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Lino Print for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign by B. Heighes

EDITORIAL

One may look back on the past term as being a time of year which leaves up with many memories, both bitter and sweet. Winter—how well we remember that snow, the ice, and the chronic cold, which we have so patriotically endured—has at last closed the seasonal door of Time behind him; but we must consider ourselves fortunate when we think of the many wretched people, of whom we are at present so often reminded, who starved while we sat at table gorging ourselves with great dinners on Christmas Day, and afterwards threw the scraps of turkey and remaining crumbs of brandy-soaked pud out to the eager birds, chirping as if to join in the festivities. All respect, therefore, is due to those who are gallantly setting about trying to relieve the famine-sufferers of their misery, for one cannot possibly doubt that they are doing a grand job.

However, now that a more pleasant time of the year is upon us, it behoves one to turn to more pleasant thoughts. We should like to apologize to readers if they sense a slight dampness in theme, the only explanation being that our humour is still in the steady process of drying out after the long-awaited thaw. It is no doubt understood amongst all that there has been very little time for recovery, concerning the school as a whole, from the effects of the term's events, sapping both physical and mental energy, but there will be no deficiency of endeavour to cater for all tastes.

WILLIAM ERNEST MAY

1909—1963

The whole school has been saddened by the death on April 17th of Mr. W. E. May, after an illness which kept him from school since the beginning of the Spring Term. He joined the staff to take charge of Music in September 1950. He was educated at Enfield Grammar School and Queen Mary College, London, of which he was an open exhibitor, and from which he took an honours degree in History. Music was, however, his real love and he gained his A.R.C.M. and A.R.C.O., and was lecturer in Music at Wimpole Park Training College before he came to Rye.

In school he not only taught History and Geography, and performed the numerous tasks that fall to the musician of the establishment, but he gave freely of his spare time to any cause that he could help. He produced the play for a number of years, he edited the magazine, he trained the choir in the evenings, and many of his happiest hours were spent umpiring and watching over the junior cricket XI on Saturday afternoons. Many characteristic pictures of him come to mind: tucked away at the console waiting for the signal to let the organ thunder; perched on his shooting stick at square leg quietly enjoying the green and the play and the sun; surreptitiously writing in clues to 'The Times' crossword during lengthy staff-meetings, and muttering an occasional gloss of Cockney commonsense when the discussion seemed to be losing touch with reality; pedalling through the school gate very upright on the bicycle that was so much part of him. He was an approachable and modest man, without pretentiousness or pomposity and not fond of those qualities in others, and yet one felt that, like most musicians, he had a secret world of inner enjoyment to which no-one else was admitted.

Like most good schoolmasters he kept himself with something to offer in the classroom by cultivating plenty of activities outside it. He was known to a large circle of friends unconnected with the school and he enjoyed meeting people at, for example, the Rye & Winchelsea Choral Society, of which he was conductor, and at Iden Parish Church, at which he was organist and where he produced 'Messiah'. But he also liked to be alone, and for silence and solitude he would mount his bicycle and pedal off to his beloved sailing dinghy at Rye Harbour, not as a competitor in sailing races, but as a remote figure somewhere in Rye Bay.

We all miss him ; may he rest in peace.

SCHOOL NOTES

We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. W. E. May after a short illness. An obituary notice appears elsewhere in the magazine.

We should like to welcome Miss Olga Clark, an old scholar, who has temporarily assumed the duties of Music Mistress.

It is hoped that Mr. White, who is at present in hospital, will soon recover from his illness.

We are glad to hear that Miss Catt, a student teacher who came to us as Assistant Girls' P.E. Mistress, enjoyed her brief stay here, and a great many look forward to a return visit from her.

Mrs. Agulnik, the new Saltcote House Mistress, successor to Miss Nelson, has also been welcomed to the Staff as her successor in the teaching of German. We hope that her stay will be both long and pleasant.

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the forthcoming marriage of Miss Topliss to Mr. Bent, for although we are sorry to lose her as our Senior French Mistress, we hope that she will be very happy.

PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Allen
House Master: Mr. Thompson
Girls' Captain: Jeanette Grout
Boys' Captain: J. Clark
Treasurer: C. Healey
Secretary: Frances Evans
Prefects—Alison Norris (Head Girl), Jacqueline Ovenden, Jeanette Grout, Frances Evans, Jane Daintrey, J. Clark, C. Healey, M. Seeley, M. Crawford-Jones.

This term the attitude of Peacocke House has been one of complacency and we have had few successes.

The Middle School boys won their football tournament and the Upper School have won the only match that they have so far played. Consequently, with the Upper School deciding match to be played next term, we still have a chance of winning.

In the girls' hockey tournament we came last, although we were greatly handicapped by the absence of three of the Upper School team in the deciding match.

We were also last in the Middle School Speech Competition and we can only hope that the Upper School Competition will bring more success.

I hesitate to mention the Cross-Country Run but there were a few individuals who deserve congratulation.

Our main success appears to be in the Gym competition, which we won, and those who took part have done extremely well.

Collections this term have also shown our attitude of complacency and have only once reached more than ten shillings. We managed to contribute £2 to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, but we still have to improve next term if we can hope to fulfil our commitments as a House.

We wish that we had more success to compensate for the unfailing help and encouragement that Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson have given us during the term, but all the same we would like to thank them.

SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Getley
House Master: Mr. Darby
Girls' Captain: Hilary Marshall
Boys' Captain: B. Heighes
Treasurer: Janet Jarvis
Secretary: C. Johnson
Prefects—Pat Horner, Janet Jarvis, Hilary Marshall, Elizabeth Clay, Christine Oates, Denise Turner, J. Daly (Deputy Head Boy), M. Gain, B. Heighes, C. Johnson, J. Harvey, R. Spencer, N. Perry.

The past term has been a very successful one for the House. In the Cross-Country Shield we finished second to Meryon. There were several good efforts from individual runners, notably Foy, Alan-Williams and Beecham in the Upper School, and Ewart and Goodlett in the Lower School, but on the whole, the general performance was not very noteworthy. Again this year lack of talent handicapped the football teams. In the Upper School both matches were lost although



"Doodles"—a Lino Print by Glennis Morris

the team put up a great fight against Meryon in particular. The captain, Mervyn Gain, and Malcolm Tree are to be congratulated on holding the team together, and playing very well. The Middle School managed to hold Meryon to a very creditable 3-3 draw, but lost to Peacocke 2-1. The Lower School are to be congratulated on winning both their matches. They defeated Peacocke very convincingly 7-0, with goals from Johnson (3), Ewart (2), Parkes and Eliot, and scraped a 2-1 victory against Meryon, Ewart and Fuller scoring. The captain, Ewart, played very well and was directly responsible for the success of his team. The girls, led in an inspired manner by their captain, Hilary Marshall, won both their matches in the Upper School and won one and drew the other in the Middle School, and consequently walked away with the Hockey Shield by a clear margin. These results would seem to indicate that Sanders are steadily becoming a force to be reckoned with in the Games Competition when for so long they have been something of a standing joke.

We also won the Middle School Speech Competition and came a close second in the Gymnastics Competition. As a whole the results are very encouraging and a reflection of the effort that many individuals put into their various fields.

With effort and enthusiasm the House could better the second place we gained at Sports Day last year and make the coming term a profitable one both in work and sport.

Collections this term seem to indicate a prosperity slump but more contributions might be forthcoming if more people put their hands into their pockets to look for money and not over their mouths to carry on thinly-veiled conversations. The sum of three guineas has been sent to the Rye branch of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign.

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

Secretary

MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Topliss
House Master: Mr. Allnutt
Girls' Captain: Anne Dukes
Boys' Captain: C. Skinner
Secretary: Glennis Morris
Treasurer: E. Girdlestone
Prefects—Jane Davies (Deputy Head Girl), Elizabeth
Ogle, Anne Dukes, Glennis Morris, Gillian
Rothwell, Heather Bather, Angela Carter, P. Holmes
(Head Boy), C. Skinner, E. Girdlestone, T. Lane,
M. Bianchi, R. Datchler, N. Dixon.

We have not been particularly overwhelming this term. At half-term we were narrowly beaten by Peacocke for second place in the Middle School Speech Competition.

The results of the House hockey matches did nothing to rouse a cheer from Meryon supporters. The Middle School girls did well in drawing with Sanders. The Upper School girls, although rather more forceful in action, were not so successful in scoring goals. We did not win the Hockey Shield.

