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EDITORIAL

Founded in 1638, when the number of pupils could have been counted on the fingers, Rye Grammar School has gradually increased and expanded, moving from the smaller building to the larger to accommodate an ever-swelling influx of pupils until it has reached its present site in The Grove. But, until the last decade, apart from, of course, 1908, when (lest we forget!) the school became co-educational, this increase must have been so gradual that it was hardly noticed. Then suddenly 'der Schülerblitz' is here.

There are more and more people coming to the school and more and more staying on. This, of course, means the necessity of adequate and ample accommodation for everybody. We have been extremely lucky in the past few years for important facilities have been added at enormous cost (no doubt many of you will vaguely recall Mr. Braithewaite's figures of Speech Day, 1963) but we are sadly lacking in one direction—namely that of a Sixth Form Common Room.

Our present Sixth Form is well past the century mark and there is every hope of it increasing still further, for not only are more of our own pupils staying on, but we are welcoming more each year from Mr. Rothwell, and so the addition of a Common Room would be of very great benefit to each successive age-group as it 'passes on' through the school.

This, as so many enterprises, both great and small, requires money. Efforts so far have achieved a considerable amount, but it is still 'a long long way to the end of the road.' It is, essentially, a SIXTH Form Common Room, but it must be remembered that it is the present-day juniors who will benefit from it, and so it is they, as much as anyone, who must make the effort. A start was made on the 12th April, when a Sixth Form Auction realised a total of £23.17.4. This was followed on the 20th May by a Cruise-Evening at which sales amounted to £11.5.0. A Parents Association Jumble Sale, two days later, fetched £35 and sales at L1 - M3 Parents' Meeting contributed £7 on the 28th. On June 1st, we gratefully received a donation of £25 from Rye C.S.S. which was equalled by the proceeds of an Upper School Dance held on the 4th, to the music of the 'Rye Toffs' and 'Tom Thumb and the Four Fingers.'

Miss Dann's appeal has, through the inter-House penny races, so far reached the sum of £28, bringing the grand total as yet (which is currently altering) to somewhere in the region of £170—a good start but only a start.

Mention must here be made of the great efforts of the present Sixth Form and especially of the school captains Carol, Alan, Ricky and Joyce, not only in this direction but in every way they have been able.

Let us continue these efforts, and, like the scouts, 'Be Prepared' for the oncoming generations of future Sixth-Formers, and, let us be able to say, as our Not-So-Ancient-Briton-Neighbours in Hastings do, on their postmark, eight hundred and ninety years too late; "We are ready for your invasion at (R.G.S.)."

W. R. Russell

SCHOOL NOTES

At the beginning of this school year we welcomed a number of additions to the staff : Miss Mullen to teach French, Miss Points to teach Biology, Miss Elliot to teach Art, Miss Birtles to teach German and Mr. P. Holliday to teach English and History.

As usual we have had with us, for a year, a young French Student, Mademoiselle Sicaud, who has taken conversation classes. We hope she has enjoyed her stay.

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Master : Mr. H. Thompson
House Mistress : Miss W. Allen
Boys' Captain : John Apps
Girls' Captain : Alison Hadley
Secretary : Hilary Hamilton
Treasurer : John Walmsley
Prefects : Alison Banks, Jeanette Bowdler, Patricia Comport, Elizabeth Firmin, Alison Hadley, Hilary Hamilton, Judith Hyde, Katherine Kerr, Lindsay Macdonnell, John Apps, Michael Eldridge, Keith Hatter, John Luck, John Walmsley, John Wilson

Although we have only won one shield this year, there has been no lack of general enthusiasm in House activities. The girls are to be particularly congratulated on winning the Gymnastics Shield for the second consecutive year. The Middle School Netball team won both its matches convincingly, but we nevertheless came second due to the lack of co-ordination in the Upper School team. We were unfortunately third in Hockey, Football and Cross-country, but second place was achieved by the boys both in the Gymnastics Competition and in the Basketball Matches.

We are extremely proud to have won four of the six individual House Athletics awards this year :

John Walmsley : Upper School Boys' Champion (for the third year in succession);
Elizabeth Firmin : Upper School Girls' Champion;
Susan Kinnes : Middle School Girls' Champion;
Rosemary Kinnes : Lower School Girls' Champion

The House worked extremely hard and is to be congratulated on attaining a very good second place in the Music Competition. A special tribute must be paid to Mary Wilson for accompanying vocal soloists and choirs so well.

The enthusiasm shown by members of the House for tennis, cricket and swimming, should hold us in good stead for the inter-House matches to be held later.

Collections at House Meetings have been good throughout the year, and Peacocke's contributions towards the Sixth Form Common Room have been notably high.

Donations have been made to the Rye Comforts Fund, the Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Fund and to L.E.P.R.A. for the leper boy, Ominyi, whom we help to maintain.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. Thompson and Miss Allen for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

Hilary Hamilton

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master : Mr. Darby
House Mistress : Miss Getley
Boys' Captain : R. Spencer
Girls' Captain : Joyce Care
Treasurer : Jennifer Bell
Secretary : G. A. Alcock
Prefects : J. Bell, J. Care (Vice School-Captain), K. Levett, J. Winterbottom, Alcock, de Steiger, McGann, A. Richards (School Captain), M. Rowley, R. Spencer (Vice School Captain), M. Tree and R. Whyatt

Viewed in the light of last year's outstanding successes, when Sanders won eight of the fourteen shields and cups, this year's performance by the House in the competitions so far is mediocre. We have lost both the Hockey and Music competitions which we won last year, and have come second in the Football and Cross-Country and third in Netball. However, the House won the Basketball Competition very convincingly : in this new inter-house sport Sanders won all six of the games it played, Peacocke won two and lost four, and Meryon won one and lost five.

In the Speech competition, Sanders won the Middle School section but narrowly lost the Lower School section. The Upper School part is to be held in July, and the House must be considered to have a good chance of retaining the Shield. Also to be decided this term are the numerous summer sports competitions. The House has every chance of success in all these sports, especially Tennis, Swimming and Athletics.

The enthusiasm which the younger members of the House have shown in Basketball and Athletics is extremely gratifying, and if this were to be duplicated amongst all members of the House, we would find ourselves the proud possessors of many more shields than even last year's total.

In money matters, Sanders has contributed £5 to Cancer Research, and has so far (June 1st) collected £7.7.6 in pennies for Miss Dann's

appeal for the Sixth Form Common Room. However, collections at House meetings have fallen off this year and the House must realise that it cannot continue to support Charities without the financial help of all its members.

All the Officers and most of the prefects of the House are leaving this term and I am sure the House wishes them success in their chosen careers.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of Sanders House, I would like to thank Miss Getley and Mr. Darby for their help in the past year.
G. A. Alcock

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master : Mr. Allnutt
House Mistress : Miss Banner
Boys' Captain : Eade
Girls' Captain : M. Cantell
Secretary : Page
Treasurer : C. Tottenham
Prefects: C. Munn, M. Cantell, E. Marshall, P. Scott,
Eade, Page, Barden, Huxstep, Buchan, Harris,
Mitchell, Oliver, Thomson

This has been an outstanding year for Meryon. We have won five out of the eight House Competitions which have been decided so far. These include the Cross-Country, Football, Netball, Hockey and—a special triumph for the organiser John Breeds—the Music Shield, which has not been in our possession for more than a decade.

Unfortunately the House has shown less enthusiasm and initiative recently and even suggestions for the chair have been markedly frivolous. It is hoped that the House will try to remedy this next year.

In spite of lower house collections we have donated £5.0.0 to Cancer Research and another contribution of £2.2.0 has been proposed. In the inter-house penny races Meryon is lying third and does not appear to be making very much effort to alter this state of affairs but several other schemes have been proposed for raising money for the Sixth Form Common Room.

We were very happy to welcome Miss Banner to Meryon at the beginning of the Autumn Term as our new House Mistress.

At the end of July we must say au revoir as usual to some of the fifth and most of the sixth formers and wish them every success in their chosen careers. Finally we must thank Mr. Allnutt for yet another year of unstinting support and magnificent service to the House.
A. Page

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

We were extremely sorry to see Miss Turner leave at the end of the Spring term, after ten years here as Matron. We wish her a happy retirement, and welcome, in her stead Miss Simpson. We hope that her stay with us will be a long and a happy one.

We also welcome seven new girls who came at the beginning of the Autumn term and two who came at the beginning of the Spring term.

During the course of this year we have played one tennis, one hockey, and two table tennis matches against Leasam House, but we unfortunately lost.

Lynne Morgan, Sarah Nash, and Maureen Duckworth were confirmed at Rye Parish Church on May 7th. The rest of Saltcote attended the service.

Altogether, nine people went on the 'Dunera' cruise party to the Aegean, including Miss Stevenson. They all enjoyed it very much.

We would like to thank Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson and Miss Turner for their great help and encouragement throughout the year.
Katherine Kerr, Head Girl

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed thirteen new juniors, who have settled in well. We were sorry to say goodbye to two of our farm staff: Mr. Dibben, who has been cow-man for over four years, has returned to his home county of Dorset, as a relief cow-man, and has been replaced by Mr. Shadbolt, who we hope will enjoy his stay with us. Mr. Pilchard, who has been a gardener at Leasam for sixteen years, is shortly to join the school groundsmen. We have welcomed a new pig-man, Mr. Town, who is living in 'The Lodge' in Leasam Drive.

