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EDITORIAL

"The true aim of education is the love of beauty, and the methods by which education should work were the development of temperament, the cultivation of taste, and the creation of the critical spirit."

The educational system has been striving towards this aim since before the time of Wilde and the Victorians. Perhaps their efforts have not been successful as yet, but it is the general opinion of the day that comprehensive schools will advance this idea.

The majority of speculation on the Thomas Peacocke School being on the optimistic side, we should like to express our regret over the death of the old school that has endured for over 300 years. Although we live in the latter half of the 20th century and, as members of modern youth we welcome change and improvement, we cannot help feeling admiration for an institution that has remained intrinsically unchanged for centuries, and a certain sense of desecration as one would feel at the destruction of a valuable antique.

No one would deny that this system holds multifarious advantages, but maybe not quite as many as we are led to believe. We have been informed that the standard of education will rise; that there will be greater facilities for both art and science students; new research laboratories; more opportunities for social contacts. In fact everything will be bigger and better. However, we should like to reserve our opinion until we see these promises put into practice.

Whatever our views on the academic outcome, we feel this system will encourage a more go-ahead policy in Rye, a town which at the moment has a tendency to live on past traditions.

In an attempt to set the wheels of progress in motion, a new cover has been designed by Anthony Burkes, and as many original contributions as possible included. We would have liked to have seen more attempts from the higher forms, who should realise that the magazine is representative of the literary talent of the whole school. We would like to thank all those whose invaluable help enabled us to get the magazine to print more or less on time.

Karen Hollebhone, Penny Glen.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the year we welcomed Mr. Holme, the new Geography Master; Mr. Smith, who joined us from the Secondary Modern School, taking Mr. Bolton's place; Mr. R. Hill, who came to teach History; Miss Bolton took over the post of P.E. Mistress from Miss McBride, who emigrated to New Zealand; and Mr. Stewart, who joined the French Department when Mrs. Westlake left to have her baby.

Mr. Holme and Mr. Stewart are leaving us after only a year, and in their place Miss Moss joins the Geography Department and Miss P. Loughran comes to teach French. Miss Elliot and Miss Points are also leaving this term. No permanent Art Mistress has been appointed, but we are sharing Mrs. Romp with the Modern School. Miss Cooper takes Miss Points' place.

We would like to wish all the staff who are leaving the best of luck. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Westlake on the birth of their son John.

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Allnutt
House Mistress: Miss Benton
Boys' Captain: E. Brook-Dowsett
Girls' Captain: C. Tottenham
Treasurer: R. Bourne
Secretary: V. Townsend

Prefects: Boys—E. Brook-Dowsett, P. Goodsell, C. Noakes, N. Marshall, T. Rothwell, N. Savage, C. Strange, Hales. Girls—C. Bazalgette, E. Jarvis, A. Hodgson, M. Neeves, C. Tottenham (deputy head girl), L. Kozakiewicz, M. Weller.

At Christmas we said goodbye to Miss Banner, who was going to New Zealand. We gave her a St. Christopher. We therefore welcomed Miss Benton as our new House Mistress at the beginning of the spring term.

This last year has been successful for the house. We won the Music Shield and the Speech Competition Shield. The boys won the Football Shield and the house also won the Athletic Shield. It is the first time for several years that Meryon has won this shield, and it was a very commendable effort for all concerned. The cricket and swimming competitions have not yet been decided, but with the help of Peter Goodsell, who won the Headmaster's cricket bat for his good performance last season, and Roy Bourne, who has been capped this season, we stand a

good chance in the cricket competition.

Our collections this year have been in aid of Muscular Dystrophy.

We would like to wish all the Upper Sixth good luck in their examinations and every success in the future. We would also like to thank Mr. Allnutt and Miss Benton for their valuable help this year.

V. Townsend.

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Allen
House Master: Mr. Thompson
Girls' Captain: Susan Palmer
Boys' Captain: Martin Williams
Secretary: Jonathan Prus
Treasurer: Colin Healy

Prefects: French, Hales, M. Hall, M. Williams, Smith, Russell, Healey, S. Apps, J. Archer, P. Blair, J. Hide, S. Palmer, A. Rogers, S. Shepherd.

The year's house activities began with an appeal by Mr. Thompson for brighter house meetings and more general interest. I think that we have not failed to provide these.

It was decided that the support which we gave to the lepers in foreign parts was too remote, and was but a drop in the ocean. The house decided that an elderly person in Rye would benefit more from our efforts. Largely due to the work of Susan Palmer and Lynn Crosbie, Christmas hampers were prepared for several people in Rye, and subsequently the house gave tobacco and various items to one elderly gentleman in particular need.

Collections rose appreciably when we had something more tangible to collect for.

Although there was no lack of house spirit in sporting events, we failed to secure many victories.

I know that I would be speaking for everybody in the house if I thanked Mr. Thompson and Miss Allen for their unflinching efforts for the house throughout the year.

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

Prefects: Susan Ritter (School Captain), Norma Beaney, Diana Lovell, Lynne Morgan, Susan Panter, Carol Springford (House Captain), Heather Williams, Gillian Winterbottom (House Treasurer), Gillian Rootes, Digby Hobson (School Captain), Colin Bourne, Peter Chapman, John Clay, Edward Guiver, Tony Harwood, William Perry (House Captain), James Phillips, Christopher Williams (House Secretary).

On the first examination this may seem to have been a very mediocre year for the house in that we have surrendered more trophies than we have gained (at the time of going to press), but a closer perusal of the results and their implications reveals trends that are, to say the least, encouraging for future generations.

Although our football and hockey teams lost the cups so painfully gained the previous year, a surge of enthusiasm and talent is apparent throughout the younger scions of the school that must surely augur well for the future. Similarly we were defeated musically, though the success of two of our soloists indicates that Judy Holmes is soon to meet her true match in the fields of song; while the Speech Competition was noted for a great innovation in that we became the first house ever to write and produce its own play. But alas we did not triumph.

At netball and athletics we continued our dismal record of failure, not even with the consolation of a Victor or Victrix Ludorum in our midst. But to end on a brighter note, we did gain two shields—the basketball, by virtue of the youthful vigour of our team, which must surely retain its laurels in the coming season; and the cross-country cup, due to some splendid finishing in depth by the senior boys.

But alas the girls have won nothing! It is therefore to be hoped that Carol Springford will lead us to our traditional victory at tennis, while the rounders, cricket and swimming teams likewise bring home the bacon, as Shakespeare said to the Lord Chancellor.

The committee would like to thank Miss Getley and Mr. Darby for their invaluable presence at all house meetings and their co-operation in ironing out administrative snags behind the scenes, but at the same time we hope next year's voluntary collection for charity will be considerably more than the sum we managed to extract for Chailey Heritage. But then next year will there be a Sanders House, or has our innings closed?

Christopher R. Williams.

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

At the beginning of this school year we welcomed seven new arrivals—Carole Lovett, Margaret Morrison, Susan Holland, Fay Kerr, Elizabeth Whale, Bernadette and Phillipa Llewellyn. Later on in the year we welcomed Sally Hayward. At the end of the Spring Term, Anna and Leda Hodgson left us to live with their parents, who are on leave from India. However, they will be returning to Saltcote next September.

Two hockey matches were played against Leasam, but, as usual, in spite of many bruises and hard work from the girls, Leasam won both matches.

We have had a visit by some folk singers from Battle, led by Ian Pierce, who gave us a very entertaining evening.

On December 10th we held our annual Christmas Dinner, which was very successful. After the dinner the girls entertained the guests with folk singing, led by Ian Pierce and his fellow singers. Our thanks go to Mrs. Wade and the kitchen staff for helping to prepare the wonderful meal.

The next day we held our own Christmas Party. Besides dancing and games, the entertainment included a "skit" written and performed by the Sixth-Formers. The rest of Saltcote seemed to find it very amusing and even asked for an encore.

After the Music Competition, we were very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. Ades, the adjudicator, who also gave us an enjoyable evening. We were glad to welcome some students to Saltcote, and when they had had supper with us we were able to interrogate them about college life.

Our Summer Party was held earlier than usual this year, on May 20th. We had approximately 140 guests and, in spite of the bad weather, the evening was a success. The girls helped to make a wonderful spread and entertainment afterwards included folk singing (once again led by Ian Pierce), dancing and a raffle. Our thanks go to all who helped to make this occasion successful.

Four days later we held a leaving party for our Matron, Mrs. Wade. We were all very sorry to see her go, but thank her for all her help and wish her luck and happiness for her future in Australia. We are hoping that she will come and visit us again before she sails.

In her place we welcome Miss Scott, who, living at Northiam, is not a newcomer to Rye. We hope that she will soon become accustomed to our routine and enjoy her stay with us.

Four girls from Saltcote are going to the East Sussex Sports this year—Anna Rogers, Elizabeth Whale, Peta Kent-Nye and Hilary Dann. We all hope that they will do well in their events.

We were planning to hold the girls' Tennis Party on July 4th, and the staff v. girls match on July 11th. I hope that they were both as successful as in previous years.

We say good-bye to many girls at the end of this term. The majority of the large VIth Form are leaving and also a few girls from lower down the school. I am sure that those remaining will wish the leavers good luck for the future, and on behalf of the leavers I would like to wish the rest of Saltcote all the best for their examinations and careers.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Manser is in hospital again, but all hope that she will make a speedy recovery and will soon be with us again.

On behalf of all at Saltcote, I would like to thank Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson, Miss Scott and Mrs. Manser for all their never-failing help throughout the year.

Cherryl Tottenham, U. VI (Head Girl).

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

I am sure everyone would agree that we have had a very successful period at the house. In the autumn term we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Westlake in place of the Brydons, and Mr. Hill as Assistant House Master.

The Bonfire was its usual roaring success with a record attendance and a record number of sausages eaten. Christmas decorations were more modern this year, and our thanks go to the R-kives for their performance.