On the football field Meryon was placed second in both Lower and Middle School matches. The deciding match will be played next term against our opponents, the Red Army.

At this point we must thank Mr. Allnutt for the work that he has put in behind the scenes.

I will not mention the result of the Gym competition.

The boys of the House "Packed well" in the dreaded Cross-Country Run which resulted in a win for Meryon, notwithstanding a revolutionary start from some members taking part. All deserve our congratulations.

Collections have not been extraordinarily good this term, although they rose slightly when a junior started a new game of "penny-rolling." A donation has been given to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, which has received so much publicity lately.

It is our loss that Miss Topliss will be leaving us this term. The whole house joins in thanking her for the unfailing personal support and assistance that she has given us. Meryon House wishes her every happiness for the future.

Secretary



FEATURES

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

It has been announced in Dr. Beeching's report on the railways that our own local line is to be closed down. The picture that immediately springs to mind is one of deserted and derelict stations, a number of men, some of them young and newly trained, thrown out of work, and higher prices on coal, which will now have to be brought by road.

These however are small points compared with the general objection on principle. The railways are a nationalised industry, run, not as a profit-making concern, but as a public service. It is therefore ridiculous, and typical of the Conservatives' half-hearted attitude towards Socialism ever since Lord Harcourt claimed that we were all socialists, to close a line which runs at only a marginal loss and is of inestimable value to all who live between Ashford and Hastings.

This has always been a staunchly conservative area; it will be interesting to note how this foolish and childish blow at socialism will affect the balance.

Yours faithfully,
Alison D. Norris

WAR ON WANT 1963

In thirty seven years time, those of you in the Lower School will be coming up to the ripe old age of fifty years. The rest of us will be over fifty. What is the significance of this you ask? The answer is very simple—at present there are about 2000,000,000 people on this earth, which number has evolved after 750,000 years of progress. In just thirty seven years time this number will have been doubled. Who will be controlling the world at that time, nobody knows, but what we do know is that our generation will be the ruling age group. It is the people of our own age who will hold the jobs of Prime Minister, President, Dictator and diplomat. We will also provide the bus drivers, toilet attendants, dustmen and engineers, in fact we will be in a position to cast a deciding vote or veto. So it is our generation who are going to have to undertake the problem of overpopulation, hunger, famine relief, crops, housing and possibly birth control.

How can we avoid a major problem by doing something now? First of all we must accept the fact of overpopulation—something which we cannot do much about! But the major problem that goes with over population is hunger. Where there are people there must be food for them to eat.

So instead of providing money just to buy a starving child a meal, we, at this school, and the people of Rye, Sussex, Great Britain, The United Nations have set up an organisation to try and make the world completely self-sufficient. Our campaign is called "Freedom from Hunger Campaign." We set out to provide knowledge rather than provide a meal for a starving child that will die after a few days anyway. Of the various tasks to be fulfilled, we must first of all see that the starving peasant or farmer knows how to use fertilizer and seeds and how to use proper water irrigation. We must overcome the age-old superstitions that keep a man and his family starving, because his ancestors were also starving, while the sacred cow eats its fill. Even when the cow dies its flesh must be left to rot. Once the knowledge is there, then fertilizer, seeds and necessary implements are provided.

In Rye we have set out to provide five lots of two oxen, a cart, fertilizer, and seed for farmers in Gambia. If we can provide these this year we will help part of the world to become self-sufficient. This, however, is a very small percentage of the whole problem.

Schemes like ours are being carried out all over the world and all this, together with tax cuts on the export of seeds and fertilizers, is helping the hungry to help themselves. If you look around this school you will see notices telling of what is being done by other people, also there are notices telling you what we, as a school are doing. There is the auction, May Day Celebrations, raffles and a photograph competition. There are other schools and organisations helping in this way, helping with Bingo, dances and Jumble Sales. People are at last conscious of what needs doing. They are ready to help—you are helping.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign is going on for five years, so in that time let us try to solve at least a part of this problem and let us carry the urgency of it with us wherever we may go.

Here are two things for you to think about as you go about enjoying life.

1. In thirty years time there will be 4,000,000,000 people on this earth's surface, two-thirds of which is covered with water.
2. We are trying to help people, like a small Indian boy, who has not got enough strength to lift himself out of the gutter he was born in—let alone go to the Red Cross and ask for a bed to die on.

B. Heighes
(Executive Committee Member,
Rye Freedom from Hunger Campaign)

TOWARDS A CLOSER UNDERSTANDING

This is the age of Continental travel for all—Wigan to Rome for £35 inclusive, no extras—but what sort of an impression did the ordinary visitor from this country make on our European neighbours a generation ago? Browsing in a desultory way through the pages of a phrase-book, which admittedly was published some years before the introduction of regular air-line services, I suddenly became aware of some of the possible results of an attempt by insular Britons to speak a foreign language and mix with the natives. As in international sport, the most likely consequences were bad blood, strained international relations and the gradual erosion of the ideals implied in the phrase brotherhood of man.

Consider the likely reaction of a voluble customs-officer when faced with this smug, self-important protest.

"I was not aware that a passport was required. I am a British subject—a private gentleman. I can refer you to Mr. X residing at Y who knows me."

The phrase-book encourages the traveller to ask questions interminably—in fact the greater part of his conversation is expected to be interrogative. The following sequence reminds one of a precocious, inquisitive child of three.

"What is the name of this station?"

"How long do we stop here?"

"Which is the next station at which the train stops?"

"How long does it stop?"

"Does the train stop at Y?"

"When do we reach Y?"

"Must I change carriages for Z?"

The language of the visitor was formal, stiff and made no concessions to colloquial speech. To whom, for instance, could one safely put the question "Is there anywhere in the town a dark room which strangers can use?" without laying oneself open to misinterpretation? And exactly what are "bags, changing" and "bags, light-tight"? The tourist was equipped for every conceivable emergency, for every misfortune that could possibly occur during his travels on land or sea.

"I feel unwell. Bring me a basin. Get me a deck chair—a tarpaulin. Where are we now?" A useful collection for even the most seasoned traveller at times. Awkward situations arise over which the most resourceful have no control. Most of us can feel some sympathy for anyone involved in this predicament—

"There is a nail in my boot. Can you remove it? I must be able to walk in them easily." Or even more embarrassing—

"Can you repair these trousers while I wait?"

It was assumed that the British tourist would be looking for value for money and ready, if need be, to haggle over the price of an article he really fancied.

"Can I rely on getting a good article at a reasonable price there? Is this the only quality you have? That is extravagantly dear. I do not wish to give more than X lira. Will you split the difference?" Had the British become a nation of commercial travellers?

Motoring abroad was an adventure in these far off days, if we can judge from the handy phrases supplied for the distressed driver.

"My motor is out of order. I have had to leave it in the care of a peasant. The circulation is defective and the supply of lubrication is failing." Even when the car was running well and giving no trouble, there were other difficulties to contend with.

"Where can I stable my car? Is there anyone here who can be trusted to clean my car? Is the road to X safe from side-slips? Are there any by-roads which I can take to avoid hills or bad roads?"

But most disturbing of all is the veritable armoury of complaints provided for the testy, querulous tourist, who never finds things to his liking. It would be possible for anyone equipped with a selection like this to keep up a continuous barrage throughout a meal. One side of the conversation (there would hardly be much scope for the waiter to say anything) might go something like this.

"Waiter show me my seat. Bring me the bill of fare." A moment's pause. "There is no bread on the table." The first course arrives. "Bring me another plate. We wish to divide the portion between us." (This last surely only intended for Scots).

"There is a draught here. Find me another place. Give me another knife. This is not clean. These plates are cold: please warm them. This water looks muddy. This fish is not fresh. This oil is rancid. This wine tastes of the cork. The vegetables are not boiled enough. Nearly all the courses are cold. If you do not give us better attention we shall not come again." The possibility of this threat being carried out must give the poor waiter a great feeling of relief.

Laundries, it seems, are the same the world over. There are the same imputations of unreliability and deliberate maltreatment of articles of clothing entrusted to the laundry's care. A typical conversation might run as follows.

"How soon can you let me have them? Can I rely on that? I wish my cuffs to be ironed nicely."

Then when the articles were returned there followed the inevitable complaints about loss and damage.

