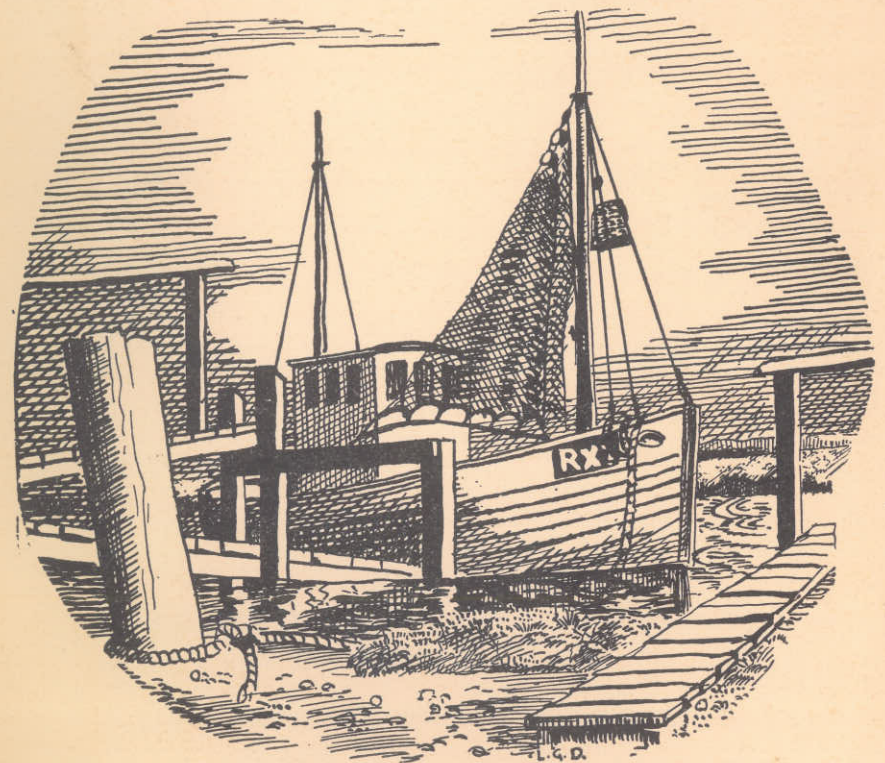


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## EDITORIAL

The education provided by the Secondary Modern School has for many years been the subject of experiment. We, at Rye County Secondary School, may justly claim that the period of experiment is ending. If in the coming School Year, every Fourth Year pupil is in a Special Class, or is following one of the special courses in Housecraft, Navigation, Commercial Subjects or Rural Science, or is studying for the Secondary School Certificate of the Union of Educational Institutions or the General Certificate of Education, we can truly say that we have found the answer to the problem. We know that every pupil will not follow such a course, but we are delighted to find that as parents become increasingly aware of the vital importance of education, the number of children who stay at School until they are sixteen increases each year. Even those children who leave as soon as they are legally permitted, now find themselves following a course which is more interesting and valuable.

The Secondary Modern School is a comparatively new institution. We are only just beginning to create that tradition which is so essential in School life. We would now like to think that the School Magazine is a part of such a tradition. In previous issues we have expressed our aims and reasons for publication, although these must be obvious. We would like to emphasise the great debt we owe to that comparatively small band of very public spirited advertisers, who help us with this publication. Without their loyal support we could not exist, and we would ask you to repay some of the debt which we as a community owe, by patronising them fully.

We would again like to express our thanks to the Staff and children for their hard work in preparing material for us. We have been compelled to reduce the number of pages this year, in order to cut the cost of production, and this has meant that we have been reluctantly forced to omit many worthy contributions. Once again we must thank Mrs. Rogerson for so cheerfully and efficiently managing the business side of our affairs.

G.W.B.



## HOW MUCH DO YOU MATTER?

This is the time of year when Headmasters are apt to withdraw themselves from the world and with a wet towel around their heads, tackle the mammoth task of preparing the time table for the new school year. And what a task it is. In our own school with 24 Forms, each with 80 lesson periods, a total of 1,920 lessons has to be arranged in such a way that each class has the right number of periods of each subject in accordance with its special needs, that the right teacher is available to take it at the time required and that the appropriate room is also vacant when needed.

To do this successfully, a careful plan has to be made beforehand and every detail must be exact, before the work of piecing the jig-saw puzzle together begins. Even the slightest error will make it impossible to work the time table out satisfactorily. Many times I have been brought to a complete standstill and once I have had to tear up three weeks' work and start again from the beginning, because of a small miscalculation in the planning stage.

Every time this happens I am reminded sharply that however unimportant an individual thing or person seems to be, the way that it affects others associated with it, can bring disaster to the whole organisation, or can help it to run smoothly and well.

This is true not only of school time tables, but of school and, indeed, of life itself. By ourselves and to ourselves we may not seem to be very important, but we are never just ourselves alone. We all have our place in life to fill whether at home, in school or in the world at large.

This makes all equally important, for according to the way in which we play our part, we bring success or failure, happiness or misery to all those with whom we come in contact, as well as to ourselves. Each one of us matters a very great deal.

R.S.R.

## SCHOOL EVENTS 1961-1962

### Summer Term.

**28th April**—A party of boys travelled to Wembley to see the School-boy International between England and Scotland.

**3rd May**—Margaret Wills presented with a Diploma from the Royal Society for Preservation of Life from Fire, by the Chairman of Magistrates of Battle.

**5th May**—School Choir took part in the East Sussex Schools Music Festival at Lewes.

The Headmaster regretfully announced the retirement of Mrs. Relf. The Headmaster announced the following courses in addition to the present G.C.E., U.E.I., Advanced Housecraft and Child Care, and the Navigation and Seamanship courses already established :—Commerce, Agricultural Science, Handicrafts Course in Metalwork, Woodwork and Rural Crafts.

During the Whitsun Holidays a party of boys and girls had a successful walking tour of the Lake District.

**5th May**—Visit to Wembley to watch a display of Basketball by the world famous Harlem Globetrotters.

**6th May**—The Main drain for the Swimming Bath completed and the trenches for the main water supply have been dug.

Pupils from Form 4RB appeared on Southern Television carrying out their car cleaning operations for the Swimming Pool Fund.

The School Dramatic Society gave a good account of itself at the Youth Drama Festival and was beaten by the team which eventually won the County Final at Eastbourne.

**11th May**—Osiris Players visited the School to give a performance of "Macbeth."

G.C.E. forms visited Hastings to see a performance of "The Merchant of Venice."

Classes of pupils visited a laundry, the Hastings Telephone Exchange, a Dairy and St. Christopher's College for the training of Children's Nurses.

**May 18th, 19th and 20th**—First Exhibition of Children's Art.

**31st May**—Annual Sports Day.

**June 15th**—The first Inter Form Drama Competition was held. The School Camp was held at Exeat Farm, near Seaford.

**June 21st**—Educational Journey to Boulogne.

**June 22nd**—Unofficial opening of the Swimming Pool by the Headmaster and Deputy Head, both of whom were clad in exceedingly formal attire.



**July 13th**—A party of 26 boys interested in Navigation and Seaman-ship visited H.M.S. St. Vincent at Gosport.

**July 14th**—Meeting of parents of children joining the School next September.

**July 18th**—Open Day.

**July 21st**—A party of 125 children was taken to Earls Court to see the Russian Exhibition.

**July 25th**—First Annual School Swimming Gala.

#### **Autumn Term.**

The following new members of staff were welcomed, Mr. Tookey (Head of Mathematics Department), Miss Butler and Mrs. Taylor for General subjects and Mrs. Tookey for Commercial subjects. Mr. Mitchell (Junior) and Mr. Philpott joined the Staff for a Year, before going to Training College.

Examination results—the Headmaster announced that the average number of passes in G.C.E. per child was above 3.5, with one boy gaining passes in 7 subjects, one girl in 6, 5 pupils in 5 subjects and 4 passing in 4.

One girl who was entered for the U.E.I. Secondary School Certificate on an experimental basis, was successful.

All the girls taking the Advanced Housecraft and Child Care Course were successful in gaining the East Sussex Hygiene Certificate.

Although many difficulties were encountered as a result of the lack of accommodation for the greatly increased number of children in the School, the arrangements made by the Headmaster worked smoothly. The classrooms at the Further Education Centre were used for the first time.

It was announced that from the time the Swimming Pool was opened on June 22nd, until the end of the Summer Term, 62 children learned to swim.