On the farm the improvement programme has continued. More land is being reclaimed by drainage, and a new bridge has been made beside the school playing field.

We have had a number of successes in the sports field, with Shedden as goalkeeper for Sussex Grammar Schools, and Keen winning the Middle School Cross-country. Shedden also won the Senior Boys' Trophy on School Sports Day, and Moody broke the discus record. Many other boys have played for the School and, needless to say, our hockey team was undefeated.

In the spring term we were all sorry to see Miss Wilde, our Matron for eight years, leave for New Zealand, but we welcomed Miss Huckfield, who luckily has had experience in looking after boys.

The happiest event so far this term has been the much-awaited arrival of Mr. Westlake, junior, together with the Confirmation of three boys at Rye Church.

F. B. Phillips (Head Boy).

1st RYE SCOUT REPORT. 1966-67

The year set off to a good start by four Senior Scouts from the Troop (Bill Perry, Terry Thompson, Peter Chapman and Alan French) entering the National Explorer Belt Expedition in Sweden. They went by air to Gothenburg and, after motoring to Vadstena, hiked 130 miles carrying out numerous projects, and finished with a four-day stay at the home of a Swedish family in Stockholm.

Bill Perry and Terry Thompson both gained one of the fourteen Explorer Belts awarded; the other two, being less successful, gained certificates of merit.

On July 10th a patrol was entered for the Rye District Camping Competition and, after an enjoyable weekend camp, won the Charles Howe Shield for camping and qualified for the County Competition.

In August a successful Troop camp was held at Denton in Kent, lasting for two weeks, during which time many badges were passed.

During the weekend of September 15th the winning patrol of the local Camping Competition entered the County Competition for the first time. After an eventful weekend they were pleased to be placed 15th out of the 26 patrols.

Later on in the month Colin French, Richard Turner and David Cotterel entered the Downsman Hike, which started at Newhaven. It lasted two days and a night and included several incidents. They all gained certificates of merit and were among the twenty teams to finish out of the eighty starters.

At one of our meetings in December a few Red Cross cadets visited us and gave us a first-aid lecture and demonstration.

After Christmas a fancy-dress party was held for the Scouts and their friends, and a good time was had by all.

On April 23rd Alan French attended the St. George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle, where he was in the Guard of Honour for the Queen.

A Scout dance was held on May 13th to help raise funds, which proved very successful.

At the end of July the Troop will again be visiting the International Scout Chalet in Kandersteg, Switzerland, for two weeks.

Also Colin French will represent the Rye Troop at the World Jamboree to be held for two weeks in August this year, at Idaho, U.S.A.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster, on behalf of the Troop, for all the work they have done throughout the year. Also to express how sorry we were when Father Richard, our G.S.M., left the district to take a higher post in London, and how grateful we are for all his help in the past years.

Alan French, U.6.

2nd RYE GIRL GUIDES REPORT

The Company has again had a successful year. We congratulate Susan Cramp on gaining her first-class badge. This year we have also welcomed several new recruits.

In the Christmas term we held a jumble sale at the F.E. Centre which raised £25 for Guide funds.

At the end of term we were very sad to say goodbye to Miss Banner, who had been Captain for four years. At her last meeting she enrolled a recruit and was presented with a gift on behalf of the Guides by Company Leader Christine Jury.

In the spring term we had our Annual Thinking Day Party at the F.E. Centre. Miss Evers gave an interesting talk with slides of New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. The evening ended with a camp fire.

At the beginning of this term we entertained at a meeting one of the first Scouts and his wife. They saw an enrolment ceremony, games and a camp fire.

The latter part of the term has been concerned with outdoor activities in preparation for the Company Camp at Hurst Green in August. Miss Benton will be Commandant and Christine Jury Quartermaster.

The Guides have also taken part in the Annual St. George's Day Service at Northiam Parish Church, and the Commonwealth Youth Service.

We would like to thank Miss Points for all her help and enthusiasm as Captain of the Guides this year and wish her the very best for her venture in Canada.

A.T.C. REPORT

The autumn term provided the opportunity for a start to be made on preparing the older Cadets for the Leading and Senior Cadet Examinations.

Activity on the rifle range also increased due to the impending first round of the Battle of Britain Trophy. Cards for this competition were fired before the end of term, and the results, announced just after Christmas, placed the Squadron tenth out of some hundred and forty squadrons competing.

Visits were made to R.A.F. stations at West Malling, Manston and Thorney Island for flying and gliding.

The term ended with the usual Christmas Social—always well attended—which included films, a Beetle Drive, the Christmas draw which received £75, and a well-prepared supper.

The following term saw a continuation of the drive to prepare Cadets for examinations. These examinations were taken at the

beginning of the summer term with first-rate results, all Cadets passing with excellent marks.

An evening's exercise took place when a party of defenders tried to prevent an opposing force laying "charges" at the foot of the cricket pavilion, which, for the purpose of the exercise, was supposed to contain a large supply of ammunition.

Results of the exercise are not yet known, as those taking part, including the umpires, missed each other in the dark!

Manston was again visited for flying, with the Cadets staying overnight to ensure a full day's flying the following day.

The final of the Battle of Britain Trophy was fired at the end of February, and once again, as in past years, the Squadron was well placed, with an average of over ninety for each Cadet.

Five of the Squadron were selected to shoot for the Wing in the Foster Taylor Trophy and were awarded their Blues for their good marksmanship. These were F/Sgt. Cheesmuir, Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Boxall and Cadets Coton and Thompson.

By the time the summer term started arrangements were well ahead to build a new 25-yard rifle range adjacent to Headquarters.

A Parents' Association had been formed to raise the necessary money, and their first effort, a jumble sale, produced a sum of £80.

The building of the range has been started and, thanks to the efforts of all concerned with the Squadron, is beginning to show shape.

The summer term, with its light evenings and good weather, provides the opportunity for planning an out-of-door programme.

Shooting at Lydd with the heavier .303 rifle, map-reading, initiative exercises and swimming form the background of this term's training.

Two inspections were held, one at local level when F/Sgt. Cheesmuir was awarded the John Larkin Cup, Sgt. Jones his Silver of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The other at Stone, when all the Squadrons in the Wing were on parade in the morning followed in the afternoon by the Inter-Squadron Athletics Match.

This year we failed to bring home a trophy, but the effort was always there, and the highlight of the afternoon was the winning of the Intermediate Relay by Captains Parrott and Boxall and Cadets Jury and Thompson.

The term is not quite ended, and we have yet to visit R.A.F. Newhaven for our annual trip to sea and shoot the final of the Headmaster's Cup.

As always the Cadets are indebted to Anna Rogers and Maureen Adams for their running of the canteen, and also Miss Stevenson who never fails to provide a meal for visitors when the occasion arises.

RED CROSS

At the beginning of the new school year we began a course of lectures on Accident Prevention which, together with First Aid and the Messenger Course, was to form the basis of a competition for which teams of six would be chosen to represent the unit. We were all successful in the Accident Prevention test, which was held on November 4th. During the spring term Mr. Shirley gave us a series of lectures on the Messenger Course. Again everybody passed the test with flying colours, and at the beginning of the summer term the teams for the competition were selected. They were teams D and I (these letters being given to us at the competition). Team D: Julia Rudkin-Jones (leader), Elaine Harvey, Margaret Morrison, Catherine Doe, Eileen Adams, Ruth Kendall. Team I: Briony Preece (leader), Susan Chapple, Barbara Newman, Vicky Tremeer, Elizabeth Pearce, Sally Blow.

At the competition, which was held at Bexhill, the teams were placed 1st and 4th, and the winning team, Team I, competed in the regional finals against teams from Sussex, Kent and Surrey on July 1st.

At the end of the spring term we said goodbye to Mrs. Westlake, who recently gave birth to a baby boy.

During the past year we have attended three church services; two youth services at the Methodist and Baptist churches, and the annual Remembrance Day Service. But the most important gathering was in October when we lined the route from the church for Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip when they visited Rye and the surrounding towns.

In December all the Cadets went to sing Carols to the old people at Badger's Gate. Also that month five Cadets were invited by the Rye Boy Scouts to give them a lecture on First Aid and a demonstration of bandaging. Our Field Day outing to the Physiotherapy Department of Hastings Day Hospital proved very interesting and we all enjoyed it.

This August the annual camp for handicapped children is to be held at Leasam House. Unfortunately no one is able to lend a helping hand during the fortnight they are there.

For our own Field Day this term we are going to visit the Telephone Exchange, and we are hoping to raise money on Open Day to buy a gift of sweets for the children at the camp.

Next term we hope to welcome back Mrs. Westlake, who will be running the unit once more. At the end of the term we say goodbye to Cheryl Tottenham, our Cadet Leader, who is leaving school. We all wish her good luck for the future, and thank her for the help and guidance she has given us.

B. Preece, Lower VIA.

BASKETBALL

Again this year the Battle/Rye/Bexhill area league produced some very good basketball standards and, as we have already seen, their standards are higher than in most other areas of the East Sussex Division. Our own team had a very satisfactory season with the U14's, nearly toppling The Down School at the top of the league for the first time ever.

The U16's played with their usual cheerfulness and great spirit, and although they finished the season with four matches won and six matches lost, Messrs. Boxall, Fuller, Barnett, Turner and Parrott always talked the matches over before and after the actual games and invariably won them all.

The U15's started the season in great form and showed much understanding in team play and build-up movements, but at the tail-end of the season seemed to lose their fire in attack and lost one or two games which they would have expected to win easily. Next year, however, I am sure that this team will again be very successful and will be a force to be reckoned with. Team: Crouch (captain), Kemsley, Easton, Shoemsmith, Moody, King and Nesbitt.

Lastly the U14 side lost only two games throughout the season and very nearly won the league for the first time.

