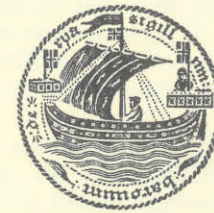




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EDITORIAL

The problem of what Sir Charles Snow has called the two cultures has been with us for many years, but it is only recently that serious attention has been given to it. We have been warned that "the world today is moulded, in the last resort, by scientific discovery." There is something here much more powerful and compelling than

When science has discovered something more
We shall all be happier than we were before.

The implication of this revolution that is gathering momentum year by year is that the arts can no longer be successfully practised in a scientific setting without an understanding of the main components of that setting. But it is probably just as true that the scientist and technologist cannot afford to ignore human relations.

It may be that the best approach in the schools to this situation is not to assume that there are two entirely separate cultures, the humanistic and the scientific, but to cultivate as early as possible a balanced attitude to the arts and sciences and their relationship. It is too late to leave the problem to the sixth form, for by this stage attitudes have become firmly established and there is no doubt in the sixth former's mind as to what "the essentials" are.

One way of bridging the gap is to emphasize points of similarity and contact between the arts and sciences, instead of concentrating on the differences: to put forward a picture of reality as something apprehended by us in many different ways, yet as related because of the enormous number of common features. Although it would be foolish to ignore the fundamental differences between the two groups of subjects, which are largely concerned with the subjective and objective in attitude and experience, there are similarities in method and aim. Analysis of data and the formulation of hypotheses are common to both the arts and science. Literature and science are both concerned with creation.

Few can gain clear insight into the meaning of all the aspects of reality represented by the artist, poet, explorer, philosopher, theologian and historian, but all may attempt to understand these contributions without belittling or underrating any of them. Terence was right: homo sum, humani nil a me alienum puto (I am human; no type of experience or thought is wholly alien to me.)

SCHOOL NOTES

This term we have said goodbye to four members of Staff. Mr. Hilton-Jones is retiring, Mr. Boulton, who came to us from Jamaica, is now going to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Miss Redgwell is taking up Physiotherapy at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, and Mrs. Cooper will be teaching at St. Joseph's Convent in Bradford. We also say goodbye to Mr. Ferguson who has been with us for a term. We wish them all every success and happiness in the future.

Most of the present editors are leaving, and we are pleased to welcome Jennifer Day, Lesley Bates and Michael Rogerson to fill the vacant places in the Staff.

Sally Guy has been shooting in pistol competitions at the London Small Bore Rifle Association Championship, where, as the youngest competitor she did extremely well. In her class 'D,' she was the winner of Competition 64 with a clear lead, and in the aggregate she was third. We congratulate her on this success in her first shooting competition.

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. Thompson
House Mistress: Miss W. M. Allen
Boys' Captain: J. Ellis
Girls' Captain: Gillian Lauder
Secretary: Jennifer Day
Treasurer: R. Comport
Prefects: Gillian Lauder, Gillian Sewell, Catherine Perry, Diana Norris, Seeley, Ellis, Comport, Rogerson, Metianu.

This term Peacocke won the Athletic Shield for the ninth year in succession, despite the fact that two of Peacocke's leading athletes, Gillian Lauder and Seeley, were not competing.

We say goodbye to Ellis and Gillian Lauder, our House Captains, Comport, Seeley, Pope, Hayes, Stretton, Catherine Perry and Susan Roser, whom we thank for their work for the House, and wish good luck for the future.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Thompson and Miss Allen for their help and support, and to the Committee for their work during the year.

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. D. P. Darby
House Mistress: Miss B. Hale
Boys' Captain: D. R. Swaine
Girls' Captain: Janice Maynard
Secretary: P. G. F. Hobson
Treasurer: D. E. Robinson
Prefects: Hilary A. Ripley (School Captain), Mary Small, Margaret Sargent, Bronwen Burke, Diana Sanders, Bridget Barker, Ann Lister, Swaine, Robinson

This term has been moderately successful for Sanders. We have closed the gap between ourselves and Meryon in the Work and Merit Competition. In the Athletics Shield we did not do so well, coming third. This was due rather more to the lack of ability than to the lack of effort. We are, at the moment, lying first in the Speech Competition with the Upper School yet to be decided.

We hope to raise enough money from the Dance we are holding on July 15th to be able to send a donation to the World Refugee Year Fund.

This term we shall be saying goodbye to several senior members of the House. We would like to wish them the best of luck in their careers.

Finally, we thank Mr. Darby and Miss Hale for all the hard work they have done for the House during the past year.

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. S. H. Allnutt
House Mistress: Miss M. J. Topliss
Boys' Captain: E. Clark
Girls' Captain: Alison Dobbie
Secretary: L. Stevens
Treasurer: Felicity Scott
Prefects: Alison Dobbie, Kay Eldridge, Felicity Scott, A. Buchan, E. Clark, K. Fibbens, M. Jarvis (School Captain), J. Wingfield, L. Stevens, M. Winter.

With regard to both work and sport in Meryon House, this term has been neither good nor bad. Our achievements in the classroom appear greater than those on the sports field, for while we are able to gain only second place in the School Sports, we do stand a chance of winning the Work and Merit Competition. To compare our apparent athletic mediocrity with our academic success would be a bit unfair, for there are still the cricket and tennis shields to be won. So

far, our Upper School cricket team has beaten Peacocke by 9 wickets. Shortly before the end of term we shall have the Senior Speech Competition; whether we can win the Competition overall remains to be seen.