More buildings have been erected on the farm, including a two bay extension to the barn, a bay extension to the cattle yard, and a new, fully-automatic battery house which holds over a thousand poultry.

There have been a number of social occasions this year: the harvest supper in September was much enjoyed by all, and was followed in November by our annual bonfire, which, owing to everybody's efforts, was a great success.

Despite a full gale, the Christmas party went with a swing with the help of 'Tom Thumb and the Four Fingers.' This group was formed at Leasam and by now has earned itself a considerable reputation in Rye and the surrounding districts.

We have been well represented in all school sports. The Leasam hockey, table tennis and tennis teams have done well and we successfully challenged both the Saltcote XI and the school 1st XI. We held the staff to a draw.

Our thanks for a very pleasant year go to Mr. Brydon, Mr. Green, Mr. Westlake, Matron and the domestic and farm staff.

A. J. Webber, Head Boy

MACBETH, MARCH 1965

It needs great courage or great optimism on the part of the producer of a school play to attempt the production of a Shakespearian tragedy, for he is calling on an immature cast to portray feelings of a depth which few mature men and women know during their lives, and which fewer still can depict convincingly on the stage. The fact that this production succeeded in running each night with scarcely a hitch deserves credit. The fact that the producers succeeded in obtaining from the cast as a whole such a convincing performance is very praiseworthy indeed.



Barden as Macbeth did not stumble once in his lines—a magnificent feat of memory, but in this Macbeth there was no light, no dark, no grey, except, perhaps, briefly, when he arrives home as the newly proclaimed Thane of Cawdor, and for a moment doubting the wisdom of murdering the sleeping Duncan, he is finally pushed to the deed by his wife. Surely Macbeth represents a growth, a progression towards “madness...or valiant fury,” yet here was no progression, no growth in the obsessive desire for power. The speeches in the early scenes were roared out with the same venom as in the later scenes when insanity was very near. Barden had many fine moments in the play, and yet I left wondering whether he had really understood the character he was portraying.

On the other hand Alison Hadley showed a very mature appreciation of Lady Macbeth's character. The possessive, ambitious wife, the cajoling, jeering woman who refuses to let the weaker husband thwart her plans, the almost tender mother, the loving daughter, the woman now remorseful and pursued by the horror of her deeds, all these

were portrayed clearly, deliberately and delightfully. Only a schizophrenic could initiate and direct the murder of her king yet say “Had he not resembled my father as he slept, I had done it,” and to portray such a character requires a maturity and insight far greater than one meets normally on a school stage. This was a memorable performance.

Of Duncan, Macbeth says “he hath born his faculties so meek” and this aspect was well in evidence in Alcock's interpretation. However, I am sure that Duncan, however meek, would have been more commandingly regal, and this undue humility marred a pleasing performance.

Apps, as Banquo, in the flesh, and subsequently in the spirit, gave a good performance, and was convincing as the lofty-minded, right-thinking lord murdered by Macbeth's hired thugs because of these very virtues; yet were not his conversations with Macbeth just prior to his murder overcharged with ominous meanings?

The Macduff of Dennis was well played. In his early scenes he seemed a little stiff, with Dennis more in evidence than Macduff. Later in the play, in the scene in which he learns of the slaughter of his family by Macbeth, he was far more convincing. Here was a depth of grief only too easy to “ham,” and yet he played this scene with remarkable restraint, and succeeded in making the audience too feel his deep and terrible emotion. Words of praise should be given also for his sword fight with Macbeth, yet the rough-and-tumble with daggers I found almost an anti-climax.

Finally, in the individual notices, there must be a word of praise for the witches. They owed much to their make-up and to the lighting, yet their diabolical voices and cackling were beautifully—if that is the right word—contrived, and their caperings were in the best witchy traditions.

All other members of the cast gave performances which were more than adequate, and in one or two instances were very promising, though lack of space precludes individual mention. At all times the actors and actresses were clearly audible.

Those responsible for the lighting and effects deserve great praise, not only for the result, but also for their ingenuity in producing mist to order, and realistic lightning, to mention only two of their triumphs,—yet need thunder have drowned much of the witches' cackling round their cauldron? The set well represented a fateful castle, whilst those behind the scenes in the make-up and wardrobe departments did their work excellently.

Perhaps the greatest tribute one can pay to the producers and cast, is the fact that I found myself criticising this more as a professional than as a school performance. The fact that I remember so vividly how odd a sound—a very plastic sound—was made by the dagger which dying Macbeth flung to the ground, shows that this production was remarkably free from major faults and inadequate portrayal, and how real the play was to the audience.

B.V.S.

QUEEN'S SCOUTS

The beginning of the Summer term saw the presentation of three Queen's Scout badges to Peter Chapman, Alan French and Troop Leader Terry Thompson of the 1st Rye Scouts by the County Commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel R. Giles.

It is many years since a scout of the School was presented with this badge, the highest honour in the scouting world, but three awards at the same ceremony must be without precedent, and has set an example difficult to surpass or equal.

It is only recently that to qualify for this award, twenty four hours public service has to be given, and, in this respect, all three scouts have been helping Sgt. Crew of the Rye Constabulary to test young pupils of the Rye Primary School for their Cycle Proficiency certificates.

Many other badges had to be gained to qualify, and a great deal of effort and determination over many months was required from each scout. That they have succeeded is to their credit, and to those that gave them their help and encouragement.

Congratulations, and well done.

A.T.C. REPORT

The Autumn term started well with F/Sgt. N. Perry being presented with the Gold lapel badge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award by the Headmaster at a morning assembly. Neil, like Roger Nicolle, had qualified for his award during the summer months. Neil has visited the C.O. on a number of occasions since leaving School and is thoroughly enjoying life in the Royal Air Force where he is undergoing training as an Air Traffic Control officer.

Most of this term's training was taken up with preparing the First Class cadets for their Leading Cadet examination and trying to coach the five probationers who had joined us from the Modern School to stand upright on parade. Recent results have shown that the efforts of the instructors were not without effect for five First Class cadets, Cpl. Cheesemur; Marston, M.; Jones, H.; Bull, T. and Pern, S. have now been classified as Leading Cadets whilst the probationers are now in uniform and showing up well during their drill sessions.

R.A.F. Manston has twice been visited since the issue of the last School magazine, and, on both occasions, the weather was kind enough to permit flying in Chipmunks for the qualified cadets. Those still under age spent an interesting afternoon looking round the control tower and the ground control approach, situated on the other side of the airfield.

Many rounds of .22 ammunition have been fired in the range, and four of our cadets, F/Sgt. Harris, Sgt. Marshall, Sgt. Russell and Cpl. Wilkins were selected to represent the Wing in the Foster Taylor trophy, their cards being fired at Lydd.

In the world of sport, Sgt. Marshall, Cadets Boxhall and Parrott played for the Wing at soccer, staying the night at R.A.F. Uxbridge before the match the following day. All three have been awarded their Wing blues.

A "night assault" at the end of Spring term took the place of the usual map reading exercise when two "forces," commanded by F/Sgt. Harris and Sgt. Marshall, clashed in the dark along Leasam Lane. Honours went to F/Sgt. Harris, who, marshalling his force well, and retiring to the confines of the School, waylaid the opposition on their way back to H.Q. No decision however was ever reached, as the C.O. decided to call a halt in time to save life and limb.

Annual camp, which was well attended, was spent at R.A.F. St. Mawgan in Cornwall. Highlights of this camp were many, but those that immediately come to mind were the visit to R.A.F. Mount Batten which provided a trip in an air-sea rescue launch, flying in Hastings aircraft and Saturday's exercise when small groups of cadets, thoroughly wet, were chasing round the moors looking for tumuli (look it up). Mention must be made of Cadets Coton and Nichols who were fortunate in obtaining a flight in an operational Shackleton which had been detailed for a low level bombing run over the Atlantic.

A Sunday spent at R.A.F. West Malling provided the first opportunity for the Squadron to try their hands at gliding. This new form of flying was much enjoyed by the cadets, especially by Cpl. Cheesemur who was treated to some aerobatics by his pilot which included some loops. His story about the force of "G" being so great that his eyes were nearly pulled out should not be believed.

The present term started with a visit to the Lydd ranges for .303 shooting. Here, a number of cadets were introduced to this heavier type of rifle for the first time. Firing an S.M.L.E. can be quite an experience, and the noise and recoil has to be heard and felt to be believed. Some good cards were shot, and, with a little more practice, the Squadron should soon be challenging outside teams with confidence.

Map reading was continued with an evening's exercise in the Peasmarsh area. This was won by the group captained by Cpl. Cheesemur, who, as well as being obviously proficient at map reading, is making very good progress with his voluntary aero modelling group after Mondays parades.

Candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award are now making progress and a number have almost completed their Bronze. At the moment, it looks as if Pern, S. is going to be the first by a short head.

Eleven probationers joined us at the beginning of term and showed up well during the annual inspection, carried out soon after the Easter holidays. The official report is still awaited, but the verbal comments of the inspecting officer suggests that he was well pleased with everything he saw during his visit.