In an exciting period around Christmas, they beat The Down by two points at home, lost to them narrowly away, but were finally beaten by two points in the decider held at Claverham, and so their chance to represent the area just slipped away. This was, however, a most tremendous battle and the future looks bright with teams of that calibre in the school. Team: Goodlet (captain), John Uglov, Bradley, Fletcher, Robins, Crisford and Brignall.

Colours: Re-awarded to G. Boxall. Awarded to M. Crouch, R. Kemsley, D. Goodlet, P. John.

FOOTBALL

The football season produced a very mixed bag of results as follows:—

	P	W	D	L
1st XI	18	8	1	9
2nd XI	6	1	0	5
U16	5	4	0	1
U15	6	4	0	2
U14	16	11	3	2

The senior teams met some very strong opposition from surrounding larger Grammar Schools, but there were wins too against those whom we usually reckon to succeed against. The 1st 6 again did well this season in the Sussex Grammar Schools' six-a-side competition, by reaching the semi-finals. Marshall captained

the 1st XI side well throughout the season and Ian Sheddon is to be congratulated on his selection as goalkeeper in the County Grammar School sides.

The U16 and U15 played well and notched up a fair number of wins. The U15's, in particular, did well in the East Sussex Knock-out Cup, being beaten in the quarter final and then only by the referee.

Our junior team played a very formidable fixture list and were most impressive once the team selection had settled down. They only lost two games during the season, both against Eastbourne Grammar, and during their victories, had two very satisfying wins over our near rivals Hastings Grammar. Goodlet was a very worthy Captain of this energetic and lively side. Junior colours re-awarded to D. Goodlet and awarded to E. Uglow, P. John and J. Harvey.

Senior colours were re-awarded to M. Marshall, P. Goodsall and I. Sheddon and awarded to C. Healey.

CROSS COUNTRY

Few fixtures were run this season but our cross-country teams trained consistently and had some very reasonable success at the East Sussex competition. The juniors finished low down at 22nd position, but competed without Woodruff, who was ill and, since very few points separated all the teams concerned, his inclusion would almost certainly have put this team well up in the top half.

The Intermediates ran very well and, although none of the individuals achieved a very high placing, good team packing brought them a good sixth place out of 28 teams competing.

The senior event proved to be the most exciting from our point of view with the runners coming past the spectators on the field several times. Ewart, lying in third place and Marshall in fifth, kept us well in the fight and on the second lap Ewart seemed to be closing with the leaders when the runners disappeared into the trees on the far side of the course. When they reappeared, however, Marshall was in third position, which he held to the end of the race, and Ewart had dropped to fifth place. After the race it became apparent why he had dropped back when it was found that he had a cut in his foot that eventually took five stitches and several weeks to close. He is to be congratulated on his courage and fortitude. However, the senior team finished in second place overall with Pern, S., running very smoothly to finish in twelfth place and Perry to complete our four scoring runners.

Because of Ewart's injury, our seniors did not compete, as a team, in the County Championships at Stanmer Park, Brighton, but Marshall, fourteenth, and Pern S., ran very well as individuals in a very strong field of runners.

Colours re-awarded to N. Marshall, P. Ewart, S. Pern. Awarded to R. Turner, A. Keen.

ATHLETICS

The Athletic season seems to become increasingly smaller year by year and the large amount of activity necessary has everyone rushing over hurdles and round tracks, etc., almost non-stop in the first half of the summer term.

The usual triangular match at Claverham Secondary School, early in the term, was unfortunately rained off, but the following week our teams travelled to Homeward for a triangular fixture with them and Cranbrook. Our athletes notched up some very good performances and, at the end of the meeting, on a rather inadequate totalling of the final points position, it seemed that we had won the overall match. Some ten days later, our teams again set off, this time to Robertsbridge, for the area meeting leading to East Sussex representation. Against opposition from Robertsbridge Secondary, Wadhurst Secondary and Rye Secondary, our Junior and Intermediate boys' and girls' teams were again very successful, winning the overall match by a large number of points and, more important, gaining entry to the East Sussex Championships in a large number of events.

Sports Day at our own school was the next item on the athletics calendar and we all kept our fingers crossed for good weather. The day itself turned out to be somewhat cold and a little windy but certainly no rain fell. The events were concluded in a most satisfactory fashion and the trophies were awarded at the end of the day by the Mayor of Rye to the individual champions and winning house. Records were broken in the following events:—Middle girls hurdles; middle girls discus; middle girls shot (equalled); middle boys 220 yards; middle boys discus; middle boys long jump; senior girls long jump; senior boys hurdles; senior boys 880 yards.

The points for the houses were very close at times during the afternoon, but Meryon House held on to a late lead to become house champions for 1967, with Sanders second and Peacocke third.

Trophies were presented to the following as individual champions in their age groups:—Junior boy, P. Mercer; junior girl, A. Alford; middle boy, M. Crouch; middle girl, E. Whale; senior boy, I. Sheddon; senior girl, S. Kinnes.

We had dreamt that our teams might stand a chance of bringing back a trophy from the East Sussex Championships held at Hailsham, but the actual day of competition proved to be better stuff than dreams.

Every school athlete who competed should be congratulated on his or her efforts in the overall results. This team and school spirit was particularly noticeable throughout the day and when the points were totalled at the end of the meeting, not one, but two trophies came home with us to Rye Grammar.

The Intermediate girls won their group to take the cup (strangely enough given by R.G.S. Parents Association way back in history), and the Senior boys easily outpointed nearest rivals Lewes Grammar to win the Haywards Heath Trophy. Added to this, the Senior girls were 4th and the Intermediate boys 2nd.

It would be invidious to pick out any individuals from this group effort but from those of our athletes who were 1st or 2nd in their events no less than sixteen competitors were chosen to represent East Sussex at the County Championships a week later, at Withdean Stadium, Brighton.

There, our athletes Hilary Dann, Peter Kent-Nye, Elizabeth Whale, Susan Kinnes, Eleanor Jaris, Lynn Crosbie, M. Gurton, G. Nesbitt, R. Turner, N. Marshall, R. Parkes, I. Shedden, R. Strange, J. Phillipps, M. Webb and G. Wickenden, made up a large part of the East Sussex team and all of them reached a good standard in their events, particularly: P. Kent-Nye, 2nd, Inter girls discus; S. Kinnes, 2nd, Senior girls long jump; R. Parkes, 2nd, Senior boys pole vault; I. Shedden, 2nd, Senior boys shot; J. Phillipps, 2nd, Senior boys discus; M. Webb, 3rd, Senior boys triple jump.

This has undoubtedly been our best season ever of Athletics achievement, and the prospects for next year seem at the moment to be just as good.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS REPORT

The first match of the term against Claverham was cancelled because of rain. However, the Intermediate and Junior teams, a few weeks later, went to Homewood to compete against them and Cranbrook. Overall, combined with the boys, Rye was placed first.

In the area meeting at Robertsbridge, the Intermediate and Junior teams were again first over Rye Modern, Wadhurst, and Robertsbridge.

At the East Sussex Championships at Hailsham, the Intermediate girls were placed first and the Senior girls 4th. Six girls were chosen to represent East Sussex at the County Championships at Brighton. They were:—P. Kent-Nye, discus, Intermediate girls; L. Crosbie, javelin, Senior girls; E. Jarvis, shot, Senior girls; E. Whale, 880 yards, Intermediate girls; H. Dann, 100 yards, Junior girls; S. Kinnes, long jump, Senior girls.

P. Kent-Nye and S. Kinnes managed to gain second place in their events.

The annual School Sports Day was held on Thursday, May 18th and three records were broken:—P. Kent-Nye, Middle girls discus, 85ft. 9in.; H. Dann, Middle girls hurdles, 11 sec.; S. Kinnes, Senior girls long jump, 14ft. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in; and one record was equalled by E. Whale, Middle girls shot, 24ft. 10in.

The trophies were presented by the Mayor of Rye and the three trophy winners were:—Lower School, A. Alford; Middle School, E. Whale; Senior School, S. Kinnes.

Peacocke were unable to retain the shield this year, losing it to Meryon with 482 $\frac{1}{2}$ points; Sanders were second with 397 points and Peacocke a close third with 387 $\frac{1}{2}$ points.

HOCKEY REPORT

We were very unfortunate this year in having no less than nine of our matches cancelled due to bad weather; however, judging from the results of the seven matches we did play, the season has been a reasonably good one for both the 1st XI and the 2nd XI. The 1st XI managed to beat both Ancaster House and Ashford School, two long-unbeaten opponents.

At the beginning of the season, Susan Ritter, Lynn Crosbie, Barbara Elphick and Gill Winterbottom attended the Junior Hockey Trials, where Susan was selected to play for the 2nd Sussex Junior team, and Lynn was chosen as a reserve. Susan played in three matches for the county, and her play was noticeably improved by these games.

The 1st XI greatly improved with practice, and towards the end of the season was beginning to play as an integrated team, reaching its peak in March, when we attended the first East Sussex Schools Hockey Tournament at Chelsea College, Eastbourne. We scored the highest number of points in our section, beating teams from Hove, St. Agnes and St. Michael, and Haywards Heath Schools, and drawing with Moira House School, taking us to the final, in which we played against the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Mayfield. The game was very quick and accurate, both teams being very enthusiastic. The goal score was a draw, 1—1, but the decision, and the shield, went to Mayfield, who had received three short corners against our one long corner. The team played very well throughout the tournament, and I hope that next year the 1st XI will be able to win the shield.

Our annual match against the Old Scholars resulted in a draw. We also managed to arrange "friendly" matches against the Staff and the "Gentlemen's XI" (consisting of boys from the Upper VIth); however, we lost all these, but feel it would not be amiss if the "Gentlemen" learned one or two of the essential rules of hockey! Nevertheless, the games were most enjoyable, lending variety to the general run of the matches we play.

