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EDITORIAL

'Peace on Earth
Goodwill to all men.'

The refrain on the lips of thousands at Christmas-tide; the world-wide appeal made by all men during the month of Christmas. Yet like Christmas and all its decorative camouflage, as soon as Twelfth Night is gone, it is put away, out of sight, out of use, till the next year.

How many of us, who sing, with apparent sincerity, such carols, do, in actual fact, continue to endeavour to uphold these sentiments? How hypocritical are they who bring the beggar in for the Christmas festivities then ignore him for the rest of the year, who resolve to make amends and start afresh, then not long after slip back semi-consciously into the same dull, comfortable rut. Are they showing genuine feeling, if short-lived, or are they merely donning another Christmas decoration?

This year, in Berlin, the Russians are allowing West Berliners through to the East, as a special Christmas concession. This to them is creating 'Peace on earth, Goodwill to all men.' Yet, again, as soon as Christmas is at an end, they will close the Wall up and the situation will return to its former status. Would it not be showing more honest, truer and deeper felt feeling, if they were to say "We acknowledge that it is for men to bring goodwill to each other, that nation should speak unto nation, therefore we shall, in an effort to promote this, not only concede to Christmas visits to the East, but take down the barrier altogether and give back what we have taken."

But we need not look outside our own country for such examples, nor even to other persons, for if we were first to consider ourselves, we would find adequate examples of such steeling of men's hearts against one another.

'The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate.
God made them high or lowly
And order'd their estate.'

says the old, well-loved children's hymn. Why, therefore, should we take it upon ourselves to think otherwise? Why should we divide men into classes and grades with feelings that exist only in our human minds. God may have created men 'high and lowly' but He created them with equal souls.

So when we make our resolutions for the New Year let us make an even more concerted effort to keep them; let us make an inward resolution to see men as they really are, and not to compare them with ourselves or any other human. Let them stand on their own merits and not be judged on the merits of others. Think of all men as equal and the first and hardest step towards world peace will have been taken.

SCHOOL NOTES

All will have heard with regret of the death on the 29th November of Mrs. A. R. Jacobs. A Memorial Service attended by many members of the School was held on the 9th of December in Brookland Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. R. Jacobs. Our sympathy is extended both to our former Headmaster and to his daughter.

This term we welcome Miss L. H. Benton, Newton Park Training College, Bath, to take charge of Music, Miss F. McBride, Dartford College of Physical Education, to take charge of the girls' Physical Education, Mlle M.-A. Boez, University of Lille, as French Assistante, Mr. C. E. Barham, M.A. (Oxon.), to teach English and History, and Mr. B. V. Sealy, B.A. (Lond.), as Head of the Modern Languages Department. Mr. M. Jarvis (R.G.S. 1952-1960) was here for the term as Assistant Housemaster at Leasam House, and to teach Mathematics. In his place we welcome Mr. I. D. Westlake, Honours Diploma of Loughborough College.

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, Frances Evans, Hilary Hamilton, Marie Trussler, J. Clark, M. Crawford-Jones, C. Healey, J. Russell, M. Seeley.

This term has been an uneventful one as no competitions have yet been decided. However, it must be mentioned that we have at last been successful in the Work and Merit Competition which evaded us for so many years.

We would like to congratulate R. M. Seeley who represented Sussex in the National Championships and was chosen to play in the East Sussex County Football Trials. His name is to be entered in our Honours Book.

Our collections were greatly improved at the beginning of term, probably due to the influx of new members. Consequently we have had no difficulty in making a donation to the Royal East Sussex Hospital Comforts Fund, and we have sent a Christmas present to our leper child, Ominyi, in Nigeria.

As always our thanks go to Mr. Thompson and Miss Allen for their support and encouragement during the term.

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 : Dianne Williams
Prefects—Joyce Care, Janet de Gruchy, Kathleen Hagen, Hilary Marshall (Deputy Head Girl), Sandra Mitchell, Christine Oates, Dianne Williams, J. Harvey, C. Johnson, L. H. Page, N. Perry, A. Richards, R. Spencer, M. Tree.

This term has been fairly uneventful as the House Competitions have not, as yet, got under way. The Speech Competition has been held for the Lower Part of the School, and we tied for first place with Meryon in that section.

The Football Competition has started and the Upper School team, under the captaincy of M. Tree, has made a remarkable start by beating Meryon two goals to one. We trust that this standard will be kept up by the other teams.

Last year we gained five shields, a feat that we had not accomplished for some years. These were, the Speech Competition, the Music Competition, the Games shield, the Hockey shield and the Athletics shield. There is no reason why we should not repeat this performance this year. The Athletics shield had not been in our possession for a considerable time.

This term our collections have increased considerably and we have made a donation to the Rye Hospital Comforts Fund.

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

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master : Mr. Allnutt
House Mistress : Mrs. French
Boys' Captain : Skinner
Girls' Captain : Angela Carter
Secretary : Shirley Jarrold
Treasurer : Wilson
Prefects—Heather Bather (School Captain), Eileen Duncan, Angela Carter, Pat Carter, Gillian Rothwell, Shirley Jarrold, Carol Munn, Datchelor (School Captain), Wilson, Skinner, Bianchi, Hatcher, Lane, Dixon, Vincent, Pope, Eade.