RED CROSS REPORT

This year we were pleased to welcome Miss Points as our acting Cadet Officer to deputize for Mrs. Mair who is now our Divisional Youth Officer. We also have nine new cadets, but have unfortunately lost quite a few senior cadets.

The annual Remembrance Day parade and Commonwealth Youth Sunday Service were attended as usual, and a few cadets were invited to the A.G.M. of the Rye Senior Division, on May 10th.

The first meeting of the Autumn Term was in the form of a talk given by Cherryl Tottenham and Susan Palmer, two cadets who attended the summer camp for handicapped children at Crowborough. Susan was chosen as the most outstanding cadet with the younger children, and Cherryl, to whom a special invitation to return has been extended, was chosen as the best East Sussex cadet present. We would especially like to congratulate her for this.

We started a course of lectures on Home Nursing, given by Mrs. Ferguson and also had an extremely interesting lecture by Dr. Eland on the practices of mediaeval and primitive medicines.

On November 28th, all the Rye, Hastings, Ore and Link units were presented to the Duchess of Norfolk's daughter, Lady Mary Fitz-Allen Howard. Also present was our County Youth Officer, Miss Pope, who performed one of her much-dreaded rigorous inspections. After the tea very kindly provided by Mrs. Seward we saw a play performed by the Link detachment and saw slides of the Crowborough camp, and of a mock rescue search on the Downs by the Hastings Senior cadets.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, Cherryl Tottenham was chosen to represent the Guides and Red Cross on the newly reinstated School Council, and has succeeded in bringing to the notice of the Council the fact that our annual Crèche on Open Day is not publicised enough.

The Home Nursing examination was taken on March 10th, and all cadets passed well, three gaining Proficiency medals. This means that Susan Palmer, Ann Boots, Norma Beaney and Sandra Delamere have succeeded in gaining their Grand Proficiency medals, and are to be congratulated.

On March 23rd a few cadets were enrolled at Cross House, Udimore. Our thanks go to Mrs. Holmes for all the trouble she had in arranging this.

The Unit has not been especially active during the Summer Term. For the first few weeks we prepared our entries for a handicraft competition in which Sandra Delamere gained a first prize in her section, and Susan Palmer and Julia Rudkin-Jones had their entries very highly recommended.

The final event to date was the visit to the Pestalozzi Village at Sedlescombe for the Open Day. Many cadets saw the Tibetans and

their house for the first time, and for the others there was dancing in national costume by the Tibetans and some older Polish girls.

It is hoped that our annual Open Day Crèche will be a success, and that it will obtain more support than on previous years.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Points for her support and enthusiasm throughout the year, and also Mrs. Mair for her continual advice.

Alison Banks, U VI (Assistant Cadet Officer)

RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

At the beginning of the Spring Term the first meeting of the newly-formed School Council was held. Its aim is to act as a liaison between the Headmaster and the school, and it meets twice a term. The Headmaster and Miss Dann are President and Vice-President respectively, and the School Captains are joint chairmen. The Staff is represented by Miss Allen and Mr. Sealy. Every Upper School form, all the Houses, and all the societies and clubs also send a representative.

The main theme of discussion this year has been the various money-raising projects for the intended Sixth Form common room. The success of the Sixth Form auction and the recent Half Term dance is due almost entirely to the efforts of two members of the council, R. Spencer and B. Dennis, to whom the council extended a vote of thanks. The council has also been active in setting up a sub-committee to arrange most of the Open Day activities, the proceeds of which will go towards the common room. The council's latest plan is a bicycle and car rally to be held after examinations.

Unfortunately the Council has not received many suitable suggestions from the rest of the school, who may express their views through their form, house, or club representative. The council is always open to feasible propositions and would welcome any that were forthcoming. It is to be hoped that these will be more numerous at future meetings.

Alison Banks, U VI (Hon. Sec.)

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY REPORT

This has been a relatively quiet year for the society, and although the committee has worked hard to arrange fixtures there have often been difficulties in concluding final arrangements. Nevertheless, we managed our full quota of meetings and an additional visit to a London show ("A Funny Thing") in the Autumn term.

One of the highlights of the programme was a confrontation between staff and "sixth" which almost developed into a science v. arts conflict, with senior members applying "kindle" in the shape of provocative questions. The discussions, which released the full rhetoric of our most accomplished orators, was accompanied by remarks of a more doubtful significance by others in the audience. Preceded by an energetic quiz of Rye versus The Rest, the entertainment provided a highly enjoyable evening.

We were honoured by three guest speakers : Dr. Townsend on the medical service as a career, the Hastings Area Probation Officer on a most interesting talk about his work and profession, and finally a lecture provided by the British Iron and Steel Federation on progress in the industry. The other items provided during the year were ; a debate with Hastings Grammar (which we lost convincingly) on the mentally-deforming motion :

"Extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice, liberation in the defence of freedom is no virtue."

and a film and commentary on the Television industry. Taken overall we perhaps achieved a more varied programme than we have managed for some time.

Our thanks again to Mr. White and Miss Allen for their considerable advice and moral support, and to the school captains for providing the committee with vigour and practicability. A.G.P.

THE FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

Our service this year was held on the 13th October and was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Cole, O.B.E.

The school choir opened the service with the introt "Enrich, Lord, heart, mouth, hand in me," which was followed by the Commemoration Prayer. In addition to the traditional hymns and lessons, the choir sang the anthem "For all the saints."

In his interesting and instructive address the Rev. Cole spoke of seeing things in their true colours. After the last hymn, "O Jesus I have promised," the choir sang Purcell's "The Lord bless thee," and then followed the Blessing.

ELECTION 1964

The school followed its usual practice this year of holding an election at the time when the country was going to the polls. It was organized as a serious exercise in politics and current affairs. Four candidates stood for election :

Mr. John Apps (Radical Independent Democrat)
 Mr. Keith Hatter (Labour)
 Mr. Philip Mephram (Communist)
 Mr. Andrew Page (National Liberal Conservative)

All candidates posted notices throughout the school but unfortunately many of these dealt with the rather frivolous aspects of their campaigns.

The meetings in the Hall were well supported but one or two developed into slanging matches between the candidates. At one regrettable meeting the Labour and Conservative candidates combined, by some unusual twist of their manifestos, to decry and destroy the action of the Independent candidate, Mr. John Apps. Alas, they did not seem to realize until afterwards that they harmed their own campaigns more than Mr. Apps's !

The Conservatives were returned with a reduced majority.

Results :

Mr. Andrew Page	202
Mr. John Apps	109
Mr. Philip Mephram	59
Mr. Keith Hatter	50

CAROL SERVICE 1964

The Carol Service was held this year on Friday, December 18th, the last afternoon of the term, in the school hall. It was the traditional nine-lesson Carol Service opening with the hymn "Once In Royal David's City." The Bidding Prayer was read by the headmaster and the nine lessons were read by Carol Munn, Mr. Robinson, A. Richards, Miss Allen, Ruth Hamilton, K. Hatter, Barbara Elphick, A. Milnes and Miss Dann. There were several items by the choir including an American Spiritual 'Rise Up Shepherd an' Foller' and 'Chanticleer' and the Coventry Carol, both traditional English Carols, and a great deal of credit must go to Miss Benton for their professional performance. The collection taken during the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day this year fell on January 29th, and was attended by one of the largest audiences of guests and parents for some time.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Governors, Miss Warren, the Vice-Chairman, welcomed the guest speaker Mrs. Mary Stocks and all those who had come from outside the school for the occasion, and remarking on the illness of Colonel Rendal, wished him a speedy recovery—a sentiment echoed by all.

The second item on the programme was a performance of the school choir. Under the direction of Miss Benton and supported by a well-regimented wind ensemble, they enacted three pieces with considerable aplomb.

In his annual report, the Headmaster stated that more people than ever before were attempting the General Certificate of Education at "A" and "O" Level. This year it would be almost half the school, and in consequence no less than sixteen people had gained provisional acceptances at universities or university colleges from the sixth form, and that many more were going on to Teacher Training and Technical Colleges. A high standard of success had been achieved in all public examinations. Commenting on the exchange system now in operation between Rye's two secondary schools, Mr. Buttery stated that now no child with a sufficiently high academic standard could be deprived of a sixth form education. But this was only one side to the life of an institution such as R.G.S., which also offered to prospective students a wide range of hobbies, societies and vocations. The strength of these were a credit to the school, and it was characteristic of this vitality that plans were now in hand to construct, with the aid of some County Council finance, a Sixth Form Common Room that would be a benefit, not for those who presently conceived it, but for future generations.

After the presentations which followed, the school settled in rapt attention to listen to Mrs. Stocks discourse. On opening her speech she said that obviously contemporary events had shown that however successful a school was, it was no guarantee of exemption from educational change. Taking travel for her theme, a subject of course on which she is expert. Mrs. Stocks went on to describe how she felt it broadened the mind. It was not, she said, where and why one travelled, but how one travelled. Here was the essence of character-building exercise illuminating the practise with various references to sardines, margarine and air-hostesses, it proved one the the most interesting performances to be seen at Speech Day for some time.