This term we say good-bye to a number of Meryonites, among them Mark Jarvis, the first School Captain from Meryon for many years. To him and all the other leavers, we offer our best wishes for the future.

Finally, we owe our thanks to Miss Topliss and Mr. Allnutt for their unfailing support and guidance throughout the term.

SALTCOTE PLACE

This term, which has been a very successful one for the House, we welcomed a new girl. 11 members represented the school at the East Sussex Sports and two of our prefects are going to the Sussex Sports. We have been well represented in school tennis and rounders matches, and we surprised Leasam by beating them 7—2 in a tennis match held at Saltcote at the beginning of term.

One of the highlights of this term was the tennis party held one evening after school; 14 couples took part in a light-hearted tournament and we hope that they all enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank Mrs. Cooper for her advice and help over the catering. As so many people are taking part in matches and sports, it is impossible to hold our customary summer party this year.

At the end of term we are again going to King's School, Canterbury to see their Shakespearian play. Soon after, we say goodbye to two Prefects, Ingrid Darnell, who is going to Berridge House Domestic Science College, and Mary Cheesman, who hope to work in a bank. We wish them, and all the others who are leaving, the best of luck in their future careers.

We would like to thank Miss Nelson for allowing us to have the tennis party and Miss Turner and Miss Hayter for helping with it; we should also like to thank them for all they have done this term.

Gillian Sewell

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

Once again we have been well represented both in the fields of work and sport. We played the girls at Saltcote Place for the first time this term at tennis, and they managed to beat us by forty-seven games to twenty-nine. At cricket, Baldock represented the school in the 1st eleven, Beasley in the second eleven, and Ellenger and Foy in the under fourteens, and Clarke and Russell N. broke existing school records on sports day.

Both the house and farm have been running smoothly. On Saturday, 2nd July, we held our Open Day, which was attended by some two hundred and fifty people. This term Mr. White has helped us to form a photographic society, which has proved a great success.

Our thanks this term go to Mr. Anderson, Mr. White and Mr. Allmond for helping and guiding us in our work. We were glad to welcome at the beginning of term Miss Wilde, our new Matron, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, our new caretaker and cook, and we would like to thank them for looking after us so well during the past term.

A. Metianu

TENNIS REPORT

The 1st and 2nd VIs have had three matches this term and have only won one. Unfortunately the team was not always complete and this has meant continual changing of partners for some people. In spite of the shortage of matches, most of the team have had plenty of practice and have improved considerably since last year.

Results—

1st VI v Hastings High	Won	8—1
2nd VI	Won	3—1
1st VI v Ashford Grammar	Lost	8—1
2nd VI	Lost	
1st VI v Bexhill Grammar	Lost	9—0
2nd VI	Lost	4—0

The teams have been chosen from the following people—A. Dobbie, G. Lauder, G. Sewell, S. Roser, K. Eldridge, F. Rook, M. Bather, N. Inkpen, L. Southerden, J. Maynard, A. Lister, J. Watkins, M. Barden, J. Day.

Colours have been renewed to A. Dobbie, G. Lauder and S. Roser, and awarded to G. Sewell.

There has been a good entry for all the school tournaments this year. A singles tournament was started this year, as Faith Wigzell presented a cup when she left, and it has been quite successful. The mixed doubles has already produced some very good matches and the final should be very close. For the match against the staff this term the school team will be mixed; this should make the games a little more even than usual as the boys have some very good players.

The boys have had two matches of their own this term and still have a return match to play against Homewood and one against Bexhill.

Results—

A Team v Homewood	Won	52—29 games
B Team	Won	41—40 games
A Team v Brickwall	Drawn	4½—4½ sets

This year boys' tennis has progressed rapidly and besides the senior sixes there are a number of very promising players lower down the school.

More fixtures have been arranged this term than in any other and we wish to thank Mr. Allmond for the great amount of work he has put into arranging them.
G.K.L. and E.C.

ROUNDERS REPORT 1960

There have been regrettably few matches; several were cancelled because of the weather. The Under 14 team played very well. They won two out of three matches, losing the third by only half a rounder. Jane Daintrey must be congratulated on playing particularly well in all matches and on scoring eight rounders in the Bexhill match. The Under 13 team played one match and lost it.

Under 14 IX—J. Roser, J. Daintrey, K. Hagen, J. de Gruchy, H. Bather, J. Coxeter, M. Richards, D. Maclean, E. Duncan.

Under 13 IX—J. Care, B. Dunn, E. Marshall, V. Richards, B. Griffin, J. Marriott, S. Murphy, S. Wood, C. Hales.

Colours have been awarded to J. Roser and J. Daintrey, and renewed to D. Maclean and M. Richards.

STOOLBALL REPORT

This term stoolball has been added to the girls' list of games. Only the girls in LV upwards have had the privilege of playing this game. We have played two mixed matches against Brede Youth Club, winning the first and losing the second.

The team was chosen from—M. Jarvis, V. Kirkman, G. Bourne, A. Denice, E. Clarke, M. Vidler, P. Fuller, D. Swaine, J. Shingles, M. Gain, J. Watkins, P. Hobson, E. Robinson, J. Stonestreet.

