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JULY 1961

SCHOOL NOTES

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At the end of his term several members of staff are leaving to take up new positions.

Mr. Brennand is joining the staff of a C.S. school in Winchester where he will be Head of Department.

Miss Hayter is leaving for Germany where she will be a House Mistress at an Army School.

Miss Hale is departing in the near future for Africa.

Mlle. Jalon leaves us this term to return to France to continue her course at the Sorbonne.

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We congratulate the Rye Youth Drama Group, which consists of senior members of the R.G.S. acting community, on their success in the East Sussex and Sussex Youth Drama Festivals. By winning both of these Finals the group was judged to be the best of over 100 Sussex groups.

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An unhappy event took place at the beginning of the school term. It is with great regret that we have to announce the disappearance (we hope temporary) of one of our feline friends (see previous issue). Any person seeing a miniature marmalade tiger roaming in the vicinity should capture him and return him immediately to the school. R.S.V.P.

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The attention of parents is drawn to the fact that the name of C. W. Williams, 2 High Street, Rye, should be added to the list of accredited suppliers to the school of sports clothing and sports equipment.

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We welcome to the staff Mr. D. W. H. Maby, who will take Mr. Hawes's place both as master in charge of Metalwork and as a commissioned officer in the A.T.C.

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master	Mr. S. H. Allnutt
House Mistress	Miss M. Topliss
Girls' Captain	Margaret Bather
Boys' Captain	V. Pennell
Secretary	Kay Eldridge
Treasurer	C. H. Knowles
Prefects—	Madelaine Barden, Margaret Bather, Louise Dalby, Janet Davie, Kay Eldridge, Rosemary Sinden, B. Seale, R. Blacklock, C. Knowles, V. Pennell, M. Winter.

This term has been a very successful one for the House. We took first place in the Athletics Competition for the first time for many years, and won the Rounders Competition. We stand a chance of winning the Cricket Competition, but have come last in the Tennis. At the end of last term we were leading in the Work and Merit Shield by a short head from Peacocke.

It is hoped that the dance which the House is holding on July 14th will be a success.

We say goodbye to all those who are leaving and wish them luck in their new careers.

We also thank Miss Topliss and Mr. Allnutt for their unfailing help during the year.

Kay Eldridge (Secretary)

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master	Mr. D. P. Darby
House Mistress	Miss B. Hale
Boys' Captain	P. G. Hobson
Girls' Captain	Sheila Evans
Secretary	Gillian Foy
Treasurer	D. E. Robinson
Prefects—	Sheila Evans, Christine Trill, Jennifer Pankhurst, Jennifer Watkins, P. Hobson, D. Robinson, S. Cole, R. Perry, S. Hartwell.

This term Sanders House has not been as successful as it might have been. Athletics and rounders are the only competitions which have yet been decided, but our failure in these was due more to lack of ability than to lack of effort. However Sanders has beaten Meryon in the tennis but still has to play Peacocke. The results so far in the Speech Competition have been remarkably close but the Upper School has yet to be decided.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Hale who is leaving Rye Grammar School at the end of this term to take a post abroad. We wish her every success in the future. As is usual at the end of the Summer term many of the senior members of the house will be leaving to follow their various careers in which we hope they will be very happy and successful.

Finally we thank Miss Hale and Mr. Darby for all the help and encouragement they have given us throughout the year.

Gillian Foy (Secretary)

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Master	Mr. H. Thompson
House Mistress	Miss W. Allen
Boys' Captain	A. Metianu
Girls' Captain	Gillian Sewell
Secretary	Jennifer Day
Treasurer	P. Mitchell
Prefects—	Diana Norris (Head Girl), Gillian Sewell (Deputy Head Girl), Jennifer Day, Judith Message, Felicity Rook, Christine Odell, M. Rogerson (Head Boy), A. Metianu, G. Hickmott, J. Evans, M. Maskell

This term has been a somewhat unsuccessful one for the House. We lost the Athletics Shield for the first time in ten years and came second in the Rounders matches. Although the results of the Lower and Middle School Speech competition were very close, Peacocke was also beaten in that. Our hopes now rest on the Tennis, Cricket, Swimming and the Upper School Speech Competition, which give us the opportunity to redeem the House's position.

During the term we paid the subscription towards supporting our leper child for another six months.

This term we say goodbye to many of the senior members of the House, and we wish all leavers good luck and happiness in their future careers.

Our thanks are due to the House officials for their work during the year, and to Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson for their constant support and advice.

Jennifer Day (Secretary)

SALTCOTE HOUSE REPORT

At the time of writing this report we have played no matches as a house, but have been well represented in athletics, tennis, rounders and cricket teams. Before the end of term, however, many matches will have taken place. The tennis tournaments are well under way, and the finals will be played, weather permitting, on the last Monday of term in the presence of the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Jacobs.

On Friday 30th June we held our annual strawberry tea which we all enjoyed very much. We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Phillips who has been with us for over eleven years and we wish her well in the future. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Revill who are retiring after many years, and we hope that Mr. Revill will enjoy better health.

Before the end of term we shall have had a tennis party for seniors. We would like to thank Miss Exeter for her help with the catering.

We are very sorry to have so say goodbye to Miss Hayter who is taking up a teaching post in Germany. During her stay at Saltcote she has helped us in every way, and we wish her all the best in the future. Judith Message, one of the head girls, who has been a boarder for several years is leaving at the end of this year to go to the Bishop Otter College, Chichester. We shall miss her in our house teams and wish her luck in her future career. We wish success for the younger boarders who are leaving Saltcote Place either to take up new work or to be day girls in schools near their homes.