The Foreign Travel Club visited the Alps during the Summer Holiday and reported that the holiday was very successful.

**October 2nd**—"Fact and Faith" Films shown to the whole School.

**October 5th**—Harvest Thanksgiving. 140 bags of groceries, fruit and vegetables distributed to the old folks and sick in Rye.

**October 12th**—Annual General Meeting of the Parent/Teacher Association.

£111 handed over by representatives of the School at the Festival of Queens at Hastings, for the National Children's Homes.

A group of 24 senior boys and girls spent three days at Stafford House, Hassocks, attending a residential course.

**November 9th**—Visit from Mr. Bindon of the Commonwealth Institute, who lectured on his experiences in the Far East.

**November 10th**—Annual Remembrance Service.

**November 24th**—Visit to see Buchan's "The 39 Steps."

**November 29th**—Prize Giving.

**December 7th**—A party of 40 senior pupils visited the Smithfield Agricultural Show.

**December 14th, 15th & 16th**—The School Dramatic Society presented Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town".

**December 19th**—Annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the Parish Church.

#### **Spring Term**

The Headmaster announced that the results of the G.C.E. Autumn examinations were very pleasing, bringing up the number of passes for the children in last year's 5th Form to an average of 4.5 subjects per head.

**February 2nd**—Parent/Teacher Association Meeting. Talk given by the Chief Inspector of Schools for East Sussex.

**January 26th**—Grand Ball held at the George Hotel.

It was announced that the Foreign Travel Club would visit Austria during the Summer Holidays.

Rotary Club of Rye entertained children at an informal social evening at the Mermaid Hotel, in connection with the "Mathematics and Life" course, which was organised by Mr. Tookey.

**March 23rd, 29th & 30th**—The School Choir and Recorder Groups took part in the Hastings Music Festival.

The School entered a team in the Top School competition for Civics, and after a close fight, was beaten by the team which eventually won the competition.

#### **News about recent pupils**

Five former pupils of this School are now in the Sixth form of the Grammar School.

George Hickmott has gained admission to Brighton Technical College having obtained his Advanced Level G.C.E.

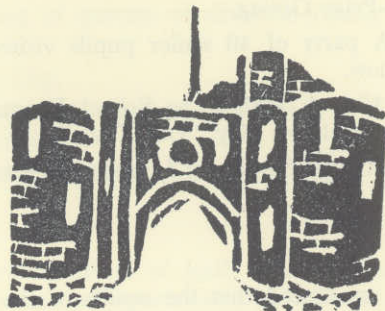
Jane Davies has been accepted for Teacher Training, and Christine Trill is now at Winchester College.

Margaret Blundell is at Beckenham College of Art studying to be an Art teacher.

Helen Griffin, who is now a prefect at the Grammar School is going to Avery Hill Training College and D. Muriel is the first pupil from this School to gain a County Major Award.



## HOUSE REPORTS



### LANDGATE HOUSE

House Captain—Jennifer Brett  
Sports Captain—Dianne Killick  
Prefect—Barbara Cannon

We Girls have had a very successful year. Last Summer the girls came 2nd in both stoolball and rounders. On Sports Day, amid great enthusiasm, we managed to have an individual champion—although we did not win the House Shield. During the Winter months, we have won the Netball Cup and came 2nd in the hockey championship. The matches were enthusiastically played and supported.

Our house and games captains deserve a special mention—they have set a good example and worked untiringly for the House, and have our grateful thanks.

Landgate girls decided to make a special effort this term to obtain more effort and house marks. The response was excellent, showing a definite improvement. At the end of the Spring Term a total of 2,662 marks was recorded against 1,153 in last year's total over the same period.

Boys : House Captain—Malcolm Tree  
Sports Captain—Ian Cutting  
Prefects—D. Foy, D. Wyatt, G. Tolofson, J. Packham, I. Cutting, C. Cook, M. Tree

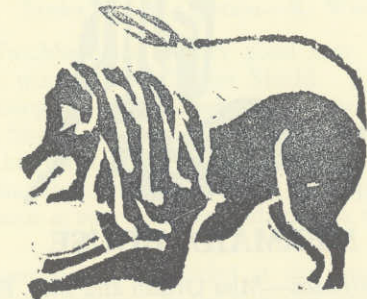
This Autumn and Winter have been the most successful seasons for Landgate boys in recent years. We have won the Councillor Curd cup for soccer, the Basket-ball championship and came joint first with the other three houses in the School's first-ever Rugby competition. In fact had we had the full support of those who were asked to play and chose not to, instead of the fifteen players who did turn out, we might well have won the competition outright. The Junior boys have played keenly and promise well for the future. They won

the gymnastic competition handsomely. D. Jarrett was the individual winner of the competition, N. Machin 2nd and T. Knight 4th.

In the Cross-Country, our team packed the field in the Junior event and won the day easily. Peter Gasson was our first man home in 2nd place, followed by D. Bennett, and the remaining members of the team backing up well. As expected David Davies came in well ahead of everyone else in the Senior Cross Country, with D. Foy second and G. Williams third. Last Sports Day we were forced into second place by a very small margin, but we congratulate D. Davies on winning the Colebrooke Cup as Senior Boy Athletics Champion.

In the House Work and Conduct competitions Landgate are well placed at present, and it is very gratifying to find that the number of conduct cards is dropping—several habitual offenders having failed to pick up even one during the last term. The number of House and Effort marks per term is also increasing, particularly in the lower forms of the School.

G.S.S. and J.R.H.



### LION HOUSE

House Mistress—Mrs. Johnson  
House Masters—Mr. Dorman, Mr. Lewis & Mr. Tookey  
House Captains—(Girl) P. Bowler (Boy) R. Igglesden  
Sports Captains—(Girl) J. Carr (Boy) R. Scott

At last Lion House has made progress and won the Good Conduct Shield, and it is very encouraging to know that the conduct of the house is improving.

Last year as usual, our sport was not very good, but now we have the swimming pool, Lion has produced some good swimmers. T. Osborne tied for the Senior Girl Championship, B. Dennis won the Junior Boy Championship and H. Guzinska was the Junior Girl Champion.

Last year's hockey and netball was not very good but this season there has been a great improvement, and as we stand now, Lion has a chance of winning the netball cup. We did not do well in the Summer sports.



On Sports Day our house did its best and from the beginning Lion were well up, but at the end we were third by a narrow margin. Praise should be given to Alma Peckham who won the Junior Girls' Athletics Cup.

The boys' efforts at sport seem to have met with more success than those of the girls. The senior boys came first in the basket-ball league and second in the cricket. The Juniors have not been so successful, but they did come second in the football competition.

Although the House has lost Mrs. Relf and Mr. Hicks, we are pleased to say that we now have Mr. Tookey to support us. On behalf of all the members of the House I would like to thank all members of the Staff for their co-operation and encouragement, which is always a great help in maintaining the right spirit.



### MERMAID HOUSE

House Mistresses—Miss Ordish and Mrs. Roberts

House Masters—Mr. Pearce, Mr. Blacker and Mr. Cole

House Captains—(Girls) Jane Davies (Boys) Bernard Bottomley

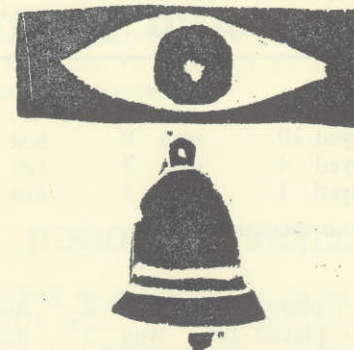
Senior Sports Captains—(Girls) Judith Breeds (Boys) J. Lockyer

Junior Sports Captains—(Girls) F. Rendall (Boys) A. Wilson

This has been a most successful year of sport for Mermaid. The girls succeeded in winning the Hockey, Stoolball and Rounders Cups. Their standard of netball was high and they came in 2nd. The boys retained the Football Cup. Sports Day found Mermaid in third position after some exciting and well fought events. Alan Wilson is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Boys' Athletics Cup.

It was a disappointing year for conduct and effort and we hope the House will improve in the coming year. We consider that the members of the House did their utmost for sport, and we would like to thank the House Teachers for giving up their time to support and encourage the various teams.

