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SCHOOL NOTES



September :

The school re-opened for the Autumn Term on 9th September. The new intake of first formers was welcomed to the school together with some new members of the staff. During the month the rehearsals for the school play began. Near the end of the month sixth formers went to Stratford for a performance of "King Lear".

October :

At the beginning of the month there was installed outside the school a new zebra crossing, together with guard rails, thus making it easier to cross the Ruislip Road, which is carrying more and more traffic each year. During the month members of the senior school went to the I.C.A. exhibition and also to a special educational conference on drugs. One of the morning assemblies was taken by some members of the Christian Union. Some members of the school went to see the film: "Richard III" at Greenford Hall where a number of films are now being screened at intervals; others went to the Questors' Theatre for a performance of Marlowe's "Edward II". A film show entitled "History and Horror" was well attended — although unfortunately half the programme failed to arrive on time!

November :

There were plenty of outings this month. The Sixth Forms went to the C.E.W.C. conference; first forms visited the London Museum and the third forms went to the Mermaid Theatre on a science outing. There was an interesting talk too on careers in the Police. On November 23rd a school Bazaar was held and many parents and friends of the school attended. Over £400 was made and the mini-bus fund was consequently able to reach its target. During the month the prefects began to run a tuck shop that was soon well patronised, the proceeds to go to charity.

December :

One of the main events was the School Play for which rehearsals had been going on for some time previously. This year

Gogol's "The Government Inspector" was presented on the 12th, 13th and 14th of the month before appreciative audiences. A school dance was held on the 17th in the School Hall. Throughout the last week of the term Prefects and members of the Lower 6th went carol singing and raised over £30 for charity. At the end of the term the famous BBC film "Culloden" was shown to the senior school in the Hall. At the Christmas service on the 19th, the speaker was Councillor K. Reeves, B.D. During the holiday a ski-ing holiday in Switzerland was arranged for members of the school.

January :

This is a month that is usually dominated to some extent by examinations and tests — particularly for those going in for public exams later in the year! John Vale was appointed Head Boy to replace Malcolm Barry who left after the exams. All the remaining Sixth Formers were made prefects too. There was a special Ecumenical Service at Holy Cross Church, Greenford, at which the school orchestra played and Michèle Bartlett and Ruth Day took part in readings.

February :

Some members of the 6th form went to yet another C.E.W.C. Conference. The school's road safety team, consisting of members from the 4th form, took part in a road safety quiz, which they won. A Valentine Dance was held on the 18th, and this was extremely successful. The school broke up for half term on Friday, 21st of February.

March :

The term re-commenced on the 3rd of March, for the second half of the Spring Term. This was a very busy month. The second form visited the Jeffrey Museum, while others visited the Commonwealth Institute. The fourth form went on an outing to see "Romeo and Juliet", and the Upper Sixth went to Oxford to see "The Tempest".

The Band of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps came to the school and gave a concert, as well as a talk on the history of military bands. The pieces performed were varied: from "The Virginian" to "Löhengrin".

The basketball team from the senior school again competed in the final for the Middlesex Schools' Basketball Cup. This aroused much enthusiasm, and many pupils went to Stanmore to support them. This was well appreciated, especially as the team were successful.

On Friday, 21st, the school's annual speech day and prize distribution was held.

The term had an exciting finish, with staff versus school football, hockey, and netball matches.

April :

April was not a very eventful month, as we did not return to school to begin the Summer Term until the 22nd. The fourth form visited Hatfield House in Hertfordshire.

May, June, July :

These three months were very full ones. The sixth form went to see "The White Devil" at the Tower Theatre, Islington. The Christian Union took their second assembly, at which members sang "How Many Roads"? The Whitsun Service took place on the last day of the first half of term. For the first time the hymns were sung to twentieth century tunes. June was a very industrious month, as the whole of the school was occupied with exams. A trip was organised to Wimbledon, and the school dance was held on June 24th. In July some members of the prefects went on a holiday to the Wye Valley with Mr. Holbrook, in the Mini-bus. Sports day took place as usual, as did the end-of-term entertainment. Staff and pupils played matches in tennis and cricket.

SPEECH DAY, 1969

The annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution was held on Friday, March 21st in the School Hall at 7.30 p.m. This year the Guest of Honour was Professor D. C. Riddy, C.B.E., D.Lit., M.A., who is Professor of Modern Languages at the University of Essex and who was a personal friend of the late Headmaster and whose association with the school dates back a number of years. In the chair was the Chairman of Governors, Councillor Mrs. E. L. Prodhams.

