deep,
Green arms caressing the pebbles.
A sea of grass whispers,
Sighing like the heart of a great forest.
Time captured immortal.
A soft breeze,
Heralding the sun,
A soft breeze.
The wind has swept bare the city;
The wind has frozen into a wilderness.
I am alone,
Crying for a sudden warmth.

Anon

A DISTRICT I WOULD LIKE TO RE-VISIT

One district that I would very much like to re-visit is the little Gloucestershire village of Painswick. I have stayed there several times and have always found much to interest me. It is very quiet and "countryfied" down there; no one ever seems to be in a hurry to do anything. There are several walks in the neighbourhood, and they are all pleasant and the scenery is very picturesque. I went out most of the time when I was staying there, and I took my host's dog, Bengy, with me. I could never stay lost for long once Bengy had decided he stood in need of sustenance. All I had to do was keep up with him.

The house that I stayed in was very roomy. It had very nearly no front garden, but the back was huge. All down the length of one side were raspberry canes, three deep. The lawn was marked

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out as a full-sized badminton court because my hosts were addicted to the game. Further down, there was a willow tree flanked by two flower beds, which effectively screened off the vegetable garden. I loved the house and I never understood why we could not have a willow tree in our back-garden. There were little paths of turf around and through the vegetable garden and in some of the neglected side-beds clover and grass grew to a tremendous size. I used to spend hours there; it was so cool and quiet.

My hosts took me to the village to help with the shopping sometimes. The village was not very big, and there were very few shops. Because it was built on the foothills of the Downs, the roads climbed steeply and suddenly. No matter how many cars I saw parked in the streets, it always looked and sounded almost deserted. Some of the houses in the village were very old; as was the village itself. We found a set of iron stocks dating back to the Middle Ages. They were still in working condition. My brother, Richard, was fascinated by them. If he wandered off alone while we were shopping, we always knew where to find him. After a while we used to leave him there whenever we went into the village, and pick him up on the way back.

JOANNA HAUNTON, 5A.

THE SWING

The sun was low in the western sky as I trudged wearily past the recreation ground. I looked through the wire netting. The place was deserted and, gazing at the swings, their long ropes hanging straight and silent, I thought how inviting they looked. I peered round furtively and, feeling more than a little guilty, I went in and sat myself on one of the swings. At first I just swung backwards and forwards slowly, but then I began to swing faster and faster, going higher and higher each time. Finally I was swinging so high that I could read the notice fixed on the bar above my head: "Persons over 12 years of age using this equipment are liable to prosecution".

Who cares? I thought, and laughed. Then some children, noisy and chattering, came into the ground. I felt myself redden suddenly. I slowed down and got off the swing. Pretending that I was not there at all, I walked nonchalantly out of the park. The children were laughing and I felt sure that it was at me. Instead of feeling happy, I felt gloomy and unhappy. I also felt suddenly weary. My hands were stinging too, I noticed. My legs hurt and I had torn my stockings. The seat of the swing had been very low and near to the ground. My legs ached too. When had I last been on a swing? Let's face it, I confessed to myself, it must have been long ago. I'm getting old, too old, I thought dolefully. The sun disappeared behind the roof tops. The air seemed colder now. I hurried home.

SIXTH FORMER.

IMPRESSIONS OF ISRAEL

The State of Israel was formed on May 12th, 1948 and since this date a remarkable revival has been achieved in this country. The Israelis inherited a barren and neglected land from the Arabs who had occupied it for over a thousand years. Thus, they were faced with the task of making the country fertile and welding it into a prosperous nation. It was this tremendous post-1948 build-up that impressed me most.

The Jewish resource can be viewed everywhere. The removal of boulders from the fields, the terracing of hillsides and experiments in forestry are fine examples of this. Another tremendous project is the piping of water from the Sea of Galilee southward, over two hundred miles, to the Negev Desert where the water will be used for irrigation, in order that parts of the desert may be used for agricultural development. With such industry and zeal being shown, I cannot help but wish the Israelis every success as they raise this historic country from a barren waste into 'a land flowing with milk and honey'.

Despite this re-vitalisation, the religious shrines and places of interest in Israel are not being engulfed in the march of progress. It is still a land of contrast between the old and the new, the Jew and the Arab and within the communities themselves. The Arab settlements are far poorer than those of the Jews, but, as the Arabs are a minority in the country, this is to be expected. I saw, in one field, an Arab with a tractor and, in the field opposite, one using a primitive wooden plough. I even saw an Arab sowing his seed by hand, just like the sower in Jesus' parable.

The only aspect of Israel I did not like was the exploitation of certain shrines, Nazareth being a notorious example. However, the favourable impressions outweighed those to the contrary.

The Jerusalem of hymns and Bible stories will no longer be a far-off land but a city very alive and real in my mind. Galilee will create the same feeling, though probably to a far greater extent. Having sailed on and swum in the Sea of Galilee, I shall always regard it, and the surrounding country, with great affection.

I hope, sometime in the future, to re-visit Israel and spend far longer touring the country, re-visiting the many shrines and Holy places that we visited in our all too brief but very full and absorbing two-day stay. With so much to see, our Israeli guide was perfectly correct when he said that the best travel guides to Israel, and the Holy Land generally, were the Old and New Testaments.