Jean Sherwood, Keith Hatter, Form 4G  
Judith Breeds, Form 5U



### WATCHBELL HOUSE

House Masters—Mr. Blacklocks, Mr. Stunt, Mr. Care

House Captain—B. Kirby

Senior Sports Captain—C. Pope

Junior Sports Captain—K. Wise

Once again Watchbell had a very good year. Our cricket team was successful in winning the Cricket Shield. This was mainly due to devoted practising by all members of the team. Again Watchbell won the Athletic Shield and Alan Oliver, winner of the mile, deserves extra praise for his great effort on behalf of the House. This year we were not so successful in our attempts to keep the Cross Country Shield, but we came a very good second, thanks to the determination of our runners.

The Rugby competition, undecided at the time of going to press, has so far been in our favour. In the first two games we had no points scored against us, but scored over sixty points against our opponents, which is sure evidence of our superiority. Our last match was our hardest and we only won by 24 points to 13.

Watchbell Senior Football team enjoyed a good season, winning two games and losing one. The Juniors however lost two of their games and drew the other. The boys played sportingly and well throughout, and showed their ability to make chances which could have been taken with a little more steadiness in front of goal. However they deserved second position.

Once again we won the Effort Shield in a decisive manner, but we also collected more than our share of conduct cards, finishing only third in the battle for the Conduct Shield.

Generally this has been a most successful year for Watchbell and we owe our thanks to the staff and boys who have tried their hardest to keep the reputation of Watchbell as high as ever.

Barry Kirby and Clive Pope, Form 5G



## GAMES AND SPORTS

### Hockey Results

1st XI	played 10	won 9	lost 1	drew 0
2nd XI B	played 4	won 3	lost 1	drew 0
2nd year XI	played 1	won 1	lost 0	drew 0

We took part in two tournaments

### Netball Results

1st VII	played 6	won 2	lost 2	drew 2
3rd year VII	played 10	won 9	lost 1	drew 0
2nd year VII A	played 16	won 14	lost 2	drew 0
2nd year VII B	played 2	won 1	lost 1	drew 0
1st year VII A	played 7	won 6	lost 1	drew 0
1st year VII B	played 1	won 1	lost 0	drew 0

From the above results it can be seen that the girls' hockey and netball teams have once more had a very successful season. This has been mainly due to the constant practice the girls have put in and to their enthusiasm and team spirit. The second year netball team had a record run of fourteen games without a defeat until the last two matches, when they lost to Bexhill Down and Rye Grammar School.

Our 1st VII and Junior VII took part in the Hastings Netball Tournament. Both teams won four of their five games and came 2nd in their section. Our 1st XI and 2nd XI hockey teams took part in two tournaments and for the second year running we have the great honour of holding the Southland's Hockey Shield.

We also had our annual outing to Wembley and we were able to join forces with the Grammar School to see England 'B' team play Holland. An interesting part of this outing was seeing the Junior East of England's match against the Midlands, where our girls could compare their own standards with those of the best in Junior Territorial hockey.

Roving Reporter

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

This year the team has played some good football. The forwards passed and positioned themselves well. The defence showed calmness under pressure and tackled well, and never let their opponents settle down. During the season the team played eleven matches, of which they won five, drew two and lost four. Although they lost heavily to a strong Claverham side, the players showed good scoring ability on other occasions.

The boys who received colours were :—C. Cooke, J. Cooper and C. Pope. The others who represented the School were :—I. Cutting, R. Igglesden, M. Baddeley, K. Fitzhugh, D. James, G. Williams, R. Playford, P. Gilchrist, L. Swann.

C. Cooke, Form 5G

### JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Junior Football team finished the season about level with 8 wins, 6 defeats and 2 draws. A little more purpose in the forwards could have resulted in a better record. Despite this, the defence provided strong resistance against attacks made by the opposition with P. Wilson, A. Gasson, A. Dorman and G. Cooke prominent. Top goal scorers were P. Gasson, G. Guess and K. Wise.

The following played in the School team :—G. Cooke, B. Webb, D. Stanton, M. Shearer, P. Wilson, K. Alford, A. Gasson, J. Jarrett, D. Bennett, B. Ewart, D. Reeve, T. Osborne, K. Wise, D. Turner, P. Tillman, R. Bird, G. Guess, D. Jarrett, V. Machin, P. Gasson, A. Dorman (Captain).

A. Dorman, Form 2A

### RUGBY REPORT

The School Rugby team has made considerable strides this season in building a tradition of Rugby. All the players deserve congratulations on their attitude on and off the field.

The forwards have played well, and have shown considerable thrust against larger packs. The threequarters have also made great progress and built up many good moves. The important aspect of the team's games is that everyone has learnt from each game.

When the School seven-a-side team visited Lewes, they played very well in a much faster game, to win two out of their four games.

The second team played two games and lost both.

The first team has played six games of which it won four and lost two.

Those who have represented the School are :—T. Unicombe, M. Wells, C. Pope, D. Foy, B. Dennis, I. Cutting, D. Turner, R. Bishop, G. Tolofson, K. McLean, M. Hall, J. Brewster, C. Cooke, B. Baverstock, R. Clark, B. Oldfield, R. Igglesden, J. Evans.

C. Cooke, Form 5G



## JUNIOR RUGBY

Junior Rugby is an activity which has only recently started in the School. The team had its first success when it played Hailsham and won by a large margin. The team also sent a seven-a-side team to Lewes, but lost all three of its games. We then visited St. Richard's School where the boys had a tough game against a team which played in a manner to which we were unaccustomed. In the return game we were delighted to win. A day later we lost by a considerable margin to Bexhill Downs School. Our tackling was the worst we have ever known.

The following boys played for the School :—R. Young, A. Dorman, B. Webb, P. Gasson, A. Gasson, R. Bird, D. Turner, J. Moon, M. Shearer, G. Swanton, G. Cooke, P. Wilson, A. Woods, K. Alford, F. Ashby, R. Pitcher, T. Blackman, B. Smith, R. Bowdler, B. Weller, J. Osborne.

G. Cooke

## CRICKET (Senior School)

Although our team only had four games this year, we enjoyed the matches, and are looking forward to a fuller fixture in the coming season.

The game against Brickwall proved how exciting cricket can be, when Brickwall's last man obtained the winning run and was immediately bowled out by the following ball.

P. Oliver was top of the batting averages, while R. Scott topped the bowling.

Those boys who received colours were : P. Oliver, R. Scott and C. Pope. The others who represented the School were :—B. Kirby, I. Foster, I. Newstead, C. Clark, T. Curd, M. Wells, R. Winchester, D. Thorne, R. Rogers, M. Tree.

Clive Pope, Form 5G

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

On 3rd February, 1962, Rye County Secondary School took part in the East Sussex Inter-School Cross-Country race at Heathfield. The School was represented by Foy who came in 24th, Tolofson 101st, Williams 102nd, Crowe 138th. In the Junior race Dyer came 104th. Humphries was the only runner from this School in the Intermediate race and he came 60th.

In the School inter-house cross-country race, which was run on the 2nd March, every boy who was fit took part. The Juniors started first and the race was won by Jarrett, Gasson was second and Weller third. In the Senior race, Davies ran straight into the lead and stayed

there, gradually increasing his lead, and when he finished he was 200 yards ahead of Foy, who was closely followed by Williams.

Landgate won the contest with 353 points and Watchbell was second with 429 points, Mermaid had 463 points, coming third and Lion with 472 points came fourth.

D. Foy, Form 4G

## SPORTS DAY

On May 31st, 1962, the School held its Annual Sports Day. Although the weather was fine, the sea breeze caused it to be chilly. It was an exciting afternoon with eleven records broken. One in particular to be mentioned is David Davies, who beat the standing record by five seconds in the Senior Boys' 880 yards.

At the end of the afternoon the cups were presented by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R. J. Reynolds.

Individual Cup winners were :—Senior Girl : J. Shinner ; Junior Girl : A. Peckham ; Senior Boy : D. Davies ; Junior Boy : A. Wilson.

Results of the House Championship were :—1st Watchbell, 2nd Landgate, 3rd Mermaid, 4th Lion.