HONOURS LIST

University Entrance

- D. Brewer—University College, London. (Mathematics)
- Carol Crouch—University of Aston, Birmingham. (Communication Science and Linguistics)
- J. Dart—Liverpool University. (Social Studies)
- M. Elliot—Sheffield University. (Mathematics)
- Judith Lester—School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. (Modern History)
- D. Nelson—Sheffield University. (Mathematics)
- P. Platt—University of Manchester. (Mathematics)
- Gillian Richardson—University of Hull. (English)
- Rhoda Thomas—University of Hull. (Social Studies)
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SCHOOL PLAY

Gogol's "The Government Inspector" was given three performances in the school hall in December. Large audiences enjoyed a lively and well co-ordinated production by Mr. R. J. Truman assisted by Mr. E. R. Goodhew that brought out very well the mingled farce and comedy of this well-known classic.

As the humble clerk who is mistaken for the much mightier government inspector, John Vale gave a really outstanding performance; he was ably supported by Malcolm Barry as the rascally Mayor of the local community. Keith Harber played very convincingly as the servant and Ruth Day and Suzanne Rees made the most of the parts of the affected mother and her simpering daughter, as they both competed for the attention of the important visitor. In minor parts Peter Wareham portrayed effectively a servile shopkeeper and Annette Derham acted very convincingly as a shrewish old woman.

A notable feature of this production were the sets designed and painted under the direction of Miss P. Newton that added much to the faithful impression of Old Russia.

CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

THE MAYOR	Malcolm Barry
THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER	Graham Dixon
THE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDANT	Andrew Mannings
THE JUDGE	Tony Aspbury
THE DISTRICT PHYSICIAN	Richard Bellairs
THE POSTMASTER	Philip Mison
PETER IVANOVICH BOBCHINSKY	Vic Coleman
PETER IVANOVICH DOBCHINSKY	Chris Humphrey
FISTOV (A Police Constable)	Ralph Butcher
DUSTOV (A Police Constable)	Derek Adams
THE POLICE INSPECTOR	Chris Rouan
ANNA ANDREYEVNA, (the Mayor's wife)	Ruth Day
MARIA ANTONOVNA, (the Mayor's daughter)	Suzanne Rees
IVAN ALEXANDROVICH KHYESTAKOV, (a Government Clerk)	John Vale
OSSIP, (his servant)	Keith Harber
A WAITER, (at the Inn)	Neil Snowdon
MISHKA	David Scott
ABDULLIN, (A Shopkeeper)	Peter Wareham
SHOPKEEPERS	Anthony Summers, Chris Mason, Raymond Sansom
LOCKSMITH'S WIFE	Annette Derham
SERGEANT'S WIDOW	Lee Chamberlain
A GENDARME	Alex Hidgey
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OUR VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

It was the first time for years that some of us had actually been awake at what seemed the unearthly hour of 7 a.m. This was the moment when 33 pupils and attendant teachers left to begin their holiday journey to Switzerland. By the time that we had reached Dover, however, we were all wide awake; but when we had reached Zeebrugge in Belgium, everyone wanted to go back to sleep again — it had been rather a sickly crossing! Next we boarded the coach that was to take us to Switzerland on our ski-ing holiday. Although our coach had to be dug out once, nothing disastrous happened and we reached Einsiedeln about 3 p.m. the next day.

During the following week everyone, including Mr. Holbrook and Mr. Goodhew, had mastered the art of falling over — the only exception was Peter Wareham, and his ankle remained heavily bandaged as a result for the rest of the week! New Year's Eve was an occasion of considerable merriment — and many found it difficult to come down on time to breakfast the next morning.

After a carefree and enjoyable week, the party had to leave Einsiedeln for home, reaching there on January 5th, just two days before having to come down to earth — and return to school once more.

A.D.