"I have sent (article of clothing unspecified) to be washed, but it has not been returned. A shirt is missing. There are only five handkerchiefs—I sent six. This does not belong to me. This is not

my mark. Take this back and have it washed again. I shall not pay the bill until the missing articles are returned." There is a familiar ring about many of these phrases. Have we not all at some time, however reluctantly, been forced to use one or more of them?

Yet there can be even more serious grounds for dissatisfaction. The hotel manager is eventually tracked down and cornered.

"I give you notice that some property of mine has been removed from my room during my absence. I am sorry but I must leave. I wished to be called tomorrow morning at X o'clock. Knock until I answer. I sleep very soundly. Bring me my bill this evening. I am leaving tomorrow morning very early. Enter the breakfast of tomorrow morning. I shall have the same as usual."

Even when the bill is presented, the outraged client cannot refrain from discharging a final whiff of grape-shot.

"What is this item?"

"I did not have that."

"You have made a mistake in the addition."

"These charges are exorbitant. I shall not pay this, Bill."

"Get me a cab in good time and have my luggage brought down."

So the holiday that had been planned with infinite care and attention to detail throughout the winter months and embarked upon with such a spirit of adventure would reach its melancholy conclusion. What strange people these foreigners were! How different (and inferior) their standards from ours!! Still, one could not let them get away with it.

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SCHOOL REFORMATION

This is the result of a hard hitting, fact-finding survey into school life and its recommendations for change.

HOURS OF WORK.

The pupils should not be made to work these long inconsiderate hours but instead should work a two day week (Tuesday-Wednesday inclusive).

HOMEWORK.

Homework should only be done when time is allowing and there is not a good programme on the Television.

DISCIPLINE.

This is much too strict. The staff should be made to respect the pupils' point of view and not treat them as degenerate peasants.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARS

The introduction of a small weekly wage should be made for the pupils—£7 weekly for the Sixth Forms, £5 for Middle School and £2 for the Lower School. Piece work could also be introduced as an incentive to work.

Rogerson

MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL

In the May edition of "Rya" it was suggested that there was sufficient dramatic talent in the school to justify the choosing of a rather more sophisticated play than those previously performed. The production of T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" on March 29th and 30th proved beyond doubt that a difficult play can bring out the best in a group of young actors.

The play starts with the return of Beckett to England after an exile of seven years, shows him a prey to temptation and leads to his murder in Canterbury Cathedral. All the events are commented on by a Chorus of the Women of Canterbury, who are spectators but who are yet personally involved and affected by what is happening in the Cathedral.

The atmosphere of the play was extremely well created from the beginning when a breathless messenger (L. Bates) arrived with news of Beckett's return, bringing joy to the Priests and the beginning of fear and apprehension to the Women. The tension was gradually built up throughout the play to an almost unbearable climax at the moment of the murder, when the terror of the Women, enhanced by the slow, heavy-treaded entry of the Knights four abreast through the audience, broke into hysterical sobbing as the stage lights went out and Thomas was struck down.

Much of the creation of the atmosphere was in the hands of the Chorus who spoke their lines, whether individually or all together, clearly and with great feeling. One did not feel that they were acting fear, but that they were really afraid with an ever-increasing fear which communicated itself to the audience.

The three Priests (N. Weekes, C. White and J. Holmes) played their parts most ably and convincingly, particularly their fear for Thomas's safety and their attempt to drag him away as the Knights hammered at the door. They were gentle "priestly" men who were bewildered and horrified at the threat of violence to their Archbishop.

The parts of the Tempters were difficult ones to portray but each character was well established and the different aspects of Beckett's life and personality were well illustrated. E. Girdlestone represented the early part of Beckett's life as a pleasure-loving courtier, R. Searby that part when he was Chancellor of England, P. Smith the side of his character which sympathised with the Barons against the King, and J. Apps his spiritual pride which tempted him to seek martyrdom. It is perhaps invidious to single out one actor from these four, but particular reference must be made to the excellent and beautifully spoken performance of J. Apps as the Forth Tempter.

The four Knights—R. Datchler, J. Ellenger, B. Kirby and J. Walmsley—had two types of character to portray and proved themselves equally confident in both. Before the murder they were aggressive, noisy, menacing and gave good performances as men who



One of the Producers at work

J. Apps



The Knights at work

J. Apps

had drunk enough wine to give themselves courage. In their address to the audience, in which they sought to justify their action, they were plausible "good types" and their easy manner provided a welcome relief after the tension.

The central character of Beckett is an extremely difficult one, but it was played by T. Barden with a dignity and maturity which belied his years. Its sheer length adds to its difficulty but there was no hesitation on Barden's part. Dignity, perhaps, was the keynote of this performance: dignity combined with authority as he ordered his priests to "Unbar the doors," contrasting with the simple, moving dignity of the Sermon.

The play, again, was a truly school performance in that so many people in addition to the members of the cast, were involved. The excellent set which would not have disgraced any stage was built by the boys; the lighting, which effectively gave the impression of height and stained-glass windows, was done by the boys; the colourful costumes were made by the girls and the girls were in charge of make-up.

A particularly pleasing part of the decor was the ecclesiastical banners which were designed and embroidered by the Senior girls. In addition to these, many people gave time as ticket and programme sellers, stage hands and prompters. Weetman was at the organ to play the Queen. The keenness of those Senior members of the school involved in the play was apparent from the fact that some of them gave up their time on Saturday mornings and at Half-term to work on the set.

The producers, cast and all others concerned are to be congratulated on this excellent, well-spoken performance of a difficult play. One realises that there is a wealth of acting talent in the school and one looks forward to the next production.

Cast in order of appearance

Monks	J. Luck, N. Foy, G. Tompkins
First Priest	N. Weekes
Second Priest	C. White
Third Priest	J. Holmes
A Chorus of Women of Canterbury—	
Heather Bather, Jennifer Burke, Kathleen Carter,	
Jane Daintrey, Jane Greening, Janet DeGruchy,	
Alison Hadley, Penelope Hill, Penelope Hoad, Pat Horner,	
Margaret Humphries, Lindsay MacDonell, Alison Norris,	
Christine Oates, Jacqueline Ovenden, Gillian Rothwell.	
A Messenger	L. Bates
Archbishop Thomas Beckett	T. Barden
First Tempter	E. Girdlestone
Second Tempter	R. Searby
Third Tempter	P. Smith
Fourth Tempter	J. Apps

First Knight, Reginald Fitzurse

R. Datchler

Second Knight, Sir Hugh de Morville

J. Ellenger

Third Knight, Baron William de Tracey

B. Kirby

Fourth Knight, Richard Brito

J. Walmsley

Produced by Miss W. M. Allen and Mr. R. D. Gaunt

Lighting and Effect by J. Daly, P. Holmes and B. Heighes

Stage Manager—Mr. H. N. Thompson

Scenery designed by Mr. H. N. Thompson, constructed by J. Cawdron and R. Datchler and painted by Frances Evans, Jacqueline Ovenden and Denise Turner.

Tapestry hangings by Elizabeth Ogle, Elizabeth Clay, Pat Horner, Janet Jarvis, Glennis Morris and Denise Turner

Costumes made by Miss J. Banner and Miss E. Stevenson, assisted by the Senior Girls

Make-up: Mrs. K. French, Frances Evans, Denise Turner, Glennis Morris, Anne Dukes

Properties and prompters: Jeanette Grout, Eileen Duncan, Jane Roser

Business Manager: Mr. C. E. Sivers

LIL AND MAISIE PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES

Motto—"We are here to inform you without circumlocution."

It is rumoured that there was temptation behind the scenes, and that the wild women of C... have taken up hairdressing, with inside assistance.

An empty vessel was heard to descend rapidly and by deliberate steps, while another proclaimed that he was "not a drinking man ordinarily."

It was noticed at one stage that our distinguished prompter became somewhat niggled. We were at loss to discover the cause of this.

A presentation made by the cast was received rather blankly but banners were received with much enthusiasm.

It was remarked that on Saturday night a tempter had a close shave. And moreover it was felt that Friday night was a rum night.

Our fashion note this week—

Sideboards will be worn on noses.

We leave you with this thought: "And G— said 'Let there be light'—and was there?"

THE TRIP TO WEMBLEY

On Saturday the ninth of March, a party of girls set off in a coach for Wembley to see the England hockey team play Wales.