The following were the winners of the various events :—

### Senior Girls

G. Muckle—Javelin  
J. Breeds—Discus  
J. Shinner—100 yards  
J. Shinner—Long Jump  
J. Cresey  
M. Oxenham  
Hurdles  
J. Shinner—150 yards  
D. Killick—High Jump  
M. Emery—220 yards

### 3rd Year Girls

D. Killick—100 yards

### 2nd Year Girls

H. White—High Jump  
A. Peckham—100 yards  
W. Reeves—Hurdles  
D. Williams—Long Jump

### Junior Girls

A. Carmen—Hurdles  
A. Peckham—100 yards

### 1st Year Girls

C. Clark—High Jump  
G. Goundry—Long Jump  
T. Paine—80 yards

### Senior Boys

J. Lockyer—Shot  
D. Davies—Long Jump  
D. Davies—440 yards  
J. Lockyer—100 yards  
R. Taylor—Javelin  
C. Pope—Triple Jump  
B. Bottomley—Hurdles  
B. Barden—Pole Vault  
I. Eldridge—Discus  
D. Turner—220 yards  
R. Winchester—High Jump  
D. Davies—880 yards  
A. Oliver—Mile

### 2nd Year Boys

C. Harding—High Jump  
M. Hodgson—Javelin  
A. Wilson—100 yards  
M. Hodgson—Shot  
W. Vicarey—440 yards  
A. Wilson—Long Jump

### Junior Boys

W. Vicarey—880 yards

### 1st Year Boys

M. Carree—Long Jump  
P. Gasson—80 yards  
K. Wise—Hurdles  
P. Gasson—150 yards  
A. Gasson—High Jump



## **RYE COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL FIRST SWIMMING GALA**

On July 25th, 1961, the School held its first Swimming Gala in the newly built pool. The weather was ideal with its blue sky and refreshing summer breeze.

The Chairman of the School Governors was present with Mrs. Gardham, Mr. & Mrs. F. Orford, Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Horner together with parents, members of staff and other friends of the School. The afternoon was most enjoyable and the standard of swimming was good, if one considers that this is the first year we have used our own bath. This can be proved by the tremendous number of School records established.

Mr. and Mrs. Orford who had given the cups to the School for the boys, presented them to Raymond Sargent and Brian Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Horner gave the cups for the girls and presented them to Jillian Bell and Terecia Osborne.

## **CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

### **CHESS CLUB**

The Chess Club has not had such a successful season this year. We have not had so many wins, but Mr. Pearce has given three boys from the Third Year the experience of playing in School chess matches.

The first game of the season was against Bexhill Grammar School, where we were very unlucky not to win, the score being 3-2 against us. Our next game was against Skinners' Grammar School where we were heavily defeated, that score being 5-0 against us. Then our luck changed when we played Grove Secondary Modern School. We happily beat them 4-1. When it came to playing Hastings Secondary School and Hastings Grammar School, we were beaten 4-1 by both Schools.

Out of five games, Ian Cutting, our captain, won one game, Glen Tolofson and Paul Howard won two, Philip Harrod won three, Martin Hall played three games but failed to score. Barry Goodsell and Brian Dennis played in each but did not win. Our team selected from the Third Year and under, played Rye Grammar School, but narrowly lost 3-2. Everybody is looking forward to the return game.

P. Harrod, Form 3A

### **THE STAMP CLUB**

The Stamp Club meets every Tuesday under the supervision of Mr. Care. In the time we have after school, the members of the club enjoy themselves at such occupations as watching film strips, talking about stamps and having quizzes.

Some meetings are more technical and Mr. Care teaches us about philatelic details such as watermarks, types of paper, post marks, errors and forgeries. In more recent meetings we have been told about the methods of postage before the "Penny Post" and how much it costs to send letters in those times. We have been shown examples of this from Mr. Care's own collection.

After the main part of the meeting, members swap stamps among themselves and look at albums. All members of the club wish to thank Mr. Care very much for the time he has devoted to them after school. This is also an open invitation to all other children interested in philately as a hobby, to join the club.

W. G. Manser, Form 3A

### **YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB**

Although membership has fallen during the year, a good proportion of the members have attended Club meetings regularly.

A demonstration of Thatching and Walking-stick making was put on for the 1961 County Rally, and this exhibit attracted favourable comment when it was repeated at the Romney Marsh Ploughing Match later in the year.

Livestock-keeping has continued to be an important part of the club activities, and the small flock of sheep on the School farm is now made up of pure bred Kent ewes, and small scale progeny testing experiments are being carried out.

The area of the School Farm is soon to be increased, and members are looking forward to taking part in the practical work of fencing and hurdle making, which will be required in the new layout.

L.F.H.

### **THE ANGLING CLUB**

Conditions since Christmas have been very poor, with the cold North East winds and frost continuing to the very end of the season, and there has been little encouragement to go out. What little angling has been done by individual members, has not proved very successful, as might have been expected.



Two films of fishing in Canada have been enjoyed by the club, and in fact by nearly everyone in the School, as they were widely shown in the Geography room.

At the moment of going to press, the Angling Club has received a challenge for a match with Rye Grammar School Angling Club. We welcome this challenge, and will look forward to meeting them in July and again in September for a return match.

L.G.D.

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This winter has been a season of marked progress, for we have not only increased our membership but we have also been able to produce a full three act play, "Our Town," which we performed in early December for three nights.

Again fate dealt us a cruel blow. Last year it was the weather ; this year it was an influenza epidemic. In spite of this more people were in attendance than last year, which is a very gratifying sign.

One week-end in late January, 14 of us profitably attended the Youth Drama Course held at Eastbourne in preparation for the East Sussex Youth Drama Festival, which we entered with Act two of "Our Town." There were 21 entries and unfortunately we shall not be among the 6 to appear at Glyndebourne. However, the adjudicator had some very encouraging things to say about our comparatively young cast, so it can reasonably be said that we did not disgrace ourselves.

Now we look forward to our next play. Many of our stalwarts will have left by then and we hope that there will be enough new members to carry on the tradition.

K.L.

## CHOIR REPORT

Last June, 1961, the School Choir went to Lewes to sing in the East Sussex Schools' Music Festival. The choir sang very well, and received much praise from the adjudicator. Songs included arrangements of negro spirituals by Phyllis Tate. A concert performance was given by all the Schools in Lewes Town Hall, in the afternoon.

A performance of 10 songs was given on Open Day in July, 1961.

On Speech Day, November 1961, the choir performed two songs. The newly formed Madrigal Group sang a 3 part unaccompanied song.

The choir gave performances of "Gloria in excelsis Deo" by Thiman and "How beautiful are the feet" by Handel and "Whence is this goodly fragrance flowing," at the Carol Service in December, 1961.

At the Hastings Festival in March 1962, the Choir competed, but were up against choirs of a very high standard. The Madrigal Group competed in the Festival for the first time, and gained 82% and a merit certificate.

P.M.E.

## RECORDER REPORT

The standard of recorder playing has been raised considerably in the last year. The recorder group has played for hymns in Assembly, and also gave a performance to the members of the Congregational Church last November.

At the Festival in Hastings last March, the successes were numerous. Angela Boots was outstanding in receiving 3 Honours and a merit certificate. In the solo recorder class Maureen Wickenden, Linda Horton, Angela Boots and Dorothy Holloway gained merit certificates. Angela Boots was also second in the advanced tenor recorder solo class.

In the duet recorder class, Gay Breeds and Teresa Blackman, Carole Clark and Gloria Page, Dorothy Holloway and Angela Boots, Alma Packham and Marilyn Barden all gained certificates, the School taking 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th places in this class.

In the trio class, the School gained first place. Angela Boots, Alma Packham and Gloria Page were first with 85%. These three pupils received their awards at the Prize Winners' Concert at the White Rock Pavilion. Second place was gained by Carol Banks, Linda Horton and Maureen Wickenden.

This has been the most successful year the School has had in recorder playing.

P.M.E.

## SOLO SINGING

For the first time, this year six children entered the Hastings Music Festival, singing unaccompanied folk songs. All the children gained certificates. The children were Godfrey Guess, Jeanne Capron, Carole Clark, David Turner, Graham Swanton and Malcolm James. James gained 85% and an honours certificate, the rest gaining merit certificates.

P.M.E.

## PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The first P.T.A. meeting of this session was held on Thursday, October 12th in the School hall, when a very gratifying number of 109 parents and teachers attended. We could wish that we always had such an excellent response.



Miss Warrington, County Meals Organiser spoke on the School Meals' Service, at the November meeting. Many pertinent questions were asked and an interesting and enlightening discussion ensued. The choir, much depleted owing to the influenza epidemic, sang well, with Mrs. Evans accompanying. On 2nd February, 1962, Mr. Thornley, Chief Inspector of Schools for East Sussex, talked about his experiences in East Berlin and showed a very moving film.