CHRISTIAN UNION

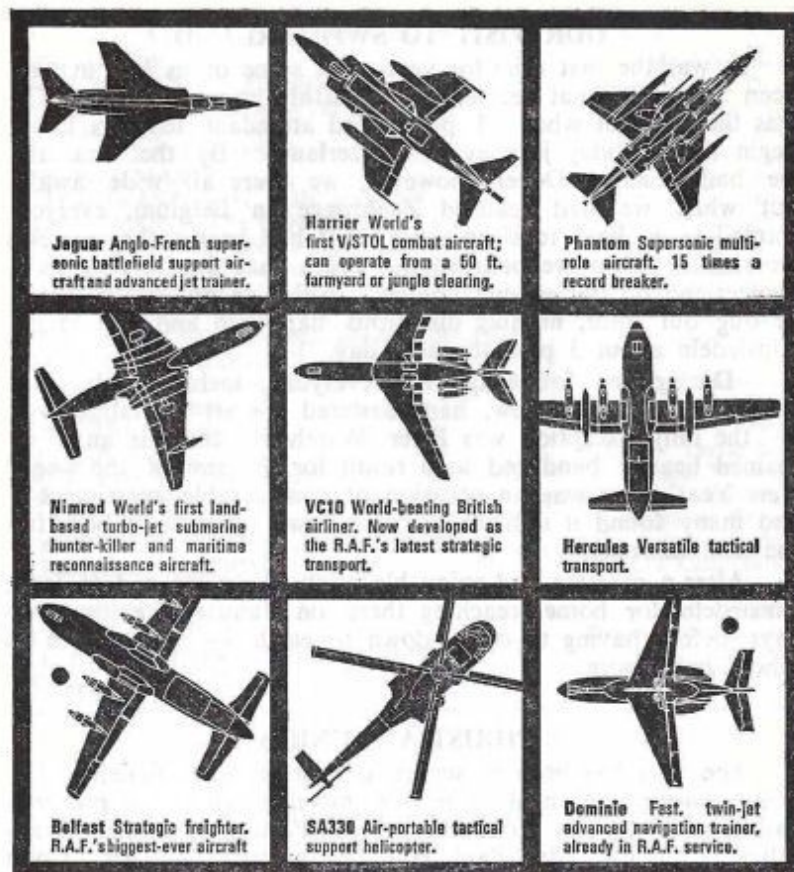
The year has been a successful one on the whole. The Senior Group welcomed some new members and open meetings have included visits from Mr. Imbry (Pastor of Southall Evangelical Church); Mr. Paul Hill (Evangelist) and Mr. Colin Richards (an Elder of Greenford Gospel Hall). The film "Hidden Treasures" was shown to an audience of over 50 and the Christian Union combined with the Geography Society to hear about the geography of Genesis. The Senior Group also took Morning Assembly one day in the autumn term.

The Junior Group has increased in numbers. A Nativity Play was performed at on Old People's Home in December. In the spring term it was decided to hold two meetings weekly, one on a missionary project and the other involving singing choruses, stories and testimonies.

V.P.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

This year, the Society has been fortunate in welcoming many outside speakers to its meetings. Mr. R. Watson and Mr. N. Perry provided interesting eye-opening accounts of their recent visits to the U.S.S.R. and East Germany respectively. Mr. D. Henderson spoke on a helpful subject for 4th and 5th formers:



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the land reclamation scheme in the Netherlands. Mr. D. Perry showed us slides taken on a field course in North Wales, and also talked of the experience! The most original meeting of the Society was given by Mr. P. Stott who spoke on the "Geography of the Book of Genesis", in which he suggested where the Garden of Eden existed. Annette Derham and Suzanne Rees contributed to the meetings by giving an illustrated talk on their recent visit to Switzerland.

On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Mrs. Trounce for her organisation of the Society.

A.D.

STAFF NEWS

We welcomed to the school the following members of the teaching staff during the year: in September, Mrs. M. Adams (Domestic Science); Mrs. R. A. Castree (German); Miss B. Glenn (French); Mr. K. Grant (Maths); Miss W. Lane (French); Mr. R. Perkins (Head of Maths); Mr. R. J. Wood (R.K.). During the Autumn term Mr. D. Browning took temporary charge of Music and was then succeeded by Miss C. H. Cologne; Mrs. Gow left at Christmas and was succeeded as Games mistress by Mrs. G. Rodger. Finally at Easter Mrs. J. M. Saunders left and was temporarily succeeded by Miss E. Thorpe.

At Christmas Mrs. E. M. Halden, for many years accompanist during lessons and always ready to lend a hand at school concerts, retired. Mrs. M. Wallis also joined the office as assistant to Miss Dawson.

THE VITALIS SOCIETY

The Vitalis Society has had another successful year and again our gratitude is extended to Miss Strickley for her support and hospitality. This year we welcome a new Vice-President, Mr. Truman, who joins Mr. Goodhew in this office.

Subjects for discussion have included: Riots; Religion in Society; Concorde; Universities; Expo '67; John Cage and Hypnotism — with practical demonstrations.

The Annual Dinner was held in April and the guest speaker was Dr. Peter Gosden of Leeds University, a former member of the school staff.

