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EDITORIAL

TO REAP THE BENEFIT

Fifty years ago today, two shots, fired in hatred and anguish by a fanatical revolutionary, ended the life of an Austrian Archduke and provoked the most tragic conflict of our times.

Let us remember the millions of soldiers and civilians that gave their lives on both sides for causes that they felt to be just and right, and the millions more who unselfishly surrendered their present wealth in order that there should be future peace. But in doing so, we must not forget the fact that the world today has not benefited as much from their sacrifice as it should have done.

For we are still surrounded by suspicion and contempt, fear and bias; the East arms against the West, Black people against the White. The toleration and mutual respect that has been the hope of so many generations has faded, while oppression seems ever ascendant. The theme of understanding has been worn to the bone with trite political phrases and hackneyed charity. Even "Do unto your Neighbour" has an air of much-used boredom. An oppressive atmosphere hangs over even the most endearing human relationships. Moral platitudes are no longer enough.

It is in this atmosphere that we must profoundly reconsider our attitudes to other peoples and other opinions. For only with a consistent improvement in the status of mutual understanding and respect can the world have a real chance to continue its course of evolution, an evolution that can either be halted by the appalling destruction of international genocide or advanced by the natural brilliance of mankind.

But while contemplating the larger issues, we must not forget the part we shall play, with the others of our generation, in the coming decades, and that our present ideals will play a large part in the formulation of our adult characters. If we are able to overcome the problems and adopt a new and refreshing vigorous approach to the present attitudes of bias, fear, and prejudice, then the future is bright; if not, the situation can only worsen. For personal attitudes, if they are generally representative, become national trends.

And so, on this, the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of one of man's primary follies, we should not only remember the sacrifices of millions of men and women, but also the greater implications for our future. We must grasp with both hands all the opportunities before us, and at the same time utilise all our capacity for tolerance, understanding, and the will to do good, if we are to succeed in breaking down all the barriers towards some ultimate Utopia.

SCHOOL NOTES

We shall be losing five members of the staff at the end of this term, Mr. Lanyon, who temporarily replaced Miss Hollands, Mr. Barham, who is returning as Head of the English department at Maidstone Technical School, Mrs. French who is going to Eastbourne High School, Mrs. Johnson who is going to Hastings High School, and Mme. Boez who is returning to Lille University after spending a year with us as French assistante.

We are happy to record the engagement of the Rev. A. R. Jacobs, M.A., our former headmaster, to Miss Margaret Rehder, of Rye and Dulwich. Miss J. Redgwell, the former girls' P.E. mistress, was married this term to Mr. Drewe. We offer both couples our hearty congratulations.

Owing to ever-increasing costs, it is probable that 'Rya' will henceforth be produced, like the majority of school magazines, annually. The next issue will therefore probably appear at the end of the next school year.

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. Thompson

House Mistress: Miss W. Allen

Boys' Captain: John Clark
Girls' Captain: Jane Daintrey
Secretary: Marie Trussler

Treasurer Michael Crawford-Jones

Prefects: Jane Daintrey, Hilary Hamilton, Marie Trussler,

John Clark, Michael Crawford-Jones, Clifford Healey, John Luck, Jack Russell, Michael Seeley

Unfortunately this has not be a very exciting year for Peacocke. In most of the House Competitions so far decided, we have only managed second place, usually a very close second, it might be added.

In the school Sports Day we did well in coming second to a very strong Saunders team. Whiteman and Walmsley are to be especially congratulated on winning the Junior and Senior cups.

Seeley has had another outstanding success in winning the Sussex Junior triple jump in the A.A.A. Championships at Brighton,

The collections have been up on those of last year, but there is still room for improvement. In May we made a £5 donation to L.E.P.R.A. for our leper boy Omiuvi.

Several members of Upper VIth are leaving for various colleges.

We wish them the best of luck in the future.

Once again we would like to thank Mr. Thompson and Miss Allen for the interest they always take in everything to do with Peacocke. Perhaps next year we shall be able to reward their efforts by winning a few more shields for the House.

M. Trussler

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master:

Mr. D. P. Darby

House Mistress:

Miss M. Getley

Boys' Captain:

C. Johnson

Girls' Captain:

Hilary Marshall

Secretary:

R. Spencer

Treasurer:

Diane Williams

Prefects: Joyce Care, Janet de Gruchy, Kathleen Hagen,

Hilary Marshall (Deputy Head Girl), Sandra Mitchell, Christine Oates, Diane Williams, J. Harvey, C. Johnson, L. H. Page, N. Perry,

A. Richards, R. Spencer, M. Tree.

This term has been a successful one for the House and several of the House competitions have been successfully completed, we having gained the Athletics and Music shields.

The House Cricket competition is still in progress and so far Sanders has had several wins. One of the most surprising wins was by the Upper School team who beat Peacocke by six wickets with some admirable bowling by Johnson and some good batting by Harvey.

The Speech Competition is to be held for the Upper School during the next few weeks. The sections in the Middle and Lower school have ended with the scores fairly square, and so it is up to the Seniors to repeat the victory we gained last year.

Our thanks go to Mr. Darby and Miss Getley for their help and encouragement during the term.

Secretary

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress:

Mrs. French

House Master:

Mr. Allnutt

Girls' Captain:

Angela Carter Mark Bianchi

Boys' Captain:

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Secretary:

Shirley Jarrold

Treasurer:

C. Wilson

Prefects: Heather Bather (Head Girl), Angela Carter, Pat Carter, Shirley Jarrold, Eileen Duncan, Gillian Rothwell, Carol Munn, R. Datchelor (Head Boy), M. Bianchi, C. Skinner, C. Wilson, T. Lane, J. Dixon, P. Vincent, J. Breeds, C. Pope, P. Eade.

This has been a fairly successful year for Meryon, as we now have the Cross Country and Football shields to our credit, and we must congratulate C. Wilson on setting up a new record for the Senior Javelin on Sports Day. The Cricket and Tennis House Matches, in which we stood a good chance, are yet to be played and the Speech Competition will shortly be held.

Collections have been rather low this term and it is hoped that there will be an improvement next year.