On behalf of both teams, I would like to thank Miss Bolton for her help and encouragement during the season, and also our many thanks go to the girls who prepared refreshments for us.

Results:

1st XI: Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

2nd XI: Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

Teams:

1st XI: Marian Weller, Elizabeth Whale, Anna Rogers, Judy Whyatt, Sue Ritter (1), Pam Blair, Lynn Crosbie (2), Susan Kinnes, Barbara Elphick (2), Doreen Murrell, Gill Winterbottom (15).

2nd XI: Susan Apps, Norma Beaney, Brioney Preece, Janet Chapman, Fiona Thompson, Glynis Williams, Janet Kent, Gillian Hembury, Peta Kent-Nye (4), Veronica Johnson (2), Mary Geaney.

Colours: Re-awarded to Gill Winterbottom. Awarded to Sue Ritter, Lynn Crosbie, Pam Blair, Anna Rogers, Marian Weller.

Gill Winterbottom (Capt.)

SWIMMING REPORT

As yet our swimming team have done little or no practising this year owing to the Modern School pool being out of order. However, although we lost in the gala against Ashford High School, the team made a very good effort, and in the Area gala against Claverham, Bexhill Down, Bexhill St. Richards and Rye Modern, a fair number of Rye swimmers were placed to go on to the East Sussex gala at Crowborough.

GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

1st VI: (1) C. Springford, (2) L. Crosbie, (3) M. Adams, J. Cole, J. Butler, B. Preece.

2nd VI: (1) B. Elphick, (2) A. Ashenden, (3) S. Ritter, G. Hembury, M. Geaney, S. Kinnes. Also G. Winterbottom and G. Sherwood.

This season has had some disappointments. But after a shaky start when we lost to Hastings High School and Ashford Grammar School, the teams began to take shape and we had victories against Bexhill Grammar School and the Convent of Our Lady, Hastings. The Under 16 team won a match against Southlands.

Still to be played are the East Sussex Tournaments; Senior and Under 16, and also a match against Ancaster House.

Activities this year include a visit to see the Davis Cup matches in Eastbourne and also a trip to Wimbledon.

Our thanks go to Miss Bolton for her coaching and support throughout the term.

Carol Springford (Captain).

JUDO

Judo this year has been a great success. Numbers swelled to twenty-one at the beginning, but the strain must have told on some of the participants, as the numbers dropped to eleven. Main events of the year included the Grading at Bexhill in November 1966. Phillips attained his white belt, the first major step; Murray attained his yellow belt, a commendable effort.

We had a match against Mayfield College in March of this year. Although we lost 40-10, 30-20, a good fight was put up by all the competitors. I am sure that if we had had our sturdiest fighter, James Phillips, the score would have been evened up.

The junior group is doing well. This consists of M. Little, B. Fernee, J. Meades, E. Uglow, A. Devaney; for these the first Grading should be a walk-over.

My thanks and those of my associates go to our instructor, Mr. Paul Marriott. He has patiently taken us through the intricacies of judo, and given us much confidence. After all, it is due to our instructor that the R.G.S. "Judoka" are known as "Marriott's Killers"!!

The judo team consisted of D. Macdonald, C. Healey, R. Strange, G. Dann, R. Parkes. Others in attendance were M. Murray, N. Coton, K. Alford, E. Brooks-Dowsett, and A. and J. Harwood.

D. Macdonald.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This year the Photographic Society had about thirty-five members from the second year upwards.

We had an interesting and varied programme of meetings throughout the year. Besides the regular processing evenings we had evenings devoted to portraiture and table-top photography. Mr. Parkhurst made some photographic emulsion which worked extremely well; we also toned some prints red and blue; and a member of the Rye Movie Society showed us some of his eight-millimetre movie films.

The Photographic Society Colour Slide Competition, judged by Mrs. MacKechnie, was won by Robert Strange. Elaine Williams came a close second.

This year our outing is in July, and we are going to Windsor.

We should all like to thank Mr. White and Miss Getley for their help throughout the year.

UPPER SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION

The Speech Competition of 1966 was probably the most lively and original competition ever held at Rye Grammar School. On the morning of Thursday 15th December we heard twelve recitations by brave members of each part of the upper school.

Tremeer of Lower Vth began the morning by reading for Meryon House, "Strange Meeting", by Owen. This was quite well read but lacked expression. Gwyneth Bailey followed to recite "The Village Schoolmaster" by Oliver Goldsmith, which won the section. Finally for Lower Vth David Johnson read "Wild Swans at Coole" by W. B. Yeats. David had not learnt his poem and the ends of his phrases seemed to lose themselves. He came 2nd with 50 points, Tremeer 40 and Gwyneth 60.

Three poems from Upper Vth followed and to open this section Julia Rudkin-Jones read "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth. She chose a famous poem, but gave the impression that it was unknown to her. Then came Virginia Dickinson reading for Sanders House, "The Midnight Skaters" by Edmund Blunden. Although she had not learned it, Virginia read this slowly and audibly. But it was a difficult poem and she did not quite convey its meaning to the audience. Last for U.V. Grant Parrott read "With God on Our Side" by Bob Dylan, for Meryon House. This very controversial poem needed enormous courage to read, unfortunately it was under-rehearsed and some of the poem lost its depth. However, he still came first with 58, Virginia 55, and Julia 40.

After a short break we heard Lower VIth's contributions. Peter Ewart recited "Time" by Robert Graves, in an audible and comprehending manner. Stephen Pern followed with some verse by Bob Dylan. It was an interesting poem, but unfortunately Stephen read a little monotonously and he would have done better without the record sleeve. Finally for L.VIth came Richard Boston. He recited a lively poem "The Twins" by Robert Leigh. Richard won his section with 65, Stephen 53, and Peter 50.

To finish the morning's proceedings we heard three pieces of work from the Upper VIth. Vivienne Townsend read "The Lost Leader" by Robert Browning for Meryon, but her clear voice lacked variety. Edwina Cottle then recited an unusual poem called "Confession" by C. S. Lewis. Although well learnt, this humorous poem was read a little too seriously. Finally Carol Springford recited two very difficult poems, both by Gerard Manley Hopkins. Her first choice, "God's Grandeur" was unsuitable and unsuccessful. Her second choice, "Spring and Fall", was better. Edwina came first for Peacocke with 65, Carol 60 and Vivienne 58.

Although the morning's poems were somewhat tedious, each

house certainly excelled itself in the performances of their plays during the afternoon.

Peacocke entertained us first with a scene from "Pygmalion" by Shaw. Jenny Butler amazed us all with her portrayal of Eliza Doolittle, a common flower girl, with a convincing cockney accent. Prus took the part of Professor Higgins, and although he was a little unsure of some of his lines, he did quite well. Properly produced and enjoyable to watch.

The next play, "Much Ado About Sweet Fanny Adams", performed by Meryon, was a contrast to the first play and included some extremely good acting. John Hooper, the producer, and Vivienne Townsend, the narrator, made a sensible choice of players, each character seeming perfectly suited. John Hooper deserves congratulations for his excellent performance as the Squire, Judith Holmes on her amazing portrayal of Granny and Stephen Pern who remained anonymous in his part as father.

The last play of the afternoon was a most original production, written by Christopher Williams of Sanders House. This was the first time that a completely original play had been used, and it went under the most unusual title of "Adam Without Eve, or A funny thing happened to me on the way to Independence". Christopher, Digby Hobson, Colin Bourne and Carol Springford were certainly very amusing. Carol's very precise English accent was excellent, although at times a little inaudible. Geoffrey Wickenden remained anonymous as a "dirty Arab"; although his accent varied a little, Peter Ewart's performance as an American was very good. Well done Christopher and everyone who took part.

These plays were rehearsed and arranged very quickly and it made a pleasant change to see the actors in the costume of the period instead of their school uniform, as past players have done. Meryon were first with 65, Sanders second with 60.

The final result of the competition was a tie for Peacocke and Sanders with 275 points, and Meryon just behind with 274.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the players and the audience, Mr. Gaunt and Mr. Westlake, who judged the whole speech competition, and who had a very difficult task during the afternoon.

N.K.

SCHOOL MUSIC COMPETITION

The acknowledged musical potential of R.G.S. was well illustrated in this year's House Music Competition. The programme, designed to unearth the aspiring musicians, and emulate the already proven did so, and with some degree of success.

The competition began with the piano recitals, which were distinguished by Janet Foster and Mary Wilson, who more than justified the confidence of their respective houses. This was fol-

lowed by the individual singers. In this, each contender sings a set song to a piano accompaniment. The winner, Virginia Dickenson, came as something of a surprise to us all. She sang very well indeed, and fully deserved the applause she received, and whose encore lacked nothing of the first performance.

Next on the programme were the group singers, where three or more performers sang more set songs, also a piano accompaniment.

The adjudicator, Mr. M. Ades, then added up the points gained by each house, and found that Meryon had the small majority which made them the winners, with Sanders second and Peacocke third, of the 1967 music competition.

All thanks goes to Mr. Ades, whose marking showed what a very close contest this was, and to Miss Benton and the school music captains who gave so much of their time to organizing it.

N.H.

CAROL SERVICE 1966

The Carol Service held on December 20th, the last day of the Autumn Term, was perhaps one of the best and most enjoyable yet. It was held in the Parish Church and many parents and friends attended.

The service began with "Once in Royal David's City", sung by the choir and the Bidding Prayer said by the Vicar. Readings, interspersed with carols, then followed. The lessons were read by the Headmaster, J. Killan, A. Sinden, M. Parrington, C. Tremeer, K. Baldock, R. Strange, V. Townsend, T. Rothwell, and Miss Dann. In all, there were seven items by the choir, including the Coventry Carol and the Good Christian Folk; recorders and violins formed the accompaniment for a few of their items. The credit for the choir's good performance must go to Miss Benton, who took so much trouble in training the members.