Sixth Form members this year included: C. Rouan; Beverley Weightman; J. Vale; M. Barry; Michèle Bartlett; Ruth Day; Annette Derham; G. Dixon; C. Humphrey; Veronica Plummer; K. Roberts and T. Summers.

B.W.

PROSPICE, 1969

In the production of this issue, which extends over the whole school year as always, we have to thank the following: all contributors of the original work and also various reports; Mr. Hall for help with the sports section; those who typed for us including Mrs. H. B. Kemp, Marilyn Addis, Carole Money, Claire Sadler; Mr. Holbrook for a science contribution; the School Office; and, of course, the Portsmouth Printers. We are also indebted to Miss Ann Dixon for once more providing a report on the Old Scholars for us. Business management has continued to be in the hands of Mr. Grieve assisted by C. Humphrey.

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During the year a large number of used stamps were collected by pupils and parents. These were sent to the S.O.S. Society that helps old people, especially with housing.

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LITERARY SECTION

I'M AN ANT FOR A DAY

I know I'm an ant for I've got six legs.
I've got a body like an ant.
What's that I can smell?
A picnic,
And I'm hungry.
I'll climb up the leg and have a nibble.
Now I'm here,
Help!
That salt pot only just missed me.
Ha! Ha! I can see my face in that spoon.
I've a big pair of eyes and my expression!
It's a funny one.

JACQUELINE EDWARD, 1C.

THE BLACK STALLION

A slim and slender body
With a dark, thick mane.
Born and bred in the country
Not in the smog and rain.
A long sleek neck
With soft, brown eyes,
A nuzzling nose
And ears cocked high.
As swift as a swallow,
As gentle as a dove.
'Tis he the one I follow,
'Tis he the one I love.

LESLEY VIGURS, 2X.

THE LADY OF THE MOOR

She runs at night does Marallda's ghost,
She runs both wild and free;
Her fearful cry is all it needs
To make the traveller flee.
Her hair is white; her face is green —
With a gleam in her wicked red eyes.
She's up to her tricks tonight, my friends,
As on the moor she flies.

AMANDA HODGKINS, 2X.

RUBY

In the field stood the mare,
By her was her slate-grey colt,
Prancing, rearing free from care.
She was white and very old,
Many foals had she known.
But still she kept her wondrous shape,
Quarters strong and silky soft;
Flanks all gleaming in the light;
Ears that twitched and often pricked
To hear her master's voice.

MARJORIE NAPPER, 2X.

THE COW

The cow stood there with a weary look
Gazing at the fiery setting sun.
When the cowhand came to fetch her,
Slowly she walked to the milking-shed,
Plodding through grass and heather.

M. BROCK, 2X.

WAR IN THE AIR

The dawn broke in the east and the sky turned into gold.
Yet another day had begun. It was May, 1943. The airfield looked the same as on the previous day. In the distance stood the large hangars that housed the damaged Spitfires. To the left of them stood the crews' quarters and the control tower that was always manned. All was silent and still; it seemed that the war was far away.

Suddenly came a call: "Scramble!" over the loudspeakers. Everyone dashed out to the Spitfires that stood waiting on the field. They were still donning their flying kits as they reached the machines and clambered in. Engines started up and with a roar the Spitfires raced down the runway and rocketlike shot into the air, one after the other. Then they climbed up quickly to 20,000 feet and, after about five minutes, the squadron leader caught sight of the enemy formation that they had to intercept: some twenty or thirty Heinkel III bombers.

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After about five minutes, as they approached the bombers, the pilots of the Spitfires heard another sound that they recognised only too well. It was a number of M.E. 109's. Hastily the Spitfires turned away from the bombers and almost immediately a fierce fight began between the Spitfires and the enemy fighters. Pilots on both sides hurled their aircraft about in the sky to avoid the deadly blazing guns that were firing on all sides. After about half an hour the fight was broken off. Fuel was running low and the fighters on both sides had to make for home. Three Spitfires had been lost but no pilots had lost their lives. Back at the British airfield all was quiet again and once more the pilots took all the rest they could, knowing that soon they would be in the air again.

MICHAEL CONNOLLY, 2X.

A VISIT TO CAERPHILLY CASTLE

Last Easter when we were in Wales we visited Caerphilly Castle. To find the Castle, we had to climb a steep hill and from the top we could see the town of Caerphilly with the Castle which is almost as big as the town. Then we walked down the hill to the town.

The Castle was built over many years but was started in the 13th century. It was built on the site of a Roman Fort but today none of the fort is visible above ground.