G. ADAMS, 6L.

BYRON AND VENICE

As a romantic poet, Byron found that Venice was a place of past beauty, decay, and a great history associated with the names of many heroes. Standing on the Bridge of Sighs, Byron was

moved to discuss the past glory of Venice, for he thought of the place and the prison on either side of him as symbols of her power when many lands were subject to her rule.

The sight of the decaying city made Byron contrast the comparative poverty of the present day with the great wealth of the past, when riches were brought from the East. He saw Venice as crumbling before his eyes into ruin and decay, and realized that the days of glory had gone, but he preferred to remember Venice as a place of frivolity and festivity. As he looked at the city, he found that it was still beautiful in his eyes.

To Byron, a lover of Venice, she was now sinking ungracefully like seaweed into the sea, and he remembered that, when Venice was still a young city, she was the bulwark of Europe against the threat of the Turks. Thus, Venice appealed to Byron as a preserver of peace and freedom against oppression, although foreign influence and the decline of Venice's power had left her desolate and decaying. Byron looked on this with sadness, for once Venice was an inspiration to her people.

Byron's reactions to the fall of Venice were that her fate was shameful to other nations who stood by and watched her fall into ruins. He had loved the city and the things associated with it since his boyhood, and this is important as it influenced his whole outlook on the decay of Venice. The image of Venice was impressed upon his mind by his reading of the works of Otway, Radcliffe,

Schiller and Shakespeare; and some of his happiest moments had been spent in reading about the city. The ideas he had gained from this still remained with him, for these could not be removed by time.

When Byron thought of the decay and ruin of Venice, he looked upon it as the mightiest of cities, and to him it was still the loveliest, for from Venice had sprung heroic and free men, an inspiration to his romanticism.

GILLIAN McFARLANE, 6L.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MERSEYSIDE

While the train rumbles through innumerable tunnels and bridges, as it slowly approaches the end of the long journey from London, long rows of dingy terraced houses gradually close in on the railway line; and there comes into view a dreary vista of 19th century England, a forest of ramshackle outhouses, leaning chimney pots and heavily-laden washing lines. At last the train grinds to a halt in the gloomy vastness of Lime Street Station. It has a dilapidated look and seems too big for the number of trains that come and go there daily. The grimy walls carry no advertisements to brighten with their gaudiness the dreary scene.

As I leave the station, the first building that I notice is the huge St. George's Hall, erected in the middle of the 19th century, and standing opposite the station. Liverpool itself can hardly be called a gem of architectural beauty, but Liverpudlians are proud of their cathedral and also of the new Roman Catholic cathedral.

Liverpool has also large branches of those big chain stores that are familiar in London. On Saturday morning these are thronged with shoppers and the streets are a mass of people. Nowhere have I seen such crowded pavements, not even in Oxford Street on Christmas Eve.

There is an indefinable air of tension about the whole city—a sense of suppressed excitement. Much has been written about the Mersey beat and the lively wit of the Liverpudlians, but it is true of the whole city that it seems very alive and full of excitement that communicates itself to the spectator.

Nowhere is the character of the people and the atmosphere of the place better conveyed than on the famous Spion Kop at Anfield, home of Liverpool football club. From a safe distance—for it is not wise for a 'foreigner' to venture on to the hallowed terracing of the Kop—one can hear snatches of the native wit, often coarse but always amusing, and called forth by some bad piece of play or referee's decision. The chant of "Li-ver-pool" and the lusty singing of the fanatical supporters all adds to the atmosphere of the ground.

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EATING OUT

It is a warm summer evening; the sky is not yet quite dark in the west. You have just left the theatre and, prompted by the pangs of hunger almost as much as you are dismayed by the emptiness of your wallet, you tentatively suggest to your companion that something to eat would not come amiss. You ask her if she would mind dining at one of the large, impersonal—and fairly cheap—restaurants. Since she is still in a blissful state of mind from the happy ending of the play, she readily agrees!

You stand in the entrance, awed by the size of the establishment, which seems large enough to house a fleet of buses. A suave individual comes forward and leads you to a table. His intimidating glance compels you to sit down, dares you to complain that the situation of the table is not to your liking.

It is only then that you realise that your table is in the very centre of the room, an island past which waiters glide in all directions, bearing trays which emit delicious odours, but whose contents are carefully concealed beneath lids and in dishes. Your central position makes you feel self-conscious, so, while attempting to look as if you aren't there, you keep up a desultory conversation with your companion. By now you have penetrated her mood of blissful content at the outcome of the play, and she too begins to feel uneasy. As time passes, your talk becomes more and more stilted, until finally it fades out altogether and you both shrink into your chairs, casting furtive glances around the room.

After the longest half-hour of your life has dragged to a close, a waiter condescends to pause and take your order. Neither of you can understand the pidgin French on the menu, so you cravenly ask the waiter's advice. He looks at you contemptuously; you can see what he's thinking—"Ignoramus! If you can't understand simple French . . ." And with superb aloofness he gives his valuable advice, which both you and she eagerly accept. He gives you an even more withering stare when you exhibit your total ignorance of wines and, as soon as he has your order, he glides swiftly away.