This term we are very glad to welcome Mrs. French as our new House Mistress. The results of the competitions held this term are not yet known, though it is believed that Meryon did well. We came second to Peacocke in the Work and Merit shield. We lost the only football match played this term to Sanders, 2—1.

Although collections have been relatively low we have managed to donate our usual amount to the Rye Hospital Comforts fund.

We would like to congratulate Eileen Duncan on being chosen for the East Sussex County Hockey trials and Clive Pope on being chosen for the East Sussex County Football trials.

We would like to thank Mrs. French and Mr. Allnutt for their help and encouragement throughout the term.

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

In September we were very happy to welcome several new girls and hope they enjoyed their first term with us.

Throughout the term the girls have been busy playing in the school hockey and netball teams. At the beginning of the term we played hockey against Leasam and are very pleased we managed to avoid defeat, the match ending in a draw, no goals being scored. However, we are still unable to gain a victory in either senior or junior table tennis matches.

This term we have started a hobbies room which we hope will become increasingly popular. Many of the girls have enjoyed lino-cutting and are now making Christmas Cards and presents.

We are busy preparing for Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 13th, which we hope both guests and boarders will enjoy.

We should like to thank Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson and Miss Turner for their help and guidance throughout the term.

Hilary Marshall

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

At the beginning of term we welcomed Mr. Brydon to the House to take up the difficult post of Housemaster. We also welcomed Mr. Jarvis as assistant Housemaster but, unfortunately, he is leaving at the end of this term to take up another post at Keighley. We wish him the very best for the future. Other newcomers to the House this term were twelve boys who wish to take the Agricultural Course and we hope they do their best to support the House in all its activities.

During the first few weeks of term we had a fire. The barn went up, destroying most of the hay and straw we had made earlier.

Our annual Bonfire went off very well and kept everybody warm. We also enjoyed our annual visit to Smithfield—but unfortunately, could not go to the Dairy Show.

This term we have been well represented in the Football, Basketball and Cross Country teams. As usual, we played Saltcote at Table Tennis and Hockey. We drew in the Hockey but managed to win the Table Tennis.

We would like to thank the Saltcote girls for their tolerance in trying to teach us a few dancing steps and Mrs. Agulnik for allowing us up to Saltcote on Saturday evenings for this reason. Thanks mainly to this our party was a great success later in the term.

Several boys have left this term. Michael Crawford who had just started his second year at the House went a few weeks after the beginning of term to a school in Jersey where he is now living. Brian Meredith, Robin Searby and David Wright, three of our Prefects, are also leaving.

Brian Meredith is doing his practical before entering Harper Adams Agricultural College. Robin Searby is going to work as an electro-plating engineer. David Wright is going to work for the Midland Bank. We wish them the very best of luck for the future and every success in their careers.

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

P. C. A. Eade (Head Boy)

FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE

The annual service was held in the Parish Church on October 8th. This year we welcomed as the preacher the Archdeacon of Hastings who commanded immediate attention at the very start of his address from the congregation by making a number of amusing, if unexpected, references to the habits of worms. He continued this address by making a plea for positive action, a guarding against the allure of a conditioned behaviour (hence the hitherto obscure reference to worms) which represses individualism.

The choir, as always, gave of their best, coping particularly well with the anthem "Lead us Lord", the solo being sung by Jenny Burke. But credit must indeed go to Miss Benton who achieved a notable degree of balance, and this in the face of some considerable difficulty, occasioned mostly by a lamentable reluctance on the part of the members of the school who were able to sing bass, to offer their much needed services.

We were also grateful to the Vicar of Rye, the Rev. O. E. Brooks, who conducted the service, and Mr. Clifford Foster, who accompanied on the organ.

J. Holmes, U.VI

SCHOOL VISIT TO THE YORKSHIRE DALES AND DERBYSHIRE PEAK DISTRICT

Even now one can glance round the school and tell by the blistered feet and the pained expressions, that certain members of the upper school took part in a walking tour of the Yorkshire Dales and Derbyshire Peak District.

While the more slothful members of the party dragged themselves along a miserable 10 miles a day, dodging around the mountain tops, the more energetic of us trotted the 15 miles which we aimed to do each day. One has vague recollections of climbing over Ingleton (2,373 feet) in swirling fog, and howling wind, and of stumbling in the soggy peat soils on the top of the Derbyshire Peaks.

Meals provided by the youth hostels can be aptly described as "plain and simple fare", but there was plenty of it. Perhaps the most interesting part of the journey was the question of sleeping bags. Their prime aim in life was to strangle the occupant, who often spent half the night wrestling with the wretched thing, too scared to stretch for fear of tearing it, while unable to turn over for fear of falling out of the bunk. In the morning one had to awake carefully making sure not to move one's knees too rapidly for fear of hitting them on the ceiling or on the bunk above.

We would like to thank Mr. A. Henshaw who drove up to Yorkshire and brought us safely back again even if a mad park attendant backed his bus into a wall. Seriously though, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the holiday and we would like to thank Miss Banner and Mr. Brydon for conducting the trip so well.

Shirley Jarrold

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN OPEN DAY

On September 14th the annual Battle of Britain's celebrations were held at Biggin Hill which used to be London's premier defence station. This may be the last time the station is used for such an event as the runway is scarcely long enough or strong enough for full operational use by modern warplanes.