We appreciate all that Miss Nelson, Miss Hayter and Miss Turner have done for us, especially at the time of the strawberry tea, and also the kitchen staff who have met our every needs.

G.S. and J.M.

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

Again, with the exception of a few domestic crises, we have had a very successful term.

Many of the boys have made great efforts in the sports world and have done well both for the School and House.

The farm has been running efficiently and the boys have spent numerous weekends getting the farm spick and span for our annual Open Day, which was a big success. Two of our home-bred heifers have taken their places in the milking herd this term, and we look forward to some promising results from them.

Our thanks once again are due to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Allmond and Mr. Cawkwell for keeping us all in trim, and to Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and the domestic staff for providing good meals throughout the term.

A. A. Metianu

LIBRARY REPORT

A large number of books have been added to the Library this term, including several Reference Books for students of Physics, and

"The Reign of George III" by J. Steven Watson

"Imperial Caesar" by Rex Warner

"Remembrance of Things Past" by Marcel Proust

"Barabbas" by Pär Lagerkvist

"Contemporary Furniture Designs" by B. W. Heppenstall

"Colloids: Their Properties and Applications" by A. G. Ward

"The Parable of the Kingdom" by C. H. Dodd

to mention only a partially representative few. We thank Mr. Hawes for presenting, on his leaving the School, Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's new book, "Leadership."

We have cause for concern at the rapid deterioration in the condition of the Encyclopaedias and other reference books; the wear and tear can be kept at a minimum if these rather unwieldy books are consulted with care, and are immediately replaced on the shelves. Then not only will the books last longer, but also the appearance of the Library as a whole will be improved. We have recently experimented with a new kind of plastic book-cover, but we cannot say with what success until we have seen evidence of its durability.

At the end of the term the Library staff made an expedition to Penshurst Place, by way of Tunbridge Wells, and we extend our gratitude to Mr. Silver for arranging this outing.

Librarian

BOYS' ATHLETICS REPORT

This year has been a very encouraging one from the point of view of Athletics.

A good breeze on our Sports Day made track records unlikely but five boys and girls broke existing records, and the final result was:— Meryon 410 points; Peacocke 379 points; Sanders 331 points.

The first external fixture, a triangular match between Claverham School Battle, Homewood Secondary School and ourselves resulted in a very narrow victory for Homewood by 89 points to our 88 with Claverham trailing at 79½. This was a well run meeting as well as an exciting one with the result always in the balance to the last relay and judging from comments made at the time by our competitors it was found enjoyable both to watch and participate in.

Following closely came a junior (U15) match against the Rye Modern School in which both the boys and the girls beat their opponents and the final composite score gave the Grammar School 109 points to 105 to the Modern School.

These two previous matches proved a useful introduction to the East Sussex Championships held this year at Willingdon. Fine weather and a stiff following breeze blowing down the hundred yards and hurdles lanes together with a slight slope gave some impressive times though competition running round the track found the wind and the slightly uphill back-straight quite a struggle.

Competition at East Sussex level continues to get fiercer and although some of our stars were a little disappointed with their third and fourth places the majority of competitors produced far better times, distances and heights than they had ever done before. So much so that it was with very surprise that our Intermediate boys' team won the Cup for the first time since the competition opened in 1950. A dazed Cleverly was thrust forward to receive it and achieve fame with his photograph in the local paper.

Four boys and two girls were chosen to represent East Sussex Division at the county sports at Withdean Stadium. With quite a lot of junior talent coming along in the school we hope to maintain and improve these standards next year.

D. Holness

GIRLS' ATHLETICS REPORT

This has been quite a successful term for girls' athletics. Three new girls' records were made on Sports Day; Jennifer Bather in the senior high jump, Marilyn Burt in the junior high jump, and Jane Daintrey in the 70 yards hurdles.

We were well represented at the East Sussex athletics meeting, and the senior team was placed 3rd, the intermediates 5th and the juniors 11th. At this meeting Gillian Foy gained her East Sussex badge and from there two girls were chosen to represent East Sussex at the Sussex sports at Withdean Stadium, Gillian Foy and Judith Message. Unfortunately only Gillian was able to attend and she is to be congratulated on coming 3rd in the final of the 80 yards hurdles.

Also this term we have had a triangular match against Claverham and Homewood in which the team came a very close 2nd.

A junior team won a match against Rye Modern School and many girls attended the East Sussex youth sports where several gained first places.

We would like to thank Miss Ward for all her help this term, even when we have not seemed very enthusiastic!

Judith Message

1st XI CRICKET REPORT

The first eleven team has not been very strong this season, and the batting has been rather weak and uninteresting with a few big stands. Sherwood has been the most consistent batsman; he made the highest score of forty-seven and he tops the averages.

The bowling strength of Breeds and Hearty was not strong enough to win matches. Hickmott, Hobson, Bianchi, Pennell, Baldock, and Sherwood have occasionally bowled a few overs. The wicket has been kept, quite successfully, by Baldock and Pennell.

The team has been picked from:—Sherwood, Clark, Pennell, Baldock, Blacklock, Hobson, Harvey, Hickmott, Bianchi, Hearty, Breeds, Seeley, Foy, Hollingdale.

Colours have been awarded to—Baldock and Sherwood.

Colours have been renewed to—Pennell.