A further somewhat uninspired half-hour elapses before the return of the waiter. At the sight of the trayful of appetising food

he is carrying, you and your companion brighten up considerably. You eat happily for some while, until the meal is finished—then comes the moment of reckoning. The waiter returns ominously, tearing from his pad and presenting you with a flimsy piece of paper. As you pay you groan inwardly, desperately attempting to conceal from your companion the fact that this leaves you scarcely enough money to reach home. Fortunately, you are spared the final humiliation—the waiter's indignant recoil as he discovers the small coin of the realm concealed beneath the plate—by then you have made your hasty exit from the restaurant. Your companion is now, in your opinion, disgustingly cheerful. Having bid her goodnight, you gloomily wonder what you can find to do in the six penniless days which lie ahead

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SPORTS SECTION

HOCKEY REPORT

Team Members :

1st XI—G. Dean, V. Moore, P. Straine, A. Woolley, D. Smith, M. Brown, L. Newton (Capt.), M. Brooks, P. Barnes, A. Stanfield, L. Broadley.

2nd XI—M. Leddy, S. Wood, P. Edwards, L. Crank, D. Dobson, S. Caulkett, L. Stone, A. Derham, S. Little, A. Brown, L. Brandie.

Also played—C. Hall, A. Walters, S. Skier, C. Munday, G. Lark.

It has been a very disappointing season for the 1st XI, who won only one match throughout the whole season. During the spring term they became more enthusiastic and worked hard to improve their play. Unfortunately the weather prevented many games from being played and the team also suffered the loss of some skilful players during the Autumn and Spring terms.

The 2nd XI have also been rather unsuccessful. They lost all their matches, except one which they drew. However, both teams have gained valuable experience and next season will improve considerably.

LINDA NEWTON.

2nd YEAR NETBALL

The team has not had too good a season and more support would have been welcome at times. Most of the games, however, were played with enthusiasm.

The team members were: Helen Smith, Lesley Brown, Elaine Underwood, Jacqueline Ohlson, Pat White, Susan Brown, Philomena Ager (Captain) and Kathy Barnes. Reserves were: Elaine Mason, Marion Cann.

Colours were awarded to Philomena Ager and Lesley Brown.

PHILOMENA AGER.

ROUNDERS

Rounders has now been added to the timetable of games played in the school. It is particularly helpful to the junior girls. It provides good exercise, enjoyment and caters for all ranges of skill. Already fixtures have been arranged with other schools and girls who cannot manage entry into the Tennis team, for example,

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have a chance to play on a school team. This summer term three teams are being formed: under 15; under 14 and under 13. Most of the matches will be played on Saturdays. All support for this worthy and enjoyable new school sport will be very welcome.

DIANE SMITH.

FOOTBALL

The records for the season may seem to indicate that the season was none too successful, but it should be remembered that both teams were being re-built and that many young and inexperienced players had to be fielded.

The Junior XI, however, had a quite successful season and should be able to provide a nucleus of senior players in the future.

The 1st Year XI had rather an erratic season but did show enthusiasm.

The most significant factor in the results was the number of good home wins.

Training turn-out has been good and special thanks must be given to Mr. Wells for all the help that he has given after school and on Saturday mornings.

Teams.—1st XI: Brooks, Clarke, Coleman, Davey, McGoay, Penman, Jones, Parley, Tiernan, N. Wall, Thomas.

2nd XI: Bailey, Bell, Bircham, Budgen, Devereux, Doyle, Hansen, Ley, Nelson, Rayner, Wright.

Junior XI: Allatt, Caterer, Clemenson, Hensman, Jeffries, Jones, King, O'Reilly, Polgreen, Pengelly, Robarts, Roberts, Steele, Tiernan.

1st Year XI: Christie, Evans, Loran, Leftley, Mason, Mann, Mathews, Neale, Schofield, Wood, Wareham.

Colours—Re-awards: Brooks, Budgen, Coleman, Rapley.
New awards: Thomas, McGoay. G.B.

THE UNDER-15 XI

The under-fifteen football team is now undefeated in three seasons.

This season, it has only played one game which it won comfortably by four goals to one.

The team consisted of: D. Nelson (Capt.), R. Doyle, C. Bell, R. Devereux, B. Steele, D. Tiernan, G. Hensman, T. King, D. Clemenson, J. Vale, G. Pegram. D.N.

BASKETBALL

This has been our most successful season ever. Of the 30 games played by the two teams, 28 were won. We scored 1779 points and had 981 scored against us.

Four members of our senior team: Rapley, McGoay, Rayner and Dowson played for the Middlesex Schools' Senior Basketball teams in four inter-county games.

Our junior team played and won 19 matches and became Middlesex Junior County champions with a win in the cup final 52-18 against Edmonton County Grammar School. J.H.