The last meeting of the association took the form of a social arranged by Mr. Jenner and Mrs. Griffin. All present greatly enjoyed the fun and also the civics quiz, Parents v. Children, won by the latter.

At all our meetings Mr. & Mrs. Piggott provided excellent refreshments.

M.M.W.

## THE METEOROLOGY GROUP

The Meteorology Group under the supervision of Mr. Blacklocks has had a quiet year, but a small number of members continued to take readings. New members are needed if we are to extend our activities.

Joan Cresey, Form 4T

## REPORTS ON SCHOOL EVENTS

### PRIZE GIVING

Prize Giving was held on Wednesday, 29th November, 1961 in the School Hall, starting at 2.15 p.m. Brigadier H. P. Gardham, C.B.E., Chairman of the School Governors introduced proceedings. Next came the Headmaster's Report and after this the choir, conducted by Mrs. P. Evans sang "Come and trip it" by Handel and the "Shepherd's Dance" by Edward German.

The presentation of prizes followed and was made by Mr. E. Burney, M.A., formerly Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools. The form prizes were awarded to the children who had gained the most effort marks in class throughout the past year. The Subject Prizes were next on the list and were awarded to the most outstanding pupil at each of the many subjects taught here. The General Certificate of Education was presented to eighteen pupils.

The cups were then awarded to the various Houses and details of this can be found in the House Reports.

After the presentation of the Individual Athletic Cups, the Mothercraft and Hygiene Certificates were given. The award was then made to the winners of the Tidy Campaign, Form 1C.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by the Head Boy. Mr. Burney was thanked by the Head Girl and presented with a beaten copper dish made in the School metalwork room. Mrs. Burney was given a bouquet. We were impressed by the confidence of the Head Boy and Head Girl, who did not seem to be frightened of this gathering of important people.

The service closed with the School Hymn "God be in my Head" and the singing of the National Anthem.

Jennifer King and Jeanette Bowdler, Form 4G

## SHAKESPEARE AT SCHOOL

When we entered the School Hall we stopped in amazement, but were told to hurry, by a pompous looking teacher. Still astounded by what we saw, we found ourselves a seat. We thought we had come to watch excerpts from Shakespeare's plays, but instead found six people dressed in navy and white, exercising their limbs and making peculiar noises. Suddenly it dawned on us that their actions were cleverly linked with acting.

We were told that the physical training was a limbering up in preparation for acting, and the noises they were making was an exercise to see if they could be heard in the different parts of the hall. This certainly encouraged much interest. We were then given a brief account of this work.

They acted the "Cross gartering scene" from "Twelfth Night" and each actor gave us his interpretation of the character he was representing. The scenery used throughout consisted of two large boxes and one small one, and as of course in Shakespeare's time little or no scenery was used, this was all that was necessary and was most effective.

The next scene we were shown was from the "Merchant of Venice" where Antonio and Bassanio try to borrow from Shylock. The part of Shylock was acted well, but the floor of the hall was used to give the effect of the apron stage, and it was interesting to note that one could not hear the actor when his back was to the audience.

The third and last scene was the "Duel Scene" from "Hamlet" and some of the children took part in this. The actors wore Elizabethan costume which was what Shakespeare intended.

I think this company really showed us what Shakespeare meant his characters to be like and how his plays should be acted. As we are studying "Julius Caesar" for G.C.E. the performance helped us a great deal and made a very enjoyable afternoon.

Frances Cutting, Form 5G



## A SCHOOL JOURNEY TO THE LAKE DISTRICT

On Friday, May 19th, 1961, a School party, consisting of 10 boys and 10 girls left Rye Station in a train bound for the Lake District.

We arrived at Windermere at 6.30 p.m., and then caught a bus, which took us to our first Youth Hostel, Grasmere. Here, as in every other Hostel, we were given such duties as sweeping the floor, or washing up. The following is a diary of our activities :—

Saturday—Climbed Langdale Pikes, by Dungeon Ghyll. In the afternoon we visited Easedale Farm and Sourmillk Ghyll. At 5.0 p.m. we returned to Grasmere, after a most exhilarating day.

Sunday—Hiked from Grasmere to Borrowdale, via Far Easedale and Langstrath. Stayed at Borrowdale Hostel, which is situated amongst the mountains.

Monday—Climbed Great Gable and returned to Borrowdale through Honister Pass.

Tuesday—Ascended Glaramara. Some of the children went swimming in Langstrath Beck. Returned to Borrowdale in the evening.

Wednesday—Walked to Aishness where we crossed the Derwentwater by boat and spent the night at Keswick. In the evening many of us went into the town.

Thursday—Caught a bus to Thirlspot, where we ascended Helvellyn. Descended via Striding Edge. Hiked on to Patterdale, where we stayed at the hostel there.

Friday—From Patterdale we proceeded to Ambleside Youth Hostel via St. Sunday Crag and Fairfield.

Saturday—Caught the bus to Windermere where we boarded the train for Rye. We arrived home at 9.0 p.m. after a most memorable holiday, for which we owe our grateful thanks to Mr. Smith and the members of staff who assisted him.

Joan Cresey, Form 4T

## ANOTHER VICTORY

Despite the miserable weather a party of forty five girls set off on an annual visit to see England play hockey. This year it was to see the United States of America as the opponents.

We arrived at Wembley after travelling by coach. We bought our colours, and then it was inside the stadium to watch the game, the event of the day. This year we stood on the terraces and although we had to stand, it was a much better view.

The English side, sporting their traditional red and white kit, were the first to score, but the U.S.A. soon replied. This team was touring England and wore dark royal blue and white. They scored again,

which gave them the lead. Britain, playing a new goalkeeper, did not have such an easy match this year, for they found the hard American players were experts.

Denise Parry, the right inner for England played a good game, taking a few falls, but never losing spirit. Just before half-time the English side scored again to make the equaliser. After half-time the pressure piled up again and America, scoring again went into the lead once more. At this point it seemed that England might have a possible defeat, but they scored again, then once more before the final whistle made it 4-3 for England.

The American backs and halves played a very good game and the goal keeper stopped many near goals. If the match had been just a little longer, I believe the English would have been defeated, or it would certainly have been a draw.

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable day and after a look at London, it was home for us. A good sing-song brought a tiring day to an end. At this point it would be most appropriate for me on behalf of the other girls, to thank Miss Scogings and Mrs. Rogerson for making the trip possible.

Jacqueline Carmen, Form 5G

## STAFFORD HOUSE

In October last year, a party of children, accompanied by Mr. Lewis, left Rye Station for a course at Stafford House, Hassocks. After a pleasant journey we arrived at our destination.

We were introduced to Mr. & Mrs. Why, who are the wardens of this residential centre which is run by the East Sussex Education Committee. After lunch we were shown to the lounge, where we were to meet Mr. Pugh, who is the Further Education Officer. We also had discussion with Mr. Walsh, who is the Assistant Further Education Officer for this area, and Mr. Rochford and Miss Ward, the Youth Employment Officers.

Each member had to take part in arranging a debate or discussion. We talked about a number of topics, such as what career we would like to follow, our suitability for the job, the prospects of the particular job and what one should do when going for an interview.

Three members of the party arranged speeches with great success. We also had a committee of children interviewing two people who came to be interviewed for the job of a nurse. Richard Remmer and Sylvia Clark were interviewed separately, and after the interviews were over, a difficult decision had to be made. However, although both applicants were exceptionally promising, the job was given to Remmer.



We also saw some films which illustrated what we had discussed, the relationship between Youth Employment Officer, Headmaster and Employer. It was realised that an interview need not be such a terrifying ordeal as many suppose.

One evening we were taken by bus to a Youth Club at Burgess Hill, where we could observe a number of activities such as listening to the skiffle group which was churning out sub-human sounds, the hustle and bustle of people changing behind the scenes preparing for a show which was to be performed the following night, the sudden thud of someone falling on the floor in the judo room.

After bidding Mr. & Mrs. Wise goodbye, we returned to Rye feeling that it had been a successful and worthwhile three-day course.

Barbara Phillips, Form 4T

## SCHOOL VISIT TO THE ROYAL SMITHFIELD SHOW—December 7th

Only 20 of the children of the proposed 35 assembled at Rye Station because of the influenza epidemic. Mr. Stunt and Mr. Holmes were taking them to visit the Smithfield Show at Earls Court in London.