Results

v Hastings	Lost by 151 runs.
v Eastbourne	Lost by 64 runs.
v Bexhill	Won by 5 wickets.
v Ashford	Lost by 122 runs.
v Goudhurst	Lost by 50 runs.
v Hastings	Lost by 77 runs.
v Brickwall	Won
v Bexhill	Won by 10 runs
v Parents	Drawn.
v Duke of York's Royal Military School	Lost by 57 runs
v Harvey	

TENNIS REPORT

This season has been highly unsuccessful for our tennis teams; each couple needs to develop more speed, accuracy and more attack.

The 1st VI was chosen from—

G. Sewell, K. Eldridge, J. Day, F. Rook (Capt.), J. Message, N. Leopold, J. Watkins, S. Morley.

The 2nd VI was chosen from—

J. Watkins, M. Barden (joint captains), L. Southerden, S. Morley, P. Newnham, J. Grout, G. Foy, C. Oates, J. Williams, Janet De Gruchy, D. Maclean.

The Under 15 VI was chosen from—

M. Richards (Capt.), J. Daintrey, D. Maclean, J. Roser, E. Duncan, S. Digby, J. Coxeter.

Results

Ist and 2nd VI's

Folkestone Grammar	Lost	Away
Ashford High	Lost	Away
Ashford Grammar	Lost	Home
Charters Towers	Won	Home

Under 15 VI

Convent of the Holy Child	Lost	Home
Southlands	Won	Home
Ashford Grammar	Lost	Home
F. Rook (Captain)		

UNDER 14 ROUNDERS TEAM

The Under XIV team has been very successful this season, as can be seen from the results—

v Southlands	Won	14½—4
v Folkestone	Lost	17½—5
v Ashford G.S.	Won	5 —3
v Charters Towers	Won	18 —3

The team is—

Bowler	J. Care
Backstop	B. Dunn (vice-captain)
1st Post	B. Griffin (captain)
2nd Post	A. Banks
3rd Post	C. Barnard
4th Post	E. Marshall
1st Deep	S. Wood
2nd Deep	J. Marriot
3rd Deep	K. Buttery

STOOLBALL REPORT

This year the stoolball team has been more popular than last year. The mixed team has played two matches and has won them both, the first one against Broad Oak Youth Club, and the second against Rye Youth Club. We have not yet played the return matches.

The under 17 stoolball team entered the Hailsham tournament on Saturday, 8th July. They played 4 matches, losing two and winning two.

The teams were chosen from—

A. Denice, E. Robinson, B. Moon, J. Coxeter, V. Kirkman, G. Blair, A. Saunders, L. Cornwell, P. Horner, E. Clay, Munnery, Hollingdale, Hughes, Oswin, Russell, Baldock.

We would like to thank Miss Ward for arranging and umpiring the matches which were enjoyed by all.

B. Moon (Captain)

LADIES' CRICKET CLUB REPORT

As in last Summer term Mr. Jones kindly consented to give cricket coaching to those brave and beefy ladies of the Sixth Form who were interested. We were pleased to find that Miss Ward was a keen and very able cricketer. Our membership was so much increased this term that we now have enough for a team and hope to play the Under 14 XI at the end of term. The result of this match will no doubt appear in the next edition of 'Rya.'

We are all indebted to Miss Ward and Mr. Jones for their kind help in what must have seemed an impossible task, and many thanks to Mr. Jones from the Saltcote girls for the lifts up that steep hill after an exhausting evening's cricket.

BOYS' TENNIS REPORT

Interest in boys' tennis at R.G.S. has grown considerably over the last three years. The game which not so long ago was considered impossible and almost immoral for boys to play has now taken its place, second to cricket, as a major summer sport.

The list of fixtures till now kept low, mainly due to my own boarding house commitments, grows steadily and to date this season, Under 15 and Under 17 home and away matches have been played against Homewood School, Tenterden, and Under 16 matches against Brockhill County Secondary School, Hythe.

Now that G.C.E. 'A' and 'O' levels are over the Senior team hopes to renew its acquaintances with Bexhill Grammar School and Brickwall School.

I wish to thank Mr. Buttery for his interest and backing and Miss Ward for her co-operation in allowing boys to use the courts, so often 'filled' by the girls.

M.H.A.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

This term has been a very successful one. We began by welcoming three new members who were taught how to enlarge, etc. We looked at some film strips on photography lent to us by the Rye Photographic Club. We also made two tours of Rye and a trip to Rye Harbour for the purpose of taking photographs. Three members represented the Society at a lecture on "Fifty Years of Photography" by Mr. Ginger at the Rye Photographic Club.

We have been enlarging negatives and processing films throughout the term and later it was decided that a subscription of threepence a week should be paid to cover the cost of materials. It is hoped that an outing to the zoo will be arranged at the end of term.

As always our thanks go to Mr. White, Miss Getley and Mr. Cawkwell for the help they have given us throughout the term.

A. Richards

MODEL AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The highlight of the summer term activities of the Model Aircraft was a visit to the British National Championships held at R.A.F. Barkston Heath, near Grantham in Lincolnshire on May 21st-22nd.

Five members, B. Seale, N. Cole, J. Russell, A. Gardner, and T. Ruck travelled by rail on the Saturday, taking a taxi from Grantham to the airfield.

The competition started on the Sunday morning and the achievements of the members are as follows—B. Seale and N. Cole reached the second round of combat and A. Gardner reached the third round, only to be knocked out by the eventual winner. The B. Seale/T. Ruck team reached the second round in the A team race competition.