SCHOOL BADMINTON

The Assembly Hall provides the best accommodation there is in the school for any one particular sport. Like most sports, badminton looks deceptively easy, and the hall provides an excellent opportunity to discover how great the deception is. The staff Badminton Club is now open to the prefects, some of whom have quickly acquired the necessary skill. As far as is possible, considering the great demands made upon the hall in out-of-school time during the Christmas term, it is hoped to extend the club next year to include the whole of the Sixth Form and the Fourth and Fifth years. It is felt that the First-Third years should be given the opportunity to concentrate first on tennis before graduating to badminton. A.J.K.

During the last week of the Spring term, Staff v. School Hockey and Netball matches were played. In the Hockey match the stay demonstrated much skill and won by 8 goals to 1. They also won the Netball match by 15 goals to 7. Their tactics were not only skilful but also amusing. They moved the posts whenever the school began to shoot!

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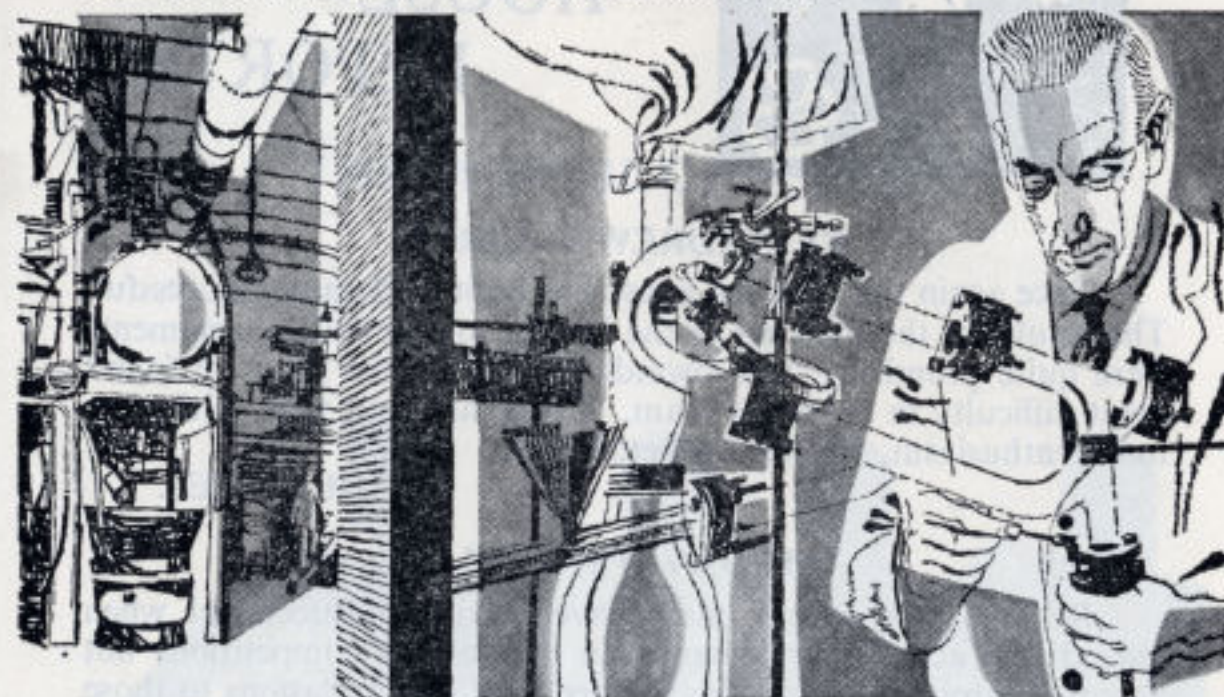
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HOUSE REPORTS

ST. ANDREW'S—GIRLS

Once again this year the house has been moderately successful. The results of the matches in the hockey and netball tournaments were quite promising, but towards the end of the term we found great difficulty in fielding a team. I feel that next year, with even more enthusiasm, we can do better still.

JILL REES.

ST. DAVID'S—GIRLS

Results this season may have seemed unsuccessful when judged by actual performance in the various competitions but absences through illness have affected us. Congratulations to those who did manage to attend practices and matches, especially to those girls in the junior forms who came in as reserves for the Senior House hockey team. The House has great potential ability, but great effort and determination will be needed next season and then better results should emerge.

PAM BARNES.

ST. GEORGE'S—GIRLS

Congratulations to the members of St. George's girl's hockey teams on once again coming first in the inter-house matches. The junior teams are to be given special credit, for, by their repeated success, they managed to compensate for earlier disappointment in the senior matches.

The netball teams finished in second place. Considering the number of times that the teams were re-arranged, this result is quite promising.