The Castle was under siege many times and in the Civil War it was attacked by the Parliamentary troops who drained all the lakes and moats. They also blew up the towers.

Today the Castle is a ruin. It has been under siege many times and has holes in the walls where cannon balls smashed through them.

One of the towers has cracked down the middle and one half is in position on the wall but the other is leaning out over the dry moat.

The Castle is now in the care of the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works.

P. COSSLETT, 3A.

THE SCRATCHIT

"What is a Scratchit?" said Susie.

"What is a Scratchit?" said I.

"It's a rather large hare

With a nose that's not there —

And a bunion that grows on its eye".

"What does it feed on?" said Susie.

"It feeds on", I said in reply,

"Giant dead rats

And colonial bats —

And the maraparupial fly."

"Have you even seen one?" said Susie.

"Of course!" I promptly replied.

"I was down on my knees

Eating stale bread and cheese

When it came and hopped over my head."

ANN CLINCH, 3B.

STREET GANG

They congregate beneath the lamp,

All marked with much the self-same stamp.

Long black hair all smeared with grease,

Black leather jackets and dungarees.

D. FROST, 3B.

WINTER BEAUTY

The beauty of the snow,

As in deep drifts it lies.

The beauty of the trees,

Skeleton brown against the skies.

The beauty of the fields

As in early light they lay.

The glory of the sky

Bathed in pale light of day.

The beauty of the holly,

Berries red against the snow.

The beauty of the ivy —

Its greenery trailing low.

ELAINE WALTON, 3B.

CHILDREN

My pet aversion is children, from the age of two years onwards. Perhaps I should say that the thoughtless attitude of their parents has "put me off" them. If you are in a cinema or a theatre, there is generally a grubby little child leaning over the back of your seat, and you are very lucky if you escape having an ice-cream down the back of your neck during the interval!

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What irritates me is that their parents rarely attempt to stop their bad behaviour, and, if you complain, they are most annoyed. Mothers of young children do not seem to care if their child bumps into other people whilst pushing a shopping basket around a Supermarket. It appears to me that they will go to any lengths to stop the child bothering them, but they do not care about the inconvenience caused to other people.

When children reach school-age, their parents often believe that their responsibility towards them is over. The children who live near me are often out in the streets from four to ten o'clock in the evening. Their parents never try to stop them going out, and do not care if they cause damage to cars in the road, or the houses.

Most people think it strange that I do not like children. They usually say, "You were a child yourself, you know", but I sincerely hope that I was not as badly behaved as the majority of them are nowadays. How people can think that a small child is "sweet" is beyond me! It seems that children get away with many actions that an adult would be thoroughly disliked for. If a child is bought toys or sweets, he is never satisfied until he has something extra, or different. If he is taken into a restaurant he asks for the most expensive meal, then refuses to eat it. But, of course, he is never scolded for this.

Parents often resort to buying a child a stick of rock or an ice-cream to keep him quiet. Although I sympathise with them if their child is very difficult to manage, it makes me feel ill to see a small boy or girl with sticky hands, or a face stained from the colouring of an iced-lolly.

I do not like children because they have no thought for the feelings of others. It is considered natural when they form gangs and intimidate other children, and this proves that they can be very cruel.

But perhaps I should not complain about children; after all, I was a child once myself.

PAT HILLEN, 4A.

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GOSSIP, ITS USES AND DANGERS

Gossip can be mild and light-hearted chat among friends; in fact, some people have the art of making it thoroughly enjoyable. In this way it can make people feel at ease with strangers when they are in unknown surroundings. It can make people relax and enjoy themselves — in short, gossip can be fun.

Some people, however, use gossip to hurt the feelings of others whom they may dislike. This is a dangerous and even wicked form of gossip; usually it is untrue and just invented by the person who first tells it, or repeated by a person who does not really know all the facts.

Many newspapers have gossip columns that are not really meant to be taken too seriously. They often exaggerate a little and are written to be enjoyed. JANE WELLS, 4A.

DOMESTIC BLEACHES

The lower sixth chemistry set (D. Grubb, P. Saint, C. Mason, A. Mannings, and V. Coleman) drew up an interesting report this year on the strengths of domestic bleaches and their relative costs to the consumer.

The strength of the bleaches was determined by finding the weight of "available chlorine" (the principal bleaching agent) per bottle. This was done by conventional titration techniques. The next stage was to examine the use of these bleaches in the household wash. It was found necessary in the process to establish what was the value of the British standard eggcup and the British standard teacup! The final result showed considerable differences in the strengths of the five bleaches tested in the experiment — and in their cost to the consumer! A copy of the full report has been sent to the Council.