In the air were the Spitfires and Hurricanes which opened the display with their echoing roars and their white water vapour streaks (of the Spitfires). The wooden Mosquito fighter bombers which were used in the World War II for bombing Berlin were also there. The V-Bombers, the Vulcans, the Victor and the Valiant sneaked up from all sides and screamed low over the air strips at certain intervals, startling the people as they broke the sound barrier each time. Also there were the aerobatic groups of fighter planes, the Lightnings and the Red Pelicans all sending out water vapour as they roared across the sky. Towards the end of the display all the R.A.F. rescue helicopters posed one behind the other for several minutes and finally the display finished with a Bristol Britannia, a Comet and a Trident flying low over the airstrip at about ten-minute intervals.

R. Marston

A VISIT TO THE BALLET

On Wednesday, November 2nd, Miss Benton took a party of girls and a few boys to see the 'Ballet Rambert' at the Hippodrome in Brighton. The Company performed three ballets, 'Les Sylphides,' 'The Travellers' and 'Gala Performance.' The first was a very graceful classical ballet, the second a modern ballet, in complete contrast to the first. Its striking music was composed by Leonard Salzedo. The third ballet was a comedy, divided into two scenes, the first representing the preparation for a Gala Performance, and the second the Gala Performance itself, in which three foreign ballerinas from Moscow, Milan and Paris were each trying to attract more attention and admiration from the audience.

All of the three ballets were excellently performed and most enjoyable to watch, but it appeared from the responses of the audience that 'Gala Performance' was the most popular.

CHORAL MUSIC COURSE AT SEAFORD

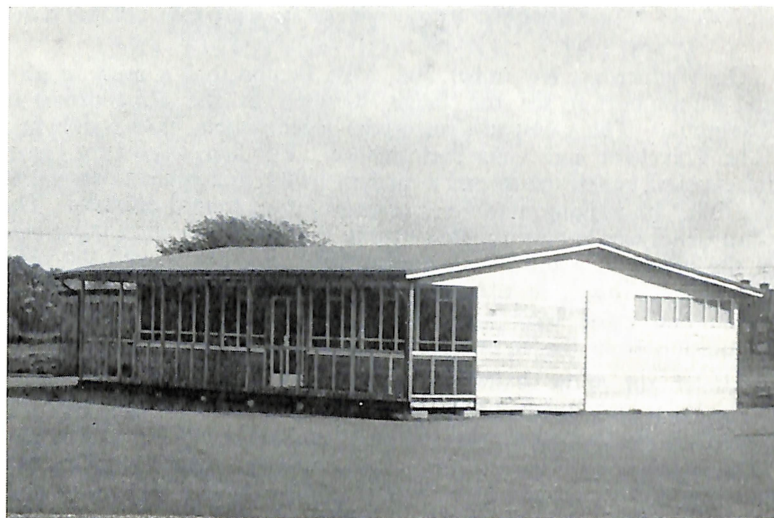
This course was held for a week at the Seaford College of Housecraft, and was attended by three pupils of Rye Grammar School. Christopher May, son of the late, well-remembered music master, Mr. W. E. May, also attended the course.

Afternoon practices were held for the works performed, which were "Rejoice in the Lamb" by Benjamin Britten, and "Pastorale" by Sir Arthur Bliss. Both of these difficult works achieved quite a good final standard under the expert guidance of Mr. Michael Lane, who continually criticised our singing. Mr. Cecil Cope was responsible for some exhausting but amusing voice-training exercises. I seem to remember lying out on the green in front of the College, breathing deeply and listening to some amusing remarks about "spare tyres" in connection with the Staff. Good standards were also attained in the part-songs, which were rehearsed daily between snatches of aural training.

Evening entertainment during the week included a brilliant staff concert, a music evening by Mr. Peter Gellhorne, choral music director of the B.B.C., and a students' evening. This latter was attended by Mr. Braithwaite who, in the course of the proceedings, was formally presented with an inflated balloon.

What happened between 10 p.m. every evening and 1 a.m. will always remain a mystery, but I'm sure that you will be interested to know that at least two people insisted on having baths during that time—that is, when they were not locked out.

We hope to repeat the adventure next year, and I hope also that I have inspired interest among others who are prepared to do a little hard work to enjoy a good week's "holiday."



The new games pavilion



Party on the moors

1st XI FOOTBALL REPORT

The 1st XI is having its best season for several years. To date the record is—

PLAYED 9, WON 5, DRAWN 1, LOST 3

The record is all the more praiseworthy because one of the outstanding members of the team, J. Ashenden, was injured in the second match and did not play again for the rest of the term.

The side started the season well with four wins, including the first win over Hastings Grammar School for five years. Unfortunately, this was not maintained and three of the remaining five matches were lost. Two of these were close defeats by the strong Bexhill Grammar School team, but the third, 0—6 to Hastings was the one occasion when the whole team played really badly.

The team has played some good football, and this has resulted in many scoring chances being made.

This is shown by the fact that only twice has the team failed to score fewer than three goals in a match.

The school sent two teams to the Sussex Grammar School six-a-side tournament at Brighton. The A team were unlucky to be drawn against the favourites, Brighton A, and although they fought very hard, were beaten 0—2. The B team were never in the game against Eastbourne, but played well against Westlain in the Subsidiary tournament.

The team has been chosen from the following players (goals in brackets)—

C. Pope, A. Ashdown, N. Dixon, J. Harvey, C. Skinner, D. King, C. Wilson, J. Ashdown, P. Oliver (2), M. Sinclair (3), M. Robinson (1), C. Johnson, M. Seeley (8), M. Bianchi (3), M. Tree (4), J. Leahy (7), J. Wilson (1).