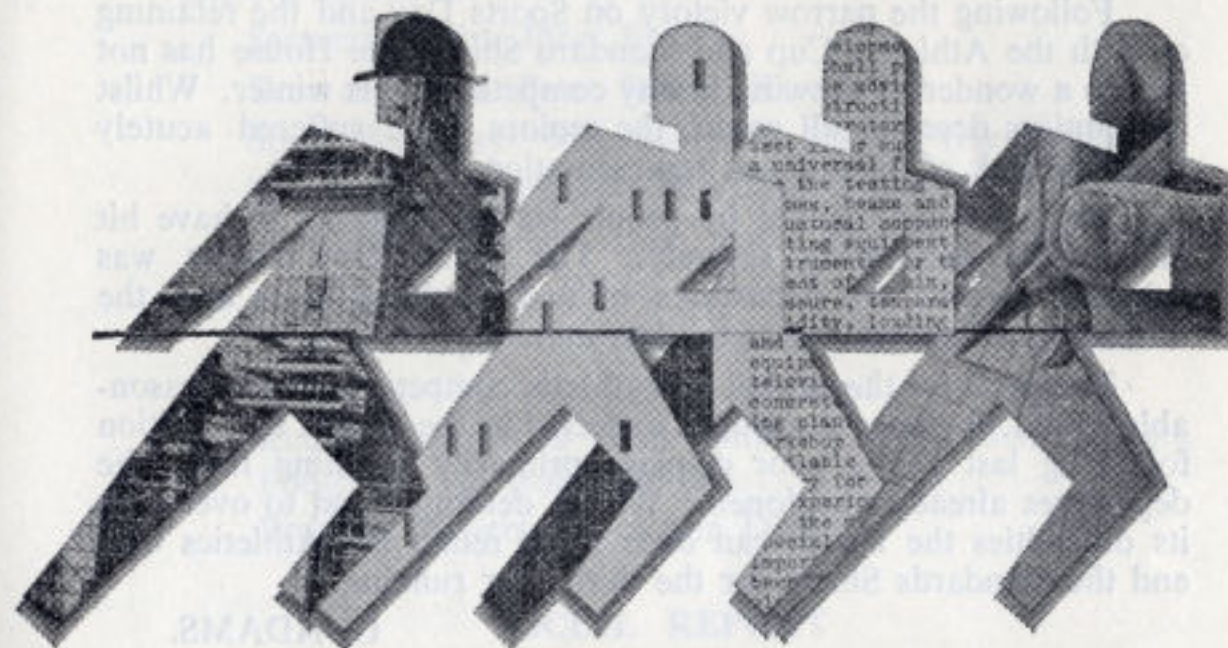
In both netball and hockey St. George's have escaped defeat this year by the efforts of not more than a dozen keen supporters, and the misfortunes of the other houses. Let us hope that next year the usual high standard of team spirit will be regained by all our members.

LESLEY W. BROADLEY.

ST. PATRICK'S—GIRLS

Results show that St. Patrick's have greatly improved this season and I should like to thank all the house who have regularly turned out for matches after school. Our teams won the Netball

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ANGELA WOOLLEY.

ST. ANDREW'S—BOYS

The house has had a fairly successful year and I would like to thank members for their enthusiastic support—although I feel that we might have done better in the senior part of the house with even more support from our older members.

P. BAILEY.

ST. DAVID'S—BOYS

Following the narrow victory on Sports Day and the retaining of both the Athletics Cup and Standard Shield, the House has not put up a wonderful showing in any competition this winter. Whilst the juniors deserve full credit, the seniors have suffered acutely from the lack of Sixth Form representation in the teams.

This situation, caused by people leaving, appears to have hit St. David's particularly severely. The Sports Day victory was achieved despite the departures of two of our athletes and the drafting in of substitutes at the last minute.

Prospects for the cricket and athletic competitions look reasonably bright. A better showing is expected in the cricket competition following last year's poor display—primarily resulting from the departures already mentioned. With a determination to overcome its difficulties the House can once again retain the Athletics Cup and the Standards Shield for the third year running.

G. ADAMS.

ST. GEORGE'S—BOYS

St. George's has had a moderately successful season this year. The house football and basketball honours were easily attained but, owing to the absence of senior members, the house could only manage third place in the cross country championship. I would like to thank all members who helped and supported the house this season.

R. BUDGEN.

ST. PATRICK'S—BOYS

We began rather badly by losing the first three house football matches. After Christmas we did better and managed to win two of the remaining matches, thus securing second place in the house championship with our junior team as runners-up. We ended the Spring term by winning both junior and senior cross-country races and I would like to thank all members for their support in these events.

E. COLEMAN.



OLD SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

THE A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held in the School library on Friday, 11th September, 1964 with the President, Mr. James, in the chair.

Officers elected for 1964-65 were:—

Secretary—Mrs. Janet Findlay

Treasurer—Mr. Peter Davey (Re-elected)

Social Secretary—Mrs. Margaret Butcher (Re-elected)

Membership Secretary—Miss Ann Dixon (Re-elected)

Committee Members—Mr. Rex Findlay, Mrs. June

Pickett, Mr. David Gilbert.

First year reps.—Miss Patricia Holt, Mr. D. Robinault

Staff reps.—Mr. Allatt, Mrs. Pritchard

Section Secretaries—Badminton—Mr. Gordon Pickett,

Football—Mr. Roger Huddle

Prospect Players—Miss Ann Dixon.

SOCIAL REPORT

Our social programme for '64-'65 got off to a fairly good start with a dance, held in the School Hall on Friday, 10th October. It was very well attended, and every one appeared to enjoy the music provided by the Chicanes, a group from Hayes. After various expenses had been taken care of, it was found that we had actually made a profit—a thing almost unheard of these days, as far as social functions are concerned!