J.H.

SCHOOL CHOIR REPORT 1967

As usual the school choir has had an eventful and highly successful year. At the Founder's Day Service we sang the Vaughan Williams' setting of "The Old Hundredth". Later that Autumn after much practising we joined many other school choirs at Lewes Town Hall for the East Sussex Arts Festival. We sang Fauré's Requiem and a modern work of considerable difficulty—"The Rio Grande". Our contribution to Christmas Music was the lunchtime recital of Carols in the church, and our annual end of term Carol Service, both of which were successful. At Speech Day in the Spring Term we sang various extracts from Handel's "Messiah".

The House Music Competition went well and was adjudicated

by Mr. Ades, the Assistant County Music Organiser. He said he was impressed with the general standard of music at our school.

In addition to these activities Miss Benton has arranged many outings for the school, among these, a trip to a performance of the Vienna Boys' Choir; "Let's Make an Opera" by Benjamin Britten at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne; and performances in Hastings by Joyce Grenfell and The Harlequin Ballet. We also had the opportunity to go to Verdi's Requiem given by the Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra, the "Messiah", and monthly London Philharmonic Orchestra Concerts.

The highlight of the Spring Term was a recital given by the Gabrieli Brass Ensemble who came and performed in the school. All who watched it enjoyed the entertainment very much.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Benton for all her help, hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year, which really are appreciated.

Carol Springford, Head of Choir.

SPEECH DAY

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 1967

In his address to the school, Mr. J. R. Jones, Chief Education Officer for East Sussex, pointed out that there was a great activity in education at a time when there was both a shortage of money and teachers. Rye, he said, will be the first in the comprehensive field in East Sussex, and its development will be watched not only in this county but throughout the country. He went on to say how much the Education Committee appreciated the co-operation between the two Headmasters, Mr. Buttery and Mr. Rothwell, and between the staffs of both schools.

Mr. Buttery said that he would speak on the "domestic" changes that will come with comprehensive schooling. An extensive study of opinion over school colours had been made and it had been finally decided that the "Thomas Peacocke" colours would be blue and grey. A great deal of thinking was still to be done on such things as House organisation, the new set-up of the Sixth Form, the tutorial system and many other subjects.

Concerning school achievements, the Headmaster reported that already 33 pupils had gained entry or provisional entry to Universities, Colleges of Technology, Colleges of Education or other Further Education courses. He pointed out that in addition to Further Education many members of the Sixth Form leave to go into banking, accountancy, the Civil Service and other such posts.

He drew the school's attention particularly to the achievements of Michael Seale, who gained grade "A" passes in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, chemistry and physics, a distinction in the scholarship papers in physics and a near distinction in chemistry. This was one of the best—if not the best—results in

the history of the school. Michael Seale is now taking an honours degree at the University of Kent.

Under Miss Benton's direction the school choir performed three excerpts from Handel's "Messiah", accompanied at the piano by Mary Wilson. Judi Holmes sang the solo "He was despised" showing, to quote an expert, "the unusually fine quality" of her contralto voice.

Among the guests on the platform, welcomed by Mr. H. C. Pattison, were the Mayor and Mayoress. The Mayor was congratulated by Mr. Buttery on his appointment to the Board of Governors.

And finally, on behalf of the school, we add our gratitude to that of all the speakers for the selfless work Miss Warren has put in over many years, not only as a Governor but as Chairman of Saltcote Place House Committee. We are very sorry to see her leave.

Prizes presented by Miss M. F. Warren.

LOWER SCHOOL

Form Prizes : Margaret Baker, Sally Blow, Susan Chapple, Hilary Dann, Christine Hales, D. Henbrey, Ruth Kendall, C. Phillips, A. Smith, Vanessa Smith.

Speech Prizes : Catherine Doe, Marilyn Purrington, Amanda Reynolds.

Handwriting Prizes : Joanna Boreham, Gillian Fulluck.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Form Prizes : G. Ashdown, Gillian Bonner, N. Chamberlain, Jennifer Comport, J. Fisher, Leda Hodgson, D. Johnson, Caroline Neil, S. Nesbitt, Elaine Williams, Vivienne Winterbottom.

Woodwork Prize : R. Glaysher.

Prizes for Progress in the First Three Years (Mrs. Barclay) :
Karen Davidson, R. Kemsley.

Prizes for Progress in the Fourth Year (Parents' Association) :
Anne Ashenden, Janet Kent.

June Gill Memorial Prize for History : Pauline Elliott.

Miss E. A. Turner's Prize for "O" Level English Literature :
Mary Geaney.

UPPER SCHOOL

Form Prizes : J. Beckerson, Pamela Blair, Ann Boots, Margaret Brunker, E. Guiver, A. Milnes, Lynne Morgan, Susan Murphy, S. Pern, Susan Ritter, N. Savage, Carol Springford.

Woodwork Prize : P. Grant.

Tunstall Memorial Prize for History : P. Ewart.

George Hickman Memorial Prize for "O" Level Mathematics :
R. Robinson.

Prize for Progress in the Fifth Year (A. Penn, Esq.) :
Jillian Coleman.

Old Scholars' Prizes : Sandra Delemare, G. Jenner.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Prizes for Best Contributions to Rya	Deborah Buttery, Nicola Williams
Senior Master's A.T.C. Prize (E. Robinson, Esq.)	B. Jones
Prize for Singing (J. W. Foster, Esq.)	Judith Holmes
Newton Prize for Reading	M. Rowley
John Larkin Memorial Prize for Public Speaking	J. Apps
Anne E. Beevers Cup for Domestic Science	Anna Rogers
Domestic Science Prize (Mrs. Wethey)	Valerie Grand
Prize for Art (Mrs. Charnley-Kerr)	D. Crew
The Chairman's Prize for Science	M. Seale
Prize for Divinity (Miss Prentice)	Patricia Comport
Prize for Engineering Drawing (R. J. Reynolds, Esq.)	G. Beesley
General Studies Prize (H. B. Douglas, Esq.)	A. Page
The Mayor's Prize for Geography	C. Manser
Prize for Geology	E. Turner
Prize for English Literature (Miss Warren)	J. Apps
Prize for German	Judith Hyde
Prize for French	Susan Turner
Prize for Latin (Mrs. Binnie)	Gillian Rootes
Walter Colvin Memorial Prize for Mathematics	P. Wood
Molyneux Jenkins Memorial Prize for Mathematics	M. Seale
School Captain's Prize	Patricia Comport
The Trollope Award	G. Beesley

HOUSE COMPETITIONS 1965-6

Athletics	Bishop Shield	Peacocke
Basket Ball		Meryon
Cricket	Heron-Wilson Shield	Sanders
Crosscountry	Merricks Cup	Peacocke
Football	Dunlop Shield	Sanders
Gymnastics (Boys)	Schofield Shield	Meryon
Gymnastics (Girls)		Peacocke
Hockey	Old Scholars' Shield	Sanders
Netball	Hepworth Shield	Peacocke
Rounders		Meryon
Swimming	Winterbottom Cup	Meryon
Tennis	Lady Maud Warrender Shield	Sanders
House Championship		Sanders
Speech	Gwynne Shield	Peacocke
Music	Wareham Cup	Sanders

Entry to Full-Time Education and Training

- J. Apps — University of Nottingham (Arts).
J. Beckerson — Guy's Hospital (Dentistry).
G. Beesley — Brighton College of Technology (Engineering).
Jennifer Bennett — The Gloucestershire Training College.
Angela Boots — College of Sarum St. Michael, Salisbury.
A. Breeds — Newland Park College of Education, Bucks.
Jean Bridges — University of Dundee (Science).
Joyce Care — University of Lancaster (Science).
Patricia Comport — King Alfred's College, Winchester.
D. Crew — Canterbury College of Art (Pre-Diploma).
Paula Eldridge — City of Portsmouth College of Education.
R. Firrell — Brighton College of Technology (Science).
Valerie Grand — F. L. Calder Coll. of Education for Dom. Sci.
Penelope Hoad — Froebel Institute College of Education.
Judith Hyde — University College of Swansea (Arts).
Ann Knights — Northern Counties Coll. of Ed., Newcastle.
Karen Levett — City of Leicester College of Education.
Lindsay MacDonell — University of Dundee (Science).
Susan Murphy — Manchester Coll. of Commerce (Business Stud.).
Anne Myles — Lady Spencer-Churchill Coll. of Ed., Oxford.
Sarah Pillinger — Ealing Technical College (Arts).
M. Seale — University of Kent (Mathematics).
Dianne Sherwood — Wall Hall College of Education, Watford.
B. Steer — Brighton College of Technology (Engineering).
C. Swan — Trinity College, Dublin (Arts).
Marilyn Tree — Bedford College of Education.
Susan Turner — Lanchester Coll. of Tech. (Business Stud.).
Judith Winterbottom — F. L. Calder Coll. of Ed. for Dom. Sci.

Outstanding Performance at G.C.E. "A" level, 1966

- J. Apps — English.
Pamela Blair — English.
Susan Ritter — English.
N. Savage — Mathematics.
M. Seale — Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics 'S'
with distinction, Chemistry "S" with merit.



ROMEO AND JULIET

Any tragedy, however well known it may be, makes great demands on any actor, and incidentally on the audience. The same, of course, may be said of a comedy, but with this difference; it is easier for an actor or actress to lose his or her identity and to take on that of his or her part since all of us know situations that are laughable; we experience comedy to varying degrees in our every-day lives. An audience therefore can more easily participate more fully in a comedy and the players feel, from the laughter, that the audience is on their side.