This term we lose our House Mistress, Mrs. French, and most of our Upper 6th members. We would like to wish them every success in the future and thank them, together with Mr. Allnutt, for all their help and support in the past year.

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

This term has been most successful for us in the field of sport. For the second year in succession, one of our boys has won the Boys Intermediate Cup. This year it was David Fountain who, by winning his three events, in one of which he broke the old record, amassing the necessary points. Several of our boys represented the school at the East Sussex Sports and Wickenden was chosen to represent East Sussex at the Sussex Sports where he managed to gain third place.

We have also been well represented at Cricket and Tennis.

Several of our members had an enjoyable day at the Sussex Agricultural Show which was held at Haywards Heath. We hope to have a successful Open Day on July 11th.

There have not been any alterations to the farm this term and everything seems to be running efficiently. At the moment we are hay-making and potato-harvesting.

We have to say goodbye to Mr. Lanyon at the end of this term and we hope he enjoyed his short stay at Leasam.

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

P. C. A. Eade, Head Boy

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

This term has been a very full one for all of us, with examinations and sports activities taking up most of our time. Nine girls represented the school at the East Sussex Sports, three of them being chosen to compete in the Sussex Championships: J. Daintrey, C. Oates, H. Marshall. On Sports Day, Susan Hobden won the Senior Girls' Trophy.

At the moment the Singles and Doubles Tournaments are in progress. We are looking forward to matches against the staff and Leasam at the end of term, and we have a tennis party on the 14th July.

I am sure everybody enjoyed the strawberry tea on 30th July, and would like to thank the Domestic staff and Miss Turner for all the hard work and preparation involved.

Three of the guides went to a week end camp, and six girls went on a two day hike for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Among those leaving this term are four prefects. Jane Daintrey is going to the Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne; Christine Oates is going to the Trent Park Training College; Janet de Gruchy is hoping to go to university; and Hilary Marshall is going to Nottingham Training College.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson and Miss Turner for their help and kindness throughout the term.

GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

Although we have not had very many matches this term, some having been cancelled because of bad weather, the girls' tennis teams have had a good deal of success.

1st VI played 3, won 2, lost 1. 2nd VI played 2, won 1, lost 1 U15 VI played 2 won 2

There are, however, more matches to be played towards the end of term.

On Saturday, May 30th, J. Daintrey, E. Duncan, J. Marriott and J. Bell represented the school at the South Eastern Counties Tournament held at Brighton, and, although we were placed 2nd in our section to the eventual winners, we did well to achieve 6th place out of the 16 schools attending.

As usual this term we have several tournaments in progress: we have two mixed doubles, one open and one for pupils only, a girls' singles and a girls' doubles, the final of which will be played on Open Day. The usual matches against the staff and boys are yet to be arranged.

Teams:

1st VI—E. Duncan, J. Daintrey, J. Marriott, C. Oates, J. Bell, I. Browne.

2nd VI—J. de Gruchy, J. Sherwood, A. Banks, J. Care, C. Springford, A. Davies.

Our thanks must go to Miss McBride, who has given us her unfailing help and encouragement throughout the term.

E. Duncan

ROUNDERS REPORT

The rounders teams so far this season have had a very successful score-sheet, except for the most recent match, but they are still all to be congratulated for playing so well. We hope both teams will be successful in the two matches to be played before end of term.

Our thanks go to Miss McBride for her encouragement throughout the term.

Results of matches played:

U14 IX-Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1, Cancelled 1.

U13 IX-Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1, Cancelled 1

Teams

U14—J. Prior, M. Bennett (Capt.), C. Tanner, G. Hembury, J. Holmes, B. Elphick, J. Ridgers, D. Murrell, J. Coleman, reserve S. Kinnes.

U13—J. Kent, K. Baldock, P. Evans, E. Odell, J. Chapman, S. Nash (Capt.), C. Bourne, V. Johnson, L. Bailey. Reserves A. Ashenden, C. Sherwood.

M. Bennett (Capt. U14)

GIRLS' ATHLETICS REPORT

On Thursday, 14th May, Intermediate and Junior Teams went to Battle to compete against Claverham and Homewood. Overall combined with the boys' team, Rye was placed second.

On Tuesday, 9th June, Intermediate and Junior Teams went to Robertsbridge to compete against them and Heathfield. Overall, combined with the boys' teams, Rye was placed first.

The Annual School Sports Day was held on Tuesday 2nd of June and two records were broken:-

- A. Ashenden, Lower School Long Jump (13ft. 5in.)
- D. Buttery, Lower School High Jump (4ft. 4in.) and one record was equalled by
 - H. Marshall, the Upper School 220 yards (29 seconds).

The three Trophy winners were:-

Lower School-D. Buttery

Middle School-G. Winterbottom

Upper School-S. Hobden

At the East Sussex Championships at East Grinstead the Senior Team was placed third in their section and they had five successful competitors:-

- J. Daintrey-80m. Hurdles, 3rd.
- C. Oates-Discus, 2nd
- E. Marshall-High Jump, 2nd
- H. Bather-Javelin, 3rd
- H. Marshall-220 yards, 3rd, 100 yards, 3rd.

Four girls represented East Sussex and placings were:-

- I. Daintrey—80m. Hurdles, 3rd (East Sussex Badge).
- C. Oates-Discus, 4th
- H. Marshall-100 yards, 2nd

BOYS' TENNIS REPORT

The trend is towards more boys' tennis than ever before. The boys, who are largely self-taught, have attained a fairly high standard and it is hoped that in the future more coaching will be available and that consequently the standard of tennis will be higher.

It is very encouraging to see the number of entrants for the Boys' Singles Championship, for it far exceeds those for thhe Girls' Singles. There is the possibility that next year there will be a Boys' Doubles tournament.

The fact that we have played and lost four matches to date is not reflected in the tennis. The scores (which have been conveniently lost) are not true records of each match, for often games have been lost by the odd point. However, a feature of all the matches played has been the enthusiasm put into and the enjoyment got out of the matches, which far outweigh the sad results.

We would like to thank Mr. Holness for "managing" us, and Mrs. Agulnik for allowing the use of courts at Saltcote on two occasions.