Another informal "get-together" was held at the beginning of March in the school library. Music, with a wider appeal than in the past, was provided by a tape-recorder, kindly loaned and operated by Derrick Butcher. The highspot of the evening was the current Prospect Players' film about Robin Hood and his various escapades. Although the attendance was down on past socials, only about 40 people came, those present had an enjoyable time.

At the moment, the next event in the social calendar is the annual cricket match with the school. It would be most gratifying if more Old Scholars could support their team.

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Peter Suter (1954-59)
Keith Palling (1954-61)
Graham Harrington (1946-53) ...
Angela Gimson (1954-62) to **Trevor Dixon** (1954-62)

MARRIAGES

Margaret Farmer (1955-59) in April, 1964 to **Colin Neelands**
Patricia Boom (1953-58) in Summer, 1964 to **John Shortland**
Kathleen Freemantle (1953-60) in Summer, 1964 to **Frederick Meyer**.
Brenda Griffiths (1949-56) in August 1964 to **Bernard Watkinson**
Jim Williams (1939-45) at Easter, 1964
Rex Findlay (1954-61) on September 19th, 1964 to **Janet Smalley**
Michael Pope (1954-57) on March, 27th, 1965
Stella Davies (1953-61) in Summer, 1964
Barbara Stanbrook (1948-55) in September, 1964
Lynn Cooper (1945-52) on December 5th, 1964 to **Ann Little**
Michael Estall (1949-54) in August, 1964
Peter Doughty (1949-54) in Spring, 1965
Brian Turton (1945-52) in Spring, 1965
Janet Gidley in September, 1964.

BIRTHS

Donald Manning (1942-47) and **Sonia** (1942-49): a daughter, **Nicola Jane**, on May 1st, 1964.
Pamela Jones (1954-59): a son, in August, 1964.
Michael Woodington (1952-59) and **Joan** (1953-58): a son, **Stuart**, on December 27th, 1964.
Bruce Paton (1952-59): a son, **Timothy**, in Autumn, 1964.
Kay Walder: a daughter, **Heidi Jane**, in Spring, 1965.
Robert and Sheila Stevenson (1949-56): a son, **James**, on March 14th, 1965.
Stella Read (née **Davies**, 1953-61): a daughter, **Juliet**, in March, 1965.
Joy Jones (née **Cossey**, 1946-51): a daughter on March 15th, 1965.
Rudolph Mercer (1952-55): a son, **Robert**, in December, 1964.
Terry Maddern (1949-56): a daughter, **Deborah**, on April 11th, 1965.

OLD SCHOLARS AT UNIVERSITY

Janet Roberts—3rd year of B.A. degree at Bedford College, London.

Pamela Phillips—3rd year of B.Sc. in Mathematics at Newcastle University.

Peter Johnson—having completed his B.Sc. at Bristol, is now taking a post-graduate course in Education at Nottingham.

John Stanbrook—3rd year of B.Sc. in Mathematics at Hull University.

Brian Mortimer—2nd year of B.Sc. in Mathematics at Hull University.

Gordon Pickett—3rd year of B.Sc. in Mathematics at Imperial College.

Rex Findlay—3rd year of B.A. in International History at London School of Economics.

Stephen Miller—3rd year of B.Sc. at University College, London.

Barry Twigg—3rd year of B.A. in French, Latin, and History at Goldsmiths' College, London.

John Lee—2nd year of B.Sc. at Sir John Cass College, London.

Douglas Quinn—3rd year at Northampton College, London. Optics Course.

Angela Gimson—3rd year of Teacher Certificate Course at Stockwell College.

Trevor Dixon—3rd year of Teacher Training.

Graham Allsopp—at Teacher Training College.

Christopher Hobson—3rd year in Mathematics and Philosophy at Manchester University.

FILM GROUP REPORT

March marked the premiere of "Carry on, Robin Hood" our fourth film, and the second epic in colour. We could not complete the film in one day, due to rain stopping play, so it had to be shot in two parts; the first at Sarratt Bottom (an old hunting ground of ours) and the second near Mad Bess Woods, in Ruislip—a very appropriate location.

Briefly the plot is as follows—King Richard I has left England for the Crusades, leaving the Sheriff of Nottingham to practise his villainy in Nottingham and the surrounding countryside. Fearless Robin Hood and his Merrie Men attend an Archery Contest, where they encounter a brilliant exponent of toxophily (who is none other than the sherriff himself, heavily disguised), and invite him to join their band. He sends word via a messenger to his henchmen at the castle and the unsuspecting band of Merrie Men is set upon them near a river. A furious battle rages, but Robin and his men, fighting against overwhelming odds (4 to 1 in **their** favour!) are defeated. Exit the Sheriff and his two men victorious. BUT, all is not lost! . . . the band of Merrie Men is only feigning

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ANN DIXON (Hon. Sec.).

BADMINTON CLUB REPORT

We are pleased to report that the last twelve months have shown a marked improvement in the standard of play in the O.S.B.C. During this time the membership has doubled and the club now has 14 full members and several occasional visitors. The standard of play has improved sufficiently to enable us to arrange matches, not only with members of the Staff, but also other Badminton clubs.