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

A team—C. Pope, C. Wilson, M. Tree (1), M. Seeley, M. Bianchi (1), J. Leahy.

B team—J. Harvey, A. Ashdown, R. Nicholls, M. Sinclair, C. Skinner, N. Dixon.

RESULTS

Ashford G.S. (Home), Won 6—2. (Leahy 3, Seeley 2, Sinclair).

Hastings G.S. (Away), Won 3—1. (Tree, Seeley, Sinclair).

Eastbourne G.S. (Home), Won 3—1. (Tree, J. Wilson, Seeley).

Goudhurst (Away), Won 7—1. (Tree, Leahy, Seeley 3, Bianchi, Sinclair).

Bexhill G.S. (Away), Lost 0—2.

Hastings G.S. (Home), Lost 0—6.

Harvey G.S. (Home), Won 4—3. (Leahy 2, Seeley, Bianchi).

Goudhurst (Home), Drawn 3—3. (Robinson, Leahy, Bianchi, pen.)

Bexhill G.S. (Home), Lost 3—4. (Tree, Oliver 2).

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

A Team v Chichester B Won 2—0 (Bianchi, Tree)
v Brighton Lost 0—2.
B team v Eastbourne A Lost 0—3.

Subsidiary Tournament.

B Team v Westlain Lost 0—2.

The team would like to thank Mr. Jones for coaching the side and refereeing the matches, and Mr. Allnutt for arranging the fixtures.

R.M.S.

2nd XI FOOTBALL REPORT

This season has been a very successful one for the 2nd XI and shows a marked improvement over the form of the previous few years. This success is the result of a well balanced team with no weaknesses in either attack or defence. Each member of the team has generally pulled his weight and all have shared in the success. Even so some indifferent performances have led to a few disappointing results which tend to be unrepresentative of the ability and potential of the team.

Pankhurst has played very well in goal and his ability, particularly in the latter half of the term has given the rest of the team confidence on which to base some better football.

At full back Clark has played consistently well and has proved an invaluable member of the defence. His intelligent play and distribution of the ball have proved a very useful contribution to the defence. Barton's play at centre half improves from match to match and his footballing has enabled him to settle down in this position.

At half-back, Nicolle, who has closely modelled his play on James Bond, combines flair with an exciting unpredictability which tends to make life interesting, if a little worrying. In the defence King is also settling down from match to match, although he obviously finds the standard a little high after scratching around with the 1st XI for a few weeks.

On the right wing Robinson has played very well indeed and well earned the place in the 1st XI which he gained late in the season.

Crawford-Jones at inside right works hard and his show of energy is stimulating. At centre forward Ashdown must be congratulated on his eleven goals; and also Wilson who on the left wing has also scored several useful goals.

The team on the whole ought to be congratulated on their performance and it is hoped that their success will encourage even better results next term.

Team—Pankhurst, Alcock, King, Clark, Nicolle, Barton, Healey, Weekes, Robinson (2), Crawford Jones (2), Ashdown (11), Johnson, Captain (1), Wilson (5), Sinclair (3).

RESULTS

v Ashford Grammar	Won 1—0
v Hastings Grammar	Lost 2—11
v Eastbourne	Lost 0—4
v Bexhill	Lost 1—6
v Goudhurst	Won 8—1
v Rye Modern	Won 5—3
v Hastings	Lost 0—1
v Goudhurst	Won 3—1
v Harvey Grammar	Drawn 1—1
v Bexhill	Won 3—1

HOCKEY REPORT

In September, we were very pleased to welcome Miss McBride and we hope she will enjoy her time spent here.

Towards the end of term several matches have been cancelled as the pitches were flooded, but the results of earlier matches are—

1st XI	Played 4, Won 2, Drawn 2
2nd XI	Played 4, Lost 2, Drawn 2
A XI	Played 1, Lost 1
U 15 XI	Played 2, Lost 1, Drawn 1.

On Saturday, November 2nd Jane Daintrey, Eileen Duncan, Hilary Marshall, Kate Hagen and Jean Sherwood were chosen to attend the East Sussex Junior Trials at Eastbourne. Of these Hilary Marshall was selected to play Left Inner; Kate Hagen was also selected to play Left Half for the reserve team.

On Saturday, November 30th Hilary Marshall played in the East Sussex versus West Sussex match at Hove and was then selected to play Left Inner for the Sussex Junior XI.

Our thanks go to Miss McBride, Miss Banner and Miss Benton for their help and encouragement.

Hilary Marshall (Captain)

2nd RYE GUIDE COMPANY REPORT

This term we were glad to welcome Miss Benton as lieutenant of the company.

Our six new recruits have all successfully completed their Tender-foot tests and are starting work for their Second class although they are still waiting to be enrolled. Also joining us this term are three guides—P.S. Susan Ritter and Cherry Bazalgette who are working for their 1st Class and Mary White who has nearly completed her 2nd Class.

On Sunday 10th November the Company attended the Annual Remembrance Service at Rye Parish Church. Because of the unsettled weather the Parade to the church was cancelled but it was possible to march back to the Railway Station. P.S. Catherine Tanner laid a wreath on behalf of the 1st and 2nd Rye Guides, and P.L. Barbara Elphick carried the Company colours with P.L. Christine Jury and P.L. Sally Luck acting as escorts.