The occasion ended with the National Anthem and traditional votes of thanks to the Speaker (by Mrs. Binnie) and to Miss Warren (by H. C. Pattison, Esq.). The school captains, Alan Richards and Carol Munn, then presented Mrs. Stocks with a lamp standard especially constructed by the woodwork department, and an enchanting collection of flowers arranged by the art department.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS 1963-64

Athletics :	Bishop Shield	Sanders
Cricket :	Heron-Wilson Shield	Meryon
Crosscountry :	Merricks Cup	Meryon
Football :	Dunlop Shield	Meryon
Gymnastics (Boys) :	Schofield Shield	Peacocke
Gymnastics (Girls) :	Howlett Cup	Meryon
Hockey :	Old Scholars' Shield	Sanders

Netball :	Hepworth Shield	Meryon
Swimming :	Winterbottom Cup	Sanders
Tennis :	Lady Maud Warrender Shield	Sanders
House Championship	(Games)	Sanders
Speech :	Gwynne Shield	Sanders
Music :	Wareham Cup	Sanders
House Championship	(Work)	Sanders

PRIZE LIST 1963-64

LOWER SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—G. Ashdown, N. Chamberlain, Virginia Dickinson, J. Fisher, Mary Geaney, D. Johnson, Caroline Neil, S. Nesbitt.
WOODWORK PRIZE—A. Gotts.
HANDWRITING PRIZES—Jennifer Hales, Eileen Odell, G. Parrott
SPEECH PRIZES—Kay Baldock, M. Walker

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—P. Baker, Ann Boots, P. Chapman, Sandra Delemare, G. Jenner, Claire Laker, N. Savage, M. Webb
HANDWRITING PRIZES—Alaine Harvey, Susan Kinnes
SPEECH PRIZE—A. Milnes
PROGRESS PRIZES (FIRST THREE YEARS) (Capt. & Mrs. Barclay)—Ann Batcheler, J. Prus
PROGRESS PRIZES (FOURTH YEAR) (Parents' Association)—T. Jeal, Nicole Pelling
WOODWORK PRIZE—C. Healey
JUNE GILL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY—Lynne Morgan
MISS E. A. TURNER'S PRIZE FOR 'O' LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE—Pamela Blair, Susan Ritter

UPPER SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—Pat Comport, Beryl Dunn, R. Forward, N. Hatcher, R. Huxstep, A. Lambourne, Lindsay MacDonell, M. McGann, Carol Munn, A. Richards, W. Russell
GEORGE HICKMAN PRIZE FOR 'O' LEVEL MATHEMATICS—M. Seale
TUNSTALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY—Ann Myles, Susan Turner
PROGRESS PRIZE (FIFTH YEAR) (A. Penny, Esq.)—P. Wood
OLD SCHOLARS' PRIZES—D. Lambert, Gillian Rootes

SPECIAL PRIZES

PRIZES FOR BEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO RYA
Jane Allbeury, Rosemary Kinnes
SENIOR MASTER'S A.T.C. PRIZE (E. Robinson, Esq.) H. Jones
PRIZE FOR SINGING (J. W. Foster, Esq.) Jennifer Burke
NEWTON PRIZE FOR READING J. Apps

JOHN LARKIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING	A. Page
ANNE E. BEEVERS CUP FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE	Janice Miller
DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE (Mrs. Wethey)	Gillian Rothwell
PRIZE FOR ENGINEERING DRAWING (R. J. Reynolds, Esq.)	M. Tree
PRIZE FOR DIVINITY (Miss Prentice)	Christine Oates
GENERAL STUDIES PRIZE (H. B. Douglas, Esq.)	C. Johnson
PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY (The Mayor of Rye)	J. Dixon
PRIZE FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE (Miss Warren)	Sandra Mitchell
PRIZE FOR GERMAN	Heather Bather
PRIZE FOR LATIN (Mrs. Binnie)	Heather Bather
PRIZE FOR FRENCH (Ald. D. A. Candler)	C. Skinner
THE CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE	Janet deGruchy
WALTER COLVIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS	M. Crawford-Jones, M. Seeley
MOLYNEUX JENKINS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS	J. Harvey
SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S PRIZE	Heather Bather
THE TROLLOPE AWARD	R. Datchler

THE VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR

After speeding through "30-mile-limited" Brighton at least 50 m.p.h. on the evening of November 24th our coach—party of staff and pupils (almost equal in numbers) arrived at the Dome with a few minutes to spare.

We had come to hear the Vienna Boys' Choir, and were very soon rewarded with the appearance of the boys and their musical director, Herrmann Furthmoser. Dressed in their cotton "sailor-suits" with the Austrian Eagle on the front, the boys began with three songs in Latin, and Psalm 150 sung in German. Then followed a wonderful arrangement of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," during which the excellence of Herr Furthmoser was brought over to the audience. The boys managed the Old English admirably, and several carols were sung as solos.

The choristers then proceeded to show that their prowess was not merely confined to singing by performing a short comic operetta by Jacques Offenbach entitled "Wedding by Candlelight," in which some of the boys dressed up as girls, and the dialogue was in English. The dialogue and acting was tackled with all the confidence, ability, and enjoyment in the world, and the sight of one tiny boy, dressed in peasant's clothes declaring that he "didn't want to be a widow any more" was just too much!

The concert ended with a recital of songs by Schubert and Mozart, and a series of waltzes and folk-songs. During these last songs the honours were passed from one boy to another, and the popularity of these last songs caused the extension of the concert into at least three encores. Regretfully creeping out during the last of these, in the hope of getting home at a respectable time, we stood rooted in the gangway listening to the tiniest chorister (who, we were assured, was by rule over ten years old, but who seemed no more than six) giving a solo performance. Eventually pulling ourselves away, we arrived home just before midnight. Thanks are of course due to Miss Benton for arranging this marvellous trip.

A.M.C.B., U.VI

S.C.M. CONFERENCE

On October 14th, several members of the Sixth Form attended an S.C.M. Conference at Hastings: the speakers were the Reverend D. Carpenter, Vicar of St. Mary's, Eastbourne and a Methodist Minister, the Reverend A. Morris. Before the interval (during which one gravitated, according to one's conscience, towards either the Coca-cola or the S.C.M.S. books, both of which were on sale) questions concerning the Church were discussed. Afterwards, questions on more varied subjects such as predestination religious education in schools, and 'moral issues' (which last were rather obviously avoided) were discussed. The discussion was uneven, as so much more attention was given to the first group of questions, but there were some very interesting answers given. We felt, too, that the Conference suffered in that it was not a conference, for the audience had no opportunity to express its views, as had been the case previously, but on this occasion the time devoted to it was not a day, as before, but only two hours. The Chairman, who 'knew we had all enjoyed it,' having wound up proceedings, departure was made to our several coaches. Our thanks go to Mr. Gaunt and Miss Getley for arranging this very interesting visit.

Alison Hadley

THE "DUNERA"

Late in the Spring Term, more than sixty members of the school, with four members of the staff, left Rye on one of the most exciting trips ever to be undertaken by Rye Grammar. We were to sail on the floating school "Dunera" to Greece and Turkey by way of Venice and the Adriatic.

We had been well briefed. For several months, and always with increasing excitement, weekly meetings had been held to review the situation and ply us with seemingly larger and larger quantities of information, booklets, phrase-books and advice.

The air journey to Venice was distinctly uncomfortable, and considerably more cramped than the coaches that had taken us to Gatwick. A short stop at Le Bourget gave surprised French customs and maintenance men the opportunity of seeing dozens of half suffocated English schoolchildren struggling to disengage themselves from the pressurised incinerator.

But Venice was worth it. Half expecting to see a disintegrating ruin from what acid comment we had read in the travel press we were surprised at the eternal beauty of the city. A little tarnished perhaps, but still queen of the Adriatic. Being one of the last groups aboard, we had little time to view her works, for two hours later we sailed from St. Mark's dock into the open sea. Our next stop was Corfu, and so we had a whole day to investigate the running organisation of the 'Dunera.'

Corfu was full of typical slavonic smells. But it was gorgeously picturesque and unspoilt, guarded by twin Venetian Castles and mighty battlements. After a morning tour of the island, which took us through the hot, barren mountainside to the imperial Achillian Palace—home of the German Kaisers, and now a casino—to the museum at Corfu and the famous "Mouse-Island," we were allowed the rest of the day free. Wandering happily through the ancient, crowded streets this was a first view for most of us of Mediterranean society.

The following day we embarked on our second excursion of the trip. After landing at the small town of Itea, the party boarded coaches for Delphi, high in the hills behind the town. The journey was perhaps more horrifying than we envisaged. The road twisted torturously up vertical slopes and rocky gorges. On arrival we were conducted through the museum which contained most of the 'finds' associated with the Oracle, including the great Fourth Century bronze charioteer." The rest of the day was a feast for innumerable amateur photographers, who clicked merrily through reel after reel of film. The Treasures of the Athenians, the Castellan Spring, the Temple of Atherae and the Gymnasium, all were committed to celluloid countless times.

And so on to Istanbul. It was three days before we passed through the mouth of the Dardenelles. Those with a sense of time were tremendously excited by the sight of the English and Onca War Memorial at Galipoli. The great seaway was full of shipping, liners, coasters, oilers, cargo-boats, showing the Flags of every nation in the world, Russia, Japan, France, Turkey, India.

