

# RYA

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### **EDITORIAL**

During the last ten years the world has made many great advances. We the general public are growing accustomed to reading in our morning newspaper that our childhood dreams of space travel and supersonic cars have been realised. These seemingly impossible things were at one time mere fantasy and were regarded, as Leonardo da Vinci's flying machine was in his time, as complete and utter nonsense. But we have not had to wait four centuries, like Da Vinci, to see our dreams come true. Now it happens within a lifetime. An average aged grandfather was a young lad in knickerbockers when cars were driven at the dangerous speed of 12 m.p.h. and aeroplanes were still in blueprint. Nowadays he takes for granted the new land speed record that Donald Campbell is hoping to set up of somewhere around the 400 m.p.h. mark! and he would not think of travelling by any other method that those jets that can span the Atlantic in 4 hours. Teenagers, also, whose childhood dreams were centred around Superman and Dan Dare, have before them in the near future the chance, or shall we say the possibility of actually visiting those mysterious and elusive planets for themselves. Space travel is, in fact, no longer fiction but reality. If in the short space of eight years it can progress from a simple sputnik to 72 orbits of a man powered rocket, what will the next eight years bring at this rate of advancement?

Not only in various means of travel have advancements been made. We hope and like to think that education comes an easy second on the list. Not so very long ago schools were either of the public, private, grammar, or village type, each accommodating a certain section of the people; the rich, the not so rich, the clever and the poor. Today the great traditional English public-schools are being seriously overrun by the monstrous, modern buildings that are springing up like glass mushrooms over the face of England. The old square, cream and green class-rooms filled with ancient wooden desks inscribed with your father's first sweetheart's name are disappearing and their places are being taken by large airy rooms filled with light-framed desks specially designed for comfort. No more thick clouds of chalk dust, no more squeaking desks, no more overcrowding, no more lack of equipment. The latter applies particularly to the science departments in schools since the demand for science is much greater now than it ever has been, and is likely to increase even more in the next few years.

So, although we still complain and, like Shakespeare, 'creep like a snail unwillingly to school', we are, in all truth, in no position at all to do so. Consider the schools and facilities that our parents had and compare them with ours. They never had any of the expensive chemicals or up to date text books that we have; nor did they practise on modern machinery or on streamline cookers; they even had to pay for their own milk. If conditions have improved so much in one generation, just think what opportunities await your grand-children. To us it is inconceivable, the future, and what it holds. It is merely for us to wait and see. 'Che sera, sera'.

### **SCHOOL NOTES**

We very much regret having to say farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Allmond who are leaving at the end of this term. Mr. Allmond has been here nine years and his wife three years. He is going to a Secondary Modern School at Tilehurst near Reading as Head of a department; Mrs. Allmond has at the moment no immediate plans.

Mrs. L. Sutton is also leaving after teaching Chemistry part time

for the last two years.

We welcome and say farewell to Mrs. M. Holland (French): Mr. S. McCulloch (Physics) and Mr. S. Housman (Music & Lower School subjects), all of whom have spent what we hope was a pleasant Summer Term here.

Miss O. Clarke will be leaving us. We are grateful for the help that she has given us since the late Mr. May was taken ill.

We are pleased to hear of Mr. A. F. White's recovery from his operation. It is very likely that he will be with us again for the Autumn Term.

### MERYON HOUSE REPORT

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.

This term has not been very successful for Meryon so far. We came a decisive third on Sports Day, a mere 80 points behind the winner, Sanders. There were a few individual successes, the most outstanding being N. Wright in the Lower School, who came first in all his events. and broke records of three of the four he entered. It would seem that we took the advice given by the Cross Country Captain last term. and "packed well in the middle", but these tactics did not seem to work this term!

Early in the term we held the annual Meryon Dance in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, but due to low costs, and a high attendance, we managed to make £15 clear profit, which swelled the school's profit even more.

As yet nothing can be said about our position in the usual Summer activities of cricket, tennis and of rounders as, owing to the fact that the magazine is printed early, some of the matches have yet to be played.

As usual we must say farewell to a large part of the Sixth Form, who will be leaving this term to pursue their careers further.

Our thanks, as always, to Mr. Allnutt who has handled the house by himself this term, as we are still waiting for the appointment of a new house Mistress. Without his encouragement both on the field and off, we would never have had the little bit of success that we have had. A special vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Allmond who gave up their free evening to come and keep an eye on things for us at the Dance, we were very grateful indeed.

Secretary

### PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Allen Mr. Thompson House Master: **Ieanette Grout** Girls' Captain: Boys' Captain: J. Clark C. Healey Treasurer: Frances Evans Secretary:

Prefects. Alison Norris (Head Girl), Jacqueline Ovenden, Jeanette Grout, Frances Evans, Jane Daintrey, J. Clark, C. Healey, M. Seeley, M. Crawford-Jones.

Since the magazine is going to press before the completion of many of the inter-House competitions there is little to report upon this term. However, the House has sent a contribution towards the upkeep of our leper boy, and the collections have been slightly higher than last term. This is not to say that there is no room for improvement.

On Sports Day we came second with 3771 points to Sanders with 449½ and only just ahead of Meryon who had 363. Especially to be congratulated are Jeanette Grout, Anne Davis and J. Walmsley who were Senior Girls', Middle Girls' and Senior Boys champions respectively. These were supported by many others among whom were P Clarke, Jones, Wilson, Seeley and Jane Daintrey for the seniors, Tolputt, Granger and Judith Hyde in the Middle school and Susan Kinnes and Jennifer Cruttenden for the lower school, all of whom came first in their events.