On the Tuesday morning, having no other transport, the five members started the 6 miles back to Grantham on foot but were lucky enough to get a lift. They arrived back at Rye at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after a very interesting week-end. The Club thanks Mr. Robbins, the proprietor of the Model Shop, who contributed £3 towards the trip.

Flying at school has slackened off a little owing to G.C.E. examinations but will start again as soon as possible.

B. Seale, U.VI

A.T.C. REPORT

The most outstanding event this term was the annual Sussex Wing Parade and Athletic Meeting at Brighton Stadium on Sunday, June 4th when No. 2274 Squadron again proved their superiority over the rest of the Wing. Two of the other cups awarded for the highest number of points gained in the Squadron team events were won by Rye together with the Aggregate Cup awarded to the squadron with the greatest number of points obtained at the meeting. To this achievement can be added sixteen medals for first and second places in the field and track events.

Before the Athletics Meeting the cadets took part in a most impressive parade, with the inspection being carried out by Air Commodore G. B. Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O. In his address to the cadets after the parade reference was made to the success obtained by the Wing cadets in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and special mention was made of F./Sgt. David Robinson and Sgt. Victor Pennell of this Squadron who are preparing to take their tests at gold level; both cadets having already obtained their silver.

Results

Class C (Junior)

100 yards—3rd, Cdt. Walmsley
200 yards—1st, Cdt. Hills
440 yards—1st, Cdt. Hills
880 yards—1st, Cdt. Hatcher

Class B. (Intermediate)

440 yards—2nd, Cdt. P. Clarke
880 yards—1st, Cdt. P. Clarke
1 mile—3rd, Cdt. R. Nicoll
100 yards Hurdles—2nd, Cdt. Roskowski
Discus—2nd, Cpl. B. Heighes
Javelin—3rd, Cpl. B. Wightwick

Class A. (Senior)

220 yards—2nd, Sgt. P. Hobson
880 yards—3rd, Cdt. Gatherum
120 yards Hurdles—2nd, Sgt. V. Pennell
Discus—2nd, Cpl. P. Mitchell
Javelin—3rd, Cdt. Gatherum
Shot—1st, Cdt. Gatherum
High Jump—Sgt. V. Pennell
4 x 110 yards Relay—1st (Sgt. Pennell, Sgt. P. Hobson
Cpl. Mitchell, F./Sgt. Robinson)

This term Field Day was spent at R.A.F. Newhaven and the Squadron spent an enjoyable time inspecting and joy-riding in the Air-Sea Rescue launches.

As from July 8th the Squadron is now an official member of the A.T.C.W.T. This is due to the success of three cadets in the Proficiency Examinations. They are cadets Perry, Balcombe and Kingdom. In the 'B' Syllabus Cds. Heighes and Russell were successful.

On Friday 30th June the cadets visited the Swimming Pool at Rye Modern School and an enjoyable hour was spent by all.

Cpl. Heighes has been accepted for a gliding course but has not yet participated.

Films have been shown regularly this term and have proved very popular.

Three girls have recently been let loose on the rifle range but we need not have worried. Two of them managed to hit the wall at the far end and the third put three neat holes in the range door. (Flight Lt. Thompson had previously shut the door and retired to the safety of the Woodwork Shop where he sought cover behind the woodpile.)

Mr. Maby has applied for a commission and was interviewed on on July 11th.

This year Summer Camp will be spent at R.A.F. Chivenor or North Devon and a party of 35 cadets will be going.

The cadets would like to thank the officers and civilian instructors for all their work and time which they have given to the Squadron.

2nd RYE (GRAMMAR SCHOOL) GUIDES

Membership of the company stands at twenty-two. Of these four are working for 1st Class, seventeen for 2nd Class and one is a recruit. Since Easter, G. Rothwell (Hostess and Child Nurse) has gained two proficiency badges, and thirteen clauses of the 1st Class Test have been passed by J. Daintry, R. Hamilton and G. Rothwell. It is hoped that these three will gain their 1st Class badges before the next issue of the magazine.

Phillipa Duncan has been elected at P.L. of the Lilies in place of S. Hill. M. Phillips, P. Nernhild, B. Hatter, P. Coleman and J. Hyde are all acting P.Ls.

A most successful camp was held at Lower Weston Farm, Branscombe, Devon, during the Whitsun Holiday. Thirteen guides from the company enjoyed splendid weather, although we all found the early summer nights rather cold. We were pleased to welcome Miss Redgwell and Miss Ward at Life-Savers and First-Aiders, but were glad that their services were not required for anything more serious than plaster and pills. A day was spent in Lyme Regis, and visits were paid to Beer, Seaton, and Branscombe.

It remains for me to wish the company every success in the future. May the company continue to flourish.

Righty

JUNIOR RED CROSS REPORT

This term has been an exceptionally busy one for the cadets. It started with a full-scale preparation of collecting tins and flag-boxes for the Red Cross Flag Day, during which time it was found that "many hands make light work."

We have also been continuing our lessons in Home Nursing, but for the greater part of the term, rehearsals have been going on for a short play extract that was performed to a few County Divisional Officers on the occasion of the enrolment of the first year cadets. Most of us were then presented with a certificate to verify the passing of our First Aid examination. That day, we took the opportunity of giving Miss Hale our farewell present of a writing case, which we hope will be very useful.