A. Denice

FIRST CRICKET XI REPORT

Matches played this season to date (July 4th)—

Hastings Grammar School—Away Match Drawn
R.G.S.—144 for 3 declared (Swaine 72 n.o., Pennell 39 n.o.)
Hastings G.S.—107 for 3 declared. (Gatherum 1 for 20)

Bethany School—Home Won by 9 wickets
Bethany School—58 (Jarvis 6 for 12, Breeds 2 for 12)
R.G.S.—59 for 1 (Sherwood 37 n.o.)

Bexhill Grammar School—Away Lost by 8 wickets
R.G.S.—46 (Pennell 12)
Bexhill G.S.—47 for 1, (Swaine 1 for 17)

Ashford G.S.—Away Lost by 9 wickets
R.G.S.—57 (Jarvis 27, Pennell 12)
Ashford G.S.—58 for 1 (Jarvis 1 for 23)

Bexhill Grammar School—Home Won by 4 wickets
Bexhill G.S.—60 (Jarvis 4 for 13, Breeds 4 for 15)
R.G.S.—61 for 1 (Sherwood 28)

Hastings Grammar School—Home Match Drawn
R.G.S.—55 for 5 (Pennell 23, Jarvis 13)
Hastings G.S.—99 (Swaine 4 for 31, Jarvis 3 for 15)

SCHOOL CRICKET XI REPORT

A team composed of members of staff and First XI players has three fixtures this season. Two have been played against Rye Cricket Club Second XI.

Rye Cricket Club 2nd XI—Away Match Drawn
School—117 for 5 declared (Swaine 30 n.o., Mr. S. Jones 41, Pennell 13)

Rye C.C. 2nd—91 (Jarvis 4 for 23, Gatherum 3 for 14, Mr. S. Jones 2 for 8, Mr. D. Holness 1 for 5, Mr. F. Brennand 3 catches).

Rye Cricket Club 2nd XI—Away Match Drawn
School—77 for 6 (Swaine 22, Mr. F. Brennand 20)
J. Gatherum

R.G.S. LADIES' CRICKET CLUB REPORT

Mr. Jones, after being pestered all winter, agreed to teach the female members of the school the English National Game—Cricket, much to the disgust of the male members. On Friday evenings you can see Mr. Jones valiantly trying to teach us the rudiments of the game. It is hoped that we can raise an XI under the captaincy of Miss Dann to challenge the Headmaster's XI. We are indebted to Mr. Jones for teaching us and to members of the A.T.C. for their fielding!

Ingrid Darnell, Janet Williams, Lower VI

GIRLS' ATHLETICS REPORT

The girls' record has not been outstanding this year. Owing to the fact that Sports Day was so close to the beginning of term, practices were few and far between. Athletics captains of the future would be advised to arrange their teams as soon as the Summer Term starts.

A new event was held this year. This was the Junior girls 70 yds. (2ft. 3in.) hurdles which was won by Susan Hobden who shows promise for the future. The standard reached by all groups in the hurdles has improved greatly since last year.

Only one record was broken on Sports Day. Susan Roser broke the Senior Girls' javelin record with a throw of 94ft. 7in.; she also broke the East Sussex record by 4ft. with a throw of 96ft. 5in.

East Sussex Results

Senior Girls' Javelin—1st S. Roser, 96ft. 5in.; 2nd A. Dobbie, 88ft.
Senior Girls' Discus—2nd A. Dobbie, 81ft.; 3rd, V. Sales.
Senior Girls' Discus—2nd, S. Roser

The following girls did well to represent East Sussex at the Sussex Schools' Sports at Withdean.

Senior Girls' Javelin—S. Roser, A. Dobbie
Senior Girls' Discus—V. Sales
Senior Girls' Long Jump—I. Darnell
Senior Girls' 220 yards—J. Message

Sussex Sports Results

Javelin—2nd, A. Dobbie, 93ft. 11in.; 3rd, S. Roser, 93ft. 5in.
Long Jump—2nd, I. Darnell, 14ft. 8½in.

Colours were awarded to Judy Message, Ingrid Darnell, Valerie Sales and Susan Roser and renewed to Alison Dobbie.

A. D.

BOYS' ATHLETICS' REPORT

This year Sports Day was held on the first of June under ideal conditions. Seven records were broken and one equalled. These were—

Middle School

Discus—Russel N., 108ft. 2in.
Javelin—Baldock, 120ft (equalled record)
440 yds.—Clarke P., 59.2 secs.
880 yds.—Clarke P., 2 min. 15.4 secs.
Relay—Meryon, 52.2 secs.

Upper School

Javelin—Jarvis M., 148ft. 8in.
Mile—Hayes C., 4 min. 54.5 secs.
Relay—Meryon, 48.7 secs.

For the second year running almost full teams were sent to the East Sussex Sports which were held this year at Cuckfield County Secondary School. The standard was higher than last year and the Intermediate and Senior boys did well to come 3rd in their sections. Individual successes were—

Junior Boys

R. Oswin—3rd in the 80 yds. hurdles
P. Clarke—2nd in the 880 yds.

Intermediate Boys

N. Hankinson—2nd in the 220 yds.
R. Blacklock—2nd in the 880 yds.
R. Searle—2nd in the mile
V. Pennell—3rd in the 110 yds. hurdles
E. Beasley—3rd in the shot
R. Barnes—1st in the high jump
Relay Team—2nd

Senior Boys

R. Seeley—2nd in the 100 yds.
C. Hayes—1st in the mile
G. Bourne—1st in the high jump
R. Seeley—2nd in the long jump
P. Stretton—3rd in the 200 yds. hurdles
D. Swaine—3rd in the 120 yds. hurdles
K. Fibbens—3rd in the javelin

R. Barnes in the Intermediate Boys' high jump and G. Bourne in the Senior Boys' high jump both equalled the existing records of 5ft. 6in.