Earlier in the term the Company attended a Youth Service at the Methodist Church.

Ruth Hamilton, who is now a Ranger at Beckley has assisted at Company meetings and we should like to thank her for her help.

We should also like to extend our gratitude to our Captain, Miss Banner, for all the help and encouragement she has given us, and to Miss Benton who has been most helpful during her first term with us.

Gillian Rothwell, Cadet

RED CROSS REPORT

We started our meetings rather later than usual this term. At our first meeting we discussed ideas for the term's activities.

On the following week a cadet officer from Kingston came to Rye, and gave a very interesting account of the activities of her Red Cross Unit. She also explained to us the use of Disaster Kits, and how they are made. Since then we have been having some amusing lectures from Mrs. Ferguson on Mothercraft.

We were present at the Remembrance Sunday Service in Rye Church on November 10th. Owing to bad weather we could not parade before Church, but we joined in it after the service. Mrs. Broderick represented the Senior and Junior Red Cross by laying the wreath on the Memorial after the service.

On October 20th some of us joined a party of senior members, and went to Chichester Cathedral to attend the service held in celebration of our Centenary Year. Members from units all over Sussex attended and so did Princess Royal, our Patron.

Our Field Day was held on November 26th. It consisted of an afternoon spent in Hawkhurst where we were shown round the Dr. Barnardo's Home Babies' Castle. We saw the nurseries where children up to the age of six are brought up in families and also the nursery school which is attended daily by some of the children. We would like to thank Mrs. Mair very much indeed for arranging this very interesting visit.

We are now looking forward to our enrolment ceremony which is being held at Dolphin House on December 6th. Miss Pope, County Youth Officer, has kindly accepted our invitation to come and enrol our new cadets, and to present some proficiency badges. Sir Charles Matthews, the Divisional Director is also going to be present.

Mrs. Mair has, this term, divided the Cadets into two sections under leaders as our numbers are steadily increasing. The two section leaders are Susan Palmer and Cherryl Tottenham. Norma Beany has been appointed as Quarter Master, i.e. in charge of uniforms. We would like to thank Alison Banks who is now Assistant Cadet Officer.

Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Mair for her unfailing advice and enthusiasm throughout the term.

Cherryl Tottenham, LVA

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

This term has been unsurpassed for the society, both in terms of members and activities. While we have over twenty members, any other potential photographic addicts are very welcome.

Activities this term have included a demonstration of the mounting of prints by C. Healey; an illustrated talk on close-up photography by Mr. White and a demonstration of portraiture by Mr. Parlett of Rye Photographic Society, in which various members unwillingly took part. Towards the end of term Mr. Parkhurst gave us an interesting talk and demonstration of the making of photographic papers, which await to be tested.

On other Tuesday evenings, members have developed, printed and enlarged their films. Next term on Tuesday, January 15th, there will be a Guest Night to which members' friends are invited to see and be entertained by slides taken by members of the society. It is further hoped that during next term the four film strips sent by Kodak Ltd. will be shown.

Finally, on behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Miss Getley, Mr. White and Mr. Cawkwell for their unfailing help, encouragement and very welcome expert knowledge.

G. A. Alcock, Secretary

TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON SOCIETY

Owing to subscriptions not being forthcoming from the members the need for new balls, bats, tables, etc. has not been met. The complaints from the members therefore are without foundation.

Apart from the lack of facilities provided members have managed to survive on badminton and have even increased their numbers. The increase has caused rather a bottle-neck for those wishing to use the badminton court and has led to battles of wits prior to any badminton matches. These skirmishes occurred on every Friday night while those who were able to play table tennis settled their differences every Tuesday and Friday night.

I am informed that at the end of this term or at the beginning of next we are to have a badminton match against the staff. It is definite, though, that six of our members are travelling to Winchelsea on the 16th December for a table tennis match with the youth club there.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Holness who, though not in an official capacity, kept his eye on us.

LIBRARY REPORT

At the beginning of this term the new library furniture arrived. The books were re-arranged to make best use of the new bookshelves and the sections were arranged in such a way as to leave plenty of room for the new books. To date two hundred books covering a wide range of subjects have been accessioned and more are to come in the New Year. We should like to thank all those who have so generously contributed to the library this year.

Included among the new books are—

Encyclopaedia Britannica—Vols. 1-24.

Illustrated English Social History, vols 1-4. G. M. Trevelyan.

The Hollow Crown. H. F. Hutchinson.

The Anatomy of Satire.

Enemy of Rome. Leonard Cotterell.

The Price of Love. Arnold Bennett.

Fishing for Beginners. Maurice Wiggin.

Phoenix at Coventry. Basil Spence.

Myths of Ancient Greece. Robert Graves.

Hornblower and the Hotspur. C. S. Forester.

The Bull from the Sea. Marie Renault.

C. Johnson (Librarian)

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

This term has been a moderately successful one for the society. We have had four meetings so far this term. The first consisted of a talk by Miss Banner and Mr. Brydon on the visit, made by the school, to the Derbyshire Peak District. At the second meeting we were entertained with a Musical Evening by the members from the Lower Sixth. The third, and by far the most successful meeting, took the form of a Hallowe'en Barbecue. Thanks must go to the caterers and other organisers for overcoming the weather so efficiently and effectively. The fourth meeting attempted a Hat debate, which might have been more entertaining had more members been able to attend.