We passed through some beautiful country and after spending about 4½ hours in the coach we reached Wembley. We were told by Mrs. Allmond to keep together until we were inside the Stadium. When we walked up the steps we saw the flags of England and Wales flying. Already inside the Stadium were parties of schools from all over England and Wales. Some had brought banners on which they had written, in large block capitals, "We want England!" or "We want Wales!" as the case may have been! Before the match, there was some lively community singing and most people joined in lustily. When we had gone in, we were given a fairly large printed Union Jack and when the players came on, everybody for England stood up and waved for them. There was some very fast playing and shortly after the whistle went for the second half, a goal was scored for the Welsh team. England played very well but they couldn't catch up. This is the first time they have been beaten at Wembley.

After the match, we pushed our way out of the stadium and paddled more than walked our way back to the coach, as it was pouring hard! At about 5 o'clock, we managed to get moving and everyone was exchanging views of the match. I think everyone went home tired, wet, but happy and our thanks go to Mrs. Allmond, Miss Banner, Miss Stevenson and Mr. Henshaw who drove us, for making it such an exciting day.

Elizabeth Finch, Form L4

ZOOLOGICAL LECTURES, MARCH 1963

By 7.0 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th March, thirty nine of us from Upper Fifth upwards, had assembled in a coach at the end of the Rope Walk and were soon on our way to Regents Park Zoological Gardens. We had reached the outskirts of London by the time some of us normally get to school but, in spite of Mr. Henshaw's good driving, we arrived at the lecture hall late for the first lecture on 'Reptiles and Birds.'

The lectures were given by M. K. Boorer, B.Sc., the first one on 'Reptiles and Birds' being given in the morning and the second after lunch, on 'Carnivorous Mammals.' The first gave the key position of reptiles in the evolution of land vertebrates and their affinities with the birds. Also the adaptation of members of both groups to various modes of life. The second gave the characteristics of carnivorous mammals and a survey of the main families and their distribution. Even though the lectures were of 'O' level standard they seemed to appeal to those doing 'A' level studies. This is probably because of the factual approach taken by the lecturer and the excellent colour illustrations in slide form and fragments of moving film taken at the zoo.

Much to our disgust we found that we actually had to look closely at the animals as we were presented with question sheets to answer as we were conducted round the various houses. After the first lecture we were shown round the reptile house and the various bird houses and after the second we were shown the 'big cats', bears and smaller mammals.

We had a certain amount of the afternoon in which to walk round, drink coffee, and demolish our packed lunches. Some of us took photographs during that time and we finally left at 5.30 p.m. We arrived home at about 8.45 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

Our thanks go to Mr. Bolton for arranging the visit and to him and Mrs. Larkin for keeping us in order when they could.

J.A.B.

SPEECH DAY

Rye Grammar School's Annual Speech Day was held this year on the 7th of March at 2.30 in the Hall. Colonel Rendel, Chairman of the Governors opened proceedings with a few words. The Headmaster presented his report on the last school emphasising that in spite of the shortage of places, more students had entered University this year from R.G.S. than for many years previously. He also announced the completion of the new pavilion. Mr. B. S. Braithwaite, Chief Education Officer for East Sussex then presented the prizes, having a smile and a remark for all concerned. He followed the presentation by an excellent address, containing several witty anecdotes but much point, and answering the question "Why do we go to school?" Mr. Braithwaite also gave a complete account of money spent on improvement of the school premises. His Worship the Mayor of Rye gave a vote of thanks to Mr Braithwaite, and Mr. D. C. A. Perry gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman. A table lamp made in the school workshop was presented to Mr. Braithwaite. Proceedings were ended by the National Anthem.

SCHOOL SUCCESSES

STATE SCHOLARSHIP—J. Evans.

DISTINCTION AT 'A' LEVEL G.C.E.—R. Beeney (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics); J. Evans (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics); Edwina Hatcher (English); Susan Morley (English).

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE—R. Beeney, University of Southampton ; S. Cole, University of Bristol ; Louise Dalby, Newnham College, Cambridge ; J. Evans, King's College, London ; C. Knowles, University of Sheffield ; A. Metianu, Wye College, University of London ; Lesley Roberts, State College, Washington, U.S.A. ; Gillian Sewell, King's College, London ; Helga Starns, Royal Veterinary College, London ; Janet Williams, Chelsea College of Science and Technology ; M. Winter, King's College, London.

TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANCE—D. Beckerson, Loughborough ; R. Blacklock, Rose Bruford ; Bronwen Burke, Rose Bruford ; Sarah Dibley, Eastbourne ; A. Duncan, Newland Park, Chalfont St. Giles ; J. Gatherum, Norwich ; Helen Griffin, Avery Hill ; M. Maskell, St. John's, York ; P. Mitchell, Brighton ; Prestina Newnham, Nottingham ; V. Pennell, Loughborough.

OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS—Gillian Blair, Queen Elizabeth's, London ; A. Harris, Brighton College of Technology ; Susan Morley, Brighton Technical College.

PRIZE LIST

Lower School

FORM PRIZES—P. Baker; Margaret Bennett; Sandra Delemare; C. Healey; G. Jenner; Lynne Morgan; T. Rothwell; N. Savage.

WOODWORK PRIZE (Major Luxmoore)—C. Bourne

HANDWRITING PRIZES (Major Luxmoore)—Barbara Elphick; Janet Hickman; H. Jones.

SPEECH PRIZES—M. Dungey; Judith Holmes; A. Milnes.

Middle School

FORM PRIZES—J. Apps; Alison Hadley; R. Huxstep; Judith Hyde; Lindsay MacDonnell ; Carol Munn ; W. Russell ; Christina Sherwood; Susan Turner.

HANDWRITING PRIZES (Major Luxmoore)—Daphne Butler ; Margaret Tedham.

SPEECH PRIZES—Posy Montagu-Scott; Susan Plummer

PROGRESS PRIZES (First three years) (Captain & Mrs. Barclay) Sylvia King; Carol Milham; D. Newman; P. Wood.

PROGRESS PRIZES (Fourth Year) (Parents' Asociation)—Beryl Dunn; J. Wilson.

SPECIAL ENDEAVOUR PRIZES—Paula Eldridge; L. Igglesden

WOODWORK PRIZE (Major Luxmoore)—A. Ashdown

JUNE GILL MEMORIAL PRIZE for History—A. Page.

Upper School

FORM PRIZES—Heather Bather; D. Beaney; J. Daly; J. Dixon; Eileen Duncan; Frances Evans; Helen Griffin; N. Hatcher; P. Holmes; Valerie Kirkman; Janet Reason; C. Skinner

MISS E. A. TURNER'S PRIZE for 'O' level English Literature—Lorna Vahey

GEORGE HICKMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE for 'O' level Mathematics—J. Harvey; R. Seeley

TUNSTALL MEMORIAL PRIZE for History—Angela Carter

PRIZE FOR PROGRESS (Fifth Year) (A. Penny, Esq.)—R. Osborne

OLD SCHOLARS' PRIZES—Janet deGruchy; M. Crawford-Jones

Special Prizes

SENIOR MASTER'S A.T.C. PRIZE (E. Robinson, Esq.)
M. Ball (Rye C.S. School)

LEASAM HOUSE PRIZE M. Sewell

JOHN LARKIN MEMORIAL PRIZE for Public Speaking
M. Maskell

NEWTON PRIZE FOR READING C. Knowles

PRIZE FOR SINGING (J. W. Foster, Esq.) Jennifer Burke

PRIZES FOR BEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO RYA
Isla Browne, M. Winter

SENIOR WOODWORK PRIZE (Major Luxmoore) V. Pennell

METALWORK AND ENGINEERING DRAWING PRIZE
(V. J. Moore, Esq.) D. Beckerson

ANNE E. BEEVERS CUP FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE
Eileen Sargent

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE (Mrs. Wethey) Sarah Dibley

ART PRIZE (Mrs. Charnley-Kerr) Glennis Morris

MUSIC PRIZE J. Hullis

GENERAL STUDIES PRIZE (H. B. Douglas, Esq.) Alison Norris

DIVINITY PRIZE (Miss Prentice) L. Bates

THE MAYOR'S PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY Edwina Hatcher