When we arrived at the Show we were told that we had four hours to look around the many stands. As we toured the stands we listened to talks and watched films on accident prevention on the farm. We saw the judges pick the champion beast of the show, a Scottish Shorthorn, named Snowflake. This animal, which was later auctioned for £1,300, was the first white Shorthorn to win at Smithfield. There were also many sheep, remarkably clean pigs and the best dairy cows in the country.

On the tractor stands we found that the manufacturers had brought out many new developments. In most cases, this was in the form of much increased horse-power, but in one model, everything including the gear changing, had been made fully automatic. New pieces of machinery, mainly balers and combine harvesters, have been introduced.

There was a touch of the future on one stand, an American "Hay Waferer." This machine, over here on trials, produces hay bales the size of a brick instead of the more usual large size.

At 5 o'clock we reluctantly left and arrived back in Rye at about 6.45 p.m.

Donald Thorne, Form 4U

## "OUR TOWN"

This play about "our living and our dying" in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, at the beginning of this century, provides some real acting opportunities ; it also requires a maturity from its cast, which is not always easy to find in a school where there are children varying in age from eleven to sixteen.

However, the members of the large cast managed to be convincing in adult roles, and earned a great deal of praise from press and public alike.

Thornton Wilder, the playwright, supplies no conventional scenery so this has to be conjured up in our imagination by the Stage Manager. This long and arduous role was successfully played by Barry Kirby who guided us through time (and often back again with flashbacks). Speaking with a quiet conviction he showed us the private hopes and fears of the Gibbs' and the Webb's and, in consequence, we warmed to these two families who provided the focal point of the play.

David Brown, as Dr. Gibbs, was the most successful in playing an older man, and is to be congratulated on his excellent performance. Jacqueline Carman had worked extremely hard in rehearsal at the part of Mrs. Gibbs, but unfortunately she was taken ill a few days before the public performance. However, Valerie Paine courageously took on this important part and rose splendidly to the occasion. Her accent, movements and gestures were an example to the rest of the cast.

Terecia Osborne and Roy Igglesden as Mr. and Mrs. Webb, gave good steady performances and provided an effective contrast to the Gibbs'.

Kathleen Carter, Graham Ewart, Paul Oliver, Brian Dennis, Dennis Hollands, Margaret Luckhurst and Martin Wright all played their parts convincingly. The others in the cast always worked together as a team.

No Dramatic Society is complete without its backstage staff and here we were fortunate in having Richard Barham, Roger Williams and Christopher Machin, who were tireless in their efforts to assist the producer and the cast.

On the whole, a pleasant time was had by all, and when the Stage Manager says, "Nice town, y'know what I mean ?" we are ready to agree with him.

K.L.



## THE SCHOOL CAMP

On 16th June last year a party of 26 boys and two members of staff, Mr. Evans and Mr. Smith, left for the annual School Camp. After a bus journey, we arrived at the camp site at Cuckmere Haven. It is about four miles from Seaford. The camp site was near the sea and had already been used by previous schools.

We soon settled in and our first task was to dig new pits. This was strenuous work as the ground was pure chalk. The next job was collecting drift wood for the fire. During the camp there were many activities, and probably the most enjoyable was canoeing on the River Cuckmere. We were fortunate in having good, bright weather and we took advantage of this by swimming and sunbathing.

On the Sunday we hiked across the famous Severn Sisters to Birling Gap. We returned under the cliffs, where we found fossils embedded in the chalk.

One of the main events of the camp was the two-day, light weight camp. For this we had been split up into groups. Mr. Evans was in charge of group "C" and Mr. Smith in charge of group "B". Group "A" were more experienced and went without a member of staff. The journey took us over the Downs to West Dean and thence to the famous Long Man of Wilmington. We camped for the night below the Long Man. The next day we went to Wilmington Priory and then to Lullington. Here we visited the famous Lullington Church, the smallest in England, which can only hold twenty one people. Leaving the church behind us, we walked to Alfriston, down into the Cuckmere Valley, which we followed until we arrived back at camp. The hike was most enjoyable and we learnt many facts about the country over which we hiked.

The next day was the last at camp. The morning was spent filling in pits and checking all the equipment. After the dinner the coach arrived to take us home. We left the camp with happy memories of a very enjoyable time.

J. Hickman, Form 4G

## THE CAROL SERVICE

It was a sunny, but cold December's day, when the pupils of Rye County Secondary School walked in a crocodile up to Rye Parish Church for their annual Carol Service. The first year pupils sat at the front of the church, while the older children sat at the back. There were a few parents and former members of the School in the congregation. The service started at two-thirty and was conducted by the Vicar of Rye.

To set the scene, the service began with the hymn "Once in Royal David's City" which was sung partly by a soloist. This was followed by a prayer. The lessons were read by pupils and staff of the School

while the choir sang three anthems. Our pupils looked very smart and tidy in uniform. Everyone sang to his utmost ability. During the last hymn a collection was taken in aid of the Church Repair Fund. The service finished at three-thirty, when all pupils and parents dispersed to make their own way home.

We appreciate the Vicar's kindness in making this service possible, by allowing us to use the church and conducting the service. This was a fine start to our Christmas Festivities.

Wendy Kingston, Form 4G

## THE EXHIBITION OF ART

The work of students of the Art Department of the School during the past five or six years was shown in a retrospective exhibition, held at the Further Education Centre last summer. A very large body of people attended the Private View and were much impressed by the high standard of achievement.

The exhibition remained open to the general public for four days, and as a result the sum of £5 was given to the Swimming Pool Fund.

The important aspect of this showing of children's work to the public, was the fact that it was realised by most of the people who saw it, that many children are natural artists in their own right, and their work is a great stimulus to artists of all ages.

L.D.

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Each year the entire school gathers to remember and pray for those who lost their lives in the two world wars.

The service started with Mr. Cole reading the Bidding Prayer. This was followed by the hymn "I vow to thee my country." The Headmaster then read the lesson and we stood in silence and heard the words of commemoration.

After singing the hymn "Jerusalem," the Chairman of Governors, Brigadier Gardham, gave the address. In his address he spoke about the war and the reason for our buying poppies. These poppies he said, "provided work for disabled men and women, who would otherwise be unable to work at all."

Then we stood and Mr. Cole prayed for those who fell in the service of their country. The hymn "O Valiant Hearts" was sung and the Blessing was pronounced.

The service ended with the National Anthem and after this, poppies were sold for the Haig Fund.

Camilla Weller and Jill Brett, Form 4G



## KELLY'S EYE—TOP OF THE HOUSE

To the uninitiated, the above heading will mean very little, but to the growing number of parents and friends of the School who attend the regular Bingo sessions on alternate Saturday evenings, these are the first and last numbers on the card ; 1 and 90.

These drives were started as an aid to raising funds for the Swimming Pool, in December 1960, with approximately fifty people present and major prizes to the value of about six shillings. A drive was then held each month until May 1961, but by popular demand at that time, we tried to run one once a fortnight, and have done so ever since.

Generally the number of players is now well over the hundred, and major prizes to the value of fifteen shillings to a pound are given in each of the twelve games.

Far from being a gambling hell on these occasions, a very friendly atmosphere pervades the hall and most of our regular clientele attend to enjoy a social evening, although the enjoyment must be more if a box of chocolates, a tablecloth or some similar article can be carried off at the end of the evening. Many of the players come from outlying villages as far apart as Fairlight and Broad Oak, to enjoy the evening and at the same time to give support to this Fund, which needs the money so desperately. No skill is needed to play the game and mysterious words are not used for many of the numbers, in fact the number is always given out in plain language.

The Parent/Teacher Association would like to thank all those who have attended and organised the drives, and would urge those who have not yet been to Bingo, to give it a try on any alternate Saturday night as from May 12th. Play begins at 7.30 and is over by 9.30, and we would commend it to you as a pleasant and helpful way of spending an evening.

J.R.H.

## THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Society has always had its outcasts and the School has recently suffered by visits from such unfortunate people. The damage caused by these vandals has meant that we were unable to hold the traditional 5th Form Dance. Despite slight opposition, we went ahead with plans for a Christmas social on Wednesday, 20th December, after the Headmaster had stipulated certain conditions to prevent further visits from undesirables. Each member of the class contributed to the funds to enable us to prepare refreshments and decorations. Raffle prizes were given by members of the Staff and the class.

Mr. Stretton agreed to organise a programme of games, and Richard Williams of 5U kindly drew pictures of Yogi Bear and such characters, which Bernard Baverstock, Annette Claydon and Jillian Bell gaily painted for us.

The hall was decorated by the class during the day, with various pieces of greenery which were collected by willing people who live in the country.