Teams:-

U.15-Brown, Goodsell, Healey, Igglesden, Marshall and Swanton.

Senior Six-From Buchan, Harvey, Howley, Lane, Leahy, Luck (Capt.), Nicolle, Richards, Sinclair, Thomson, E. and Tree, M.

FIRST XI CRICKET REPORT

The team has won 3, drawn 5, and lost 2 games.

The most improved player this season is M. Seeley. He is top scorer and only M. Bianchi has taken more wickets.

C. Pope has kept wicket very well, and is the second highest runscorer.

Results

v Headmaster's XI. Drawn

Headmaster's XI. 140 for 6 dec. (Oliver 3 for 8.) First XI. 120 for 8 (Bianchi 30, Pankhurst 26 n.o.)

v Eastbourne G.S. Won by 5 wickets.

Eastbourne. 65 (Dixon 3 for 8, Seeley 3 for 13) Rye. 67 for 5 (Bianchi 26 n.o.)

v Hastings G.S. Drawn.

Rye 147 for 5 dec. (Harvey 49, Seeley 38, Clark 28) Hastings, 113 for 5

v Ashford G.S. Won by 36 runs

Rye. 60 (Clark 23).

Ashford. 24 (Bianchi 7 for 7, Wilson C., 3 for 12).

v Goudhurst. Won by 6 wickets.

Goudhurst 73 (Leahy 3 for 3, Seeley 2 for 1).

Rye 74 for 4 (Seeley 43 n.o.)

v Haywards Heath G.S. Lost by 6 wickets.

Haywards Heath 45 for 4 (Bianchi 3 for 8).

v Parkhurst C.C. Drawn.

Parkhurst 171 for 2 dec.

Rye 110 for 8 (Pope 35, Bianchi 26, Clark 21).

v Bexhill G.S. Lost by 5 wickets
Rye 126 for 4 dec. (Seeley 68, Pope 29 n.o.)
Bexhill 130 for 5.

v Bexhill G.S. Drawn
Bexhill. 119 for 7 dec.
Rye. 114 for 9 (Pope 51, Bianchi 23).

v Hastings G.S. Drawn.
Hastings. 139 for 5 dec.
Rye. 117 for 4 (Seeley 40, Harvey 30 n.o.)

The team has been selected from:— Clark, Harvey, Bianchi, Pope, Seeley, Pankhurst, Brown, Leahy, Oliver, Johnson, C., Wilson, C., Dixon, Dolan, Crawford-Jones, and Thompson, T.

Caps are renewed to Clark, Harvey, Bianchi and Pope, and awarded to Seeley.

J. Clark

2nd XI CRICKET REPORT

This season's cricket has been enlivened by some fine hard hitting by several members of the team, notably M. Tree, R. Stapley and N. Marshall. M. Robinson has batted consistently and topped the averages with an average of nearly twenty. T. Thompson has been our most successful bowler taking 30 wickets.

The results are:

Played—9 Won—4 Lost—5

UNDER 14 CRICKET

This has not been a particularly successful season, though many players promise much in the future. The outstanding personality has been Bourne, who has done very well with bat and ball. His fielding also has been an example to many other members of the side who often resemble the senior aging professional of a county side as they amble after balls, or get down far too late to stop balls.

Many more runs could also have been scored had calling and running between wickets been better. All in all this side has not, perhaps, always had the best of luck, but it has a lot to learn. When bowlers learn to bowl a length and the batsmen to hit the bad balls and stop the good ones they will become good performers for in general this side has much potential.

The following have played:—

Bourne (capt.), Ewart, Rundquist, Milnes, Strange, Gower, Steel, Robinson, Simmons, Wright, Johnson, Boxall, Breeds, Fuller, Elliott.

Results

v Ashford. Lost by 5 wickets. Rye 43 (Bourne 27). Ashford 44/5.

vGoudhurst. Won by 112 runs. Rye 167/5 dec (Wright 45, Bourne 64). Goudhurst 55 (Bourne 6-57).

v Hastings. Lost by 57 runs. Rye 32. Hastings 87 (Bourne 8-21).

v Bexhill G.S. Won by 12 runs. Rye 47. Bexhill 35 (Bourne 9-14).

v Hastings. Lost by 48 runs. Rye 42. Hastings 90 (Bourne 7-29).

THE BOYS' ATHLETIC REPORT

The school can congratulate itself this year on some very solid athletic achievements.

The match against Claverham and Bexhill Down was again this year a very attractive and well organized fixture and our Under 15 team boosted the Under 17's to give us an overall win.

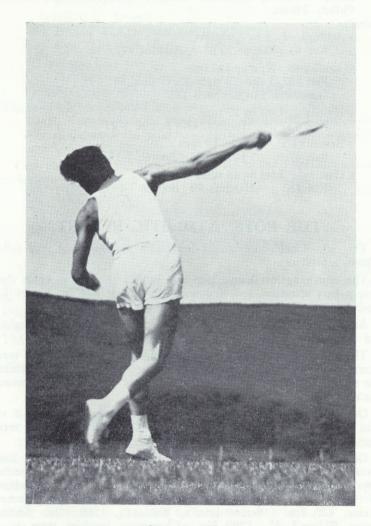
At Robertsbridge the Under 13 team found the opposition tougher but assisted the Under 17's to another overall win.

The match against Homewood and Ashford North gave us very fierce competition particularly in the Under 13 age group and whilst our senior team was first we had to be content with an overall second place to Ashford.

Our first home match against Rye Modern was cancelled due to rain. This was unfortunate as this local Derby always brings very keen competition between old friends and enemies.

On our Sports Day this year there were ten new records set up. The seven boys' records were:—Junior Hurdles, Whiteman, 12.0s. Middle boys' triple jump, Fountain, 36ft. 1in. Middle boys' relay, Sanders, 51.1s. Senior 220 yds., Walmsley, 24.1s. Senior Triple Jump, Seeley, 42ft. 7in. Senior javelin, Wilson C., 158ft. 10in. Senior discus, Wilson J. N., 129ft. 3in. Champions trophies went to—Juniors—Whiteman (P); Middle Boys—Fountain (S); Seniors—Walmsley (P). Sanders House were again the winners of the Athletics Shield.