THE CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE Gillian Sewell

ENGLISH LITERATURE PRIZE (Miss Warren) Susan Morley

PRIZE FOR LATIN (Mrs. Binnie) P. Cumming

PRIZE FOR GERMAN Jacqueline Ovenden

PRIZE FOR FRENCH Linda Southerden

ALAN SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY

Edwina Hatcher

WALTER COLVIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS

R. Beeney

MOLYNEUX JENKINS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS

J. Evans

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Gillian Sewell

THE TROLLOPE AWARD

V. Pennell

House Competitions, 1961-62

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING: Merricks Cup	Peacocke
FOOTBALL: Dunlop Shield	Meryon
NETBALL: Hepworth Shield	Meryon
HOCKEY: Old Scholars' Shield	Peacocke
SWIMMING: Gasson Shield	Sanders
ATHLETICS: Bishop Shield	Meryon
CRICKET: Heron-Wilson Shield	Meryon
TENNIS: Lady Maud Warrender Shield	Meryon
PHYSICAL TRAINING (Boys): Schofield Shield	Peacocke
PHYSICAL TRAINING (Girls): Howlett Cup	Meryon
HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP (Games)	Meryon
SPEECH: Gwynne Shield	Peacocke
MUSIC: Wareham Cup	Peacocke
HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP (Work and Merit)	Meryon

Individual Honours

FOOTBALL

Captain: V. Pennell

Selected for Sussex Grammar Schools: V. Pennell

Colours renewed to: V. Pennell; P. Beaney; P. Cumming
awarded to: R. Beeney; D. Beaney; A. Harris

Junior colours awarded to: J. Leahy; R. Stapley; E. Igglesden

HOCKEY

Captain: Gillian Sewell

Selected for Sussex Senior 3rd XI: Gillian Sewell

Selected for East Sussex Junior XI: Jennifer Bather

Colours renewed to: Gillian Sewell; Valerie Sales
awarded to: Christine Oates; Susan Morley; Janet Williams; Gillian Blair; Helen Griffin; Prestina Newnham; Margaret Richards; Jane Daintrey; Jennifer Bather.

CRICKET

Captain: V. Pennell

Selected for Sussex Grammar Schools: V. Pennell

Caps renewed to: V. Pennell

Junior Colours renewed to: J. Leahy; P. Mephram; T. Thompson
awarded to: R. Stapley; E. Igglesden

Cricket Bat presented by Headmaster: V. Pennell

TENNIS

Captain: Gillian Sewell

Colours renewed to: Gillian Sewell

awarded to: Susan Morley

Winner of Singles Tournament: Gillian Sewell

Winners of Doubles Tournament: Gillian Sewell; Susan Morley

Tennis Racquet presented by Senior Mistress: Susan Morley

ATHLETICS (Boys)

Represented East Sussex: N. Foy; V. Pennell

Colours renewed to: V. Pennell

awarded to: N. Foy; R. Seeley; C. Wilson; J. Walmsley

(Girls)

Captain: Jeanette Grout

Colours awarded to: Hilary Marshall; Jane Daintrey;

Lesley Roberts; Jeanette Grout

CROSS COUNTRY

First Sussex runner home in National Schoolboys' Cross

Country: N. Foy

Colours awarded to: N. Foy; P. Clarke; M. Sewell; N. Hatcher;
A. Alan-Williams; F. Russell

NETBALL

Junior Captain: Susan Turner

Colours awarded to: Susan Turner; Judith Hyde; Anne Davis

ROUNDERS

Junior Captain: Maureen Gain

Colours awarded to: Maureen Gain; Susan Murphy, Marilyn Burt; Susan Turner; Judith Hyde; Anne Davis; June Nye.

GYMNASTICS

Colours renewed to: A. Duncan; V. Pennell; A. Alan-Williams

awarded to: A. Cager

BASKETBALL

Colours awarded to: M. Sinclair; A. Alcock; J. Ashenden;
J. Apps; D. Wright

BOYS' TENNIS

Colours awarded to: R. Davies



1st XI Hockey Team

R. Spencer



Photograph of Rye Station and inhabitant

R. Spencer



VERSE

SHADOWS OF TIME

Night and a pattern of shadows
Crossing and creeping,
Tossing and leaping
Under a sky.

Still lies the church in the shadows.
Gone all the chatter,
The laughter, the clatter,
Gone in a sigh.

Have I been here before, then ?
Can I remember
Another December,
An April ? A June ?

"Time is a very shadow..."
Endlessly gliding,
Eternal, abiding,
Under the moon.

Jenny Burke, L.V.A.

THE AIRBORNE ARMY

Eyes are staring, music's blaring.
Cannot understand the words.
See the Russian soldiers dancing,
Flying through the air like birds.

Leaping, whirling, jumping, turning,
Spinning like a top so fast,
Twisting, kicking, ever moving,
Breathless to a stop at last...

Only for a moment pausing
As the music swells once more.
Yet again the dance is calling.
Yet again they hold the floor.

Surely now they must be tiring,
Surely time to say, "that's all" ;
Just once more the army's airborne
Ere the time for curtain's fall.

Marion Weller, M.2

FISH

Fat fish, flat fish,
Spotty fish, cat fish;
Skimming, swimming,
Curling, twirling ;
Darting in, darting out ;
Like the salmon like the trout,
In the shadows of a pond,
Sunlight shining golden blond ;
Perch a-slinking in the reeds,
Watching flies on which it feeds ;
Thinking of the juicy morsel,
Shaking head and tail and dorsal ;
Forgetful of the pointed hook,
Which dares to pull him from the brook.

N. Marshall

CITY AT NIGHT

Now the town is almost deserted,
No buses rumble through the streets,
A solitary car goes by, then all is still
Except for the policemen on their beats.

Down by the docks ships lie dark and silent,
Swinging to the restless, surging tide.
In the ships, rats are stirring from their holes
While the greasy water laps against the side.

Up at the station all is noise and bustle,
And, as the first train clanks slowly into sight,
Over in the East the sky turns slowly pink,
And the sun drives away the dying night...

G. A. Jenner, L4

THE VIEWS OF A CONCEITED ECCENTRIC

One asks me in despair why I gaze into that glass
So often; for my hair's in an agreeable state;
My nose, though not fair, but nasal, looks like a nose;

My eyes are round; eccentric whites are no surprise;
 Each ear of mine on either side of my head shows
 Artistic maturity is to come; voices prate
 Behind those human lips and normal food would pass
 Down this dual throat of mine, where one chokes, the other
 Says "Welcome" on its door-mat. "Wherefore then," asks she,
 "Do you admire normality, staring at your eyes,
 And you smile, conceited fool?"—Woman at her best,
 I thought. —Eyelids flopped, I released my heavy sighs,
 Wondering if I was in health, and this could be
 Real. Thence I looked back to my eyes and "God's Mother!"
 Was my retort:
 "Listen, dear, Eve to all was firstly vain
 And that shall woman for ever remain.
 I gaze only into my eyes and see
 Not me, but you, your face, heart—"Ooh!" went she—
 My ulcers..."—a slap—Huh! What did that mean?
 More than likely it were better to be obscene.
 "When I peer into mirrors, I reflect
 Upon the world; I see people, wrecked
 Cities, masters, and mistresses, land, sea;
 I stare at Fate, pupils...and you, not me..."

By a "conceited" eccentric

"WART HOG"

"My dear friend Wart, how dull you look.
 Your tail's quite out of line,
 Or is it that your wicket tusks
 Have lost their glinting shine?"
 "I think you need a pretty gilt,
 Who'll curl your tail with care,
 And shine your tusks with daisy roots,
 And brush your wiry hair."
 "Of course, one day you'll lead the herd,
 But first you'll have to beat
 The mighty leader, 'Thug the Hog,'
 And that will be a feat!"
 "And then in peace you'll live and reign
 To feed on jellied frogs
 Right up until the day you die
 As "King of all the Hogs."

R. Stunt, M1

A TALE OF WOE

I sweeps and cleans with pail and brush,
 I works from night to morn!
 Me life's just one almighty rush—
 I wish I'd not bin born.
 I earns at least twelve quid a week;
 They ducks me eighty bob!
 An' if I dared to give a squeak,
 I'd lose me bloomin' job.
 I'm always on the beck and call
 To them in bowler 'ats,
 An' if I'm not there in the hall,
 They sounds like howlin' cats!
 They think that I'm a bloomin' slave,
 Too late they'll mourn the porter
 An' shed a tear upon me grave—
 Or if they don't they oughta!