SPORTS SECTION

Football

Our four XI's played 64 matches, won 28, drew 9 and 27 games were lost.

The 1st year XI made a very good start, losing only 3 of their 11 games. Our 1st XI again had a pleasing season, winning 12 and drawing 4 of their 22 matches. Hensman, the club captain, and Parry-Jones played for Middlesex on several occasions and took part in the Inter-Counties tournament at Bognor at Easter.

In the House Football Competition, St. Patrick's became champions with St. Andrew's runners-up.

Spirit in the club has been particularly good with a very high standard of effort and enthusiasm during training and in matches.

Basketball Club

For the 2nd year running we became Middlesex Schools' Senior champions when we beat Chiswick Comprehensive at R.A.F. Stanmore (our second home) in front of 300 pupils, parents and old scholars.

Trailing by 19 points at one stage, our opponents must have thought they were sure to win. Our second half fight-back is now traditional and we won.

Hensman, the captain, and Steele have played for Middlesex on many occasions.

During the season our two sides played 31 games and lost only 5.

The House Basketball Competition was won by St. Patrick's with St. George's runners-up.

Soon, our up and coming seniors will be starting to practise for a third (they hope) consecutive county schools' win.

In the Ealing Schools' Cross-Country Competition, Wilson became the first year champion, a wonderful achievement against a huge entry, and Parry-Jones was joint winner of the senior group.

In the House Cross-Country St. Patrick's completed the House hat-trick by winning from St. Andrew's and St. David's.

The mid-week training is already showing dividends in good track times as we enter another athletics season. Parry-Jones, Tozer, Connelly, Mason, Evans, Russell and many others look set to improve on the fine inter-school performances of last season. J.H.

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Hockey

Despite bad weather and the resulting condition of the pitches, the hockey teams have managed to maintain a high standard of play. In the Middlesex Hockey Tournament the 1st XI came second and the Under 15 XI came third in their respective sections.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against
1st XI :	10	7	2	1	24	13
Under 15						
XI :	12	6	1	5	21	7

Teams : 1st XI : G.K. Christine Wharton; L.B. Annette Derham; R.B. Hazel South; L.H. Lesley Brown; C.H. Lynne Stone; R.H. Stella Dixon; L.W. Diane Baker-Dobson, (Capt.); L.I. Sue Rees; C.F. Ruth Day; R.I. Christine Mathews; R.W. Marilyn Elster.

Also played : Philomena Ager, Judy Riches, Yvonne Mould, Lynne Killick.

Under 15 XI : G.K. Ann Minter; R.B. Frankie Lawrence; L.B. Ann Clinch; R.H. Barbara Willingham, (Capt.); C.H. Marian Cain; L.H. Sandra Brown; R.W. Ruth Ingram; R.I. Anne Gilbert; C.F. Jenny Unitt; L.I. Kate Tozer; L.W. Kathleen Fitzmaurice.

Also played : Eva Hidveghy, Gillian Lambly, Michele Carr.

Colours : Reawards : Diane Baker-Dobson and Lynne Stone

New award : Christine Wharton

The Captains and members of the above teams would like to thank Mrs. Rodger, the Games Mistress and all others who helped to make this a successful season.

Diane Baker-Dobson.

HOUSE REPORTS

GIRLS

St. David's

Despite a reasonable amount of enthusiasm, St. David's house were not very successful, coming third in the senior hockey fourth in the junior hockey and fourth in the senior netball.



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However the juniors were successful in their junior netball, coming first and winning the junior trophy. Success was also found in the athletics when David's won the standards shield. Credit must also be given to the senior team which came second in their section.

C.M.

St. Andrew's

On the whole, the results have been quite pleasing this year. The tennis was fairly successful but the athletics was even better when we came first on sports day, winning the trophy. The hockey was more successful — the seniors tying for the trophy — and the netball was well played by both juniors and seniors. Thanks to all who played in the teams, and I hope the success will be as good next year!

J.R.

St. Patrick's

This year has been most successful, owing to the enthusiasm within the teams themselves. Last season, both juniors, and seniors won their tennis tournament, making St. Patrick's outright winners. In the hockey and netball, the seniors were equally successful, as we won the netball, and drew for first place in the hockey with St. Andrew's. Although the juniors received no material reward, they worked hard and gained second place in the hockey, and were unlucky to gain only third place in the netball. Thus, as you can see, it has been a very successful year, and I hope it will continue to be so. I would like to thank all the teams for their support and hard work, especially Gillian Willmott, the junior captain.