At the East Sussex Championships, our competitors gave a very good account of themselves. A small junior team of only six



Sports Day, 1964 J. Wilson's winning discus throw

competitors scored 20 points and took third place. Webb 1st in the triple jump, Wickenden 2nd in the 100 yards, and Strange 2nd in the hurdles were all chosen to represent East Sussex at the County Finals.

The Intermediates took fourth place in their section. J. Leahy was mistakenly disqualified from second place in the Javelin and the Relay Team were also disqualified from second place for a take-over inches outside a box. R. Stapley, 1st in discus was selected for the East Sussex Team.

The Seniors however made no mistake about winning the Trophy in their section by amassing the vast score of seventy-nine points, the 2nd team, Lewes Grammar scoring in the fifties. M.Seeley 1st in Triple Jump (44ft.), J. Walmsley, 2nd, 100 yards and 220 yards, G. Alcock, 3rd, 100 yards, L. Page and M. Crawford-Jones 1st and 2nd in the Hurdles, C. Wilson 1st in Javelin, J. N. Wilson 2nd in Discus and R. Datchler 2nd in Shot were all selected for the East Sussex Team. East Sussex badges were later awarded to: Wickenden, Stapley, Alcock, Datchler and Wilson J. N.

At the Sussex Championships, C. Wilson was 4th in the senior Javelin, J. N. Wilson 3rd in the Discus, Stapley Intermediate Discus, Wickenden 3rd Junior 100 yards, and Seeley 1st Senior Triple Jump with 45ft. ½in. Seeley will represent Sussex at the National Championships at Hendon.

There only remains the formidable home match on July 13th, against Roan, the London Grammar School, and Lewes Grammar School to end the season.

D. Holness

OPEN DAY

This year Open Day is to be held on July 18th. The main accent will be on Shakespeare. There will be extracts from his works, recited by members of the Upper School, scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by pupils in the Middle School, a display of Shakespeareana in the library, and a poster competition on the subject "Shakespeare's England." In addition, there will be a recital of Elizabethan songs, madrigals, and instrumental music, and a history display on Elizabethan England.

Besides the usual displays in the science laboratories, art room and hall, teams of boys and girls will give displays of physical education, and during the course of the afternoon the finals of the girls' singles, girls' doubles, and mixed doubles tennis competition will be played. There will also be a short German play "Des Kaisers Neue Kleider" presented by members of the Middle School.

It is to be hoped that the weather will favour us and that the day will be a very successful one.

EASTER VACATION COURSE AT PARIS 1964

The Lycee Michelet at Vanves, a stone's throw from the actual city border line of the French capital, is where the British Institute in Paris arrange for Sixth Form students to attend a course during the Easter holidays. While the French students are on vacation, the English move in, under the most competent supervision of university professors and the people of the British Institute.

We (R. Nicolle and T. Lane) left Newhaven Harbour on Good Friday morning reaching Dieppe at about 3 p.m. and travelled from here by train to the Gare St. Lazare in Paris, eventually arriving at the college, after a short coach trip, at about 6.30 p.m. Our immediate orders were for us to go straight to the dormitories to which we had been allocated according to the geographical location of our school, drop our luggage and proceed to the refectories for dinner.

Having consumed our food and red wine, the Sorbonne professors were introduced to us, and they in turn attempted to tell a sleepy audience of about 350 scholars about the course which lay ahead. (We both remember clearly that on that day we had got up at about 5 o'clock in the morning and crawled into the space between foreign sheets at approximately half-past-ten. An almost sleepless night followed until we had to crawl back out again at a quarter past seven to prepare ourselves for breakfast). Saturday and Sunday were all ours and then lessons and lectures were to follow throughout the next week. We therefore had a pair of days to recover from our long day.

The lessons were to begin at 9 a.m. and finish at 11 a.m. These comprised discussions in French, translation classes, and one on phonetics with use of a tape recorder. After our two morning periods, we had the choice of going to whichever lecture room we pleased to hear varied and interesting talks either on French authors or on the set books in our 'A' level G.C.E. French Literature syllabus. Perhaps one of the most interesting of these was that of Monsieur Desseignet, director of the course, who gave a talk on La Fontaine entitled 'Cours et Diction.'

Our time was free in the afternoon and evenings, which we spent exploring Paris and meeting the inhabitants, unless, however, we wished to go on organised trips to various places in the afternoons such as the Louvre, or Versailles, or Chartres, to name but a few.

Generally the atmosphere was very pleasant and most people enjoyed themselves. The meals were often excellent and facilities of all types were very good. Our beds were comfortable even, the only problem being that of having to get out of them at about 7.30 a.m. in order to be at breakfast at 8 o'clock sharp. If you were not there, you missed your share of coffee and bread and butter.

L'AMITIE INTERNATIONALE DES JEUNES

The above is an organisation whose activities I wish to publicise, since it provides holidays in France with French families, for a very modest sum.

The basis is an exchange between French and English pupils, and therefore the question of paying for board and lodgings does not arise.

The pupils are very carefully matched, with due regard to home circumstances, age and so on, and I have never known two pupils paired together, who have not been well suited one to the other.

Finally, it is in this way—spending time in a French family—that one learns to speak French well, and there is no substitute for a visit abroad.

The cost for as much as three weeks on exchange is £10. I will very gladly give more information to those who find this scheme interesting—and that should be the majority of pupils in the third and fourth years.

B. V. Sealv

FARQUHAR'S "THE RECRUITING OFFICER" AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE

Senior members of the school were lucky enough to see the National Theatre's production of Farquhar's "The Recruiting Officer," at the converted Old Vic, temporary home of the company, on June 27th.

Perhaps the least distinguished of their current series of works, which includes Sir Laurence Olivier's "Othello," it is nevertheless a fine example of the bawdy Restoration comedy prevalent at the beginning of the eighteenth century.