Clare Barnard

AT CHEMISTRY

At Chemistry we all can see
 That what we've learnt is true,
 We add a salt, it starts to fizz
 Just as it ought to do.
 Against the rules it then begins
 To act another way,
 Begins to boil, and looks most odd
 The test-tubes starts to sway.
 We see a great explosion, then,
 With noises just like thunder
 The roof of the laboratory
 Was last observed "Down Under."
 The smoke begins to clear, and we
 Emerge from 'neath the benches
 And gasping, flee as we're attacked
 By awful smells and stench.
 But as the teacher later adds,
 Exceptions proves the rule,
 And so he says we'll try again
 —When they've rebuilt the school!

J. D. Cooper, UVB

THE GYPSIES

At night from the wood
Comes the cheerful cry,
Of the gypsies singing their lullaby.
While women sing,
And babies sleep,
The men gather wood
To earn their keep.

Kathleen Hullis, L2

JANUARY

Long stretches of marsh are bleak
and grey ;
Cold, shivering otters smash
Through ditches' stiff ice to seek
their prey...
Gazing, with no graze, sheep stand
in trance...
Matted wool flops over their
Eyes that stare upon the land,
askance...
On yonder hills, throughout the
dead wood,
See ! a scrawny vixen slinks,
Her belly brimmed with a sea
of blood...
Like all, they hope for Spring's sun
and showers,
For young, green leaves, warmth and cool
Gurgling streams down dells to run,
and flowers...

N.I.P.

WE'VE MADE A BEGINNING, NOW LET'S START LIVING

The heavy, nimbus-laden sky is pregnant
with the war of gods, of stars and spheres,
of comets all confused.
Elements conflict—fire with water, air with earth.
Heaven trembles, shakes, totters
round our heads—and Man...
continues his game of golf.

The white-tiled subways and black streams
of disinfectant merge, dissolve
like human essays in the filth of Time,
While all about "war among men
defiles this earth," confounds creation,
loses Time.

But the sodden, fertile, heaving earth
holds promises yet unfulfilled, of
things unseen, unheard, a glimpse
of Immortality, of life on earth,
of love. But Man...
goes on spitting in gutters.

J. Ovenden, U6

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (Modernized)

Little boy kneels at the foot of the bed,
Droops on the little hands little gold head.
Hush ! Hush ! Whisper who dare !
Christopher Robin is having a swear.
God bless Mummy. I suppose that's right,
But with a face like that she's a horrible sight.
It's hard on Dad, she's all he's got.
Oh ! God bless Daddy—the stupid clot.
If I open my razor a little bit more,
I can slash Nanny's face as she come round the door.
It's a beautiful blue, but it's turning red.
Oh ! God bless Nanny—I wish she were dead.

A. Whiting, UVB

METAPHORICAL MOTIVATION

Fly along the flat,
Idle at the gates,
Sweep round the bend,
Hammer up the hill.

Thunder under the bridge,
Spill over the ridge,
Fall down the hill,
Glide in to the town.

Snarl up the side-street,
Whine along the main-street,
Crawl in to the car-park.
Grind to a halt.

M. J. Eldridge, UVA



REPORTS

VICTORY

The soldiers dig ;
The drum beats low ;
The dead are buried
Row on row.

Sorrowful Victory.

Coffins are made ;
There is still time
To give the proud
A place in line.

Dignified Victory.

But hear the loud
Incessant cheer ;
Others may die
But we're still here.
Glorious Victory !

LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

At the beginning of this term, we had a slight set back with the big freeze, which made things difficult, both on the farm and in the house.

This term we have had two table tennis matches against Saltcote Place, and we were successful in winning both the senior and the junior matches. We wish to thank the Saltcote girls for their gallant effort in the Leasam versus Saltcote Hockey match, in which we were successful by four goals to one.

Leasam boys did very well in the school cross country run this year. In the lower middle school race, J. Sewell came in first and was followed by three other Leasam boys. In the senior run, we had six out of the first seven runners home, and these were followed up by many more in the first twenty.

On the 24th March, there was a combined Leasam and Saltcote visit to Canterbury Cathedral and after the service, there was time for some of the party to look round the Cathedral.

The snow and ice, besides making the work very hard, also damaged five acres of autumn sown cereals and this land will have to be re-sown. The Spring cultivations are very late this year and the lambing, which is now in progress, makes life on the farm rather busy at times. At present, we have about fifty lambs, most of which are Dorset Horn crosses which give a better lambing percentage, and lambing is twice a year.

Another experiment which has taken place on the farm this year, is the introduction of the Charollais cattle, which have recently been imported from France.

We should like to thank Mr. Green, Mr. Allmond, Mr. Cawkwell and the domestic and farm staff for all their help throughout the term.

M. Sewell

SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

At the beginning of term, we were happy to welcome Mrs. Agulnik as our new House Mistress. A change in leadership is not always an easy task for the leader or for those to be led. Suffice it to say that Saltcote harmony prevails and we hope that Mrs. Agulnik's tenure of office will be a long and happy one. Mrs. Agulnik chose Hilary Marshall to be Deputy Head Girl.

Miss Nelson has written to us from Edinburgh where, we are happy to report, she is enjoying a well-earned retirement.

It is to the East Sussex Education Committee that we express our gratitude for the television now installed at Saltcote. Miss Nelson's support of the project is appreciated by us all.

Included in our sporting activities this term was a hockey match, on Saturday the 30th of March, against Leasam. The boys pulled off a 4-1 victory but our defeat in no way detracted from the enjoyment of the game.

The boys again triumphed in our table tennis matches and we must recognize their superiority, albeit temporary, in this field.

The Saltcote annual table tennis tournament resulted in Isla Browne being declared the winner and Anne Dukes as runner up.

On the 24th March, in company with Leasam, we attended morning service in Canterbury Cathedral and were welcomed there by the Archdeacon. The magnificence of the Cathedral and the impressive dignity of the service made the visit a most memorable occasion. We are grateful to Mr. Buttery who made the outing possible.

Elizabeth Rhodes leaves us at the end of this term. We are sorry to see her go but wish her success and happiness at her new school in Devon.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson, Miss Turner and all the Saltcote staff for their help, guidance and tolerance throughout the term.

Anne Dukes

LIBRARY REPORT

Last term's total of fifty new library books has now been dwarfed by this term's two hundred and twenty, the majority of which comprises literature for the junior section. The range for junior reading has also been expanded in the fiction class, and with this constant entering of a great number of new books, the problem of inadequate shelf-space has increased. New additions will be made to the shelving in the near future to provide accommodation for the books. New furniture is expected shortly for the Library Annexe, where the new shelves are to be installed.

Amongst the recent acquisitions are:—

"Artificial Satellites"—G. V. E. Thompson

"Peake's Commentary on the Bible"—Black (Ed.)

"British Nuclear Reactors"—Gibbons and Jay

"Le Mystere Frontenac"—F. Mauriac

"Doctor Syn"—R. Thorndike

"Developing"—C. I. Jacobson

"Art for Young People"—Alexander and Carter

We are grateful to Mr. Southerden, Gillian Sewell and R. Cosser for their presentation of the books "Peak District", "Animal Physiology" and "Flora of the British Isles", respectively.

Librarian

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

The society has had only two meetings to date. The first, on January 29th took the form of a talk on the Antarctic given by Mr. R. Morgan from whom we obtained many interesting if not altogether useful pieces of information. The second, on February 26th, was an 'Any Questions' evening, when a panel made up of both staff and pupils answered questions from the floor and during which we discovered many previously unsuspected ideas and opinions held by them.

We must again apologise for the loss of our London Theatre visit but we hope that the old adage will hold true for us and we shall be more successful at our third attempt.

Our thanks are due as always to both Miss Topliss and Mr. Darby our attendant staff, and to all those who have lent their time and presence at the meetings.

We are very sorry to be losing Miss Topliss, very sorry indeed, but I am sure you will all join with us in wishing her all success for the future.

Christine Oates, Secretary

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY REPORT

This term has been fairly uneventful, although we have had an increase in membership. We have tinted some photographs sepia and have intensified and reduced some negatives. Owing to the influx of new members, there has been increased activity in various processes. Each week the members have been divided into three groups, one for enlarging, one for contact printing, and another for developing films. We have found that this system is suited to our large numbers. Unfortunately we have seldom had the opportunity to go out, because of the bad weather.