On the other hand, comparatively few of us know great tragedy. This in itself is a blessing, but it does mean that the actor does have to draw, probably, not on his experience but on his imagination and sensitivity to interpret the rôle. Comparatively few great actors and actresses have succeeded. It is indeed hard, therefore for a school cast, and in this particular case, an inexperienced school cast, to present a tragedy in such a way that at times it does not drag and which is convincing, if one is to judge it purely as a production without considering the various side benefits to players and school.



HEATHER WILLIAMS, U.VI
Programme Design for "Romeo and Juliet"

Thus the performance of Kay Baldock as Juliet was indeed very praiseworthy. One felt that she had immersed herself in her rôle, and that to a very large extent she had lost her identity and become Juliet. G. Parrott as Romeo, played with great intensity but his performance was marred, for me, by gestures which lacked spontaneity and variation and above all by a very odd voice, obviously a "stage voice", which unfortunately rendered many of his lines inaudible or indecipherable.

Of the other characters I liked the performance of J. Hooper as Mercutio, for its vigour, while Susan Apps as nurse to Juliet showed promise in her interpretation of elderly garrulity. T. Rothwell as Lord Capulet was suitably severe as father of Juliet.

In all other rôles the actors gave of their best, knew their lines, and were well drilled, but, for example, C. Williams lacked the presence needed for a Prince of Verona and A. Milnes lacked the fatherly compassion and dignity which the rôle of Friar Lawrence demands.

From the point of view of scenery and costumes, make-up and lighting, praise must be given to all concerned. The scenery, simple and effective, never distracted one's attention from the play; the costumes were colourful and convincing, whilst make-up was never obvious.

The production as a whole was good, and in particular credit goes to the direction behind the duels which were realistic. There were some minor distractions. I found myself wondering, for example, whether N. Hart's shoes were by chance soled with glass-paper, so much noise did they make as he shuffled around the stage.

The producer is to be congratulated on the overall performance. He was working on exacting material with an inexperienced cast, and although many of those on the stage gave performances which were not entirely convincing, there was evidence that this play provided a useful apprenticeship, and that the experience gained here will be put to good use in the future.

B.V.S.

SCHOOL CRUISE 1966

On October 25th at 5.30 a.m. a party of thirty-nine left Rye for Southampton. We were led by Mr. Robinson, who was assisted by Miss Benton and Mr. Westlake. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Westlake also accompanied the party.

We arrived at Southampton at ten o'clock and were shown to our dormitory. It was then time to sail and everyone went on deck to watch.

The first port of call was Lisbon, which we reached after a comparatively calm crossing of the Bay of Biscay. The sixth form had an extra outing here to see the city by night. The next day the whole party had a conducted tour in the morning and walked around in smaller groups in the afternoon.

Two days later we reached Gibraltar. Nevasa did not go into the harbour as this stay was only for a very few hours. We were taken ashore by tender and then left to our own devices. Most of our party at some point went up the Rock, from where there was a beautiful view across Spain and also to the Africa coast. The shops were a great attraction, as it was the first experience of bargaining, and everyone seemed highly successful.

After leaving Gibraltar it was full steam ahead for Malta. We docked there at 7 a.m. and by 9.30 a.m. everyone was on shore. We were greeted by girls in national costume who gave us small posies for our buttonholes and also by a group of men playing traditional tunes. We wandered around Valetta in the morning and were conducted round the island in the afternoon. In the evening a group of Maltese boys came on board to play for a dance.

The main port of call was reached next — Alexandria. No photos were to be taken from the ship on pain of having our cameras confiscated. Once out of the Customs house we were besieged by men trying to sell their goods at ludicrously high prices. Bargaining was the only solution, and once again no one fell into the trap. Eventually we set off, our coach going to Cairo, 100 miles away, by the desert route. Having made an early start, we reached Cairo by 11 o'clock. At Cairo we were joined by our guide, and we rode up to the Pyramids on camels. Some of us went into the biggest pyramid, which involved climbing up a very narrow passage on hands and knees, and being bumped continually by the people coming down. At the top was an empty room with what looked like a water trough in it, but what was, in fact, the grave of Tutankhamen. By this time the temperature was soaring up towards 110 degrees. We next saw the Sphinx and then had our lunch in gardens by the Nile. The famous Cairo Museum was our next stop where we saw some fantastic treasures. At the Mosque we all duly took off our shoes and entered. Inside were thousands of lights suspended from the dome. After going through the Wishing Doors we rejoined our coach and left, via the Nile route, for Alexandria.

Unfortunately we had to leave Alexandria early because of threatened head winds, and also the weekend was the tenth anniversary of the Invasion of Suez and it was wiser not to have eleven hundred English wandering around!

We reached a grey, flood-devastated Venice on time and spent three hours walking around. We were then taken by coach to the airport and flown home to Gatwick, to be greeted by typical English weather — rain.

The actual cruising days were taken up with lectures on the various countries, classroom periods and deck games. Both the girls' and boys' deck hockey teams came second. The girls' dormitory won the dormitory prize and Vivian Townsend won the Captain's Essay Prize.

I am sure that everyone who went on the cruise would like to thank Mr. Robinson for making it all possible, and also Mr. Westlake and Miss Benton for assisting him. It was a wonderful "educational" holiday which was the experience of a life-time.

Vivian Townsend.

"LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN"

On Saturday, January 14th this year a party of staff and sixth formers went to see Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan" at the Phoenix Theatre, London.

The coach left Rye early so that the whole day could be spent in London. As the shops were all closed in Oxford Street and only a few open in the Strand most of the pupils visited Portobello Road open air market and Carnaby Street, and at five o'clock the party met in the foyer at the Phoenix Theatre.

The cast was led by Juliet Mills, who played the part of Lady Windermere with all the grace and charm of the Nineteenth Century upper classes. The costume of Coral Browne as Mrs. Erlynne was as colourful as her character; as were all the costumes and furnishings, giving a very good picture of the period. Wilfrid Hyde-White's performance as Lord Augustus Lorton was the most outstanding and he interpreted the part just as Wilde himself must have imagined it.

Those who went to "Lady Windermere's Fan" and who are studying the play for "A" level all agreed that it had been useful as the performance improved their appreciation of the play.

We should like to thank Miss Allen for arranging the visit.

C. Jury.

REPORT ON THE EASTER OPERA COURSE

1967

Rye Grammar School was well represented this year at the annual school's opera course at Stafford House, by Susan Weeks, Judith Holmes, Gillian Hembury, Janet Foster and myself. The course, which lasted from Monday, March 27th, to Saturday, April 1st, was more enjoyable this year as we were not blessed with

snow and hail — as we were last year! Also, the opera for study — Verdi's "Aida" — was terrific and a formidable task for the week. Right from the start, we put a lot of work into our singing and acting. Yet, we enjoyed doing so under the direction of Mr. Ades (conductor) and Mr. Steer (producer), as they both had a great sense of humour.

In the evenings, we were always occupied with recreational activities of various sorts, and on the Wednesday afternoon and evening, as is customary, we trooped off to see the professional artistes at work. On this occasion we visited Sadlers Wells for the performance of Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" and Ravel's "L'Heure Espagnole" which everyone enjoyed tremendously.

The climax of the course, and the result of all our labours, was our performance of "Aida" at Burgess Hill (on All Fools' Day!). The show went excellently, and after the fifth curtain-fall, the conductor, the producer, the pianist and the costume and make-up organiser, were all presented with appropriate tokens of our gratitude.

The school had outstanding success in providing three of the seven soloists. They were Susan, who excellently portrayed the very difficult title role of Aida, Judith, who played the High Priestess, and myself, who performed in the guise of the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and we were all sad when the end of the course approached, but we consoled ourselves with the thought that we had achieved a great success and that there would be another opera course next year.

C. Breeds, U.V.

This entry won the Captain's prize on board S.S. Nevassa.

"MY FIRST WEEK ON A CRUISE SHIP"

S.S. Nevassa was due to sail for Egypt at twelve noon on Tuesday, October 25th via Lisbon, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria (with a trip to Cairo) and back to Venice, where we were due to catch a British United Airways plane to Gatwick and thence home.

The first of the two weeks was spent in adapting to a new and different way of life. Life on a ship is to most people the exact opposite of normal home life and this, not unnaturally, makes the voyage all the more interesting.

During the first week we had two emergency muster station practices. One of these was on the first afternoon, so that we knew right from the start what to do in an emergency. One point which seems to have arisen out of these emergency practices, surely instead of always announcing when there is to be a practice, might it not be better to have one or two real emergencies in order that everyone might be able to remain calmer when surprised?

The third and fifth days were both spent in port, in Lisbon and Gibraltar respectively. Both of these days were highly successful. It must mean a great deal of very hard work to organise eleven hundred students, especially in a foreign country.

On the first Sunday there were inter-dormitory deck hockey competitions and these seemed to be enjoyed by both spectators and competitors. These matches meant that strangers made friends and it was the real beginning to people getting to know each other.

Visits to the Bridge, engine room and Purser's department were arranged throughout this time as well as regular lectures, recreation and games periods. These periods are very necessary and really increase the interest for the places to be visited. These lectures are not at all schoolish and are most interesting, and even people who are not keen on games are quite eager to take part by the end of the cruise.

The visits to the Bridge and the engine room enabled us to see for ourselves just how the ship is run. Everything was explained to us by a cadet and at the end there was a chance to ask questions. Until it had been explained I am not sure how I imagined these sections to be and even less how I imagined the ship was navigated. I certainly did not imagine that there was so much work involved!

The various lectures we received have all been most interesting, especially, I think, the ones given by Mr. Case, the Director of Education. It must be very tedious for the lecturers to have to give three lectures in a row on the same subject and yet they were all very good and certainly held my interest.

Every night during the first week, and during the second week, there was a different entertainment for each of the three groups. The two most popular entertainments were almost certainly the dances and films. As well as all these things there has been a sixth form club. During the first week very few people went to the club, and if they did, everyone kept to their own "little groups" and no one mixed at all. The club did start with a "bang" however because there was an exclusively sixth form outing to see Lisbon by night. This really was successful but nothing seemed to transpire out of this until well into the second week. This seems to be a great pity for all the younger students mixed from the beginning. It seems to be just the older students who have been more reserved.