A.D.

St. George's

Although this year has not been very successful for the seniors, the juniors did very well to win the junior hockey, and achieved a high score in the house tennis. Thanks go to all who played in the teams and I hope next year there will be more supporters to cheer us on!

D. B-D.

BOYS

St. David's

This was an extremely disappointing year for St. David's house. Our only victory came in the Junior Cross Country, and we were runners up in the Junior Basketball and Senior Cross Country. There has seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm within the house this year, causing these poor results. Most dis-

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appointing were the Senior Basketball and Football teams, where we were fortunate if we fielded a complete side. If we are to be more successful next season, members of St. David's House must answer the call of duty if required by the captains.

G.H.

St. Andrew's

This year, results have shown a slight improvement over recent years. For the first time in living memory, St. Andrew's did not end up bottom of the senior House Football, and actually tied for first place with St. Patrick's, because of the effort shown by the younger members of the team.

The basketball ran true to form — Andrew's taking the wooden spoon in both senior and junior competitions.

The crosscountry was more encouraging this year, the minors coming first, juniors and inters finishing second with some good times recorded by the minors. Finally, St. Andrew's were just beaten by St. Patrick's in the athletics' standards to make this a better year than usual.

G.P.

St. Patrick's

This has been St. Patrick's most successful year ever. The house came first overall on sports day and also attained the highest points' total for Athletics' Standards. Patrick's virtually "swept the board" in the football, basketball and crosscountry tournaments. The seniors tied in the football overall, while the juniors went one step further, by winning every game in their section. Both the juniors and the seniors won the basketball, maintaining a hundred per cent record. The seniors dominated the crosscountry, gaining first, second and third places.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who took part in the various events and for making it such a successful term for the house. At the same time I hope this success will be continued in the future.

B.S.

St. George's

Despite great enthusiasm displayed by all the teams in the past year, we have not been so successful this season. However a high standard was displayed by all in the teams even if the results did not live up to all the efforts made. Best results came from the cricket team who again won the house championship and the basketball and football teams who were both beaten into second place.

R. P-J.

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P. Sampson
Pat Ingham
Claire Aspin
Yvonne O'Donoghue
Avis Brock
Graham Haclin
Rosemary Olney
Sylvia Newell
Janet Roberts
Anne Dean
Sandra Hopkins
Jacky Britton
Barry Richardson and Janet Tarry
Sylvia Pearce
Judy Williams

IMPENDING MARRIAGES

Jane Pearce—July, 1969
Eric Perry—August, 1969
Ann Dixon and Derek Dawes—who go back to Malawi in September.

BIRTHS

Joyce Edmondson (née Robson)—a second daughter, Katherine Claire, March 22nd, 1969.

Rex and Janet Findlay—a son, Paul Alexis.

AT HOME

Christine Shepherd—working in a bank.
Julia Hodson (née Logan)—teaching in Manchester.
Ken Shorey—teaching in Stanmore.
Peter West—1st Class Maths degree from Cambridge.
Alyson Walters—2nd Class degree in Psychology.
Graham Haclin—working for a mining firm in Tipperary.



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Lynn Cooper—Management Consultant.
Heather Winget—working for Department of Health and Social Security.
Maureen Asplin—training as hairdresser.
Sylvia Dobing—has two sons.
June Game (née Douglas)—have a boy and a girl.
John Game—works for "Wills" Tobacco Co.
Janet Powell—at a Training College in Oxford.
Richard Dixon—doing a part-time Geography degree at Birkbeck College.
Colin Veale—living in Maidenhead.
Barbara Groves—teaching locally.
Jennifer Trustham—in last year Teacher Training.
Margaret Trustham—married, with two children, has taken up Nursery work.
Ann Stanfield and Sandra Linton—at the French Institute.
Margaret Farmer—working for the Press Association.
Margaret Armstrong—married with two children, living in Old Windsor.
John Lambert—Head of Geography Dept. in a Comprehensive School in Notts.
Brian Turton—married, with two children, lecturing at Keele University.
Joyce Bathard (née Ford)—married, with two children, living in Harrow.
Margaret Biggs—Sister Tutor at Bart's Hospital.
Joan Maple—teaching in Shepherd's Bush.
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Paul Croll—obtained Upper 2nd in Politics (B.A.) at York University, doing M.Sc. at Aberdeen.