The following morning, as we neared Istanbul it began to rain, and it continued to changeable throughout our stay, but nevertheless our photographers managed to obtain some fine 'atmosphere' shots of the old forts and the busy port itself. Our tour of the city included all the heritage of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires: St. Sophia, the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome and the Topkapi; where all the most fabulous treasures of the Sultans rest. In the evening we were entertained on board by the Black Sea troupe and were ourselves hosts to many Turkish students.

But we were on the return journey now, and throughout the trip to Athens, our last port of call before Venice, and then England. The ship rolled heavily in big seas.

On the 20th of March we sailed into Piraeus. As usual we were allowed half the day free, and we all opted to go into Athens. This was achieved, although not without difficulty, on Athen's single underground line (to them it's the ultimate in technology) and we emerged somewhat bruised, but completely whole, in the city centre.

Our organised coach trip in the afternoon took us straight to the Parthenon, there we were shown through the museum and informed by a sarcastic guide that should we really want to see the beauties of the Acropolis, then the British Museum was our best hope. She was met by a burst of patronic slogans. But of all the many exciting places we had seen on our travels, most agreed that the Parthenon, bleak and yet still beautiful, was the most exciting.

Even four days at sea could not disguise the fact that now the holiday was almost over, and now the whole party was glad to see Venice, which most of us had longed to visit again since that first day a fortnight ago.

The party was allowed seven hours in the city, and there was much to explore: St. Mark's, the Bridge of Sighs, the Grand Canal, the Gambia University and the Ducal Palace all came under close inspection. The great majority managed to spend the last few lira as we gathered together our final quota of bangles and momentoes. But the excitement was not quite over. On arriving next day at the Marco Polo Airport, a semi-constructed concrete refrigerator, we were informed that the Britannia designated to take us home had decided to break down. The result was an eighteen-hour long wait, first at the airport and then in allocated hotels. Finally at six o'clock on the fourth of April we touched down at Gatwick, tired, dishevelled, hungry but remarkably cheerful and happy. It was the end of a great adventure.

1st XI FOOTBALL REPORT

Owing to the general inexperience of the side, this season has not been particularly successful, but members of the team who will be playing next season have gained valuable experience as to the standard required in 1st XI football.

Although the side was beaten in the majority of matches, in a one; such exceptions as the 3-3 draw with Eastbourne in which the number of notable exceptions a fine performance was given by every-whole team played well above its usual standard. Also in the match with Bexhill Grammar, probably our strongest opponents, the team played very good football and gave them a very good and hard game.

We began the season with Tree in goal, but as the term progressed, his services were needed in the field and Sheddon replaced him in this position—he played very well, and, being only a junior member, should contribute greatly to the 1st XI next season.

Goodsell has performed well at centre-forward and has scored the majority of the goals.

The defence has been improving during the season and Oliver should be congratulated on keeping it together and on playing consistently well.

Although the results were not very encouraging, everyone enjoyed the matches very much, and it is hoped that the team will do better next year.

The team was chosen from :—

J. Leahy, P. Oliver, M. Tree, N. Marshall, I. Sheddon, J. Wilson, M. Bennett, G. Alcock, D. Brown, C. Healey, P. Goodsell, K. Stunt, G. Wickenden.

Thanks should go to Mr. Holness for taking an active interest and for coaching the side, and to Mr. Allnut for arranging the fixtures, and to the various masters who gave up their time to referee the matches.

Results :—

Played—21 Won—8 Drawn—1 Lost—12
J. Leahy, L. VI

'UNDER 14' FOOTBALL SEASON 1964-1965

The season opened disastrously with three defeats, after which the goal average was 1 for and 28 against. Although two more heavy defeats followed at least good wins were gained against Goudhurst. Two games against Homewood and Hastings Secondary Modern were drawn.

In the Easter term the team settled down more, and indeed did very well to keep their defeat against Harvey G.S. to 3—0. The season ended in a blaze of glory with three wins, and a goal average for these three games of 19 for and 3 against.

Generally speaking, the team played whole heartedly though one or two members failed in this respect, and the experiment of replacing them late in the season with players of less technical ability but greater fire paid dividends. Boxall was a strong centre-half and a reliable captain. Gowlett had a good season at left back; Broomfield's energy and enthusiasm was delightful, whilst the form of Crouch and Goodlett, both younger members of the side, was most encouraging and indeed promises well for next season. Fuller improved enormously during the season, and finally proved a very good right half. Finally, mention must be made of Simmonds in goal, who played much better than the goals against column suggests, and who on many occasions saved the team from heavy defeat.

Too many players were tried to give a comprehensive list of all who played. The following is a synopsis of the season's record :—
Played 13, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 6, For 35, Against 53

B. V. Sealy

1st XI CRICKET

We started the season with only two of last year's XI which meant a lack of experience in all departments. Considering this the results of the matches so far have been fair—two won, two drawn and three lost.

The faster bowlers have bowled accurately which has meant low scoring games against Ashford G.S., Haywards Heath G.S. and Goudhurst. Unfortunately the batting has not been of the same standard. Too many wickets have been thrown away at the start of the innings, leaving the middle and tail-end batsmen with an impossible task.

The team has been chosen from:— P. Oliver (Capt.), M. Tree (W.K.), T. Thompson, P. Goodsell, R. Bourne, B. Hall, N. Marshall, C. Noakes, J. Sheppard, E. Igglesden, D. Brown, B. Cornes and Swan. Colours have been renewed to P. Oliver and awarded to M. Tree.

Results

v Eastbourne G.S. 162 for 4 dec. R.G.S. 62. Lost
v Headmaster's XI. 139 for 8 dec. R.G.S. 134 for 8. Drawn
R.G.S. 56 v Bexhill G.S. 59 for 1. Lost
v Ashford G.S. 106 for 7 dec. R.G.S. 82 for 8. Drawn.
v Haywards Heath G.S. 80 for 8 dec. R.G.S. 56. Lost.
v Goudhurst 55. R.G.S. 57 for 5. Won.
v Parkhurst 48. R.G.S. 49 for 4. Won.

2nd XI

Played 4 Won 2 Lost 2

U. 14 XI

Played 4 Lost 4

U. 13 XI

Played 1 Won 1

U. 15 XI

Played 6 Won 4 Lost 1 Tied 1

The Under 15 XI is having its most successful season for some years due mainly to outstanding contributions by R. Bourne (146 runs including 59 v Rye C.S. School and 29 wickets for 144 runs) ably assisted by P. Ewart (12 wickets for 85 runs).

We have reached the semi-final of the East Sussex Knock-out Cup by defeating Hailsham C.S., Lewes C.S., and Rye C.S. schools after the first game v Rye C.S. finished as a tie 109 each.

The team has been chosen from:— R. Bourne (Capt.), Parkes (W.K.), Ewart, Simmonds, Webbb, Gower, Crouch, Steele, Wickenden, Strange, Milnes, Pern, S. and Boxall.

Our thanks are due to the scorers:—T. Rothwell, A. Page, R. Whyatt and R. Firrell.

HOCKEY REPORT

If success is to be measured in matches won, then the 1st XI has not had a particularly successful year! However, both the 1st and 2nd XI's have played well generally, and with much enthusiasm. Indeed, at times, this 'enthusiasm' of the 2nd XI has caused a few raised eyebrows at the more 'sedate' schools that we visited.

In the Autumn term, Marilyn Tree, Margaret Oxenham and Gillian Winterbottom went to Eastbourne to compete in the Junior Hockey trials; unfortunately, none were picked to play in the teams.

Due to bad weather, the Old Scholars' match had to be cancelled this year; we hope to play them again next season however.

On behalf of the 1st and 2nd XI's, I would like to thank Miss McBride for the help and patience throughout the season; and secondly, Miss Banner—with apologies for all those times we dragged her out of bed to umpire matches.

Results

Autumn Term

	1st XI	2nd XI
Ashford Grammar	lost 0—1	won 2—1
Hastings High	lost 1—3	won 3—0
Ancaster House	lost 1—3	drew 1—1
Charters Towers	lost 1—2	won 2—1
Bexhill Grammar	lost 1—0	won 5—2
Convent of Our Lady	won 4—0	

Three matches cancelled

Spring Term

Ashford Grammar	lost 1—4	won 4—1
Tonbridge Wells G.S.	won 4—3	lost 1—3
Winceby House	lost 1—3	won 3—0
Bexhill Grammar	lost 0—1	won 3—1
Hastings High	won 3—0	won 3—0
Ancaster House	lost 1—3	drew 1—1
Winceby House	lost 1—2	lost 1—2

Two matches cancelled

AUTUMN TERM NETBALL REPORT

This season has not been very successful for either the U14 VII or the U13 VII. Neither team has won a match although there have been several draws.

U14 Team—G.K., Elaine Williams, G.D., Veronica Johnson, W.D., Lita Bailey, C., Kay Baldock, W.A., Sarah Nash, G.A., Christine Bourne, G.S., Eileen Odell (Captain). Res. Janet Kent.

U13 Team—G.K., Linda Oakman, G.D., Gillian Hills, W.D., Penny Lee, C., Rosemary Kinnes (Captain), W.A., Margaret Smith, G.A., Linda Bennett, G.S., Nicola Kingdon. Res. Elizabeth Standen.