The plot concerns the antics of Captain Plume; (played by Robert Stevens) the recruiting officer of the title, and his sergeant, Kite (Colin Blakely) who together are plying their dubious profession in a fashionable provincial city, which bears no little resemblance to Shrewsbury; telling of their neurotic love-affair with Sylvia (Maggie Smith) a shrewd and capable young woman of society. A secondary theme evolves around the tortuous contrivance of Worthy, Plume's intimate friend, and Melinda, Sylvia's worldly cousin. Needless to say, the curtain falls, in the contemporary fashion, with the different parties happily preparing for the worthy state of matrimony, and the end of various promising military careers.

Other notable members of the cast were Max Adrian, whose portrayal of the frothy, fervid magistrate Balance, Sylvia's father, was one of the highlights of the action, while the equally delightful Captain Brazen of Robert Lang showed us an egoist at full throttle.

With its setting immediately after the outbreak of the War of the Spanish Succession, the whole gives an interesting and lucid insight into the English country scene of the period, casting light on the moral and social attitudes of the time, which prove to be consistently surprising.

A.G.P.

RED CROSS REPORT

The first few meetings of this term were spent preparing for our Mothercraft examination, which was successfully passed by all cadets. Cadets who took both parts of the examination gained proficiency, and this resulted in three cadets having qualified for a Grand Proficiency Badge.

We are now attending lectures at the Civil Defence Headquarters for a Messenger Course, and talks to date have included the dangers of a nuclear explosion, the detection of radiation, and message writing.

Attendance was unfortunately poor both at the Commonwealth Youth Service on May 10th and at the Annual General Meeting held during Whitsun, when our division, along with those of Hastings and Ore, were inspected by Miss Pope, our Branch Youth Officer.

Our plans for a Field Day at Chailey Heritage have again fallen through, but there is now the possibility of a barbecue at Mrs. Mair's farm.

We are all very sorry to lose our acting Cadet Officer, Mrs. Hodgson, who must unfortunately leave the district. We all wish her the very best for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking both Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Mair for all their unfailing work and advice.

C. Tottenham, L.5A

There has only been one meeting of the society this term, as the original decision to hold regular debates during the Summer has been rescinded in favour of the more usual procedure of closing temporarily. The single motion to be discussed: "That this House demands the abolition of all Public Schools," was heavily defeated.

However, the fact that the society was unable to continue all the year round does not detract from the undeniable success it has had in the field of membership and support generally, with attendances as high as seventy, and never less than thirty. Whether or not this is sheer novelty remains to be seen. Next term we hope to have four debates, with a greater variety of subject matter, and perhaps a wider interest. There is also the coming General Election which, we believe, will provide some interesting political scraps.

Like many of the other organisations in the school, we will unfortunately be losing many of our senior members. Christine Oates and J. Holmes, the Vice-Chairman and Secretary, are leaving us, while Mr. Barham is returning as head of department to his old school. We thank them all for the immense amount of work they have done in helping to make the society a success, and wish them the very best luck for the future.

A.T.C. REPORT

The term's activities started with the C.O. showing a film: "Venture, Adventure" to the second-year forms of the Grammar and Modern Schools. This produced nine new recruits, and all have now settled in and are finding the A.T.C. to their liking.

The Judo Club put on a display for the whole Squadron, primarily to encourage new recruits. It also provided the Club members with the opportunity of showing their capabilities at this fairly recently introduced activity, and the audience were soon smiling at the Japanese lingo which preceded each fall and the groans of the thrown as they hit hit the mat.

An innovation this term was the Initiative Exercise, designed to encourage confidence and leadership in the cadets and provide amusement for the officers. Ropes, planks and old tins, together with large areas of not-too-clean ditch-water provided an interesting evening. Those who escaped the water through their own prowess were finally pushed in by those less lucky. A swim down the Tillingham to wash away the smell and grime rounded things off.

The Annual Wing Parade and Athletic Meeting was again held at Brighton. Once again, exceptional keenness and determination by

those taking part, and vociferous encouragement by the probationers resulted in our winning the Senior and Intermediate cups. Five cadets have been selected to represent Sussex Wing at the Eastern Regional Sports later in the term at R.A.F. Uxbridge.

An eight mile map-reading exercise was followed by a barbecue. Sgt. Hatcher's group were declared as winners, arriving back at H.Q. some minutes ahead of the second group. All groups did particularly well and incurred no penalty point on the journey.

A weekend camp was organized at Wittersham for those interested in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This was well attended by eleven youngsters, two senior N.C.Os. and the C.O. and his Adjutant. It had been thought that after the eight mile walk from Rye the campers would be glad to get some sleep. This was not to be, as nightly excursions from tent to tent, together with minor raids by opposing parties resulted in the normally peaceful Wittersham night air resounding to the whoops of successful raiders.

Individual successes this term have been more than usual. Sgt. Hatcher, awarded an Overseas Flight last term, found himself in Singapore for a week, and Cpt. Nicole completed the Gold of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. He now has to wait the presentation of this award by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace. Cdt. Marshall was also awarded the Bronze badge and certificate by the Headmaster at morning assembly.

Four of the cadets shot their targets at Lydd 25yd. range in connection with the late Wing .22 competition. We have been promised the use of the .303 range at Lydd, and now that we have the necessary rifles and ammunition, the C.O. hopes to put in at least one shoot before the end of term.

A visit to R.A.F. Newhaven for our annual trip in an air-sea rescue launch has been planned for later in the term.

LIBRARY

Work in the Library started well at the beginning of term. However, as the weeks went by, other interests and commitments began to claim the time and attention of various members. First came the tennis tournament, latterly the G.C.E. examinations. It is proposed to put on a display of books on Shakespeare for Open Day on Saturday, July 18th. The usual visit to a place or places of interest in the Summer Term will be to Richborough Castle, Sandwich and Walmer Castle. Sandwiched between these two events will be the annual stocktaking, which is likely to occupy fully the three intervening days.

A number of this year's library assistants will be leaving at the end of Term. We wish them well, thank them for their help and hope that their successors will prove as loyal and hardworking as they have been.

Meetings this term have only been held once every two weeks and attendance has not been very good owing to examinations. However, a varied programme has been provided for those who did attend.