We should very much like to thank Miss Hale for all her unfailing and kind work towards the Red Cross, and would like to wish her the best for the future.

Alison Banks

THE LADY WITH THE LAMP

For the past two months, the Red Cross have been rehearsing for a short excerpt from the play 'The Lady with the Lamp' by Captain Reginald Berkely, based on the life of Florence Nightingale. It was performed after the enrolment ceremony of the new cadets on Friday 7th July before the County Divisional Officers. The play was written in 1928, and is dedicated to Dame Edith Evans.

For the last week or so, hurried preparations were going on concerning last minute fittings. A desperate question, "Have you no trousers at all?" A coy answer, "Not really, no." All this is a great help.

To obtain the effect of a Victorian drawing room, a ratier large and rambling aspidistra was placed on the table, but unfortunately this obscured some of the shorter actresses. This plant was a source of great amusement to some cadets.

The play was very successful, and the evening was enjoyed very much. Thanks are due to Miss Hale without whose help the production would have been impossible.

Alison Banks, M3

VISIT TO WIMBLEDON

On Monday, June 26th, a group of pupils visited Wimbledon for the first day of the Championships. Unfortunately rain prevented many of the matches being played and interrupted those which were played. Because of the weather we were unable to see Sangster, the only Briton to reach the Semi-finals. We did, however, manage to see Fraser and Laver on Court 1 and the Centre Court, and most of the seeded players of the Men's Singles. On the whole the visit was rather disappointing but we enjoyed what tennis we did see though standing around was boring and made our legs ache. We were very pleased to meet two old scholars there. Our thanks go to Miss Ward for arranging the trip.

M1—M3 VISIT TO HOVE

Sussex v Australians—2nd day

On Monday, 5th June, M1—M3 boys went to the County Cricket Ground at Hove in the hope of rectifying their cricket deficiencies.

The day's play turned out to be the most interesting with Sussex breaking through the Australian batting strength. Thompson, the Sussex seam bowler had a devastating spell when he took three Australian wickets for 0 runs. However, the Sussex hopes were shattered by Burge, who made 151 runs in a fine forceful style, thrashing the Sussex bowlers to every corner of the ground.

After the hard day on "the ground," all were quite relieved to return to the luxurious comfort of the coach for the return journey home.

U.V BIOLOGICAL VISIT TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND KEW GARDENS

On Wednesday, May the third, Mr. Bolton and Miss Allen took a party of keen ? biologists to the Natural History Museum and Kew Gardens.

We left the Rope Walk at about nine fifteen on a fairly bright Spring morning, the brightness of which didn't last long and by the time that we reached London the sky was quite overcast. However, this did not seem to dampen the general enthusiasm of the party even if they were only interested in what new pub names they could learn.

We reached the Natural History Museum at about eleven twenty and as luck would have it, we couldn't find a parking space anywhere. After an agonising circular tour we were dumped, presumably to let Mr. Henshaw find a place to park in peace.

Unfortunately we could not spend a great deal of time at the museum, but that which we had time to see intrigued us all I think.

The gorilla in the main hall seemed an object of admiration and the keener artists produced some very life-like impressions of such—or were they of some fellow passenger rapidly sketched on the bus ? ! !

The Whale Hall was very impressive, but the contents thereof, we decided, would not be very pleasant to meet on a dark night !

Soon, with the accompaniment of rustling grease-proof, the smell of hard-boiled eggs and cheese and spam sandwiches, to say nothing of the gurglings coming from immense bottles of —errrrr...POP ! we sped on our way across London to Kew.

On arriving, at about one o'clock, we were admitted into the Botanical Gardens by a collection of ancient fixtures who were at the gate, and thus began the long trek. Flower beds, hot-houses, palm houses, oodles of rhododendrons, unique trees and tropical water plants all came under the discerning eye of the upper fifth biologists, and in all seriousness the exhibits were most interesting.

After spending some time in the largest glass house in Europe all met at the edge of the lake where unwanted supplies of stale Leasam and Saltcote sandwiches were disposed of to a good cause, a numerous selection of wild ducks. After thus amusing ourselves for fifteen minutes we took a visit to see a tremendous flag-pole and the Pagoda, from which we were released to wander around willy-nilly.

A party of four members calmly passing through a hot house of large palms, etc., negotiated a new species of cactus wearing a yellow tee shirt, khaki shorts, wellington boots and bearing fine ginger bristles on its roots and tip. Furthermore this species was found to be the wild weeping variety due to the fact that it emitted fine sprays of water from a length of hose pipe.

At the end of the day, after unintentionally, but successfully abusing two elderly ladies by referring to 'some crabby-like structures in the palm house,' we made our way back to the coach and Mr. Henshaw and best of all a comfortable place to sit. We arrived back in Rye at about eight-thirty after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

M. Maskell

JUNGLE OF SYMBOLS

With a sudden hiss the seal broke, swinging the needle of the gauge back to atmospheric. It was the sixth successive failure, and it seemed as if he would never complete his researches into the effects of pressure on crystal growth. His frustrated head sunk onto the bench, and he slipped into soothing sleep.

All around were massive growths. Overhead branches interlocked in a tracery of tubes of glass, rising till lost in the gloom. Creepers of rubber pipe strangled round trunks, twisting, writhing up. Coloured liquids coursed through the pipes, and everywhere clouds of drifting gas, and the dank drip of condensing liquid.