By 8 p.m. the hall was rapidly filling with "teenagers" who had come to enjoy themselves, while many of the 5th Form were still working hard to make the evening a success.

We were delighted to be able to hand to Mr. Rothwell a substantial cheque for the Swimming Pool Fund.

Ann Sims and Kay Carter, Form 5G

## THE RUSSIAN TRADE FAIR

We all assembled at Rye Station at ten fifteen on a bright morning in July, to go to see The Russian Trade Fair at Earls Court. Our special train pulled in and we all boarded it and made our way with gentlemanly decorum to the first class carriages, where we made ourselves comfortable. On our arriving at Hastings, to our amazement the general public started to board our train, with the result that one of our teachers who dislikes being pushed about, had a heart to heart talk with the Stationmaster. We eventually had to move, and it crossed our minds that British Railways had not impressed the youth of today by its organisation.

We pulled into Charing Cross, where we climbed out and walked to the tube station. When we arrived at Earls Court we found an indoor tropical garden, where there was an information centre. Here we went our separate ways, finding some stands interesting while others were impressive but too difficult to understand. We had hoped to find out something about the way of life of the Russians, but were a little disappointed to find that the exhibition was more for the technical expert. The stands we found most interesting were those showing machines, cars, motor cycles, farm implements and models of Russian buildings and engineering projects.

After a trip on the river and the usual refreshments, we made our way home.

J. Burgess, Form 4G

## UNE VISITE AU BOULOGNE

Rising at any time before eight thirty is very much against my wishes, and a June day last summer was no exception, although an unpleasant beginning to the day was to be compensated by a very enjoyable visit to Boulogne. As the special train thundered through the



maze of steel, spanning the Rother, the sun shone brightly. Rattling past cherry or apple orchards and hop gardens, we soon were travelling through the chalk cuttings, which heralded the nearing coast.

After a short walk along the harbour jetty, and surrendering the first portion of my identity card to an attendant, I found myself, on boarding the boat, at the tail of the queue making for the purser's office.

The terrain on the section of the coast for which we were making was rural, with little indication of habitation.

On disembarking and leaving the jetty, we were crossing the road which was paved with small red bricks and our attention was attracted by a sign, "Cafe." We sat there drinking lemonade, at tables arranged on the pavement in the manner one normally associates with France.

Refreshed, we climbed the hill to the older part of the town. As we walked we passed by several ancient and relatively diminutive buses, which wove their way through the traffic under the watchful eyes of the gendarmes, who impressed us with their efficient traffic control. The similarity of some buildings to those in Rye was surprising. Our way back to the harbour took us through a small market square in the centre of the town. Here we paused and inspected the wooden stalls which created a mediaeval atmosphere, but the items displayed were far from that age.

The embarkation complete, a blast from the hooter, and the "Maid of Orleans" headed for the Channel, and as the hills faded into the distance, my first visit to France had ended.

Keith Hatter, Form 4G

## **POEMS AND ESSAYS**

Following our usual custom, we have not necessarily selected the best essays and poems which have been submitted, but have endeavoured to provide a representative selection of work from the whole School.

### **THE WILD WIND**

Roaring loudly passing by,  
On a hilltop, in the sky,  
Screaming, screeching on its route,  
Through a world of blue cobalt,  
Down a chimney, up a tree,  
Calling, yelling, none can see,  
Rising up, now coming down,  
Now a village, then a town,

Now a whisper, in a dell,  
Coming, going, none can tell,  
Sighing, crying, never stilling,  
Moaning, groaning, always blowing,  
Now a rest and then a scream,  
Creating ripples on a stream,  
Sobbing, sighing, Heaven blown,  
O Wild Wind, that has no home.

Dianne Sherwood, Form 3A

### **MY BUDGERIGAR**

We have a budgie. When daddy bought it we all thought it was a boy, so daddy and I named it Peter. When we had had it for about a month, during the night it layed an egg, so we called it Priscilla. About a week later she layed another egg. She has a round mirror and every time she looks at herself, she talks. She has a bell, a swing and a mirror, and every time you go to take the mirror out, she pecks you. Daddy is trying to get her to talk, but he said that the male birds talk better. When we first had her she was timid and kept hiding in the corner, but now she stands on our hands and on our shoulders. She loves flying round and round the room, but we have to make sure the dog is out. We do not want her to end up a dog's dinner.

Kathleen Ennis, Form 1C

### **SOUTH AFRICA**

In South Africa where I was born,  
Live the loved, the hated, the starved and forlorn.  
The jolly black negroes are seldom sad,  
But like other countries, there's good and there's bad.  
The bazaars that ring with laughter and noise  
Are full of cleverly carved wooden toys.  
Parrots of red, blue, green and gold,  
Whistle and shriek as they wait to be sold.

Snakes in the grass, in trees, in the house,  
Be afraid of these, for there's never a mouse !  
Down on the plain, the buffalo roam,  
And here the zebras, for this is their home.  
Flat footed antelope flash quickly by,  
Then on the still air, the hunting cry  
Of a hungry lion, fierce and brave :  
King of the Jungle, a royal knave.



Messages sent from here to there,  
By booming of tom-toms borne over the air,  
Natives with hoops through nose, cheek and ear,  
(It puzzles me how they breathe, speak and hear)  
Rhinos wallow in thick pools of mud,  
Deep in the jungle where strange flowers bud,  
Beautiful birds that flash through the air,  
Baboons in trees, with straggling hair.

Well this is my country, the land of sunburn,  
And truly, one day I hope to return.

Jillian Bell, Form 5G

### HOW OLD IS THE EARTH?

The question "How old is the earth?" has perplexed human minds since the beginning of history. We can give no certain answer to it even today, and nobody can explain the miracle of the universe, but the sciences of astronomy and geology have given some idea of how the earth and sun may have been formed, and a lot of information about the changes that have occurred on the earth itself.

Until modern science began in the seventeenth century, everybody thought that the world as we know it, with its continents and oceans had always been the same. We now know that during the millions of years of its history, the earth has been constantly changing. Long ago many areas that are now land, were sea, and some parts of the earth which were under the sea are now land. The coastline of Britain is altering still, as land is claimed from the sea in places like Romney Marsh, while in other places the sea is gradually eating into the cliffs.

Some Astronomers think that about 5,000 million years ago, the solar system (that is the sun and the planets) was formed in space from a cloud of dust. From this, the sun and earth and all other planets separated out, the sun being in the centre and the planets whirling round it. At this stage the earth would have been a ball of hot gas, which later cooled to liquid. Another theory holds that the earth was formed by solid particles joining together. Both theories agree that the outer crust then hardened and turned into solid rock. Quantities of water vapour escaped from it and formed the atmosphere. Later still when the vapours condensed it probably rained for several hundred years and the seas and oceans were born, thus creating separate continents.

Life first appeared in the sea. Gradually fish changed into amphibians, amphibians into reptiles and reptiles into mammals. Man appeared on earth about one million years ago.

John Matthews, Form 3B

### SPRING IS COMING

Spring is coming ; winter is done,  
All brown leaves going and green leaves come.  
Plants are a-budding, birds rise from their nest,  
Animals awake from their hibernation rest.

Maureen Marchant, Form 1BX

### WAGNER

If a few days ago I had been asked who or what Wagner was, I may have replied hazily that he was a composer. He was, however, one of the leading composers of his time, and very revolutionary in his work. The son of a minor municipal official in Leipzig, he was born in eighteen thirteen, at a time when Germany was not the prominent nation it is today, but divided into small states. This produced very chaotic and unsettled conditions, which were undoubtedly reflected in Wagner's music. Spending his childhood in Leipzig, he went to Paris as a young man where he served a term in a debtor's prison. He would have remained there but for his marriage to Minna. After a few years, however, this marriage terminated, and he married the daughter of Lizst. Finally he died of heart failure at the age of seventy, in Venice.

From an early age Wagner greatly admired the work of Beethoven, and this influenced his work in later life. At the age of seventeen he wrote an overture, which was not successful. His fame did not come until later. His first successful opera "The Fairies," was composed in eighteen thirty five. The great volume and liveliness present in Wagner's works can probably be attributed to the troubled political conditions in which he was living, and the very full life he led.

Until Wagner's time, an opera was considered entirely a recital of music and songs, and the dramatic aspect was overlooked. Before anyone would be offered a part in one of these operas, he not only had to be a superb singer, but a fine actor also.