P. Clarke, R. Barnes and G. Bourne were awarded their East Sussex County Badges.

Two weeks later 10 members were included in the East Sussex team for the County Sports at Withdean Stadium, Brighton. Competitors were placed as follows :

N. Hankinson—3rd in his heat in the 220 yds.
R. Blacklock—2nd in the 880 yds.
R. Searle—8th in the mile
R. Barnes—3rd in the high jump
R. Seeley—2nd in the 100 yds.
G. Bourne—4th in the high jump

D. Swaine—4th in the 120 yds. hurdles
P. Stretton—5th in the 200 yds. hurdles
C. Hayes—4th in the mile
P. Clarke—Junior 880 yds., did not compete, through injury.

During the season it has been encouraging to see some solid effort being put into training by many of the competitors and a marked improvement in performances, particularly in the field events, has resulted. R.S.

GUIDE REPORT

This term the Second Rye (Grammar School) Company has taken a step forward, as a new patrol has been formed to cope with the hoped-for increase in numbers in September, 1960. Jane Daintrey was elected Patrol Leader and chose Margot Ewen as her Patrol Second. The patrol is to be known as the Bantams. Susan Hill (Snowdrops), Doreen Cogger (Robins), Hazel Feather (Lilies of the Valley) are all acting P.S.'s and, as Ruth Hamilton has passed her Second Class, her appointment as P.S. of the Red Roses has been confirmed.

On June 17th, Judy Hyde, Ann Myles and Pamela Merrifield were enrolled, Sarah Dibley and Margaret Guymer were invested at P.L.s, and proficiency badges and service stars were presented to various members of the Company.

Four of the senior Guides and Righty spent the last week-end of the Easter holidays at the Goudhurst Youth Hostel. Visits were paid to the National Pinetum at Bedgebury, to Scotney Castle, and to Tunbridge Wells. In all, we walked about fifty miles in four days' "holiday."

The Sussex Guide Jubilee Rally was held at Withdean Stadium on June 18th., and most of the company attended. Some of us took part in the Colour Ceremonial and the Pageant of the Birthday Cake. Those in the latter were either pieces of icing or candles on the human birthday cake made up of over one thousand Guides. The Guest of Honour at the Rally, attended by over six thousand Guides, was H.R.H. the Princess Royal, President of the Guide Movement in Great Britain.

We would like to thank Mrs. Cooper, Miss Exeter and members of the Upper Vth Cookery class for the real Jubilee Birthday Cake they made on our behalf for the Rye district celebrations.

As this report goes to Press, the Company is attempting to meet this term's challenge—all Guides to have gained their Second Class by the end of term or to have made a real effort towards First Class.

Camp this summer is to be held at Udimore during the first ten days of the summer holidays and a party of a dozen will be going to the Jubilee Pageant in London on July 23rd.

On the whole, this, the second year since the Company was reformed, has been most successful and we hope soon to reach the high standard set in the past.

Gillian Rothwell (Patrol Leader of Snowdrop Patrol)

SCOUT REPORT

During this term the First and Second Rye (Grammar School) Troop has spent a great deal of time repainting the interior of the Scout Hut. We would like to thank those parents who gave up some of their time to helping us. Also many thanks to the Scout Master, who nearly lived at the hut during the decorating.

On May 29th, the troop attended the annual Commonwealth Youth Service, held at the Church of The Holy Spirit, Rye Harbour, this year. The Troop then staged a very successful wide game at Camber Castle. Many thanks to the A.S.M. for helping to make things go with a bang!

The troop entered one patrol in the Rye and District Camping Competition but were unfortunately not at all successful.

On July 1st, twelve new Scouts were enrolled and we wish them a long and successful stay in the troop.

Troop Leader Ashbee

RYE & DISTRICT CAMPING COMPETITION

This Competition was held at Northiam on June 11th-12th. Three patrols were present, the 1st Northiam, the combined 1st and 2nd Rye and the 3rd Rye. The competition was judged by two Scoutmasters from Hastings.

As soon as the patrols arrived they chose their camp site and set up camp. Tents were pitched and kitchen areas marked out. Gadgets for use in the kitchen were made and tea prepared. Patrols had to make up their own menus and some of these would have shocked any housewife! After tea there were games and the Camp Fire was held at 9.45 p.m. We then had cocoa which the judges made and which tasted like anything but cocoa. 'Lights-out' was at 10 o'clock, and then the Judges made a night inspection.

Reveille was at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning and, as it was a dismal morning, nobody wanted to get up. Breakfast was prepared and the brailings of the tents rolled. After breakfast a full kit inspection took place. After dinner there were more games, which the 3rd Rye won, and also some Scouting activities. Tea was at 4 o'clock and all kit had to be packed and ready to leave by a quarter past five. The final summing up was at 5.30 and then the results were given:

First was the 3rd Rye patrol with 90½ points; Second the 1st Northiam patrol with 84½ points, and Third was the 1st and 2nd Rye with 67 points. All these totals were out of 120 points.