This year we again entered a float in the Rye Pageant, but we were unable to repeat last year's success.

Yet again we have been unable to make our termly London visit, but for this I must apologise personally, as I fear this was entirely my own fault.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome officially our new parent members of staff, Miss Allen and Mr. White and to thank them for all the help and advice given during the term.

C. Oates (Secretary)

BALLROOM DANCING SOCIETY

This has been a very successful term for the society as over eighty members of the school have joined.

For the first few weeks of the term the beginners were taught the basic steps by H. Bather and R. Datchelor, and now nearly every member of the society can dance quite well.

At the end of this term the society is planning to hold a Christmas Social, which we hope will be a great success.

Our grateful thanks go to Miss McBride who has kept a watchful eye on the Society all the time, and also to Mr. Brydon and Mr. Jarvis who have given their aid on different occasions.

N. Weekes (Treasurer)

DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

This term has seen not only the founding of the Society, but also two very successful meetings. The first of these was a political debate, the result of which was a decisive defeat of the motion, namely "That the Conservative Government has failed the country." Proposing the motion was Mr. Hatter, seconded by Miss C. Sloane, and opposing the motion Mr. A. Page, seconded by Mr. J. Holmes. The response from the floor during question time was most encouraging by virtue of its spirited nature and singular degree of restraint that enabled those with intelligent questions to ask to be heard above the minority of hecklers in the audience, whose comments were of distinctly doubtful value.

The second debate, as if to illustrate the versatility of the society, announced the motion "That this House considers that any decline in teenage morals is a direct result of a similar decline in an organised religion." Despite a formal seconding of the motion, which was proposed by Miss C. Oates, and opposed by Mr. Datchler, as lively a question time followed this debate as had followed the previous one, and the introduction of somewhat irrelevant material, far from detracting, seemed rather to heighten the interest of the proceedings.

Although at the time of going to press, our third and final meeting of the term, carrying the motion "That this House considers that a woman's place is in the Home" had not taken place, it is hoped that it will prove as successful as the previous two meetings.

Finally the Committee of the Society would like to record their appreciation of the degree of enthusiasm shown by all sections eligible for membership.

J. Holmes, Secretary

CHOIR REPORT

This term the choir has been meeting regularly again, Miss Benton having taken over as resident music teacher. Choir practices are held on Monday evenings and those who attend seem encouragingly keen, which is, in itself, a distinct advantage where good will is essential for the smooth running of a choir.

The Founders' Day Service was the first occasion on which the choir performed in public this term, and they achieved a remarkable degree of success, when one considers that only two parts, Soprano and Alto, were operational.

At the moment we are practising hard for the carol service, which will be held as always, on the last day of term, but before that the choir are going Carol Singing at Camber, on Thursday, 19th December.

James Holmes

A.T.C. REPORT

At the end of last Summer Holidays about thirty cadets, including six from No. 304 (Hastings) Squadron, went to R.A.F. St. Athan, Glamorgan, for the annual summer camp.

St. Athan is a very large station, comprising several units all based on one airfield. A squadron of Valiants is stationed there, as well as several maintenance units. There is also the Boy Entrants training unit in whose billets we stayed, the boys being on holiday.

We spent an extremely interesting week there, looking over the station units, taking flights in Chipmunks, shooting with .303's on the range, and taking part in swimming and athletic competitions between the 200 odd cadets present, who were divided into Flights. One cadet took back with him a souvenir, looked upon by all with the utmost suspicion—to wit, a large piece of V-bomber!

Owing to the fact that several senior N.C.O.s left the Squadron at the end of the Summer Term, there have been some promotions; Sergeant Perry to Flight Sergeant; Corporal Hatcher to Sergeant; cadets Nicolle and Walmsley to Corporal.

This term got off to a good start with our annual visit to Biggin Hill which was, as usual, most interesting.

A Judo club was formed at the beginning of term and all members are making excellent progress under the expert tuition of Mr. Paul Marriott who kindly agreed to come every Friday evening to coach them. They would like to give him a hearty vote of thanks for devoting so much of his spare time to the Club.

The Squadron's .22 Rifle Range has had much use this term. We were challenged by the members of the disbanded Rye Rifle Club whom we met one evening in competition. Rather surprisingly, we beat them by a narrow margin. They turned in some very good cards considering that the majority had not fired a rifle for about six years! Fourteen members of the Squadron are now having regular practice so that a team of ten can be picked to shoot for the Squadron in the Battle of Britain trophy competition. The installation of electric heaters in the range which, in winter used to be morgue-like in temperature, is a great asset.

Flight Sergeant Perry 'skived' a week away from School at the beginning of term to appear before the R.A.F. selection board at Biggin Hill. We are delighted to learn that he has been selected for training in Ground Control Approach.

Sergeant Hatcher has also been interviewed, in his case at Sussex Wing H.Q., for selection for Overseas Flights and has been accepted.

An extraordinary piece of news is that S. Pern (or was it J.?) managed to obtain an A.T.C. marksman's badge with a .303 rifle about the same size as himself!—an excellent effort.

We would like, once again, to thank all the officers and civilian instructors for their noble work in the efficient running of the Squadron, and the young ladies who brighten the canteen on Fridays.