Two away matches were played against St. Bernard's Hospital B.C. which we lost 6—3 and 7—2, one with St. Mary's B.C., Southall which we lost 8—1 and two with the Staff which we won 8—1 and 5—4. These matches gave the club valuable experience, by setting us standards which we know we can achieve.

We understand that a number of senior members of the school are being encouraged to play and their progress will be noted with interest. The O.S.B.C. would welcome any of these people who would like to join us, once they have left school.

The Old Scholars' play in the School Hall every Wednesday during term and those who are interested in joining should come along.

GORDON PICKETT (Hon. Sec.).

NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS AT HOME

Robert Horsley (1946-53) teaching in Greenford.

Elsie Sampson (1954-59) married to a Belgian and has a son, Jean, aged two.

Michael Newton (1946-54) teaching Geography at Eliot's Green.

Jeffrey Griffin (1952-59) producing light music programmes for the B.B.C.

Brenda Watkinson (1949-56) now living in Birmingham.

Anthony Clark (1952-59) teaching locally.

Clive Gillingham (1945-51) teaching in Leamington, Warwickshire.

Kay Walder (née Morse) married to a Swiss.

Rita Woodgate (1958-60) nursing in London.

Peter Johnson (1953-61) taking a Diploma in Education at Nottingham.

Betty Higginson (née Wiltshire, 1939-46) working at the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill.

Roy Knight (1940-47) lecturing in film and television at Durham University.

Stella Read (1953-61) obtained an English degree at Cambridge in Summer 1964.

Geoffrey Evans (1952-59) married, living in Newcastle and working for Burroughs (Adding Machines).

Barry Richardson (1952-59) working for J. Walter Thompson (advertising).

Patricia Knott (1948-53) working as a personal assistant for Ellerman Lines Shipping in the city.

Ann Chapman (née Rogers, 1953-59) now living in Birmingham.

Jennifer Peverall played "Juliet" in the Marlowe Society production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Cambridge.

Brian Chapman (1953-59) is Deputy Chairman of Ealing North Conservative Association.

Derrick Butcher (1939-46) taking a year's course at Furzedown College, London, on Junior Teaching.

Michael Estall (1949-54) married, living at Maidenhead and working at H.M. Customs and Excise at London Airport.

Peter Doughty (1949-54) living in Bristol doing aero-dynamics.

Rudolph Mercer (1952-55) S.H.O. in Pathology at King's College Hospital.

John Tully (1949-56) teaching locally.

Alan Penn (1946-53) on a short trip to Canada with his firm.

Brian Turton (1945-52) lecturing at Keel University.

Madeline Cole (1954-60) married a physicist living in Oxford.

Harold Ratcliffe (1948-54) living and teaching in Stratford.

Philip Simons (1939-46) having left Vickers Armstrong at Weybridge is now in the Plastics Division of I.C.I. at Welwyn Garden City.

Stuart Ager (1953-61) teaching P.T. in the R.A.F.

Neil Whitter (1949-54) having left the Merchant Navy is now in research in metallurgy.

Roger Batson (1953-61) working for an advertising firm. Left Sheffield University in Summer 1964.

Ken Day (1948-54) doing Psychiatry in Bristol, has three children.

Christine Stone, having completed a secretarial course, is now working as private secretary on the staff of a building society in Harrow.

Susan Little, now a pupil of Fakenham School, has written to describe her new school, where she is getting on well.

Raymond Powell, a Detective Assistant Superintendent in Malawi.

Geoffrey Morris (1954-59) serving with the R.A.F. in Borneo.

Maureen Shanahan (née Fitzpatrick) (1948-53) is living in Chicago and has three children.

Gerald Maguire (1946-53) a "freshman" at the University of British Columbia after leaving the Canadian Air Force.

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The first XI were entered in two cup competitions. In the A.F.A. Senior Cup they were finally beaten 5—4 by Crouch End Vampires who are in the 1st Division of the Southern Amateur League. In the Middlesex Junior Cup for which over 200 clubs entered, they reached the last 16, finally to be beaten by Hounslow Nomads who are the best team in the whole South West Middlesex League.

The 2nd XI entered the A.F.A. Minor Cup and in the first round beat last year's losing finalists, Old Malvernians by 6—4. However, in the 2nd round they were overwhelmed by Borough Polytechnic of the Southern Amateur League, Division 2, losing 6—0.

The Third XI entered the Nemean Memorial Cup, but fielded a depleted team of 9 men and lost bravely 2—1.

The Season is now nearing its close but there will be matches at the School and at Pitshanger Park West, Scotch Common, every week until Easter. Spectators are cordially invited to come and watch the best team in the area and re-acquaint themselves with ex-schoolfriends. Those of you who intend to leave school this summer are especially welcome, particularly if you are keen to play for us.

During the course of a season we visit many fine grounds in the London area and so enjoy the keen competition and generous hospitality that are the characteristics of A.F.A. football.

Here are the present playing records of our teams:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Position
1st XI ...	11	9	0	2	52	16	18	4th
2nd XI ...	16	11	1	4	62	29	23	2nd
3rd XI ...	13	9	1	3	49	16	19	3rd

LIFE ON A KIBBUTZ IN ISRAEL

Elsewhere in the magazine there will be an article describing the trip made to Israel by the school party at Christmas, but I want to try to describe another aspect of this country, as seen by one living and working here, even if only for a relatively short time.