On behalf of both teams I would like to thank Miss McBride for her short stay here.

Results:

	U14	U13
Hastings H.S.	Lost 18—9	Lost 19—3
Charters Towers	Drew 11—11	
Bexhill G.S.	Lost 25—9	Lost 23—5
Convent of Our Lady	Drew 12—12	

CROSS COUNTRY

This was a season without much real success although a good deal of effort and sweat was expended in the fields of the surrounding area. The Junior team in particular put in some hard work but found things a little too tough in inter-school matches.

The Intermediate team fared a little better and in the East Sussex Championships were ninth from 22 teams; a creditable team effort to back N. Marshall who was the seventh individual to finish in a field of something like 130. In the past two years our results have not lived up to the standards set during the previous four, when in particular our Intermediate team won the East Sussex three times and were second once and we were represented at National level on three occasions.

Next season we must put this right!

Colours were awarded to N. Marshall.

The school cross country, if you can recall that far, was postponed on the first occasion because of a very solid snowfall which might have seen the end of some small lad in a snow-filled ditch, but was completed at the second attempt in muddy conditions and the Houses are to be congratulated on a very full turn out of competitors (all of whom finished sooner or later).

The individual medal winners were:—

Junior—P. Felstead	19m. 26s.
Lower Middle—J. Radford	23m. 10s.
Upper Middle—P. Ewart	22m. 36s.
Senior (Foy Trophy)—J. Huxstep, J. Leahy, N. Marshall	28m. 47s.

ROUNDERS REPORT 1965

Under XIV's Team—B, Janet Kent (captain); B.S., Kay Baldock; I st.P., Eileen Odell; 2nd P., Susan Billington; 3rd P., Janet Chapman; 4th P., Sarah Nash; 1st D., Christine Bourne; 2nd D., Veronica Johnson; 3rd D., Jill Wake; Res., Anne Ashenden.

Under XIII's Team—B., Heather Baker; B.S., Penny Lee; I st. P., Peta Kent-Nye; 2nd P., Linda Oakman; 3rd P., Margaret Smith; 4th P., Linda Bennett (Captain); 1st D., Nichola Kingdon; 2nd D., Jill Handley; 3rd D., Rosemary Kinnes; Res., Gillian Hills.

The under 13's have been quite successful so far this season for they have won most of their games. The under 14's have not been quite so successful, for they have lost all their matches by one or two rounders each game. Unfortunately neither team has had the opportunity to practise very much, and considering this point both teams have done well.

BASKETBALL

The area competition was run on a league basis for the first time and was a very successful affair. Playing on a home and away system with each school playing each other twice gave us a very full fixture list in the Christmas term, but kept teams up to a very high peak of performance.

The Under 14 team did not compete but played two friendly matches—both lost—but only just and the feeling amongst the team and spectators was that these two games could just as easily have been won with luck on our side. In the league the Under 15 team played 7, lost 5 and won 2, but here again we came from some matches having lost by one basket and feeling “robbed,” and next season should see this team a very strong one. The Under 16s really played some good basketball during the season, winning 7 games against 3 lost and here the shooting was first rate even though some of the baskets which our shooters scored with great nonchalance seemed from the sidelines to have more than a trace of “jam” about them.

Colours were re-awarded to G. Alcock, M. Tree and awarded to N. Marshall and A. Gumbly.

The inter-House competitions started this year also saw some very exciting competition and it was good to see our first and second year boys playing with a fair degree of skill.

The winning House was Sanders with Peacocke second and Meryon third.

BOYS' TENNIS REPORT

Boys' tennis, as indeed other events, has been affected by the shortness of the term. We have, however, managed to play three matches before the examinations and we have a further three fixtures after their conclusion. The results of these matches have been very pleasing—dare I say the best yet in boys' tennis! The senior boys have won two of the three matches played, and only lost the third by a small margin—one game.

The under-thirteen team which played against Brockhill on the 4th June lost heavily, but I am told that they played well and that the only thing that kept them down was experience. At the moment the juniors are not doing so well, but I am sure that when their turn comes, they will uphold the name of boys' tennis at R.G.S.

As usual we would all like to thank Mr. Holness for his help and encouragement, as well as Mrs. Agulnik for the use of the courts at Saltcote and the person or persons unknown who supplied us with tea after our home matches.

(J. Luck)

GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

1st VI—1st, J. Bell (captain), C. Springford; 2nd, J. Care, C. Buttery; 3rd, A. Banks, E. Marshall.

2nd VI—1st, J. Hyde (captain), A. Davies; 2nd, S. Ritter, J. Bridges; 3rd, S. Robertson, G. Winterbottom.
Reserves—C. Johnson, S. Murphy, S. Palmer.

This season has been quite a successful one for the first team, although unfortunately the weather has prevented many matches from taking place.

The failures of the second six are perhaps partly due to the fact that a few of the players were unable to attend certain matches.

Results were as follows—

	1st VI	2nd VI
Hastings High School	won	lost
Bexhill Grammar School	lost	lost
Charters Towers	won	lost

J. Bell and C. Springford were very successful in the South Eastern Counties Tournament held at Lewes, coming first in their section.

The school first six played their annual match against Leasam House, but were defeated due to the stronger opposition.

On behalf of the teams, I would like to thank Miss McBride for her coaching, patience, and support.

(J. Bell)

ATHLETICS REPORT

The term got off to a very quick start with the first fixture being in the very first week. The match, a triangular against Crowborough and Claverham was contested in the junior and intermediate age groups, with Claverham winning overall and ourselves second.

After a postponement, the area meeting to decide East Sussex competitors was held at Robertsbridge; this time our school teams were successful and won by a large margin.

Through this meeting, the school was represented in the East Sussex by fourteen junior boys, eight junior girls, nineteen intermediate boys and five intermediate girls. The entire senior teams (boys and girls) went through unopposed. With this number of competitors, we went to Newhaven for the Championships with some confidence, but the opposition was so fierce that the junior and intermediate boys' and girls' teams did not reach the first three places (actual results are not yet known).

The senior teams had greater success, with the girls a creditable third and the boys, although gaining fifty-four points, a total good enough to secure the trophy most years, had to be content with second place, conceding last year's trophy to Lewes Grammar School.

From this meeting, three girls and eight boys will represent East Sussex in the County Championships at Brighton. They are—

- E. Firmin—80 metres hurdles. Senior girls
- E. Marshall—high jump. Senior girls
- J. Care—Javeline. Senior girls
- P. Whiteman—80 yards hurdles. Junior boys
- M. Webb—Triple jump. Intermediate boys
- I. Sheddon—Shot. Intermediate boys
- J. Walmsley—100 yds., 220 yds.—Senior boys
- A. Webber—Discus. Senior boys
- J. Wilson—Triple jump. Senior boys
- E. Bennett—High jump. Senior boys
- R. Forward—Shot. Senior boys

SWIMMING REPORT

I am pleased to report that this year an increasing number of competitions have taken place. For the first time there was an East Sussex Swimming Championship, which made necessary an area meeting to decide on competitors from schools in this part of East Sussex. Those schools participating were Rye Secondary Modern, Bexhill Down Secondary School, and ourselves. Despite incessant rain, this well-run, small meeting was very enjoyable (all the more so since we were overall winners by one point from Bexhill Down) and special mention must be made of Gillian Winterbottom's valiant one hundred yards Back Crawl which gave us three valuable points.

Swimmers competing in the East Sussex Championship as a result of the area meeting are:

- J. Wake—100 yds. Back Crawl. Intermediate girls
- D. Pemberton—100 yds. Front Crawl. Intermediate girls
- D. Bradley—50 yds. Back Crawl. Junior boys
- Pern (S)—100 yds. Back Crawl. Intermediate boys
- Parkes—100 yds. Breast Stroke. Intermediate boys
- Marshall—100 yds. Back Crawl. Senior boys

The Intermediate Girls' Freestyle Relay Team are:

- J. Wake, P. Kent-Nye, S. Binge, D. Pemberton.

The Senior Boys' Freestyle Relay Team are:

- E. Thompson, N. Marshall, S. Allbeury, D. Fountain.

Details have now come to hand concerning the results of the East Sussex Championships. At a very well organised meeting in the attractive indoor heated pool at Crowborough, the area team competed to good account and finished 2nd, but even more worthy from the school's point of view was the fact that Bradley, Parkes and Marshall all won their events and will now be representing East Sussex at County level with the chance then of fame at National level.

SPORTS DAY

We had our usual good fortune with the weather this year until later in the afternoon when the wind became stronger. However, there was no rain!

The inter-house competition was strongly contested, with results uncertain until the final relays, but eventually Sanders emerged victors with 428½ points to Meryon's 383½ and Peacocke's 373.

Owing, perhaps, to the wind, no records were broken round the track, but with its assistance in the straight and in the long jump and triple jump, a number of these records went. Records broken were:

- M. Crouch—Hurdles. Junior boys 11.7s.
- M. Crouch—Triple jump. Junior boys 33' 8½"
- M. Webb—Triple jump. Middle boys 37' 11"
- A. Wickenden—Long jump. Middle boys 18' 1½"
- I. Sheddon, Shot. Middle boys 41' 11"
- J. Walmsley—100 yards. Senior boys 10.2s.
- E. Firmin—80m. Hurdles. Senior girls 14.4s.