The term's activities began with a visit to Rye Harbour, and the following fortnight Mr. White gave a demonstration of optical effects with an enlarger. The Kodak film-strip on "First Steps in Colour" has been shown this term when an outdoor activity was cancelled because of bad weather.

The society was invited by Rye Photographic Society to a talk on photography given by Mr. J. J. Arché, F.R.P.S. Several members attended and enjoyed a very interesting and amusing evening. The annual outing this year will be a visit to London on Thursday, July 16th.

The society enjoyed its most successful year during 1964-1965. The membership stands at over thirty and we now have a full range of equipment. It is hoped that next year the high standard achieved this year will be maintained. Finally, I would like to thank Miss Getley and Mr. White on behalf of the Society for all their help in the past year.

G. A. Alcock

THE CHOIR REPORT

Accomplishment on the vocal side and attendances at practices have been limited during the major part of this term to examinations.

On Tuesday 7th July however, a party of six senior members of the choir are visiting Glyndebourne Opera House. The opera is in the form of a dress-rehearsal for Mozart's "Magic Flute," and should be well worth seeing. Many of the choir have already been to concerts at the White Rock Pavilion, Hastings, featuring such celebrated artistes at Mourna Lymphany, with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. There have been two such visits so far, and those that have attended have been greatly impressed by the standard of the performances.

Preparations are well under way for the school's Open Day, in spite of examination difficulties. The proposed product is a recital of Elizabethan songs, madrigals and instrumental music.

J.A.B.

THE DISCOVERERS' CAMP

On Friday 5th June we went to a Discoverers' Camp at Blacklands near East Grinsted with a group of 1st Rye Girl Guides. Previously we had passed a series of endurance tests which had lasted for four months, the camp being our reward. We had to take our own food and the course included doing all our own cooking over an altar fire.

On the Saturday, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal visited the camp and presented all the patrol leaders with pennants. In the afternoon we did a course of pioneering and later went on a Discoverers' journey in the nearby woods, where Her Royal Highness once more reviewed us.

In the evening we had a "camp-fire" which most of the eighthundred Guides present attended. They came from all over the south-eastern area of England. We arrived back on the Sunday evening after a most enjoyable weekend.

Eileen Odell and Janet Chapman, L.3.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

For those who from this page look on, And laugh at others which succeed it: First spare a thought for those who had To write all this—you've but to read it.

BIRDS

Birds sing in the trees,
They like a little breeze.
They fly away till the end of the day,
When they go to their nest
To have a rest.
In Spring
Birds bring
Their wings to rest
Before making their nest
In a tree
For eggs, at least three.

Linda Oakman, L.1

MADNESS

One day when walking through the park, When the moon was bright and full, I saw a creature standing near, And its ears were full of wool. It couldn't hear, so "Who are you, Waiting here?" I said. "Sorry, I can't hear," he bleeped, While his face was turning red. I pulled the wool out from his ears, If that is what they were— Long-and like antennae, Covered with green fur. He said with great dignity, "I'm a visitor from Mars." "Oh, that's all right," I quickly said, Thinking he should be behind bars. "I live in a place where the clouds are blue, And the sky whiter than white. It's all that synthetic detergent, That escapes during the night." In a panic I called the police, Thinking "He can't be all right." "Goodbye," my friend cheerfully said, And hopped right out of sight. A policeman came, and listened with care, While I told him all. "Come along with me," he said, "I want to make a call," Now as I write this story, I'm sitting behind bars. The moral of this story— Don't talk to men from Mars!

Pauline Elliott, L.3

THE SHIP

She sailed into the harbour With her white canvas full, And the white sea-foam breaking Around the black hull; And the people on the harbour Gave three loud, ringing cheers, For the "Pegasus" was safely home After five long years.

Five years at sea had wrought a change In ev'ry man aboard.

And many a father or son looked strange To those by them adored:
But soon each man had found his wife, Each boy, his girl-friend dear;
Each settled down to a new life
And started a new career.
For each declared, "I'd sooner die Than in the 'Pegasus' I'd lie,
And sail for five more years."

V. Dickinson, L.4

WHO SAID THAT ABOUT THE ROSES

Who said the roses on the wall Would spoil the brickwork, and all The work of those who built the house? I only saw the big pink blooms, The velvet palaces, the proud green stems, That reached to higher rooms Beneath the roof.

Who said the wind would disagree
And in its wrath tear down the dear small tree
Beneath my window?
My secret's that I know it's here to stay,
How do I know?
Look closely!
Roses are born that way.

Jane Allbeury, M.2

THE LEGEND OF ST. ANNE'S

Sir Roger was the younger son
The younger son
Of a lordly house.
The Lady Anne was his heart's true love,
Noble he was, and strong and bold
But she was wealthy and he lacked gold,

So he crossed the sea, his fortune to make Fortune to make For his Lady fair But times were evil, and evil his fate, Captured, and 'prisoned in dungeon deep Till ransom was paid, would his captor keep. To Lady Anne the dreadful news The dreadful news Was brought apace, She gathered the ransom, a princely sum, But ere she could send it, her lover to wed, Came the sad tidings, Sir Roger was dead. The Lady Anne to deeds of good To deeds of good Devoted her life; But none might touch the ransom she vowed, In a coffer of oak it should stay for aye, Housed in St. Anne's till all crumbled away.

Elizabeth Finch, M.2

"IN OUR OWN WRIGHT"

(With apologies to John Lennon)

After the night lasting me and Dingle late from bed arised and flew speedy into school. Dinged the bell and sped us satchels with us quicknessly to the class-room. Here was a Sug with a jilly gron chalking a board blackly, and a few numbles us to wright made. Having us learnt muchly went us hastened to door throughout, and lo—a muscle up to bumply did, polited spoke he us, be carefully gone your class-room unto. Soon aftly we went to the klantern hungered for dinny a plate served us with smash and nausage. When we had eaten radishfully me and Dingle, tiredful crept to learn until the afternoon ending.