Our thanks go to Miss Getley, Mr. White and Mr. Cawwell for their unfailing help throughout the term.

Secretary

M.1 DEBATING SOCIETY

Since the beginning of term, M.1 has formed a debating society which is held twice a week in Room Two, with the assistance of Miss Allen. At the meetings a pupil from the form gives a lecture on some interesting topic to the rest of the class. We are allowed to elect our own chairman and the meeting is carried out as in a House Meeting. Three or four speeches are read in one lesson, and so far we had very interesting ones on 'Careers in Agriculture', 'Caged Birds', 'The Kariba Dam,' and many others, including a very amusing talk on 'Rules and Regulations'.

So far the society has had a great deal of success and it is hoped that it will continue to the end of term.

J. Phillips, M.1

HOCKEY REPORT

This term we have had several cancellations, and have played only a few matches towards the end of the term.

The results were :—

1st XI	Played 2, Won 2
2nd XI	Played 2, Won 2
U. 14 XI	Played 1, Drawn 1

We were unable to attend the Ancaster Tournament as it was on the same day as Speech Day. As this is usually the highlight of the season, we were naturally disappointed, but look forward to entering next year. However, we sent two U.15 XI's to the Southlands Tournament on Wednesday, March 20th. The 'A' team came 4th in their section and we must congratulate the 'B' team who came 2nd in their section.

The 1st XI have their annual matches against the boys, and the staff at the end of term. Both should be very enjoyable matches. The 1st XI are also looking forward to playing an Old Scholars' Team, organized by Beryl Barden, on Saturday, April 6th.

Our thanks, as always, must go to Mrs. Allmond and Miss Banner, for devoting so much time to coaching and umpiring. We should also like to thank Miss Topliss, not only for this term's help, but for everything she has done for the hockey teams throughout the years she has been with us. We all wish her every happiness in her forthcoming marriage.

H. Marshall

1st XI FOOTBALL REPORT

Owing to the prolonged spell of bad weather, only five 1st XI matches were played this term, one of which was won. The team would like to thank Mr. Jones for giving up his time to coach them and referee the matches.

The team was chosen from :—Page, Skinner, Harvey, Dixon, Wilson C., Ashenden, Nicolle, Ashdown, Seeley (Capt.), Bianchi, Sinclair, Gain, Tree and Wilson J.

Results :—

Bexhill G.S. (Home) Lost 1-4 (Ashdown)
 Brighton T.C. (Away) Lost 2-4 (Bianchi, Seeley)
 Hastings C.S. (Home) Lost 0-3
 Hastings S.M. (Home) Won 5-0 (Bianchi 2, Tree, Sinclair, Ashdown)
 Old Scholars (Home) Lost 0-2

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

As all the pitches were unfit for football until half-term, a Five-a-Side indoor football league was set up for teams from the Upper School and Staff. Matches were played in the Gymnasium during long-break, and although a few remained unplayed at the end of term, the staff seem likely to win the league, having wiped the floor and walls with the opposition.

Teams : Staff, UVI, LVIA, LVIB and UV.

Results :

UVI	v	UV	1-4
Staff	v	LVIA	6-4
LVIB	v	UVI	7-0
UV	v	LVIA	3-4
Staff	v	UVI	3-2
LVIA	v	LVIB	10-2
UV	v	LVIB	4-0
Staff	v	LVIB	3-3

League Table :

Staff	Played	3	Points	5
UV	"	3	"	4
LVIA	"	3	"	4
LVIB	"	4	"	3
UVI	"	3	"	0



Old Scholars' Football Team

R. Spencer



1st XI Football Team

R. Spencer

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The teams this season have had just about the fullest range of weather conditions to contend with, and are to be congratulated on racing and training in spite of this.

Those who competed on February 2nd, at Heathfield, particularly, deserve a special Arctic Service medal, and surely Scott had no worse weather to contend with at the Pole—and he did not have to run.

The Juniors, lacking previous competitive running, finished with only two wins in seven matches and were 12th from nineteen teams at the East Sussex. There was, however, some good individual running and Carter did well at the County Championship at Brighton on February 16th, where, as our only Junior competitor, he finished forty-ninth out of a big field of 284 runners.

The Intermediates, with a strong team this year won six of their seven matches and kept our grip on the East Sussex by winning easily. (This makes four 1sts and one second in the past five years).

At Brighton the team did well to finish fifth from twenty-six teams and after his sixth place last year, N. Foy made sure of his place at the National Championships by winning from his old rival Chadwick of Bexhill Grammar. Later he finished thirty-ninth in a field of 304 runners from all over England and was again this year the first Sussex runner home.

The School's internal Cross-Country ended our season as usual and on a cold but drying day some good running was seen. Times, particularly of the tail-enders were faster this year and two records were broken. N. Wright broke the junior record by seven seconds and Ewart was also one second inside the old time. While N. Foy achieved his ambition and set a new senior record, clipping seven seconds off the record set up by Chris Hayes.

Teams :

Junior—Mephram, Carter, Bennett, Leahy, Thompson and Lambourne.
Intermediate—Foy, Russell, Sewell, Clarke, Alan-Williams, King and Beecham.

Colours were awarded as follows :—to King and Carter and renewed to Foy, Russell, Sewell, Clarke and Alan-Williams.

We feel that Mr. Holness is responsible for the success we have had in this season's running, and therefore we give him our thanks.

NETBALL REPORT

Owing to bad weather conditions during the early part of the term, the majority of the matches were cancelled. However, all the teams were able to play one or two matches, and had some hard close games against Bexhill Grammar, Hastings High School and the Convent of the Holy Child.

Results were as follows :

Under 14 VII	Played 2	Won 2
Under 13 VII	Played 2	Lost 2
Under 12 VII	Played 1	Lost 1

Teams were chosen from the following people :

Under 14 VII : G. Winterbottom, G. Morley, C. Ladley, J. Nye, C. Johnson, S. Robertson (Capt.), P. Trenam, J. Hickman.

Under 13 VII : J. Holmes, M. Bennet, G. Coleman, B. Elphick (Capt.), C. Tanner, W. Simmons, P. Tolkien, S. Kinneil, J. Prior.

Under 12 VII : E. Williams, C. Sherwood, V. Johnson, L. Bailey, K. Baldock, S. Nash, C. Bourne (Capt.), E. Odell, M. Geaney.

BASKETBALL REPORT

Again this year we have seen a big increase in standards of play in this part of the county generally and in particular, the standard of shooting has risen sharply.

In the friendly matches played this season results have been as follows :

The Under 14 team won two out of six matches.

The Under 15 team won two out of four matches.

The Under 16 team won four out of five matches.

These matches have been supplemented by our entry in the Battle Area Championships held at Claverham School during the Spring Term. In this series, our team found the pace very hot indeed and although we appeared to have an equal share of the play on court, when it came to shooting, while under direct pressure, our players just could not get the ball through the ring with the ease of one or two individuals in opposing teams.

I am sure that all the players are looking forward to next season and with a lot more shooting practice could begin to make a reputation for the school at this comparatively new sport.

Our thanks must be extended to our loyal supporter and scorer Tubby Triggs.

Colours Renewed to—Apps, Sinclair, Wright, Alcock and Ashenden.
Awarded to—Mephram.

BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS SOCIETY REPORT

This term the society has not been over-active as a number of the members, being involved in the school play, were unable to attend meetings because rehearsals often clashed with them.

The society will open next term as a tennis society and will have the reserved rights to the tennis courts one night a week. This has pleased numerous members, and we are looking forward to a good summer term.

Our thanks again go to the A.T.C. for their unfailing supply of tea and sandwiches on Friday nights, and also to Mr. Holness who always shows a keen interest in the society's activities.

E. Duncan (Hon. Sec.)

AIR TRAINING CORPS

This term's field day was held at Royal Air Force, Tangmere, where all those cadets who are enrolled had flights of about 20 minutes each in Chipmunks which are dual controlled trainer aircraft. The cadets and also Fg. Off. Maby all experienced very enjoyable flights and landed with tales of "loops" and "rolls off the top" to quote two terms of aero-acrobatics. The range at Tangmere was also visited and some had the opportunity of target-shooting with a .303 rifle.

This Easter Holiday, from the 3rd April, ten cadets have been selected to visit Tangmere for a week's camp. The programme which has been issued includes a night exercise and a long flight in a radar-beacon checking aircraft, and promises to be very interesting.