The 3rd Rye patrol, under the leadership of P./L. P. Buchan and Second G. Alcock, will attend the County Camping Competition at Brighton on June 25th-26th. G. Alcock, L.IV

A.T.C. REPORT

At the beginning of this term the Squadron's Annual Inspection was held on Friday, 20th May. The inspecting officer, Flt.-Lt. Webster-Grinling, complimented the cadets upon their excellent turn-out and bearing on parade. He said that they had even improved upon their high standard of previous years. During the parade Mrs. E. Larkin presented the John Larkin Cup to Sgt. Bourne.

Throughout the term, work has been proceeding on the conversion of one of the air-raid shelters into a .22 rifle range in an effort to get the building ready for Air Ministry approval during the holiday. Flt.-Lt. Thompson has supervised the work and willing help has been given by many cadets.

Cpls. Hobson, Pennell and Stretton have attended Gliding Courses at R.A.F. Hawkinge and all N.C.O.s have now got their "A" and "B" licences.

The term has been a very successful one in the academic field. All the N.C.O.s now have their Advanced Proficiency and six cadets passed Proficiency. Basic Examinations are now in progress and seem to be proceeding successfully.

No less have been the sporting achievements of the Squadron. At the Sussex Wing Athletic meeting at Hove on June 12th the Squadron won the Intermediate Cup and came first in total points. Two relay teams plus competitors in discus, hurdles, 220 yds., high jump and long jump represented the Wing at the Eastern Region Athletics meeting at R.A.F. Uxbridge. Sgt. Bourne and Cpl. Pennell qualified to represent the Eastern Region at the Corps championships at the same place.

Work has continued in the preparation of cadets for the Duke of Edingburgh's Award.

Our thanks are due, as always, to the untiring efforts of our Officers and Instructors. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Parkhurst for his presentation of the films this term.

Annual Camp will be held at R.A.F. St. Athan in Glamorgan.
J.E. and J.G.

RED CROSS REPORT

The main event of this term was the Red Cross rally held in the grounds of Arundel Castle which included a parade of girl cadets and a few boy cadets. We were inspected by Lord Woolton and Miss Maude Jones, head of the Junior Red Cross. After the parade we saw some displays of mothercraft, first aid, accident prevention and visual aids. Our display was "Visual Aids," for which we took some posters we had drawn and painted. Our gifts included kit bags and the posters.

The cadets took their Mothercraft examination and most of them passed. We are now having lectures on first aid but at the moment no examination is in view. One or two members have joined this term, bringing our total to about twenty-two.

E. Robinson

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Over thirty new books have been placed on the shelves this term, including—

'Truth and Opinion'	by C. V. Wedgewood
'The Individual and the Universe'	by A. C. B. Lovell
'They Were Defeated'	by R. Macaulay
'The Government Inspector'	by N. Gogol
'Life and Times of Ernest Bevin: Vol. I'	by A. Bullock
'The Country Priest in English History'	by A. Tindal Hart
'The Gospel According to Thomas'	trans. by Guillamont
'Full Circle' Memoirs of Sir A. Eden	by Sir A. Eden
'Mountolive' and 'Clea' and 'Balthazar'	by L. Durrell
'British Wild Flowers'	by P. Lewis
'Common Sense About Russia'	by R. Conquest

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

So great is the enthusiasm of the S.C.M. Group that it functions not only in term time. In the Easter holiday a number of members generously gave up their time for a house-to-house and street collection in aid of the East Sussex Fund for the Blind, which realised a total of over £30, for which we were thanked and congratulated by the local Secretary of the Association.

The first meeting of this term was held on May 23rd when Mr. C. A. Cattell spoke to us on the history and work of the Toc H movement. After his talk, Mr. Cattell distributed leaflets on Toc H among members.

On Ascension Day the Group, along with several non-members, went to London to see, at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, a special Students performance of the film 'Ben Hur.'

A 'milk top' meeting will take place at the end of term, when it is hoped that a further consignment of tin-foil and silver will be sent off. Although this work in aid of a Guide Dog for the Blind is, it would seem, endless, we are still grateful to receive contributions of milk bottle tops. In this context we should like to thank Miss Giles for all her work and for keeping us supplied with sorting matter.

The Secretary

BEN HUR

On Thursday, 26th May, a coachload of S.C.M. members, as well as some other Upper School pupils, left Rye to visit the Empire cinema, Leicester Square, for a "Students' Matinee" of the film "Ben Hur." After a pleasant journey in fine weather we disembarked in Leicester Square, duly fortified and sustained by lunch en route, and took our seats. The film of the classic book by General Lew Wallace starred Charlton Heston as Prince Judas Ben Hur, Stephen Boyd as Messala the Roman Tribune, and Haya Harareet as Esther.

After the performance it was unanimously agreed that the presentation of grand spectacle in the film was a complete success. The sea-battle between the Roman and Macedonian fleets and especially the famed chariot race had the audience literally on the edge of their seats. Ben Hur is described as "A tale of the Christ" and the scenes from the life of Our Lord were handled with an impressive simplicity and sincerity. The acting throughout was of a very high quality, although the script, particularly the interminable love scenes between Ben Hur and Ester, made heavy demands on it. The film made a marked impression on its young audience who vied with the Roman crowd watching the chariot race, or the Jewish mob at the Crucifixion in the partisanship and delight at the more gory parts of the action, which were unashamedly and quite rightly, put before them.

At five o'clock, four hours and many strained backs and calf muscles later, we once more emerged into the daylight after nevertheless a most rewarding experience in cinema going.

Our thanks must go to the secretary of the S.C.M. and to Mr. Gaunt and Miss Getley for organising this enjoyable visit.