By two unknowns writtenly

RADIO TOAD

Leasam House is proposing the anchoring of a pirate 'pop' ship $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles out of Rye Harbour. The name of the ship is S.S. Camera, which was supposed to be taking a party to Greece from the Grammar School in eight months time. The pop-ship shall be called "Radio Toad" and there will be several famous disc-jockeys, such as David Croakobs, Alan Frefrog and every Friday Pete Slurry is on the air

literally. Every week "Radio Toad" hopes to meet a few of the groups and vocalists that hit the headlines, starting off with The Swinging Red Chimps, Sounds Frustrated, The Midwives, and they are hoping to get an interview with Maudlin and the Mods. On Wednesday mornings, there will be recordings of the fights at Margate and Clacton for those who couldn't afford to join in.

Sir Kenneth Stunt, L.P., told an interviewer that he is hoping to get hold of a lady Deejay, Cleo Minor. She will do her own show on Wednesdays, playing records and helping with advice for clear skin, etc.

The Board of Directors are:—Clive Wilson, just returned from behind the Iron Curtain, Adrian Gumbley, Public Enemy Number One, David Brown, who hangs around the pubs, Sir Kenneth Stunt, Chairman, and also organizer of the fights between the Mods and Rockers, James Aplin-Phillips, son of Al Capone, Frazer Kilpatrick, who has just started a job as a lime-spreader, and D. Macdonald, head of the Anti-Olly Campaign. Radio Toad would like to thank Michael J. Kennedy, whose electrical know-how has fused the lights many times, and S. Robertson, a sticky character. Radio Toad has received official permission from Mr. Brydon, who doesn't mind the idea as long as he doesn't catch the lads "having a puff-up."

AFTER THE BATTLE

Dark sails against the sunset, Black ships in ghostly flight, Once lofty masts, now broken, Against the stormy skies of night. Crippled vessels, limping homewards, Tossed about by rearing waves, The wind was roaring, tearing canvas, Tired sailors thought of watery graves— Brave sailors who had won a battle, Of roaring guns and blazing fire, When scarlet flashes in the darkness Told men their earthly life was o'er-But now the battered ships were heaving, The glorious battle seemed a dream. The vessel lurched, and tore asunder, Frightened men gave a stifled scream They gasped for breath, and fought the water, Clung hopelessly to broken oars But the waves caressed them, bore them downwards, In the sleepy stillness they strove no more. Sarah Pillinger

Condemned, he waits in his prison, Condemned, he waits unafraid.
Outside, the crowds think not of him—Inside he waits in the shade.
Waits for the prison axe to fall.
Waits for the footsteps along the hall.
Waits inside the prison wall.
Waits with God.

The crime, it was High Treason,
Against his King and State
He would not sign a simple oath
—Now stands withing the gate.
Waits for the prison axe to fall.
Waits for the footsteps along the hall.
Waits inside the prison wall.
Waits with God.

He gave his all to King and State, Except his own immortal soul. But King demanded that of him, He now waits in a prison hole. Waits for the prison axe to fall. Waits for the footsteps along the hall. Waits inside the prison wall. Waits with God.

The dawn broke on a cold, grey day In good King Harry's reign. He has no Chancellor now, oh no! Who waits no more and has no pain. Gone to the threat of the prison axe. Gone are the footsteps along the hall. Gone from inside the prison wall. Gone to God.

G. Rootes, UVA

Sliding slowly, stealthy, purple fingers Long and silent
Over a land still kissed by the sun.
Warm and lazy.
Gentle breezes caress the clouds;
Rose-blushed and drifting.
Sighing, the sun sinks,
Reluctant.

Creeping faster, chasing, black fingers, Wide and dark.
Wrapping a blanket round a town,
Huddled and small.
Then a whisper, now a wind
Trembling and whining
Through the trees outstretched to the sky,
Black.

Jenny Burke,

CIVILIZATION

Man, mightiest creature, Humbler of all Creation, Brings to the earth That mighty wonder Civilization. From primitive caves To fall-out shelters From stone clubs To atomic weapons War Death, decay, Poverty, wealth Riches, power War, peace Civilization. Surely man With his great intelligence Can see That primitive man Was free From the horrors Of modern Civilisation.

R.J.F., L.6

TWO MOODS OF A 'POETIC' THRUSH

Skies are cold, wet and grey. Clouds of the end of the day Strain from the invisible sun; Left, left, always left they run, Legless.

More, more and heaps more of Never-ending beds of Dismal damp fill the element, Saturated, incessant, Like sponge.

I start my evensong
To cheer the local throng
Of Life's boggling sufferers.
Peasants love chimney-perchers'
Sweet tunes.

Happy? Me? In my beak Sticks worm. I puff my cheek To dislodge it and they say: Yon bird's singing's very gay. Peasants...

Sit and watch the eye of day,
Tired and blood-shot in the dusk,
Painting russet with a rosy ray
Each blade of grass to a gleaming tusk,
And you may think of your love,
As I often do of mine.
Every sound and natural move
Appears harmonious and divine;
The sun dips low, blushing deep,
And I sing my final song,
All life seems to die and wish to weep
For a setting soul, as I should long.
But as we meditate in such tranquility,
Up shoots yellow lights, aerials—reality.

T.L., UVI

IN MEMORIAM

A hearty, undaunted bat, A strong, left-arm bowl. Lie in peace, friend. God rest your soul.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

The following girls have obtained conditional places at University or Training College, but acceptance depends on the results of G.C.E. examinations.

Heather Bather

London University Birmingham University

Janet de Gruchy Marie Trussler

Regent St. Polytechnic for a diploma course

in commercial photography

Jenny Burke

London School of Music

Pamela Coleman

Brighton or Maidstone Art College

Bervl Dunn

Brighton Technical College

These have been definitely accepted.