Knowing that I should have the summer free after leaving school—before going up to University—I decided that the best way of spending this time would be to leave England, and gain some experience abroad, and Israel seemed to be the promised land, offering the most opportunities. Now the best way to spend any length of time in Israel, without accumulating too large a tourist bill, is to live and work on a Kibbutz. The Kibbutz is a form of agricultural commune unique to Israel, where one lives as a member of the community, without earning any money, and with no expenses. In fact, here at K'far Hachosh, we student visitors earn pocket money of one Israeli pound (about 2/5) for each day worked, which is given as credit at the Kibbutz store, where such articles as toothpaste, soap, stationery, coffee, beer and sweets are purchased.

Little need be said about my journey, which was overland as far as Marseilles, and thence to Haifa via Genoa and Napoli, by the Turkish Maritime Shipping Line, which was rather less uncomfortable than I had expected, considering the low cost of the passage. The arrival at Haifa was tremendously exciting, even at 5 a.m.; and the view of the city stretching up the slopes of Mt. Carmel from the waterfront, and all around the bay of Haifa is absolutely superb. From the top of Mt. Carmel, the panorama is even more superb, and the view of the lights of the city at night is fantastic. (I must apologise for the apparently excessive use of superlatives, but this country really warrants it.)

From Haifa, I came out to the Kibbutz, K'far Hachosh, about 2km. west of Nazareth, in Lower (i.e. Southern) Galilee; the Kibbutz is in a beautiful position on the side of a well forested mountain, overlooking the Valley of Yizre'el, and the scenery is superb on all sides. Perhaps the only disadvantage of this site is that the workers have to be taken down to the fields every morning (and back each evening) in lorries and jeeps, and meals are eaten in the fields. The working day begins, after a cup of tea, at 6 a.m. and breakfast is at 8 a.m., lunch at noon, with the day ending at 3 p.m., thus leaving us free to enjoy the cooler part of the day, when most people just read or talk, if they have no letters to write. Saturdays and festival days are free, and generally the students arrange a trip somewhere either in a Kibbutz truck (with a driver and picnic lunch), or on foot (or hitch-hiking which is extremely common here).

The principal agricultural products of this Kibbutz are sugar beet, fruit (apples and pears as well as citrus), grains and cotton, as well as smallish beef and dairy herds, and a fairly large number of hens, so the work to be done is varied and interesting, even if not always particularly enjoyable (manure is not the pleasantest of commodities to handle).

I am not sure whether I should like the life of the Kibbutz permanently, although it is certainly superb for a four month

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working holiday (there is no language problem, since most of the members of the Kibbutz speak English and/or German as an alternative to Hebrew, and many of the children are bi- or even tri-lingual); but I think that the life as a member of a community so large and close-knit as this, with very little privacy and virtually no private possessions, could be difficult for one used to different conditions. Furthermore, I am not sure if I agree with the splitting up of families to the extent that it occurs here; children live in a children's house away from their parents, and see them only after work and over weekends—while this certainly teaches self-reliance, it also leads to a great deal of disrespect of children for their parents, and their elders in general. However, the atmosphere is extremely friendly, and I can wholeheartedly recommend it as a working vacation, and an education in the fullest sense of the word, to anyone who has such a period of free time as I have.

DAVID A. BENDER.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As a result of letters written to him by a number of parents, the Headmaster called a meeting of those parents in the school library on the 31st March. Those present decided to form themselves into a Greenford County Grammar School Parents' Association and to invite all parents and guardians of pupils at the school to a meeting which was subsequently held in the School on the 12th May, 1965.

A gathering of approximately 350 people attended. The Chairman, Mr. Wood, explained to the parents that the object of the Association is to do all such things as may further generally the interests of the Greenford County Grammar School and for parents and teaching staff to have joint discussions in the promotion of schemes for raising funds for extra amenities which were not provided by the Educational Authorities.

At this meeting a number of parents wondered whether the formation of the Association was as a result of the continual rumours spreading via the local paper and other media that the school was shortly to be converted to a Comprehensive School. The Chairman pointed out that whilst this was one of the matters in which the Association was most interested, it was not the sole reason for its formation. The Committee of the Association is to study all the points for and against Comprehensive Schools and in the light of that knowledge to report back to the Association.

It was envisaged that there would be a number of social events that the Association would promote and among the suggestions were that there should be a 'Top of the Form' contest, concerts and dances.

Apart from the social occasion this would give parents a chance to get together to pass on ideas for the general improvement of the school.

The Headmaster has kindly accepted the office of President and in order that there should be the closest possible liaison between the Parents' Association and the teaching staff, Mr. Allatt and Mr. Rees, have agreed to serve on the Committee in a consultative capacity.

In addition, the Old Scholars' Association was invited to send a representative to serve on the Committee also in a consultative capacity.

It is hoped that the formation of the Parents' Association will be of the utmost help to the school and that the happy relationship that already exists between pupils and teaching staff will be extended to include parents and guardians.

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