WIMBLEDON 1960

On the 20th of June a coach-load of boys and girls went to see the first day's play at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club consisting solely of the men's singles first round matches. We had the opportunity of seeing all the top tennis players in action, not only on the centre and No. 1 courts, but also on the outside courts. Although we felt very conspicuous in our school uniforms amongst the elegance of the other ladies present, we had a most enjoyable time. The day ended happily with everybody arriving in Rye in time to catch their last bus home.

We thank Miss Redgewell and Mr. Allmond for making all the necessary arrangements for conveyance and for accompanying us.

VISIT TO THE LONDON DOCKS

On Thursday, May 19th, we all met Mr. H. H. Jones and Miss Exeter in the Rope Walk in the pouring rain. We were going on a steamer visit to the London Docks. We arrived in London at about midday and with an hour to spare, most of the party spent that time looking around the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

Our boat left Tower Bridge at 2.30 and travelled downstream passing through the Pool of London, Limehouse Reach and Greenwich Power Station and Observatory. From there we carried straight on to the Royal Albert and King George V Docks. To reach these we had to go through two locks and therefore waited for the water to rise and fall. One of the men on board informed us that we were rising and falling forty feet during the course of fifteen minutes.

We saw many large liners both British and foreign and also a great many warehouses belonging to both the large and small companies. After visiting the docks, we made our way back to Tower Bridge, which opened as we passed through. Unfortunately it rained incessantly throughout the trip and we all ended up looking like drowned rats!

We have all learned a great deal about the Docks and would like to thank Mr. Jones for arranging the trip.

Mary Cheesman

BODIAM ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

In one hop garden in Bodiam, past which the River Rother flows, was found a slight rise in the ground. Colonel Hill, a retired army officer interested in archaeology, decided to dig some trenches in the silt or alluvium of the Rother to see if he could find anything of interest. The trenches having been marked out, work started on Tuesday, 19th April, the main body of workers being the Bodiam Historical Society.

The first thing of interest to be found was a floor of Roman tiles, similar to some found before, marked "CL BR" which means "Classis Britannica" or "the Roman fleet in Britain." Mrs. Sutton, the author of "Italian Holiday," "Dalmatian Holiday" and other books, was there with Mr. Sutton. They uncovered an earthen vessel of Roman design. Besides my uncovering a floor and a causeway, many other things were found, including three coins of the reign of Emperor Claudius, another earthen vessel and numerous pieces of tile and pottery.

This site was believed to be a Roman port for the ferry across the river. The dig ended on the next Tuesday, after many things of historical interest had been found.

J. A. Breeds, M3

THE FISHERMAN

The dawn rose mistily from the sea, the buoys
Swayed on the morning tide.
The gulls screamed at the morning to flee,
As the boats came in on the cold grey sea.

Up the river they made their way, by the fields
Of dew soaked hay.
Past the jetty they glided by, each man giving a
sleepy sigh.
There were gardens of flowers for them to see,
As the boats came in on the cold grey sea.

Another night over, all of them thought.
Past were the dangers that they had fought.
Now they were home, where they could rest.
Free from danger that was constantly their guest.
Now they have come home to you and to me,
The boats have come in on the cold grey sea.

B. Whitwick, LV A

THE BATTLE

The hills were quiet in the morning,
The hills were quiet at night.
They could not tell their warning
That spears and armour bright
Had passed by in the night.

The people of the village stirred,
The cows were milked and led to graze ;
But still, the rattle could be heard
Through the heat and summer's haze
Of soldiers tramping through the maize.

As they went about their way,
The soldiers could be seen on the hill,
And, at last, it came midday ;
The people shouted with a will,
" It is the army of King Bill."

They took their pitchforks and their hoes
And tried to fight the soldiers brave,
But they were no match for swords and bows.
Then the villagers came in a wave
So that their folks they could save.

As the sun sank in the sky,
The people of the village gave a sigh,
For round about dead soldiers lie,
And many others waiting to die
Before the moon rose very high.

But they had won the battle,
And home to their wives they went,
In their ears shouts and armour rattle,
In their minds spears broken and bent
Some of these for them were meant.

THE OLD TUDOR HOUSE

There stands an old Tudor House
In a quiet country lane,
Where only the tapping
Of a branch on a pane
Disturbs its silence so deep.

No doubt it has seen many travellers
Entering its massive oak door ;
They were happier times for that old house
As it welcomed rich and poor—
Never then in a silence so deep.

I have often passed it by
Or stopped to ponder the reason
Why that old house, in its country lane,
Is deserted from season to season
In silence oh, so deep.

Alison Hadley, L.IV

FROM LACK OF INSPIRATION

An article for "Rya" to prepare;
I rack my brains; I'm in despair.
To write a poem is my aim,
This kind of thing's not up my lane.
I fear that I should have been a "street,"
But what's the difference if I complete
This piece of work all in good time;
I wish I could think of words that rhyme.
Eight lines I have now completed,
Hope Mother Nature doesn't feel cheated.
She never meant me to be a poet,
And after this—oh, don't I know it!

Margaret Grisenthwaite, LV A

BELLRINGING IN WITTERSHAM

We have six bells in Wittersham tower. Their weights vary from six to sixteen hundredweight. They are heavy compared with our nearby tower at Stone. The bells are hung on wooden frames, and are therefore harder to ring than ones hung on metal frames.