THE BALLAD OF THE BLUE BERET

(With apologies to Robert Browning and Miss Dann)

Rye Grammar School's in Sussex
By famous Hastings city,
The river Tillingham deep and wide
Washes its walls on the western side,
A pleasanter spot you never aspired,
But when begins my ditty
(Fifteen or sixteen terms ago)
To see the schoolgirls suffer so
From headgear, was a pity.
Hats!
Dark deadly brown
They filled the town,
Frightening all the passing strangers.
The girls fled by with eyes cast down
Like superannuated Rangers.
The hats with bands of brown and blue

Were hideous when they were new,
 But after, they'd be mangled
 And dangled
 And angled
 In fifty different shapes and hues.
 At length the school-girls in a body
 To the School-Hall came flocking.
 They cried, "Our Head Girl is a noddy
 And as for the Parents' Association—shocking !
 To think we put our girlish trust
 In dolts who are as dull as dust
 And simply must put on their skids
 To help us change our awful lids.
 Rouse up now ! Give your brains a racking
 And find the remedy we're lacking
 Or sure as fate, we'll send you packing !"
 At this the Board of Education
 Quaked with a mighty consternation.
 An hour they sat in council,
 At length Miss Dann broke silence,
 "For a shilling I'd mine mortar board sell !
 It's easy to bid one rack one's brains
 I'm sure my poor head aches again,
 I've scratched it so, and all in vain.
 Oh, for a hat, a hat, a hat !"
 As soon as she'd said this, what should hap
 On the School Hall door, but a gentle rap.
 And in did walk a schoolgirl fair
 With stockings torn and back-combed hair,
 Who cried, "Now Miss Dann, let's be merry,
 In future we shall wear a beret !"
 So schoolgirls all, be firm and true
 And always wear your berets blue,
 And though your hair be long or short,
 Please wear your berets as you ought.

J. Burke, UV

MERRILY TO SCHOOL

Green paint	Never late,
Quite quaint,	What a fate,
Luxury plus,	Rattle and rumble,
Dengate's bus.	Dengate's tumbriel.
Speed of light,	Roof leaks,
Hold on tight,	Tyre shrieks,
Silent ride,	What a howler
Dengate's pride.	Dengate's growler.

Black smoke,
 Lots of choke,
 Great clangour,
 Dengate's banger.

Gears smash
 Gaskets crash,
 Full of might,
 Dengate's delight.

London Transport design,
 (Marples must resign)
 Beware of fall-out,
 Dengate's turn-out.

M. J. Walker, L.I.

RATS DITTY

All along the corridors
 Through the classrooms tall,
 We are a-working
 Down heads all !

Staff heads, pupils' heads
 Fountain pens on graphs
 Working brains out of sight,
 Busy doing Maths.

Down the main corridor
 Where the stairway stood
 Here we keep our tuck shop
 Small, but full and good.

Everyone for what he likes;
 We like to be
 Pens down, work stopped
 Going home free.

High in the staff above
 Heads meet and call,
 We are a-working
 Down heads all !

Anon.

A MOONLIGHT NIGHT

On a moonlight night
 Nothing.
 Not even a gentle breeze.
 Everything turns a ghostly bright,
 Weird looking trees.

The barn owl wakes from its drowsy sleep
 It yawns and tweaks its feathers,
 Then cocks his head
 And listens.

The mouse begins to stir,
 Its whiskers glisten
 The owl it screams
 The mouse it jumps,
 Its little heart begins to thump.
 The owl it sweeps,
 The mouse it squeaks,
 Then silence.

M. R. Marston, L.1

HOMEWORK

Arriving home at half past four,
 I throw my satchel on the floor,
 And sit and warm my frozen feet
 Beside the fire's welcome heat,
 Forgetting maths, French, history
 For they can wait 'til after tea.
 Soon, well and truly fortified
 I settle down at half past five
 And then my brow is furrowed deep !
 My pen more slowly starts to creep,
 The sums appear at frightening rate
 The "X's" won't co-operate
 And French, it seems, is just as bad,
 I'll really have to ask my dad,
 Who wonders why I can't remember,
 What was taught me last September !
 The history is even worse,
 "Who was the son of Charles the First ?"
 I drag my weary self to bed,
 My hands and feet feel just like lead,
 And when I sleep, what do I Dream ?
 Why, x times the French for King and Queen !

Carol Booker, M2

THE OLD GARDENER

A poor old gardener said " Ah me,
 Me days are almost done,
 I've got rheumatics in me knee,
 And now it's hard to run.

I've got a measles on me foot,
 And chilblains in me nose,
 And bless me if I haven't got
 Pneumonia in me toes ! "

Scott Nesbitt, L2

MY CAT

We are owned by a cat who's Siamese,
 He is fed on the fat of the land,
 He loves us so much that he tries to please
 With whatever comes to hand.

He brings us his mice, or a vole that he's caught
 And looks quite upset when we squeal;
 He can't understand, as he's never been taught,
 That that's not our idea of a meal.

He's fussed and spoilt, especially by mother,
 Who says he's her 'blue-eyed boy.'
 He sleeps on her bed, just under the cover
 Where he looks like a beautiful toy.

Sometimes in the night when the weather is raw,
 He decides that it's warmer in bed.
 He touches her nose with a gentle paw
 And snuggles up near her head.

Marianne Reed, L3

THE NIGHT

The night was dark,
 With a great many bats.
 A night for witches,
 With broomsticks and cats.

A night for black magic
 And evil doings,
 Phantom shapes
 And ghostly brewings.