Lisbon was the first port visited since leaving Southampton and by night it certainly looked very pretty and romantic. The one outstanding feature which everyone noticed was that there were no women in the streets or shops. This meant that the girls, unless

they had their own male attachment, had a permanent flock of boys following them and these amorous followers were very difficult to dispose of!

On the whole the system for meals worked very well although during the second week a large number of people jumped the queue, mainly I think, because there was not so much checking up by the officers to see that everyone was in the right order. In the end, however, everyone is satisfied as they do get fed and the food is really excellent. It must have been very difficult, especially at the beginning when all the crew were new as well.

The officers had their work cut out during the first week, for not only were there eleven hundred students and three hundred cabin passengers, but the Asian crew also needed "mothering". For the first few days everyone needed to find their sea legs and until they did, most of us felt groggy. Fortunately most of the voyage was calm!

After a rather confusing and bewildering few days we settled down to a really happy and enjoyable second week.

Vivian Townsend. Franklin D.4. Age 17 years.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL "TOP TWENTY"

BY THE "BIG L" D.J.

1. Assembly — Silence is Golden.
2. School uniform — Something Stupid.
3. Physics — Pschonic Reaction.
4. Gym — Puppet on a String.
5. School dinners — I Love My Dog.
6. R.K. — I'm a Believer.
7. German — Purple Haze.
8. Maths — Funny Familiar Forgotten Feelings.
9. Bio — I Can Hear the Grass Grow.
10. Games — I Like Knees.
11. School photograph — Pictures of Lily.
12. Visiting the Head — I've Been a Bad, Bad Boy.
13. Sports day — Rain.
14. Cross-country — Strawberry Fields Forever.
15. School Cruise — Boat That I Row.
16. Visit to the Lake District — River Deep, Mountain High.
17. Saltcote — Over the Wall We Go.
18. Ballroom dancing — Simon Smith and His Amazing Dancing Bear.
19. End of G.C.E.'s — Seven Drunken Nights.
20. G.C.E. failure — 51st Anniversary.

THE ANGELS ON THE SEA

The Angel of Winter came down
And gave the sea a crown
Of frosty sunlight shining bright,
A glittering diadem of light;
And waves went dancing with delight,
For they had spent the cold, clear night
Asleep and silent.

Then the wicked angel came
And the sky began to darken;
He roared; the other angel hearkened
To his battle-call so loud—
The angels then began to fight,
The darkened sky went black as night
With growls and roars and thunders.

The lightning spread across the sky,
Its gleaming split: there came a cry
Of anger—and a few more growls.
The wind leapt up with long, loud howls
And joined the angels in the fight;
It gave them both such a fright
They clashed with lightning.

The waves whipped up all covered with foam
Angry at this strange approach,
And all over the cliffs began to roam
Sprays of salty water bright . . .
Then from the east came signs of light
And the day was king again;
Its crown the sun so bright.

Carole Lovett, L.2.

ALONE

They walked the streets.
They only had each other.
Two little children alone
In an expanse of houses, cars and side streets.
They were lost;
Lost in a world which was strange, noisy and unkind.
They knew not where they were going,
Or from where they came.
Their mother had disappeared,
Disappeared in a crowd of faces, legs and shopping
baskets
Which had now been left far behind.
Now the pavement was empty
But for a pair of small frightened children,
Walking, holding each other for comfort and weak
security.
On and on they walked,
Until their tired bodies could take no more.
They paused to rest on an old seat
And fell quietly asleep
Into a world which was friendly and kind.

Vanessa Smith, M.3.

THE CHURCHYARD

When hurrying home along moonlit track,
Between high headstones, lurching black,
Whose shadow flitted across the tombs
And filled me with a sense of doom?
Whose tapping stick and halting tread
Did I encounter midst the dead?
Around me, all the air was chill,
Silhouetted trees were still.
I froze in terror on my way,
The tapping slowly died away.
With beating heart and legs that shook
I ran, without a backward look.

Joanna Boreham, M.3.

THE STORY OF A HIGGLE

There once was a higgie named Breeze
Who lived on cream crackers and cheese,
He had one golden eye
And was ever so shy,
And had bright purple spots on his knees.
He went to High-Wy in a shoe
To find himself something to do,
He stopped for a meal
And had hamburger-weal
With plenty of mashed kazaloo.
He ended his sad little life
By cutting his throat with a knife.
And although this seems bad,
One cannot feel sad,
For he ended his struggle and strife.

Jane Burke, L.2.

THE OLD SAILOR

The sailor is short, but well built, with tatoos on his arms.
His hair is grey now, but it is neatly combed. His eyes are blue
and look kindly. When he speaks his voice is soft and gentle.
He is about seventy years old, but does not look it.

He has been at sea for many years and his face is tanned and
weatherbeaten from travelling to many far places. He loves the sea,
but now he is too old to sail and he has retired. He still goes
down to the harbour, though, and talks with fishermen every day.
Sometimes he goes with them on short fishing trips, and this is
when he is happiest.

He has never married, though some people say he is married
to the sea; and he has travelled round the world several times
during his lifetime. He lives in a small cottage about a mile from
the harbour and he is very fond of children. At the weekends
many of them come to see him and he recounts his adventures
to them.

He is very clever with his hands, which are tanned like his face,
and he spends his spare time making models of the fishing boats
in the harbour. He walks slowly now, but still holds himself erect
and it will be a long time before he needs a walking stick. He
is a very cheerful man and is not at all lonely, although he lives
by himself.

Margaret Baker, M.3.

RACIAL SEGREGATION

as seen by a Nigerian living in London
Black! White!
Two people. Brothers, yet adversaries.
All men are equal?
I'm a slave.
Colour don't matter?
I'm out of work.
I'm black.
Ever seen black mamas?
A million squabbling children?
Seen a dirty nigger man
Drunk and unemployed?
I'm he.
Pass me by.
I'm not asking. You will anyway.
I'm black.
Black! White!
Two people. You and me.
But don't worry. I know I can't help it.
And I know Churchill was white,
And I know Pope John was white,
And I know God's white.
And sure. The devil's black!
Ever seen a trainful of Londoners?
Bustling, shouting,
Screaming, fighting.
No seats.
Except, except . . .
Except for one compartment.
Empty!
Empty, except for me.
But then they're white.
And me?
I'm a sinner.
I'm black.
Black!

David Johnson, L.V.A.

MYCENAE

Soft rain drifting in swathes
Across the high mountains;
Mountains that have watched the ages pass
And yet remain unchanged,
Unchallenged in their rocky majesty,
Dominating the country.
Goats still climb and graze
On the mountains' steep sides.
Goats so small that their bells are heard
Long before they themselves are seen.
The ruins of Mycenae lie
Desolate under the grey sky.

Virginia Dickinson, U.V.A.

SUMMER

When the sky, monotonously grey, turns,
And the low clouds part, bringing in new light;
Then is the time when all the joy of darkness
Runs back into the late preceding day.
The long thin fingers of the sun
Reach out and grasp into the night,
Bringing it forward so it too can fade—
Into the surrounding day.
The light evenings move on, overpowering,
Like a plague of locusts, far into the night.
The sun throughout its glaring day
Laughs lazily at its withering victims,
Then forces down more power to a ready-conquered
earth.
In the cool of summer evening,
When the outrun night creeps in
—She that ran her race undaunting
—She that once had power haunting,
Lives a little, then withdraws,
Knowing with an aged wisdom
The sun has power, but power falls.

Deb. Buttery, U. Vth.

DEDICATED TO JEREMY

Does he see
Gazing with sloe eyes through the green haze
And the Indian blowpipe pounding at his brain,
Stretched out in black stupor,
Inspiration comes in waves,
Rolling in with purple monotone and regularity,
Lapping at the silver and gold of reality;
Never piercing through except on paper.
Cheerful brown-faced grinning child,
Unconscious and uncaring,
So much happier in drugged bliss of health
Like the artificial paradise of Baudelaire.

AKIN TO ADAM

Genius L.S.D. and continuous search,
Degradation, decadence—
Wilde and Mary Evans from next door.
All searching.
Maybe just the boy
With his god-like limbs
Swathed in Carnaby Street
Or maybe consciousness coming like a mirage
To a thirst-craved man
Through the purple haze of indifference.
The futurity of semi-detached
In ideal rows of twelve;
And blowsy mother hanging
Lazy and indolent over the garden gate.
Or the rays of thought desperate,
Clutching, scrambling, tumbling out,
But too intertwined
With Twiggy, the Troggs and bloomer suits.
Decay and surbanity.

THE SEA AT SUNSET AND NIGHT

At sunset, when the sun is low
Like a fiery ball above the sea,
The light is shining on the water,
So calm, so still, all red and gold,
And sunset slowly turns into night.
Then the moon comes up, a silver globe,
Not red or gold like the sun.
The softer light gleams on the water,
Like a silver pathway across the sea,
So peaceful, hardly a ripple moves,
Or wavelet breaks the calm of night.

S. Chamberlain, L.2.

WHEN MIDNIGHT STRUCK

Ten o'clock. The sun has given her last radiant beam
before she bows her head and sleeps.
All is still. Nothing moves in the woods.
Has it been alone, standing desolate for years?
No, not even for weeks.
For yesterday this wood was filled with laughter and
fun,
And many a creature came out to admire the glowing
white-hot sun,
As she beamed.
Eleven o'clock. A noise is heard from the depths of
the wood,
An eerie cackle descends through the decaying trees;
Yes, there is movement, a sign of discontent among the
higher ranks of all creatures.
Signals. Glinting eyes showing in the dark,
A sound of fingernails scraping the bark
Of the oak.
Midnight. The cackle grows into a piercing cry,
The scratching gets louder,
They will soon be nigh.
And out of the wood comes an agonising scream,
As out of a nightmare, a dream, a phantasy.
A fox howls.
He has seen them coming as he prowls for his prey;
Now he is left trembling as a leaf.
A last scream is heard which echoes through and
through.
Nothing more is heard from the wood till dawn,
When all found is a footprint, and the bark of the oak
ragged and torn.