Edging between oozing, evil masses of dark, spongy platinum he entered a clearing. After haggling, a wizened headman agreed to supply carriers. Not good, they were the best available; mostly pyridene, with some iron filings. These latter were not strong, for their yellow skin and dangerous nature betrayed their phosphoric ancestry.

The journey took many weeks. Up to their thighs in acid bogs where only thorny, hard carbon bushes grew. Skirting great belts of poisonous gas, where even plants were evil purple and greens. Across silica fields, reflected sun blinding from the giant molecules looming overhead. Over mountains of magnetite where the hard rounded masses all face north.

At last they started to descend, sweating in the moist humidity, increasing pressure making ears ache. Down over slippery rocks, through rank vegetation. Every sort of tree was present, vanadium, ytterbium, strontium, and groves of bismuth, heavy leaved and dark.

The scientist diligently sought crystals; under rotting logs, high epiphytic growths, under-water sorts. All were carefully measured. Onwards, downwards and the pressure grew. Theories developed from the figures, at last only one was tenable, and it explained all.

Food was just sufficient for the return journey, but the forest went on, strange, new, completely unexplored. He gazed wonderingly at the unsuspected forms. To go on was to lose all hope of return, of publishing his theory; in exchange for the knowledge of the future.

The lab assistant found him next day, slumped on the bench. He had died of heart failure; been working too hard, poor chap.

S. Cole, U.VIth

JUST PLAIN BORED

Sitting behind a too small desk, in a plain, dull room,
Listening with half an ear, just sunk in awful gloom,
Wondering, "Will it ever stop, this uninteresting drone ?
On and on and on he goes—did I hear a moan ?
Ah, a fellow sufferer, I wonder who it is ?
I wonder if it's that one there, drawing monstrosities,
Or maybe it is this one her, doodling on her pad.
If this goes on much longer, we'll all go raving mad !
This chair's becoming harder, will the rebel never go,
Good it's nearly time. Will he give us homework ? Oh no !
Write about this, a diagram of that, oh help, more and more."
At last, the bell. We pack up quickly, and hurry for the door.

Susan Plummer, L.4

A NIGHTMARE

Cool, damp air comes rushing in,
The pillow swims before your gaze,
The sheets rise like the heaving sea
Then fall as you sink in a sleepless haze.

Thin, cold fingers grasp your neck
As the wind howls without.
Your head feels like a rolling deck,
As you strain; but cannot shout.

No sound is uttered from your lips
For your throat is parched and dry.
You try and try to go to sleep.
But still you restless lie.

W. Russell

A THOUGHT SHARED

Suddenly, I was watched,
I looked up and saw him there,
An ordinary thrush
And yet, what was it that I could not tear
My eyes away from ?

He sat there three feet away,
And looked at me with bright and piercing eyes
Of accusation.
I felt trapped like the fly who vainly tries
To escape the spider's web.

Come now; it's just a bird
I told myself. Yet still I felt that there was more
Than I knew.
I knew that he too was caught, like some poor
Spirit in a cell.

Maybe, he thought the same.
But surely a bird could not think as I ?
He was different.
He knew, as I did, that we all must die.
He asked the same question.

Why ? just one word,
Yet in it the hopelessness and eternities of despair.
Why right ?
Why do men never learn to care
For the freedom of their life.

Was it now thrown to the winds ?
In one last war concluding only in the end
Only we, the bird and I, shared the hope that men would bend
Their thoughts to peace and love.

Pauline Hartwell, L.VA

COMMERCIALS

Which powder gets clothes cleanest
And washes coloureds best ?
I guess I'll never know
Till I've done the 'window test.'

Will my mouth feel tingling fresh
When I've used that new tooth-paste ?
And will those stripes of red and white
Give me a clean bright taste ?

Shall I be a little lovelier
If I use that kind of soap ?
Or will it make me spotty
So I'll stay at home and mope ?

These commercials are so catchy
And make things sound so nice
That we all go out and buy them
And forget one thing—the price !

Angela Carter, L.VA

A GLASS OF CIDER

One very hot day, I decided to have a glass of cider, and just as I was going to drink it, a little voice seemed to say this :

"Once I was just an apple pip, inside a red, rosy apple, and a little girl picked me up and put me in the cold, dark ground, and after a little while small green shoots sprang up to the light of day and I sent out little roots to the ground. I grew and grew, until one day I was quite a big apple tree.

The next spring I produced small, pink bunches of blossom, and as the summer wore on they changed into little green apples and then they grew fat and rosy until they were just like I used to be.

I was so proud of my apples, they were so firm and juicy. Then one day, a nasty man came along and picked them all, and put them all in a big basket. Then he put them all in a barrel and smashed them to tiny pieces, and put a lot of sugar in with them, and then he shut them up for a long while; and now you are going to drink all my sons and daughters."

After this I felt so guilty that I poured the cider away and got a glass of water. Just think of this little story when you have a glass of cider.

Daphne Butler, L.3

BLUE COLOUR

He was happy while he was here.
Certainly an odd life,
Full of roses, and flashing light
And darkness.
But all the same—he was happy
While he was here.

He ran away from a ghastly life,
Full of grotesque images
Of the things he loved.
He fled from beaten, squealing pigs,
Fields of black, waving, rust ridden corn,
And rotting tractor tyres, intertwined with nettles,
To peace—and beauty.
Blue waves reflecting the rich heavens,
In all their glory of golden sand
And corn.