Junior boys' champion—M. Crouch
Middle boys' champion—J. Wickenden
Senior boys' champion—J. Walmsley
Junior girls'—R. Kinnes
Middle girls'—S. Kinnes
Senior girls'—E. Firmin

Altogether, the afternoon was a most enjoyable one, made so by the reasonable behaviour of spectators, the keen competition and skill of the athletes, and last, but not least, by the industry of the staff in organising and 'running' the whole day.

VISITING THE B.B.C.

A few weeks ago, I had the good fortune to be invited to the B.B.C.'s sound studios by a producer of schools' broadcasts. In a studio of '1 Portland Place', I was allowed to see a rehearsal of a programme in the series 'Stories from World Story'. In the control room I met the producer and his assistant. They were sitting in front of a control panel and beyond this they looked into the studio through a large glass panel. A recording engineer in charge of six turntables and two tape recorders was also in the room. Looking through the glass panel, into the studio, I recognised Derek Guyler sitting with a group of twelve actors. He was playing the part of a schoolmaster (not his usual rôle with Michael Bentine).

I was impressed by the way the producer controlled the whole programme from his chair, and how the sound engineer brought in the needed sound effects exactly on cue. The actors were arranged in groups around many microphones, spaced throughout the studio to avoid congestion. The studio itself was carefully sound-proofed with thick carpets and sound-proofed panelling, to cut echoing to a minimum. As there were no windows in the studio it had to be air-conditioned to make a very pleasant atmosphere in which to work.

The actors were very careful to produce the best possible performance, for they rehearsed three hours for a twenty-minute programme.

(Walker, L3)

THE PLANETARIUM

In the Easter holidays, we paid a visit to the London Planetarium. This is a kind of 'star theatre', in which the stars and planets can be shown during the day. There are many of these planetaria in the world, but the one next to Madame Tussaud's is the only one in England.

The planetarium, viewed from the outside, is an enormous dome-shaped building; this, from the inside is seen to represent the sky. The auditorium is only open to the public immediately before a presentation. Beneath this is a place where astronomical literature and souvenirs can be bought.

Inside the dome itself there is a special type of projector, shaped like a pair of dumbbells, which projects the stars, the sun, the moon, and the planets on to the artificial 'sky'. These can be made to rise and set by moving the projector; to complete the illusion, the skyline of London is painted around the circumference of the auditorium.

At the start of a display, the sun is shown to set (much more quickly than in reality of course) and the sky becomes dark, the stars gradually appearing as it does so. In the course of a programme, a film is often projected on to the 'sky' to show any individual celestial object.

(N. Chamberlain, L3)

MEDITATION OF ST. PAUL IN CUSTODY

Can it be profiting,
All this confusion?
Taken from jail to jail,
All the way through?
Worshipped as a god,
Then stoned as a beast;
Offer'd burnt offerings,
Then beaten with rods.
As soon as we preached,
We were jeered at by mobs,
Then thrown into prison,
And threatened with death;
Shipwrecked on Malta,
Nearly killed in Judaea;
These terrible things?
Yes!
All for my King!

(N. Chamberlain, L.3)

IRELAND

If you want a bit of peace
And to park just where you like,
To drive along a quiet road,
No other car in sight,
Go to Ireland!
Though it may be August,
The beeches are serene,
The silver sands are gleaming,
There's no litter to be seen,
Lucky Ireland!

You can climb right up the mountains,
Go swimming in a loch,
They'll make you very welcome,
These friendly Irish folk.
Come to Ireland !

(Jennifer Hales, L3)

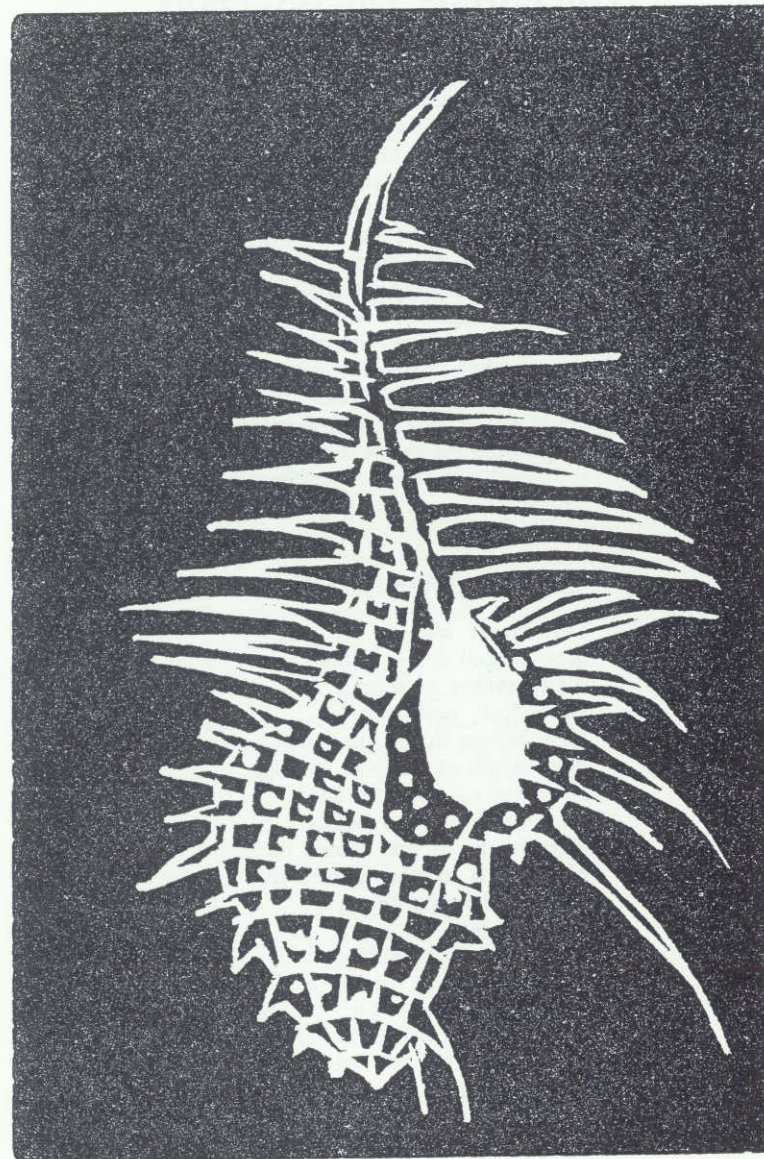
THE REFUGEES

All day they marched it seemed in vain,
Through thunder, lightning, wind and rain;
Just one thin line of waving people,
Marching strong till they saw the steeple.
Some nights they never even slept,
But through the dismal black they crept;
But then one day the line stood still—
And waited, waited, and still waits till,
Some person with the sacred key,
Will let them in, will let them see,
What they have wanted more each day,
What in one word you'll hear them say
Surely they'll not be turn'd away
From Freedom.

(Deborah J. Buttery, M.3)

What shall I do when I leave school ?
A millionaire for me !
I don't propose to be a fool
I'll catch him, just you see !
I don't propose to work and toil
But to live a life of leisure,
I don't intend my hands to soil,
I'm definitely one for pleasure !
To get him I must be discreet
And be all perfection,
I must be everything that's sweet
And escape all detection.
When I've got him on the hook
I'll plan my life with care
I won't blot my copy-book
For a millionaire is rare.

(Marianne Reed, M.3)



SHELL

Lino Cut by Ann Boots

THE END OF THE GALLEON

The proud new galleon rode the storm,
The man at the helm stood fast ;
He only wished to be safe on land,
And away from the storm's fierce blast.
The captain below in his cabin grand,
Was afraid that they'd soon go down,
And a hundred and twenty English men,
Would before the next day drown.
The galleon rode the stormy swell
And ploughed her way t'wards land,
The sailors struggled on and prayed
That they'd soon be safe on the sand.
With a crash that drowned the surge of the sea
The galleon struck a rock,
And the hundred and twenty English men
At a port would no more dock.

(Jennie Underhill, M.3)

A NEW SCHOOL

Off on my own,
New school for a home,
New teacher to meet,
New desk, new seat,
New rooms to get used to,
New windows to gaze through,
New lessons, new friends
New corridors and bends
New books to put names in
New fields to play games in,
New uniform to wear,
New prefects to bear,
New dinners to suffer,
Oh, roll, roll on supper !

(Susan Billington)

WISHFUL THINKING

O wouldn't it be better
If Persil now washed blacker
And Maltesers made you fatter than before,
If that Paint dripped and needed stirring—
The Sketch was only fit for burning
And Tigers in your tanks didn't roar.

If McDougall's flour was bumpy,
And Katy's Oxo gravy lumpy,
And Mild Green Fairy Liquid caused a rash,
If Sch— the word he would but utter,
If we could all tell Stork from butter,
And Van Den Bergh's would use up all their cash.
(Susan Kinnes, L.V.B.)