By Catherine Doe, L.4. Pen-name "Sploog".

DEATH

Nobody knows what death is like,
No one can tell.
We just have to wait
Until we discover
Whether there is that thing we call heaven
Or hell.
Some people fear that thing called death,
Others don't care,
But whoever we are
And whatever we do
We surely go somewhere after our death—
But where?

Serena Gardner, M.3.

SEVEN LITTLE WORKERS IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Very very busy, very very keen,
Nearly always happy, never in a fix.
One took her pension, then there were six.
Six little workers more dead than alive,
One became pregnant, then there were five.
Five little workers, gazing at the door,
One dropped a pile of plates, then there were four.
Four little workers, deary deary me!
Up went the bus fares, then there were three.
Three little workers, whatever shall we do?
One had her tonsils out, then there were two.
Two little workers never having fun,
The assistant cook got oh so thin!
Then there was one.
One little worker searching for her hat
Said, "I've had enough of this".
And that's the end of that.

Sylvia S. White.

THE HIDDEN SEA

Inside a little shell abides
A hidden sea all on its own.
A secret desert island sea
So far away and so alone;
A far-off lonely rippling sea
With no one but itself to bore
Or anger but the pebbles and
The rocks and seaweed on the shore.
So far away it seems to be,
So far away from anywhere.
It seems to know that it can be
The ruler of the sandy shore.
The waves majestically roll on
As if the king of all the land.
And now farewell my hidden sea
That's doomed to roll on endlessly!

Judy Killen, L.2.

SCORNFLUFFLES

There are many diseases,
That strike people's knees;
Scornfluffles is one by name.
It comes from the east
Packed in bladders of yeast,
So the Chinese must take most of the blame.
There is a case in the file
Of Sir Purlington-Pyles,
While out riding one day
Shot into the air
And remained hanging there,
While the hairs on his socks turned grey!
Should you hold your own life dear
Then the remedy is clear,
If you are offered some yeast, do not eat it.
Turn the offer down flat,
Don your travelling hat,
Put an egg in your boot and beat it!

A. Sinden, L.3.

PROGRESS ?

Let's go with progress,
Let's pull up our trees and ransack the land,
Let's eat beef from distant places,
Let the land bear concrete craps.
Let's live on dehydrated bread,
Let's build new airports,
Let's build new towns,
Let's have a slum amongst the meadows,
Let the suburbs crawl from east to west and north to
south,
Let's have technology especially if it means destruction.
Let's make a mess of the future,
Let's ban ancient beauty,
Let our bulldozers suffer from overwork.
Let's all go mad,
Let's soil the beach with petrol,
Let's bathe in tar.
Let's spoil our children's inheritance, we'll do it very
well.

DO LET'S GO WITH PROGRESS!

Amanda Reynolds, L.3.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Old scholars who were not at the annual general meeting may not have heard of the future policy of the Association as explained by Will Dunlop. No further recruitment will be made once the Thomas Peacocke School comes into being in 1968, but members of Rye Grammar School's Old Scholars will maintain a connection with any new association that may be formed.

As one who is caught up in the reorganisation I welcome this link with the past and hope that the pupils who leave this year and in the next few years will manage to maintain contact with each other, and with the staff they knew at school. The latter will, I am sure, welcome familiar faces visiting them among new buildings and the hundreds of pupils that will in future inhabit our site. Such contact will make us feel that the new school is a development of the ones that have preceded it, the latest effort to provide an education in keeping with the needs of the times, just as the admission of girls in 1908 fulfilled the educational requirements of that era; and the link with Thomas Peacocke, acknowledged by the East Sussex Education Committee, will not be a purely nominal one.

This link between past and future was brought to my mind recently when I read in the "Sussex Express" that Will Ellis had retired from the building side of the Ellis Bros. business. His father built the original school on the present site and Will, I think, was one of the first pupils to attend the school in the Grove.

Another older old scholar, Robert Curl, after spending several years doing fibreglass modifications to racing cars, has just finished building a racing car of his own design which took its debut at the Crystal Palace on May 29th.

Coming to the era of the nineteen-forties: Leonard Allen, after some years as a registrar at University College Hospital, London, has now been appointed as a consultant surgeon at Edgware General Hospital. M. David, who has been in the R.A.F. since he left school, completed the Staff Course at R.A.F. Bracknell and is now in Aden.

Amongst the younger members of H.M. Forces, Donald Newman has passed into man's service in the Royal Pay Corps. He holds the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award attained while he was an apprentice tradesman. The Gold Award has been gained by Margaret Cantell whilst pursuing a course at a College of Education. Terry Thompson who, despite close family connections with the A.T.C. remained faithful to the Scouts, received

an Explorer Belt after taking part in a fortnight's mystery tour of central Sweden with the Explorer Belt Expedition. Bill Perry, who leaves school this summer, received the same award, and Alan French and Peter Chapman, also of the present Upper Sixth, were in one of the teams.

We all have our own ways of gaining success; Posy Montagu-Scott became Dairy Maid of Rye, and took part recently in a South-East Dairy Princess Contest.

Robert Davis starts at Plumpton Agricultural College in September, his sister was married to a Brede farmer this year, and Ann has started her training as a School Canteen Supervisor.

Sandra Mitchell thoroughly recommends careers in retail management; she is doing well in this line with John Lewis & Co.

Alison Banks is a library assistant at Battersea College of Further Education, and hopes to enter a school of librarianship in order to qualify as a Chartered Librarian.

Michael Winter, who will be remembered for his performances in school plays, has had various jobs since he left university and latest reports say he is producing a play at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford. Bronwen Birk, after leaving the Rose Bruford School of Drama, was a stage manager for some time, but is now sunning herself in Spain, I think. Alison Hadley, after a lapse of some years, has taken up amateur dramatics again and performed in a play at Sussex University recently.

Margaret Clark will start training as a children's nurse at Carshalton Hospital in October. Hilda Waller is training as a nurse at Tidworth Military Hospital, but will be going to Hong Kong in August. Glynis Johns is a policewoman in Bexhill.

And whilst on the subject of hospitals, I should like to congratulate Christine Ladley on her complete recovery from a road accident that kept her in one for three months. Janet Jarvis met with an accident just before her finals, when she injured her eye playing badminton, but she is now married and has obtained a teaching post in Hackney.

John Clark (Margaret's brother) is to start his teaching career at Heaner Grammar School, Derbyshire; Donald Beaney is at a Grammar School near York; Diane Williams will be reading in Hertfordshire; and the Carter twins—Pat and Angela—will both be in the same primary school at Edenbridge, but Hilary Marshall hopes to go abroad to take part in the scheme for Voluntary Service Overseas when she finishes her teacher training. Elizabeth Ogle intends to teach after she has finished at university, and Michael Greenhalgh—now living with wife Kay (née Eldridge) and baby in Westfield—is going to the Grove School, Hastings.

Keith Fibbens has gone abroad, too, to Sydney, Australia, as an accountant, and Miss Banner and Miss MacBride, en route for teaching posts in New Zealand, found themselves on the same boat as Pat Barfoot.

MARRIAGES

Donald Beaney, of Brede, to Miss Diana Bateman.
Georgina Boxall, of Rye, to Corporal James Russell, of the R.A.F.
Lynne Daly, of Winchelsea Beach, to Mr. Hugh Sutton.
Elizabeth Davis, of Icklesham, to Mr. Christopher Fryer.
Jennifer Day, of Hastings, to Mr. Derek Osborn.
Eunice Diaper, of Bexhill, to Mr. John Rawlings.
Janet Hickman, of Rye, to Mr. A. Oliver.
Janet Jarvis, of Rye, to Richard Barnes.
Marian Jones, of Bexhill, to Mr. Edward Farrant.
Carol Milham, of Rye, to Mr. Graham Trill.
Ann Leahy, of Wittersham, to Colin Newstead, of Rye.
Evelyn Robinson, of Northiam, to Mr. Colin Lamb.
Michael Rogerson, of Rye, to Norma Lister.
Margaret Sergeant, of Wittersham, to Mr. Gilbert Knight.
Christine Trill, of Winchelsea, to Mr. Antony Attwood.
Philippa Tuely, of Stone in Oxney, to Mr. S. Price.
Anne-Marie Wood, of Brede, to Mr. Robert Farr.

Going to colleges of education

Lynne Crosbie, Jennifer Butler, Eleanor Jarvis, Susan Weekes,
Susan Apps, Judith Archer, Anna Rogers, Shirley Court,
Marion Weller, Cherry Tottenham, Diana Lovell, Norma Beaney,
Mary Neeves, W. Perry, A. French, N. Marshall.

Going to university

J. Bayley, Trinity, Oxford; Gillian Rootes, Reading.

Hoping to go to university, colleges of technology or technical college (depending on "A" level results)

Susan Ritter, Pamela Blair, Lynn Morgan, Judith Wyatt, Gillian Winterbottom, E. Guiver, N. Savage, C. Williams, D. MacDonald, M. Williams, T. Hales, A. Harwood, T. Rothwell, D. Hobson, J. Clay, P. Chapman, D. Smith, E. Brook-Dowsett, W. Russell, Lars Kozaciewicz, Claire Laker, Pauline Prior, Edwina Cottle, C. Healey.

To train for nursing

Susan Palmer, Susan Hide, Cherry Bazalgette, Elizabeth Lewis.



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