A night for graves,
 And eerie places.
 Rows of tombstones
 Forgotten faces.

But the sun will rise,
 And send out her light,
 And change into day,
 That which was night.

Ann Boots, M2

AFTER DARK

The purple heather,
 The singing lark,
 A stray bird feather,
 A fox after dark.

The Autumn moonlight,
The drifting leaves,
A hovering kite,
The swaying reeds.

A death watch beetle
Hunting for prey.
A pine cone needle,
Rustling away.

All this after dark,
Or under the moon,
No glowing spark
Of light in the gloom.

Jillian Coleman, M2

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

The death of Mrs. Jacobs is recorded in another part of the magazine but the Old Scholars would, I am sure, like their sympathy for Mr. Jacobs and Sylvia, in their bereavement, to be recorded here also.

We should like, too, to convey our sympathy to the family of Brian Courage who was killed recently.

Turning to more cheerful topics, we send our best wishes to all Old Scholars who have married recently; among them are Verity James and Robert Catt; Jennifer Bather, now Mrs. Farrant; Gwen Beeching, now Mrs. Epstein; Yvonne Watson, now Mrs. Cotterell; Cecilie Morris, Mrs. Vavasor; Pat Lowe; Pat Gear, Mrs. Wilson; Beryl Moon, Mrs. Bryan and Anita Saunders whose married name we have been unable to discover.

Three recent leavers have started on University courses this term, Alison Norris is at Newcastle University; P. Holmes and J. Daly at London. E. Girdleston, studying at the Royal School of Church Music is hoping to enter Oxford next year. Elizabeth Clay, Glennis Morris, Jeannette Grout and Jane Davies are at Teacher's Training Colleges and Pat Horner seems to be combining ski-ing with her College Course. Denise Turner is at Brighton College of Art and Jacqueline Ovenden at Canterbury School of Art.

Ann Dukes and Janet Jarvis contemporaries of these, have been accepted at Training Colleges for next year.

Catherine Jempson is starting her S.R.N. Course at Westminster Hospital; P. Clarke has gained a Cadetship for immediate commission in the R.A.F., and C. Hills has joined the Shell Tanker Line as a Merchant Navy Cadet.

Janet Comport, after taking a course in cake design and decoration at Battersea, has changed her mind and started training as a Military Police Woman.

Valerie Sales spent the summer working on a fruit farm in Israel and is preparing to write a thesis on Israeli education.

Diana Norris has gained a major award in Hotel Management at the Battersea College of Technology and has recently been seeing life as she works her way through the various jobs to be found in a hotel. As a waitress she found herself richer than ever before but was glad to pass on the next job—a chambermaid.

Janet Armitage was the only girl in her year to gain Honours Certificate when she completed her course at the St. Christopher's Nursery Training College.

Faith Wigzell obtained an Honours Degree in Russian this summer, was awarded a post graduate Studentship, and is studying in Leningrad. She is the only woman amongst seventeen successful graduates.

Mark Jarvis after a term as Assistant House Master at Leasam is to take up a temporary post next term at Keighley Grammar School, Yorkshire.

Rita Gasson who moved to Bexhill Grammar School has obtained a First Class B.Sc. Honours Degree in Astronomy at London University, and has been granted a scholarship to read for a Ph.D. at Cambridge. Her sister is now on the staff of Wye College.

Sylvia Swan has undertaken a number of singing engagements in London and the provinces in the last two years and has now gained a Surrey County Major Award at the Royal Academy of Music.

LOUGHBOROUGH LETTER

For many years now, Rye Grammar School has had firm connexions with Loughborough Training College, by sending a constant stream of students to the college, and also by having members of staff trained at the college.

Mr. Hawes and Mr. Almond, who have now left the staff, were both trained at Loughborough, and both did a lot of work for the school while they were here. Mr. Maby, who succeeded Mr. Hawes as metalwork master, was also trained at Loughborough. The other subject for which Loughborough is famous is also represented at school, in Mr. Holness. Mr. Westlake joins the school in January, 1964.

T. Wood left the college in 1961, and is teaching in Loughborough, at the school where he did his final teaching-practice. M. Greenhalgh left the college at the same time as Wood, after completing two years' training, and is now teaching at Ashford, Kent. He is probably going to return to the college some time in the future, to do a supplementary third year. H. Bourn finished his course there in 1962, and is now teaching at Homewood Secondary School, at Tenterden. He is also making quite a name for himself in the world of sailing, by winning races all round the south coast.

Ex-Rye pupils at present at the college are B. Seale and V. Pennell. B. Seale is now in his last year, and liking it very much, but he will be glad when it is all over and he can start teaching. V. Pennell, who

was a popular sportsman and head boy at school, is now in his second year, and is doing very well. He plays football for a local team in the Leicestershire League, in his spare time.

The record of ex-Rye pupils at Loughborough is to be continued next year, because J. Clarke has been accepted for entry in September, 1964, and R. Datchler has been provisionally accepted for entry at the same time. No doubt there will be others to follow in their footsteps, and help to maintain the connexion between Rye Grammar School and Loughborough Training College.

B.S.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Autumn meeting took the form of the Annual General Meeting which was followed by the showing of some transparencies of the trip made by some members of the staff and scholars to Yorkshire and Derbyshire, and some educational films.

The meeting was quite well attended and after reports by the secretary and treasurer, the election of officers and committee members took place.

As a result the full committee is now as follows:—

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