The other important change made by Wagner was the increase in the orchestra's size, the numbers being increased from about seventy to about a hundred and twenty. The "brass" section of the orchestra was particularly increased, which helped produce the great volume. This factor is most noticeable in the famous opera "Tannhäuser."

The music written by Wagner, at this time, is in my opinion much more enjoyable than anything composed earlier. The main reason for this is the animation and liveliness of the music.

Keith Hatter, Form 4G



## THIS OTHER WORLD

As time went on the darkness grew,  
I could not see inventions new.  
Couldn't see the pheasant's shimmering breast  
Or his hen's large oval nest.  
I could feel the dew upon the pane,  
Hear it dripping in the lane,  
But its sparkle I could not see,  
Life was all just dark to me.

I could hear the engines on the farm,  
Feel the heat of a summer's balm,  
But since I fell from a poplar tree  
All nature's lustres I cannot see.  
Also the drone of a bumble bee  
Was just another monotonous key,  
I could not see his striped back,  
For it's seeing that I lack.

Also at Christmas the sparkling Tree,  
But then—what does this mean to me ?  
I could not see the glittering toys,  
Given to unblind girls and boys.  
I felt so sad I had to cry,  
Why should it be me, why, why, why ?  
Giving a tremulous, heaving sigh,  
I lay and wished that I could die.

Valerie Griffin, Form 4T

## A STORY I HAVE READ

I have read a story called "A lamb grows up." It is about a farmer and his daughter. The farmer had all kinds of animals and his daughter Jane loved them all. Most of all she loved the little baby lambs. One day a baby lamb was born and its mother died, so Jane's father said that Jane could be its mother instead. You see Jane had lost her mother when she was born, and Jane had always wanted to be a mother, and now she had a baby of her own. She fed the little lamb on milk out of a baby bottle. The bottle was hers when she was born. At night she would lay the lamb down and cover it with an old coat. When morning came she would run out to the shed where the lamb slept at night, and take off the old coat, and feed it. The lamb grew up and became a mother of two little lambs. One was a boy and the other a girl.

Maureen Monk, S.1.

## MACAFFERTY THE MYSTERY CAT

Macafferty, Macafferty, the villain of the street,  
The cat who innocently pads along his well-known beat,  
The silent prowler of the night (of mice he's very fond)  
But better still a tasty gold fish from the neighbour's pond !  
With Mrs. Magg's knitting he will have a lovely game,  
But when she finds the muddle, why there's none there to blame.  
He slinks around the courtyards in search of tasty scraps,  
Or a drop of luscious creamy milk, which greedily he laps,  
Then satisfied he softly creeps back to his den of crime,  
And sleeps contentedly until it's nearly thieving time,  
Then slyly peeps from one green eye, and thinks where he will  
stray,  
And stretches, yawns and preens himself and softly steals away.

Susan Apps, Form 2A

## AN EXCITING MATCH

I landed on a planet, that we have known as Earth, on the farmland surrounding a town. We were immediately surrounded by a crowd of Earthlings, with funny flat faces and only two eyes. After we were made welcome, we were taken to a beautifully flat piece of grassland on which stood two pairs of strange trees. They were black and white, like straight poles, and each pair shared one branch. All around this field a crowd had gathered.

We all waited silently for a few millihours, when suddenly there was a loud roar, as thirty one men walked on to the field. Fifteen were dressed alike, and the others were dressed alike in a different costume, except for one, who was dressed all in black. At first I thought it was a ploughing match, as all the men ran around, tearing the ground up with little cutters, secured to the base of the boots. I soon realised my mistake, for the one in black placed a weird leather object in the centre of the field. This made me think it was a game of some kind.

Next, I believe the one in black had to count the two teams, as they all lined up neatly about the field. When he had counted them, one of the red shirted players kicked this weird object to the opposing side, and for about twenty millihours, both struggled for this leather egg. Then the black shirted one blew a whistle. This made both sides stop, and when he made signs like a policeman on point duty, some players stood still in a straight line, while the rest tried to imitate a giant tortoise. When this tortoise was fed with the leather egg, it began to move about as if it had indigestion.



The one in black immediately realised the pain, so he blew his whistle, and the players stopped playing tortoises and the men ran to their appropriate positions on the field. This time one burly fellow, wearing a topless hat, obviously designed to keep his ears warm, kicked the leather egg right away from the field. One supporter was overjoyed with this effort, and as he ran along the edge of the field he began to wave a flag, and the two teams thanked the supporter by lining up in pairs in front of him.

To start the game again, the leather egg was thrown to them, and after a scramble, one greedy player tried to run away with the egg, but he had run no further than the black and white trees, when he tripped over. The man in black thought that he was tripped by an opposing player, as he was awarded a free kick at the trees. After a wait of five minutes, this player had decided he had placed the ball just right. Next he measured his run and stood on his mark for a few minutes for a rest. After this long wait the player went and missed both trees, and the supporter with the flag, was all excited again and he ran around waving it.

Clive Pope, Form 5G

### ANN BOLEYN

Her skin the tint of olive,  
Her eyes as black as night,  
Her wit the will to live,  
As sharp as winter's bite.

The satin and the silver,  
The velvet and the gold,  
Are servants to her whisper,  
And hand so icy cold.

What makes men crave to love thee  
Oh mistress Anne Boleyn,  
And make an idol of thee  
To heed thy slightest whim?

And now the scheming's paying,  
For the way you laugh and sing  
Has caught the eye of Henry,  
The Knight, the Man, the King.

Seven years he fights for thee,  
The Pope, the people too.  
The battle won, triumphant he,  
With her the streets rides through.

And now her goal is reached,  
The crown is hers at last,  
But one mistake she makes,  
She fails to hold on fast.

For her no gilded coffin,  
But a trunk with a musty reek,  
Through sounds of common laughing,  
Her Heaven she will seek.

Avril Wood, Form 4G

(This is a selection from 17 verses)

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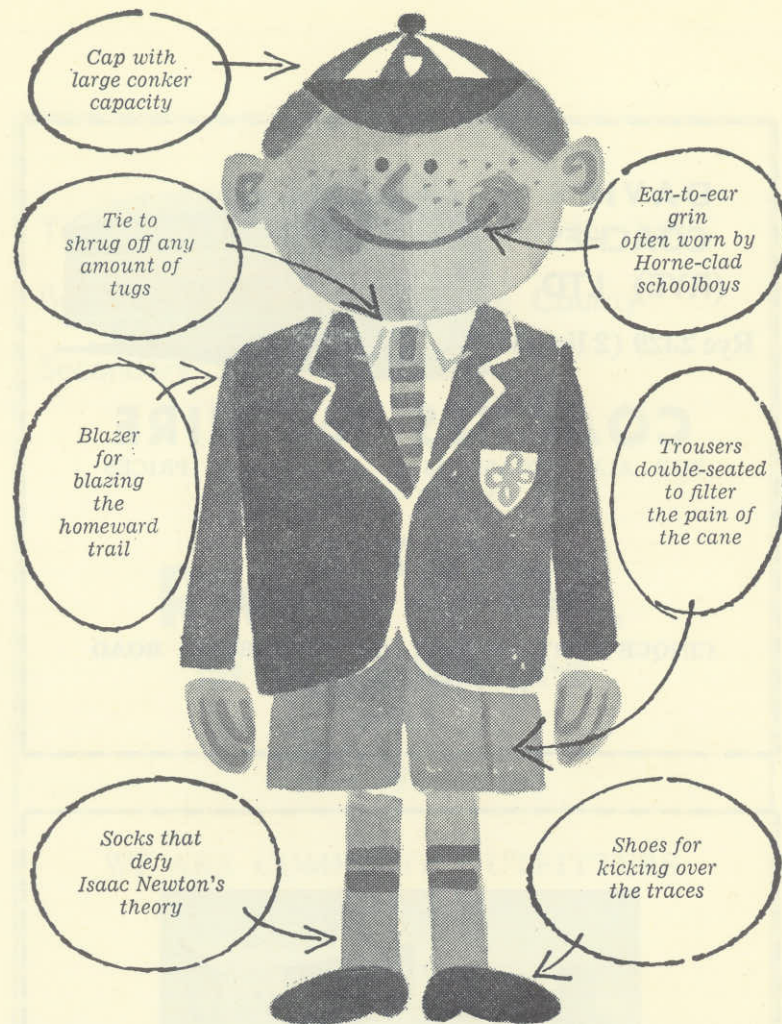
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