Green grass, and leafy trees
Under whose many patterned shade
He slept in perfect solitude
And peace;
Undisturbed through day and night.

The end came soon.
Three weeks of delirious joy;
Of distilled beauty;
Of absolute freedom.
Eternity 'tween the blue chicory flower,
The sea,
And the glorious heaven of the skies.
And then the black tarmac of the road,
Pressed into his face.
Gritty. Unbearable
Pain.
With the warm smell of red blood
Staining the black tarmac;
As the larva of an erupting volcano
Moves on relentless;
Regardless
Of pain.
And blood
In the white ambulance.
Blue, when he closed his eyes.
Red, white and blue, he thought.
England and France
Patriot to both
Death in both.
He laughed weakly, the bell rang on.
But I always liked blue best.
Jane's dress was blue.

THE LITTLE LILAC CAR

This little car looked very sad,
Awaiting for its fate.
Two men were pushing it along,
Along to the scrap-heap gate.

The window-screen was broken.
The mirror, there was none.
The steering wheel was crooked.
The wheels, they were coming undone.

That it hadn't passed the ten year test
Was very plain to see.
But I knew, at once, it was
The very car for me.

I took it home and fixed the wheels.
I put the window in.
I removed the engine for repairs—
It wouldn't go back in.

Never mind—I found a mirror,
And bought a tin of paint,
I did it orange with lilac spots,
I thought it looked quite quaint.

I don't even use any petrol—
There's nowhere to put it, of course,
It doesn't have any engine,
So it's pulled along by a horse.

S.J.M.

In view of the success of the science quizzes published in this magazine, and in answer to public demand, we now have great pleasure in presenting—

“LATIN SENTENCE AND IDIOM, AND ALL THAT”

1. Do you think that 'studium' is—
 - (a) something you never do much of?
 - (b) somewhere where films are made?
 - (c) the place where Romans held their Cup Final?
2. Is a 'dactyl'—
 - (a) a prehistoric monster?
 - (b) a one-fingered hand?
 - (c) Roman type of dachshund?
3. If you came across 'quid' would you
 - (a) spend it?
 - (b) put it back in the sea?
 - (c) dismiss it as unimportant?
4. Is 'celer'
 - (a) an edible plant?
 - (b) a place where the Romans stored their wine?
 - (c) Roman travelling salesman?
5. Is 'ducis'
 - (a) a command?
 - (b) a question?
 - (c) wishful thinking?

6. Is 'barba'
 - (a) a chap from Seville?
 - (b) leader of a popular jazz band?
 - (c) black sheep?
7. Which of the following is a relative word?
 - (a) Mater.
 - (b) fabula.
 - (c) tot vini.

Scoring—a equals 3, b equals 2, c equals 1.

If you have scored—

15—21, you're learning—per ardua ad astra!

7—14, there's a glimmer of hope—nox atrior est ante primam lucem.

0—7, you haven't a hope—better take up fishing.

Duo discipuli miserrimi Latinea (U.VI)

'Et nobis (Sheilac Jenniferique) nimium meminisse necesse est.'

HER

The moon slips slowly across the sky.
The owls and bats flit silently on,
One by one, now flying high,
Now low, and, suddenly, gone.

The house stands ghostly, in darkness clad.
Windows and doors are broken down,
By lads and time and years; it's sate
How time has quickly flown.

It once was new and soundly made,
Inhabited and loved by all.
But not a single word's now said;
The timbers rot and fall.

I loved that house, and worshipped her;
She knew each room and lofty hall.
But now her ghost is wondering there,
Her ghost...and that is all.

Christine Oates, L.VA

GHOSTLY FOOTSTEPS

Shortly after my family moved into our present home, a friend presented us with a book entitled, "The Haunted Houses of England." Having read chapter 6 of this book, we were astonished and a little perturbed to find our house mentioned as the chapter heading. It seemed that our house was haunted.

According to legend, the ghost, always a man, follows a pattern of movements which consists of climbing the back staircase, passing through the main bedroom, along a passage and disappearing at the top of the front stairs. If any stranger happens to be staying at the house, "it" taps sharply on their bedroom door and disappears. One such visitor, alone in the house owing to the accident of her hostess, experienced the sight of the ghost as she prepared for bed.

One night, when my parents were delayed in London, I was alone in the house, except for my brothers, whose bedroom is at the other end of the house. I switched off the light, turned over onto my side and tried to go to sleep. Suddenly, I distinctly heard footsteps, as if someone was mounting the stairs in a pair of wellington boots. My heart stopped for a horrible moment, and I was unable to move; then, instinct told me to dive under the bedclothes, and there I stayed holding my breath. The footsteps seemed to stop halfway up the stairs, and when my courage came to me I gradually peeped out from the bedclothes. Hearing no more, I went to sleep.

Footsteps there certainly were. Whether they were ghostly or earthly, I shall never know.

Lindsey Moth, L.VA

THE FOX CUB

As I walked along the village road,
I heard the hounds give tongue,
I crossed the little bridge, and saw
From the wood a fox cub run.
I knew I had to save it now,
For I heard the hunt draw near,
And then it looked at me again
And its eyes were dark with fear.
I did not really stop to think,
That the hunt might not agree,
I quickly stooped and picked him up,
And took him home with me.
And though no words can ever pass,
Between my friend and I,
I know our friendship will always last,
Until the day he'll die.

Anon.

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Offers must be made early, delivery of purchase made by Wednesday, September 13th.