THE VILLAGE WATER PUMP

Bright and early in the morning,
Boys come running, stretching, yawning,
Cold and fresh the water's flowing,
Warm and dry the breeze is blowing,
Women come with baskets bulging,
In the gossip they're indulging,
Dirty washing, rubbing, scrubbing,
Still the waters keep on bubbling,
Girls are coming with them bringing,
Pails, while they are gaily singing,
Suddenly there is a hush,
No more bustle, hurry, rush,
The afternoon is quiet and stilling,
No more pails are quickly filling,
The water-pump is quiet and grey,
Until tomorrow's dawning day.

(J. Cruttenden, L.V.B.)

ALONE

The wind, it blew, snow fell to the ground
Making all look white.
Shutting out the roaring sound,
Of the city's winter's night.
Through the streets, the lamp lights shining,
Casting shadows, starkly weird.
In the shelter of an awning
Huddled close from what he feared.
Coldness in this lonely city,
Freezing to the very heart.
Suddenly a cry of pity
Soul and body here on part.
Little form, snow shapeless, lifeless,
Peace at last for one so small.

From this world so selfish—thoughtless.
 Cruelty at last has caused his fall.
 But even now there's someone there,
 Beside the little boy.
 Stooping down to stroke his hair
 He's like a stiffened toy.
 "He should have stayed at home," they say.
 "He should have been in bed"
 "'Twas no night to be alone,
 No wonder that he's dead."
 They cannot understand that he,
 Was always on his own.
 They say "My goodness, how can this be?"
 The all have happy homes.

(Dianne Sherwood, L.6B.)

SUSAN CREEPS LIKE SNAIL

I sauntered slowly as I could,
 My steps wore on o'er path and road,
 And, all at once, I stopped, and stood
 Worn out, to shift my heavy load.
 From hand to hand I moved the weight
 While leaning on a neighbour's gate.
 Continuous as the flow of time
 That winds its never-ending way,
 The road appeared, an endless climb,
 Beside the Spring-time-green of May.
 I saw the place where my steps led,
 All of a HUNDRED YARDS ahead!
 The distance still was great, but fair
 It stood, in waving grass and fern,
 And now, at last, I'd soon be there
 —I'd but to make just one more turn.
 I wandered on, but had to rest
 Before I could attain my quest.
 And then, as I began once more
 Upon my journey, long, and dire,
 I saw, at last, the open door,
 Which was my one, most great, desire;
 And once inside, I'd sit and wait,
 And hope the bus would not be late.

Susan Plummer (LVI)

SCHOOL LEAVERS

U.VI GIRLS

Alison Banks
 Jennifer Bell
 Jeannette Bowdler
 Catherine Buttery
 Margaret Cantell
 Joyce Carey (V. Head Girl)
 Elizabeth Firmin
 Hilary Hamilton
 Elizabeth Marshall
 Carol Munn (Head Girl)
 Margaret Oxenham
 Christina Sherwood

U.VI BOYS

John Breeds
 Peter Eade
 John Luck
 Alan Richards (Head Boy)
 Richard Spencer (V. Head Boy)
 John Walmsley
 Grahame Alcock
 John Apps
 Terence Barden
 Malcolm Baxter
 Peter Buchan
 Michael Eldridge
 Robert Firrell
 Roger Huxstep
 Melvin McGann
 Christopher McLean
 David Mitchell
 Paul Oliver
 Martin Rowley
 Timothy De Steiger
 Roger Whyatt
 John Wilson

L.VI GIRLS

Daphne Butler
 Shirley Fleming
 Margaret Humphries
 Sally Jones
 Pamela Marshall
 Christine McKenzie
 Jennifer Miller
 Catherine Smith

L.VI BOYS

Michael Bennett
 Michael Butchers
 Richard Finch
 Roy Forward
 Anthony Lambourne
 John Sheppard
 Terence Thompson
 Alan Webber (Head Boy, Leasam)
 Christopher White

U.V. GIRLS

Judy Bowen
 Ingrid Burke
 Janet Mercer
 Linda Henderson
 Janet Hickman
 Pauline Knight
 June Nye
 Felicity Pope
 Suzanne Waterman

U.V BOYS

Adrian Gumbly
 Paul Meardon
 Mark Murray
 Anthony Sansom
 Derek Stonham
 Kenneth Stunt
 Neville Upton
 Barry Pemberton
 Bernard Tiltman

L.V. GIRLS

Jean McNaughton
 Pamela Smith

L.V BOYS

Nicholas White

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

BIRTHS

Fuller—to Janet (née Reason) a son.
Matthews—to Joan (née Hole) a son, Simon.

MARRIAGES

Francis Ashbee to Miss Janet Tiltman
Madelaine Barden to Dr. M. J. Bull
Joy Baker to Ian Roxburgh
Reginald Catt to Mrs. N. J. Killen
Beryl Coleman to Mr. Brisbane Dale
Vicki Davies to Mr. R. Turner
Kathleen Hole to Mr. W. Graham-Lawson
Diana Platt to Mr. B. Roberts
Wendy Pope to Mr. Graham Curtis
Yvonne Tinker and Mr. J. Pellett
Amy Yates and Roger Breeds
Henry Carter to Miss Margaret Pope
Also Mary Vidler but the name of her partner is not known to us.

DEATHS

Peter John Creasey—killed in a road accident

The announcement of Kathleen Hole's wedding has been followed by the news that she has been awarded a silver medal as the winner of the top prize in the nursing examinations at St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Kensington. She has now given up nursing to become a housewife.

Several girls have decided to take up nursing as a career; Susan Yates, at the moment an under-matron at a boy's preparatory school, has been accepted as a Student Nurse, at a London hospital; Pamela Merrifield is hoping to become a student nurse at Solihull, Warwickshire; Pamela Carlstrom will start training at the Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings in July; and Judith Hornsby intends to return, from her home in Canada, to become a Queen Alexandra's Nurse.

Ann Sewell, as physiotherapist, was helping the sick in a Crippled Children's Home in Singapore before she returned to England to get married.

Another former Saltcote girl, Clare Filgate, has passed the Chartered Auctioneer's & Estate Agents' final examination and has thereby become, probably, the first woman estate agent in the country.

Congratulations to L. F. Stapley of Staplecross, now a police constable in South West London, who was commended, recently, along with two others, for "courage and determination" resulting in the arrest of three men, for robbery.

And congratulations of a different kind to Leonard Paige who won the Greetwell Cup, at Hastings College of Further Education, for the highest marks in the City and Guilds Professional Catering course; and to Sandra Digby who has obtained a number of certificates in such subjects as Catering, Waiting and Housekeeping at the Hotel and Catering School, Ealing.

Evelyn Robinson, another Old Scholar who was very successful at the Hastings College of Further Education, was last heard of working at the 'Dolphin,' Hastings.

Jane Greening, after completing a course in Shorthand and type-writing is applying for a secretarial post with the B.B.C.

News from H.M. Forces—John Farrow is a Captain, serving in Germany; Margery Odell, who has been in the W.R.A.F. for six and a half years, is at an R.A.F. Recruiting Centre in Glasgow; Neil Perry has been recently commissioned in the R.A.F., is undergoing training as an Air Traffic Control Officer and has been to Buckingham Palace to receive, from the Duke of Edinburgh, the Gold Award which he gained whilst in the school A.T.C.; Edward Munnery is working in Photography, in the R.A.F.; Robin Searby is applying for a Commission in the Army; Gillian Blair hopes to join the W.R.A.F. as an officer in the Catering Branch; and Jane Leopold is hoping to enter the W.R.A.C. or the W.R.A.F. shortly.

Merchant Navy officer, Geoffrey Beevers, visiting Australia, earlier this year, communicated with Michael Kitchener, a contemporary of his.

John Ellis is in Vienna, translating Scientific works.

Gerald Tompkins is working for the Michelin Tyre Company. James Holmes is in London working for Jaegar House 'humping' boxes and quoting "Hamlet" to the Manager.

Sue Hobden is enjoying working in the National Provincial Bank in Bournemouth, where she has reached the standard necessary to enable her to join the permanent staff; Margot Ewen is leading a riotous life at Kingston Technical College where she is taking a Secretarial Course; Phillipa Davies is a secretary, in Mafeking, but may be returning to England; Isla Browne is a secretary in Ghana; Jennifer Bull has a hairdressing salon in Wittersham.

Peter Robinson is now Assistant Planning Officer for Cumberland County Council and is living at Carlisle. His brother, David, is at Bognor Regis Teachers' Training College. Barry Kirby is at Lancaster College of Education. Hilary Marshall is enjoying life tremendously at Nottingham College of Education where she is studying mathematics and where Prestina Newnham is in her third year. Christine Trill, leaving College this year, is applying for a post at Icklesham Primary School. Christine Odell has enjoyed her first year teaching infants in Dagenham. Michael Greenhalgh is returning to Loughborough to complete a third year of training and his wife Kay (Eldridge) has a post nearby. Michael Breeds is teaching Craft

at Chatham. Hugh Bourne is leaving his teaching post at Tenterden to become a youth tutor at Battle. This will involve working part-time at Claverham Secondary School and part-time at Battle Youth Centre.

Geraldine Richardson is following Law at Gray's Inn.

Trevor Stiles is studying Agricultural Science at Wye College; both the Cleverley brothers are at Agricultural Colleges and W. F. Russell is applying for Shuttleworth.

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