Work has continued this term for Advanced Proficiency and First Class examinations, which are at the beginning of next term. After these examinations have taken place formal training will stop, and C.O. has promised that Fridays will be devoted to the "activity" groups. The cadets will be able to continue rebuilding the old Ford engine and making models which demonstrate the flow of air over the wings of aircraft. Also during the Summer there will be weekend expeditions when those cadets undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will be able to gain experience in camping, walking and map-reading. It is in connection with the Silver Award that cadets Walmsley and Huxstep are taking a course in Fire-Fighting at Rye Fire Station. Cadet Nicolle, who has nearly completed the Gold Award, recently returned from an arduous Outward Bound Course in North Wales and has many stories to tell of the physical fitness necessary to complete the course.

Several cadets successfully participated in Gliding Courses this term, travelling to Swanton Morely, near Norwich, where the opportunity of aero-tugs as well as winches livened things up. The cadets came back with many stories and tales of old friends, which other cadets had made amongst the airmen and officers on previous courses.

At the end of this term a short map-reading expedition will be held after which there will be a barbecue and provided that the weather is good, we are sure that the evenings will be as successful as last time.

As usual, our thanks go to Heather Bather and Dianne Williams who have made tea for us on Friday afternoons, and we hope that they were in some way rewarded when they tried their skill on the .22 range. We would also like to thank Flt./Lt. Thompson, Fg./Off. Maby, Fg./Off. Huxstep and our civilian instructors, Mr. Parkhurst, Mr. Sheppard and Mr. French for their work throughout the term.

RED CROSS REPORT

This term has not been a very active one due to the cold weather. But in spite of this we did manage to spend a most enjoyable day at the Pestalozzi Village in Sedlescombe on February 27th.

We were shown over the International Houses where children of all nationalities live. Unfortunately we were not allowed to see the Tibetan children as they had only arrived in England on the previous day and were very tired after their long journey. Mrs. Mair supplied us with a lovely tea and we would like to thank her very much indeed for all the trouble she took in organising this very interesting trip.

We would like to congratulate all those who took the 1st part of the First Aid exam. on February 22nd and passed successfully.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Henderson-Smith for her very interesting lectures and to Mrs. Mair for her unfailing enthusiastic leadership.

Cherryl Tottenham, M.3

GUIDE REPORT

This term our activities have had to be confined to test-work and indoor games. Only lately have we been able to hold some wide games.

Thinking Day this year fell on a Friday and we were able to hold our service round the flagpole in spite of the weather. On the following Saturday, February 23rd, a number of Guides went to a Thinking Day party at the F.E. Centre. This party was attended by all the Guide Companies in the district. We should like to thank the organizers and especially the helpers who prepared the "feast".

Mrs. Farquason, the Cadet Officer for Sussex visited us on March 15th, and for once the Guides looked really clean and smart, and even the ink and paint marks had been removed from their uniforms. One of the activities included a fire lighting competition and for once no polish or paraffin was used to get the fires "blazing".

We should all like to congratulate P.L. Ruth Hamilton who gained her All Round Cords at the end of last term, and to wish her every success with her Queen's Guide Test.

Our thanks go to Miss Banner who has encouraged and helped us throughout the term when our enthusiasm seemed to be lacking.

G.R.

SCOUT REPORT

The Rye Scout Troop has continued to run smoothly under the supervision of Mr. Taylor our S.M. and Mr. Smith our newly-appointed A.S.M. These two have been helped by Father Richard who has been an inspiration to the troop as a whole.

The Scout hut has been decorated recently with the help of the Scout Guild and the inside of the Hut is quite pleasant with newly-installed electric heating. The only real damage to the Hut is through the water supply which was damaged by the bad weather during the winter. The troop has now got a newly-appointed Troop Leader and has four patrols with over five members in each. We hope that more people will be encouraged to join as during the better weather we will be holding wide games and outdoor activities.

The Troop is now raising funds in earnest for two purposes. (A) To send T. Thompson to Athens for the International Scout Jamboree and (B) to help raise funds for a large party of scouts who will be going to the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg in Switzerland.

D. Smith, LVC

BALLROOM DANCING SOCIETY REPORT

The Spring term is never as well attended as the Autumn term and this one was no exception. The society began well, but gradually our male numbers dwindled until those who came found that they were forever on their feet!

It was strange, however, how, with the arrival of one more female, the masculine attendance suddenly rose sharply, and our last few meetings have been very successful.

Collections have been used for buying new records, and our grateful thanks as always, go to Mrs. Allmond and Mr. Brydon for giving up their time and keeping their patience with us.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

On February 23rd, between fifty and sixty members of the Association and the Staff attended the Social which had been arranged in response to requests at the A.G.M. Under the able direction of Mr. Harvey as M.C., an evening of fun and games with some dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. During the evening, a team of dancers from the Rye Scottish Dancing Society added to the entertainment by demonstrating a variety of Scottish Country Dances.

From the numbers present it would appear that the majority of the parents are not interested in supporting the activities of the Association whether they be social or otherwise, which is a pity since the prospect of poorly-attended functions does not help the Committee when endeavouring to arrange them.

A.M.B.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Congratulations to Kathleen Hole who was chosen to present a bouquet to Princess Margaret at a prize-giving at Saint Mary Abbots Hospital, Kensington where Kathleen is a student; to Mary Rylands who came first in the whole country in the London Chamber of Commerce Examinations and received her prize from Sir Donald F. Anderson, at the Mansion House; and to Geoffrey Ashdown who has recently become the youngest Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police.

Perhaps he will see something of Robert Oswin who is training for the Metropolitan Police and, when last heard of, was becoming a successful wrestler in his leisure hours.

Police Cadets in the Hastings area are M. Jarvis and M. Leybourne.

Theresa Doust is working in Hastings too, after finishing her secretarial course there, and there are still a number of Old Scholars pursuing courses at Hastings Technical and the Mary Wray Secretarial Colleges. These include Sylvia Carter and Carol Marchant, and they will soon be joined by Lindsay Moth, at present enjoying a visit to Rome.

Pauline Hartwell, because her parents have now left this area, is a student at Worthing Technical College, and talks of the "fabulous" new common room the students enjoy there.

Other Old Scholars in the district still are Glenys Johns—in the desk at the International Stores, Rye; Barbara Hatter—a wage-fixer for Heli-Strand Tools Ltd.; Janice Maynard—about to take up a post at Barclay's Bank, Tenterden, after a time as a Dental receptionist; and Michael Hollingdale who is working on Mr. Foy's farm, Guestling, until he enters Seale-Hayne Agricultural College in September; Janet Davy will be joining him there, and Geoffrey Hughes has a provisional place for September 1964.

Vicki Davies, having, in her own words, completed the milk cycle, that is, drawn it out, drunk it, processed it, cheesed it, tested it and sold it, has now got a job with Unilever in their Cattle Nutrition Laboratories as technical assistant in the analytical section.

Jennifer Watkins, after working up to 75 hours a week on a dairy and hop farm and recovering from an operation for knee-cartilage trouble, is now working happily in the veterinary research laboratories

of May & Baker at Chipping Ongar, and embarking on an I.M.L.T. course at Chelmsford Technical College. When she wrote, she was excited at having received a Home Office Licence to carry out experiments by herself.

Lesley Bates is a Department Manager at Bourne & Hollingsworth. She recommends her firm and her job, as life in a big store is never dull and, she says, Bourne & Hollingsworth definitely favour the promotion of young people.

S. Hearty is in business at London, and Peter Cumming, who is training to become an accountant, is sharing a flat with him, while Peter Hobson, awaiting a transfer from the Bexhill branch of his bank, is hoping to move in with Michael Bryant, David Swaine and Chris Hayes.

Two others in London are Robin Osborne who hopes to become a stockbroker, and Ann Leahy who has started banking with Glyn Mills.

Margaret Bather is an assistant Public Relations' Officer with Dexion's, and her sister, Jennifer, a ground hostess at Gatwick Airport. Both are engaged to be married.

Faith Wigzell is applying for a post in the Government Communications Service, and her contemporary, Diana Dolan, has returned to Rye as speech therapist at Hill House.

Eileen Sargent, still training as a children's nurse, has moved to a nursery at Guildford.

Pat Barfoot, back from Kenya is teaching at a Modern School in Dover.

Old Scholars who have married recently include Stephanie Lauder, Susan Roser and Chris Edwards.

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