Angela Carter

Goldsmiths Training College Margaret Macmillan College

Pat Carter Jane Daintrey

Chelsea College of Physical Education

Eileen Duncan

Westminster College

Hilary Marshall Christine Oates Nottingham Training College Trent Park Training College

Christine Oates
Gillian Rothwell

Elizabeth Gaskell Training College for a

diploma course in Institutional Management

Elsie Turner

Saffron Waldon Training College

Diane Williams

Balls Park Training College Henley Technical College

Margot Ewen Celia Hales

Lewes Technical College for a course in

hairdressing

Jennifer Marriott

Mary Wray's Secretarial College

Janis Miller

Eastbourne Technical College for an I.M.A.

certificate course

Jean Sherwood

Hastings Technical College for a course in

Hotel Catering

Other leavers are Sandra Mitchell, who is taking a post as junior trainee manager in a London store, Kathleen Hagen, Shirley Jarrold, Joy Fowler, who is going to work in Barclays Bank in Rye, Marion Pankhurst, who is going to work in the Westminster Bank in Rye, Susan Yates, who is taking a post as assistant matron at a boys' preparatory school near Oxford, Isla Browne, who is going to Ghana with her parents, Ingrid and Ursula Funhoff, who are returning to Germany, Lindsay Luff, Carol Milham, Pamela Carlstrom, Claire Barnard and Patience Farley.

BOY LEAVERS

L.6

- J. Ashenden—Police Force
- J. Cooper—Accountancy?
- S. Dolan M. Farman
- S. Howley—Merchant Navy in Australia D. King—Shoreditch Technical College
- R. Pankhurst—Kent Police Force M. Robinson—Quantity Surveyor
- M. Sanders—Salesman M. Sinclair—College?
- J. Slater-Writtle Agricultural College
- P. Tree—Practical Agriculture

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- M. Seeley-Barclay's Bank
- R. Nicolle-St. Luke's College or R.A.F.
- C. Healey—Quantity Surveyor
- I. Dixon—Accountancy
- C. Wilson-Junior Planning Assistant, Bexhill
- T. Lane
- R. Datchelor-Loughborough
- J. Clarke
- M. Bianchi—Barclay's Bank
- M. Tree—Brighton Technical
- C. Pope—Brighton Technical L. H. Page—Brighton Technical
- J. Russell—Brighton Technical
 J. Harvey—Sussex University
- M. Crawford-Jones—Sussex University
- J. Holmes—Church
- C. Johnson—London or Exeter
- C. Skinner—Manchester or Exeter
- N. Perry—Ground Control in R.A.F.
- P. Vincent—K.R. Board N. Hatcher—War Office?
- P. Howard—Brighton Technical?

U.5

- P. Hillman-5-year apprenticeship with Ferguson Tractors
- J. Levett
- D. Chesman—Agricultural Engineering
- J. Doughty
- M. Granger—Brighton, Hove and Sussex G.S.
- A. Howe—Solicitor

A. Hurford

P. Jempson

D. Lambert—Beckenham G.S.

R. Stapley

G. Tolputt—Accountancy

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

MARRIAGES

Maureen Ades of Rye to Mr. J. Sherwood Valerie Carter of Winchelsea to Mr. J. Trill Alison Dobbie and Colin Relf both of Rye Kay Eldridge of Westfield and Michael Greenhalgh of Rye Judith Linter of Rye to Mr. R. Whitehead Sherry Mott of Northiam to Mr. D. Douglas Diane Sanders of Guestling to Mr. John Suckling Molly Townson of Rye to Mr. C. Stace Richard Comport of Northiam to Miss P. Lancaster Michael Hills of Guestling to Miss L. Wells Hugh Macer of Rye to Miss T. G. Coombs

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Michael Rogerson, B.Sc.—Second Class Honours, Manchester University

Mark Jarvis, B.Sc.—Hull University

Recent leaver, Richard Marsh, is doing well in the Junior Leaders' Regiment of the Royal Artillery; he was top of his year in recent examinations, has been awarded the Senior Education Prize and represented his regiment in Athletics.

Hazel Feather, another who will be remembered by many people still at school, writes from Pennsylvania where she is looking after the children of a Vicar and revising her ideas on religion. Her travels have taken her to see the Empire State Building and probably, by now, to the World Fair.

Janet Armitage and Sheila Buchan, both ex-students of St. Christopher's, visited the school recently. Janet is working with a charming family in London and, as Sheila is at the Maternity Department of Paddington General Hospital, they see quite a lot of each other. Sheila's brother, Tony, is still with an Insurance company in London, is a keen member of the Territorial Army.

Another recent visitor to school is Norman Godden, also working in insurance. Both he and his brother, Cyril, are married and each has

three children. Cyril has come out of the Royal Navy and taken a job with Elliot Bros., Electronics, in Rochester. For anyone interested, Norman left his address: 112 Nutfield Road, Merstham, Redhill.

Paddy Leeman has been staying in Rye recently. She seems to be making an interesting life for herself with the B.B.C. where she is is about to become a Studio Manager in the Drama Department. I think a number of scholars will be interested to hear how she reached this position.

Her cousin, will be settling in Croydon and hopes to teach in that area.

Christine Odell will start teaching in Dagenham in September and Kay Eldridge at Ashford, where her husband has been for some time now.

Anthony Bromham will be taking up a post as one of six English teachers in a school in Uxbridge. I understand that there is a great emphasis on drama in this school and so he should be in his element.

One of his fellow actors, Michael Winter, still at King's College, London, is becoming more and more interested in the production of plays, but has retained his interest in acting and will probably appear with Mr. Gaunt in the Stables Theatre's "Much Ado About Nothing."

Dorothy Knowles has finished a Bakery Course in London and will soon be taking a job with Hales Quality Bakers Ltd. She will be working on research and quality control.

Michael Sewell, Stuart Cleverly and William Russell hope to be at Agricultural College at Writtle next term; Judith Walker will be starting at Riseholm Institute, and Janet Davy is relieved to have passed her First Year examinations at Seale Hayne where she will, consequently, still be next year. Judith is off to Denmark before starting her course and hears another Old Scholar is to be going too.

Gillian Lauder, tired of her work at Herstmonceux, has gone to Switzerland, where, she says, she is doing "job gardening" while she decides what to do next.

Geraldine Saunders has been abroad working for her firm and is probably married by now.

Dorothy Curtis (née Mayhew) has returned from Barnet Hospital to Kings College Hospital where she was trained.

Susan Knight is training to become a hairdresser at Osborne's, Rye

We are hoping to see a number of Old Scholars at Open Day and at the Reunion Dance in the evening.

News to be included in "Rya" is always welcome and should be sent to the Headmaster, Miss Dann or one of the editors at the school.

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