The bells are rung from an upstairs belfry by a band of ringers formed only last September. They are not very experienced ringers as yet but they can ring well enough not to disturb the inhabitants of Wittersham. The band consists of D. Hamilton on the treble, J. Guymmer on the second, R. Hamilton on the third, Mrs. Hamilton on the fourth, P. Denne on the fifth and L. Sweatman on the tenor.

The practice night is Thursday and on Sundays we ring from 9.45 a.m. for three quarters of an hour, and from 5.45 p.m. to half past six. The belfry is in great need of repainting and the floor of replacement but we still go on ringing. The only furniture is four wooden benches. The captain of the ringers is W. K. Hamilton.

A Campanologist

THE ANCIENT CITY OF BRUGGE

The ancient city of Brugge is the capital of the province of West Flanders and is a much visited tourist centre. It is indeed a picturesque and medieval town, as can be seen when one walks along beside the many canals with their legendary swans or visits a typical step-gabled house. It is not possible to visit Brugge without being fascinated by one of the old lace-makers at work. Every hour, the belfry in the market square rings a carillon and in the summer months the illuminations are the highlights of all evening walks. Parts of the medieval fortifications still remain, these being the Blacksmith's Gate, the Ostende Gate, the Cross Gate and the Ghent Gate. Only these four remain out of the original seven.

From Brugge easy access can be made to such places as Ghent, Anvers or Antwerp, Brussels, Blankenberge and Ostende. Knokke is the seaside resort for many Belgian millionaires and has some splendid villas. Holland too, is not more than an hour's journey, but some delay is caused in waiting for the ferry across the river Scheldt, to Flushing.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, Brugge stood on the banks of an estuary which brought much trade and prosperity to the city. In the fifteenth century this estuary silted up, but Brugge is still attempting to regain an approach to the sea, and has just succeeded, after having built a large ship canal from Zeebrugge connecting it up with the city.

Because of all its old-world charm and beauty, and because of the numerous canals winding through it, Brugge has been so rightly called, "The Venice of the North."

Alison Banks, LIV

WAREHOUSES

Tall and dirty, red buildings,
Like fingers piercing the sky;
Black expressionless windows
Watching the passers-by.
Doors that have not been entered
For many years gone by,
Barred, bolted and boarded up,
Watching the passers-by.
Tall grey stacks and pulleys
For oats, barley and rye,
Empty wheat sacks gaping,
Watching the passers-by.

Sooty walls and grimy roofs
Paintwork peeling and bare,
Standing in solitude, far above
The world, and all things there.

J. Ovenden, LVA

SMUGGLING ON ROMNEY MARSH IN THE 19th CENTURY

In the early 19th century, smuggling was thriving. The customs officials, or preventive men, as they were called, were a weak body of untrained men: thus ideal conditions existed for the smuggling of contraband into the country. East Guldeford Church was used to a great extent, and on one occasion the preventive men discovered a number of casks of rum underneath the church pulpit.

Many customs men and lawmen were also in this great organisation, offering full protection against the law, for the smugglers. The stretch of coast from Hastings to Pett was a favourite landing place for the smugglers and their goods.

At dead of night men would row ashore and land their goods which would be hidden in the caves and tunnels. Among their goods would be lace, rum, brandy and tobacco. The smugglers stored their goods in the tunnels dotted along our coasts, right under the noses of the preventive men.

Romney Marsh was also frequently used for the storing of illegal goods. At night, boats would quietly sail up the creeks and hide their cargoes under the reeds and in hollows. They would then silently vanish into the darkness of Rye Bay. Sometimes, however, a coastguard might be lucky and catch the smugglers in the act. He never lived to tell the tale though, for the next morning he would

be found in a ditch or swamp, with a cut throat. Fortunately the preventive men started to organize themselves about 1830, and soon smuggling disappeared from our coasts to become just a memory.

R. Huxstep, L IV

PHILOSOPHY

Now when I sit beside the sea
And ponder on philosophy,
I wonder, what's the use of life
Filled, as it is, with useless strife,
With anger, malice, spite and greed;
Of virtue none take any heed.

The countries struggle, each to gain
The mastership of all the world,
No matter if it's bought with pain,
If only in each state, unfurled
Their banners and their flags to fly
In proof of their triumphancy.

The dirt of factories spreads a pall
Of smoke throughout the sky,
To spread a film of dust on all
The houses and the buildings by,
While sewers empty near the shore
Each day their contents, more and more.

Now while I think in this grave way,
I suddenly forget all sin,
For now I find that while I stay
The surging tide has come right in.
I do not want to drown, and so
My thoughts forgotten, off I go.

T. Barden, L4

THE MODERNIZATION OF SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

By the end of 1962 most of the trains will be electric. These will be quicker and cleaner than the present steam trains. Because of the increased speed in rail traffic the colour-light signalling system is being installed. From now until 1962 the timetable will be retimed, and this will cause considerable delays.

The new plan also includes the partial rebuilding of forty-three stations and the laying of one hundred and thirty two route miles of conductor rail. There will also be six new signal boxes which will

replace twenty-four old ones. The trains are also going to be renewed; these will give extra comfort and they will have more dining cars. The passengers, after suffering for several years, will gradually change their opinions about the services offered by British Railways.