Stephen Hobden—aboard "H.M.S. Hermes" as Squadron photographer.

Graham Alsopp—joined the Royal Navy.

Averil Corry—married and living in Chelmsford.

Michael Neville—teaching in a Prep. school.

Stanley Wilson—1st Class Honours at Sussex — working for Beechams.

ABROAD

Sylvia Neville—working in a French hotel.

Roy Knight—spent the summer 1968 at Michigan University.

Christine Weller—married and living in Italy.

Ralph Farmer—Senior Quantity Controller for a Food Firm in New Zealand.

Pat Ashworth—working in France.

Gordon Pickett—working for Chandler-Evans Inc., Connecticut, U.S.A.

Pamela Newell (née Chafer)—living in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Elaine Peek—(née Ansell)—living on Grand Bahama Island.

Gerald Maguire—graduated from University of British Columbia and teaches in Vancouver.

Carol Robin (née James)—living in Rheims, France and teaching.

Ann Vidal (née Gregory)—living in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

MEMBERSHIP AND PRESS SECRETARY

Membership has been steady during the year with a marked rise in New Leavers joining, thanks to the persistence of Mr. Lockhart, Rosemary Williams and Brenda Neuhofer.

At the end of the year, I shall reluctantly have to resign from the job as Press and Membership Secretary, but two new members mentioned above have offered to take over.

The Newsletter continued to go out regularly but it was decided to make it a two-three monthly occurrence since news was often scarce.

Ann Dixon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. took place on **Friday, September 20th, 1968**. Those elected on the Committee for the year were:

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MISS ANN DIXON

With characteristic modesty Ann Dixon has announced briefly her impending retirement from helping to run the Old Scholars' Association. Those who have helped her in this work, as well as ordinary members, will know only too well how the Association has depended on her loyalty and hard work over some years. They will certainly wish to thank her for all these efforts so freely and generously given and to wish her the best in the future — and hope that the Association has by no means heard the last of her either!

GREENFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The very full and detailed report issued to parents this summer renders it unnecessary to report further on the continuing work of this association under the leadership of Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Greave. All parents are urged to join fully in its activities and can be assured of a warm welcome.

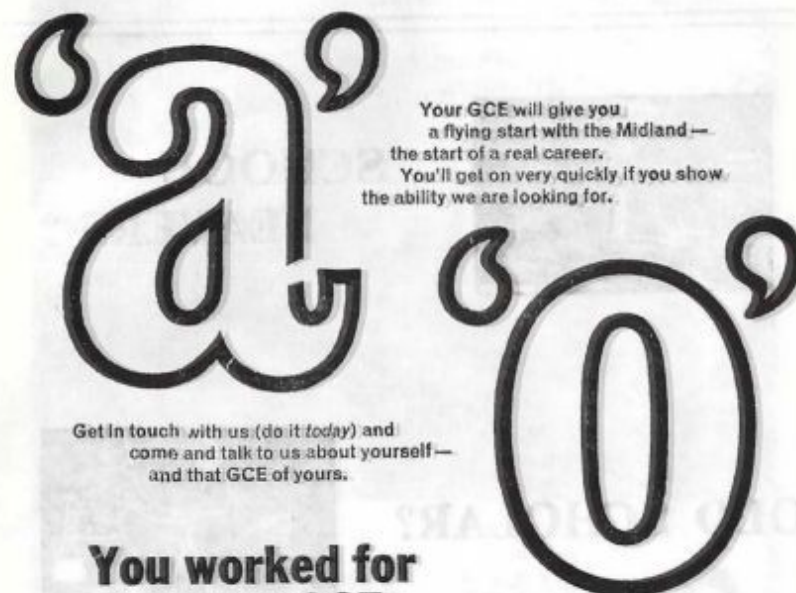
FOOTBALL REPORT

The past season has been one of real improvement for the club. It started in disastrous fashion for the first eleven who were soundly beaten several times in the first two matches both in League and Cup. Then the side settled down under the Captaincy of Maurice Lewis. They had a wonderful run losing only once, in a League game in the rest of the season and finishing second in division two of the League. Next season they will be in division one for the first time ever.

The second and third elevens both had sound but had unspectacular seasons, finishing in safe positions. Membership throughout was strong and the general standard of the club was higher than last year.

Helped no doubt by a new spirit based on the success of the first eleven, the Dinner Dance held at the Byron on the 9th May, 1969, was a tremendous success, 89 people sitting down to dinner. Next year we are thinking of holding a Christmas Dance in addition to the end of season affair.

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