T. Barden, M3

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

MARRIAGES

Button, Janet, from Northiam, to Mr. Peter Sharples.
Cooke, Barbara, from Fairlight, to Mr. Ted White
Corke, Jane, from Udimore, to Mr. Michael Law.
Kielman, Mary, from Icklesham, to Mr. W. J. White.
Lister, Ann, from Northiam, to Ian Lee of Icklesham.
Newick, Jean, from Udimore, to Mr. Addy.
Robbins, Stella, from Rye, to Mr. David Iles.
Roberts, Madelaine, from Iden, to Mr. Tom Huggett.
Saunders, Marion, from Camber, to Mr. George Russell.
Saunders, Maisie, Marion's sister, to Mr. Michael Davey.
Tubbs, Linda, from Westfield, to Norman Le Lacheur.
Tubbs, Michael, Linda's brother, to Miss Blankenford from
Northumberland
Williams, Maureen, from Rye to Mr. G. Padgham.
Yeardye, Wendy, from Rye Harbour to Mr. H. Phillips.

DEATHS

Hickman, George—a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force; he was killed when his plane crashed in flames over Singapore.

GENERAL NEWS

Miss Dann recently received a long and interesting letter from Vicki Davie who has just completed her First Year Finals at Seale Hayne College where she seems to play a very active part in social and sporting activities. Most of her vacation is to be spent working for the Home Counties Relief Milking Service and when she has acquired her National Dairying Diploma, at the end of next year, she intends to visit New Zealand, with a friend to study farming methods there before settling to a job in England.

Linda Tubbs, whose marriage with a Rye United footballer is recorded above, is soon off to Canada to teach there.

Robert Morris who is an Insurance Agent in Malay visited the school recently, and Pamela Sheppard, after a brief stay in Singapore, has returned to England, completed a course for a W.R.A.F. Commission and is now taking an Advanced Secretarial Course.

Robert Ward, an electrical mechanic in the Fleet Air Arm, expects soon to visit Canada, Sweden and the Libyan Desert, on his squadron's programme.

Ann Sewell has passed her Intermediate Physiotherapist's Examination.

Barbara Ashbee has completed her training at St. Gabriel's and will start teaching next term in a girls' comprehensive school in Shoreditch. Jacqueline Mitchell, Linda Dixon and Michael Greenhalgh are all finishing at their Training Colleges, this term and taking up teaching posts; Jackie somewhere not far from her home, Linda at Fareham, near Portsmouth where she has trained and Michael at a Modern School in Ashford.

Doreen Cogger, Marilyn Bellhouse and Jill Jarman have just completed their Secretarial Course at Hastings Technical College, their contemporary, Kathryn Foulsham, has started work as an assistant cook at Harwell, and Ann Smith who has been at Mary Wray's Hastings, now has a secretarial post at Adams Ltd. Sylvia Cresswell has tired of life in London, so has left Bourne & Hollingsworth's, returned to Wittersham and is to take a job in Ashford.

John Hackman, now an L.D.S., has a Dental Practice in Brockley.

Mr. Hawes's successor, Mr. Maby, brought news of Jacqueline Cox who is teaching his son at Little Common Primary School.

It is to be hoped that many Old Scholars will attend Open Day this year and the dance that is to follow in the evening, and that this annual event will become more and more, one where those who are about to leave the school will have the opportunity of mingling with those who have already left.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Madelaine Barden—Battersea College of Technology to study Chemistry.

Margaret Bather—Going to the U.S.A. for a year before going to University.

Janet Davie—Medical School.

Jennifer Day—Either Marks & Spencer for training in Personnel Management or Southampton University to study Social Science.

Kay Eldridge—Goldsmiths Teachers Training College, London.

Shiela Evans—Intensive Secretarial Course at The City of London College.

Judith Message—Bishop Otter Training College, Chichester.

Diana Norris—Hotel Management, Battersea College of Technology.

Christine Odell—Salisbury Training College.

Jennifer Pankhurst—Trent Park Training College.

Felicity Rook—Coventry Training College.

Rosemary Sinden—Worcester Training College.

Christine Trill—King Alfred Training College, Winchester.

Jennifer Watkins—Either going to an Agricultural College after a year's practical training or joining the Agricultural branch of the Civil Service.

Gillian Foy—Secretarial College, The Triangle, London.

Margaret Guymmer—Joining the W.R.A.F.
 Nicola Leopold—Secretarial Training, Hastings Technical College.
 M. Breeds—Shoreditch Training College to study Metalwork.
 S. Hartwell—Hastings Technical College to study Engineering.
 G. Hickmott—Brighton Technical College to study Engineering.
 C. Knowles—Hull University to study Music.
 A. Metianu—Farming for a year before going to Wye Agricultural College.
 P. Mitchell—A year's Teaching Practice at Rye County Secondary School before going to Training College.
 V. Pennell—Loughborough College to study Metalwork, Mathematics and Physical Education.
 R. Perry—University of Bristol Veterinary College.
 D. Robinson—Brighton Technical College to study Civil Engineering.
 M. Rogerson—University of Bristol or Reading.
 B. Seale—Loughborough College to study Woodwork and Maths.
 P. Hobson—Barclays Bank D.C.O.
 R. Barnes—Marine Engineering.
 N. Hankinson—Brighton & Hove County Grammar School.
 B. Howard—Apprenticeship Draughtsman.
 B. Sherwood—Draughtsman with an Engineering Firm.
 A. Vidler—Interior Decorating.
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