J. Ashenden, L IV

A BIT MIXED UP

Got up one mornin' ; early, overlaid.
Down dem stairs, put on my breakfast, ate me boots.
Up station afore long ;
Platform whistled, away went the station,
So way home I cum.
Cum through the fields and it cum onto rain,
Went in the barn and found it locked.
Stopped in the dry till it left off raining ;
Went round the end of our house; an old bark dogged me,
So went to the stake and got me a hedge ;
Knocked him over and there he stood,
So I got a bit of rope and chained him.
There he was gone next morning,
Plain enough for anyone to see.

R. J. Firrell, L IV

THE MIGHTY ONE

The sun is going in, disappearing, fading,
The farmer comes home for his supper, wading
Across the stream that runs by the mill.
Not a movement in the farm-yard, all is still.
Everything, everywhere is quiet and peaceful,
There is not a solitary sign of a bird,
But in the hills the Mighty One comes,
The Mighty One, King of the Oringka herd.
He pauses for a moment, his head held high,
His silver neck stretching towards the sky,
His mane and tail flowing in the breeze:
But off once more he goes, with loping stride and elegant ease
Galloping across the valleys and hills,
Above the farms, the streams, the mills,
Onward he goes this one of might,
With rolling eyes and a boundless flight.

Claire Barnard, L4

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

I regret that the magazine is going to print this term before we have received many of the University and College Examination results, but I can report the following:—

Mark Saville has gained a First Class B.C.L. at Oxford, has been elected to the Vinerian and been awarded a Scholarship at the Inner Temple.

Brian Bellhouse has gained Second Class Honours in Mathematics at Oxford, after which he is going for six months' training with English Electric, for whom he hopes to work.

Michael Mayhew has gained an Upper Second in Mathematics at Southampton, and hopes to stay on to take his M.Sc.

Mary Button, Kathryn Foulsham and Jacqueline Cooke have completed their first year at Catering College. Jackie has recently recovered from an illness but looked very well when she visited Saltcote.

Wendy Heron and Barbara Braham visited the school this term. They are enjoying their work in the Civil Service in London, but would prefer to be living in Sussex.

Jacqueline Wilson, another of last year's Upper Fifth, is training to become a hairdresser in Bexhill.

Beryl Barden, who has left Rye to work in a solicitor's office in Watford, was bridesmaid recently when Margaret Masters married H. Boreham.

N. Millington, now in the army, is stationed in Germany and loving every minute of it.

Judith Walker is happily settled in a Bank at Heathfield.

Jacqueline Doust has a job as Technical Director of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, and her brother Michael, is now a jet flying instructor at Lossiemouth, Scotland.

G. Sutton will be taking a post as a Master at Amersham Grammar School in September.

C. Melchers, an accountant, gets 30 m.p.g. out of a 1940 Rover for which he paid £140.

To conclude, here is a list of people who will be leaving at the end of this term, with their prospective careers (where known).

Leavers, 1960

Girls (definite)

Janet Armitage—teaching since January at Tilling Green. Nursery Nurse at St. Christopher's, Tunbridge Wells from September, 1960.

Margaret Harris—one term's teaching at Rye Collegiate School. St. Katharine's Training College, Tottenham, September, 1960.

Diana Sanders—Battersea College of Domestic Science.
 Margaret Sargent—Brighton Technical College. Hotel Catering Course.
 Ingrid Darnell—National Society's Training College for Domestic Subjects (Berridge House)
 Susan Roser—Civil Service. Clerical Officer.
 Margaret Godfrey—Hastings School of Art.
 Sheila Jones—Cashier, Dewhurst's, Rye
 Sheila Buchan—St. Christopher's, Tunbridge Wells for Nursery Nurse Training (December, 1960).
 Dorothy Downey—Mary Wray Secretarial College.
 Shirley Lambert—Telephonist, Hastings G.P.O.
 Monica Pearson—Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Others—

Bridget Barker—to work 'au pair' in France for six months ; Alison Dobbie—either university or college ; Gillian Lauder—either university or college ; Ann Lister—Medical Laboratory Technician ; Catherine Perry—St. Jame's Secretarial College ; Felicity Scott ; Mary Small—Bristol University or Civil Service ; Hilary Ripley—university or Battersea College of Technology ; Bronwen Burke—Drama School ; Mary Cheeseman-Bank ; Janet Lax-West—Student Teaching, Chailey Heritage ; Judith Linter—to teach at Rye Collegiate ; Janice Maynard ; Jane Langridge—Secretarial College ; Lynda Baker ; Kathleen Hole ; Mary Taylor.

Boys—

Bromham A.—University of Exeter ; Buchan A.—university ; Clark E.—Barclays Bank ; Comport R. ; Ellis J.—St. John's, Cambridge ; Fibbens K.—Executive Trainee ; Jarvis A.—Civil Engineering with London County Council ; Jarvis M.—University College, Hull ; Pope M.—university ; Seeley R.—Barclays Bank ; Swaine—Northern Group of Insurance ; Stevens ; Wingfield—Atomic Energy Commission ; Bourne G.—Barclays Bank ; Stretton ; Carter H. ; Gatherum J.—teaching ; Hayes ; Saunders G.—farming practice at Bethersden ; Beck—farming ; Rootes Group Factory ; Hearty S. ; Hickman M.—Kent River Board ; Howard B.—joinery in family business ; Sharp N. ; Vidler A.—accountancy ; Wood V. ; Cook G. ; Courage B. ; Hagues B. ; Ide—farming with father ; Lavender R. ; Maskell M. ; Morris R.—farming with farther ; Peak J. ; Ward.

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