We must say goodbye this term to our girls' captain, Jeanette Grout, who is hoping to get a place at Birmingham University, Alison Norris who is going to Durham University, Jacqueline Ovenden who hopes to get in at Manchester University, J. Roser, M. Sewell, G. Tomkins, L. Page, Hills and Rogerson. We wish all of them success in their future careers.

Our thanks go to Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson who have as usual borne with our failures and follies with much patience, and whose continual help and advice have been invaluable to the committee.

Secretary

### SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Miss Getley
House Master: Mr. Darby
Girls' Captain: Hilary Marshall
Boys' Captain: B. Heighes
Treasurer: Ianet Jarvis

Secretary: Janet Jarvis
C. Johnson

Prefects. Pat Horner, Janet Jarvis, Hilary Marshall, Elizabeth Clay, Chrystine Oates, Denise Turner, J. Daly (Deputy Head Boy), M. Gain, B. Heightes, C. Johnson, J. Harvey, R. Spenser, N. Perry.

So far this term the only competition to be decided has been the athletics shield. We won by a very convincing margin of over fifty points from Peacocke. It is twelve years since Sanders last won this shield and, in a year when we seem to be doing particularly well, the success is very gratifying and promises very well for the future. Some very fine performances were recorded by individual members. Foy broke the Upper School Record for the mile, and in the Middle School, Forward won the shot with a record breaking throw. Bennet and Howe also in the middle school both recorded some very fine performances. For the girls Hilary Marshall and Susan Hobden in the Upper School, and Hilary Hobden and Shirley Fleming in the Middle School competed very well. It is impossible to give credit here to all those who competed successfully or otherwise to the win, both boys and girls pulled their weight to gain a well deserved victory. The senior captains, N. Foy and Hilary Marshall, are to be congratulated in organising their teams with skill and energy and encouraging the

Many shields still remain to be decided and there is no reason why Sanders should not continue the run of success and win some, if not all, of them.

Collections have poured in at a steady trickle and a contribution has been sent to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. This term we have to say goodbye to many senior members of the house. We thank them for the help and services they have given to the house, throughout their school life, and wish them success in their future.

As always we thank Miss Getley and Mr. Darby for all the help and the encouragement they have given the house during what has been the most successful year for a long time.

# LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

This Summer term has been one of the most active for the house in the field of sport. The School Sports showed that Leasam boys can do well in both the track and the field events. Out of fifty boys here, thirty-three competed in the events, with Roy Forward breaking the Middle School Shot record, with a distance of thirty-nine feet five inches. Granger also broke the Middle School Javelin record

with a throw of 120 feet four inches; and Bennet, who won his three events has been awarded the cup for the Middle School Champion. As a result of the East Sussex Athletics match at Lewes, Wheetman and Forward have been chosen to represent East Sussex in the Sussex Sports.

The recreational facilities at Leasam are being greatly improved with tennis courts which have been erected on a newly laid front lawn, and large improvements have started on the games facilities, and in equipping a hobbies room. The boys are also very grateful for the use of one of the reservoirs as a swimming pool.

Leasam has been well represented in both the school Tennis and Cricket teams this term, with Brown on one occasion scoring sixty-six runs for the Under XV eleven.

The main point of interest on the farm this term was the irrigation system, which has been set up to irrigate both the early and the main crop potatoes. Two reservoirs have been formed to supply the water, which it is hoped will increase the yield. In the garden the "Cambridge Vigour" strawberries have done very well to supply the house and the local wholesaler. Some of our dairy herd went to the June Dairy Festival at Hastings, which is now a well established annual event. We have been very busy on the farm, in preparation for Open Day.

It is with regret that we shall be saying good-bye to Mr. & Mrs. Allmond at the end of this term. Mr. Allmond has been at Leasam since 1957, and has done a great deal to improve both the reputation, and the academic standard of the house. Mr. Cawkwell who has been with us for two years, will also be leaving us at the end of term, and we appreciate the help that he has given us in our science subjects.

Our thanks for a pleasant term go to Mr. Green, Mr. Allmond, Mr. Cawkwell, Matron, and also to all the domestic and farm staff.

M. Sewell, Head Boy

# SALTCOTE HOUSE REPORT

There has been very little extra-mural activity this term on account of the fifth and sixth forms' 'swotting' for G.C.E. examinations. However, most girls did find time to enter for the Saltcote Tennis Tournament which, at the end of term, was nearing finality.

At the beginning of term, we played tennis against Leasam. Once again, they were the victors but, this time, they only beat us by a narrow margin. We have arranged to have another match at the end of term and, this time, we feel quite confident of winning! The senior girls' tennis party was arranged for July 10th and our thanks go to Mrs. Agulnik for allowing us to have it.

Our congratulations go to Hilary Marshall and Jeanette Grout on their selection for the Sussex County Athletics Tournament held at Brighton on Saturday, the 29th June. Both ran very well, Hilary finishing 4th and Jeanette 2nd.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson, Miss Turner and the staff for their many kindnesses shown throughout the term.

Ann Dukes, Head Girl

### **RED CROSS REPORT**

This term has proved to be full of activities. During the term there were two celebrations held in London to mark the Red Cross Centenary Year. To both of these celebrations, a member of our Junior Red Cross was chosen to attend. On the evening of May 8th Cheryl Tottenham went with a member of the Senior Red Cross, to the Royal Festival Hall in London to see a film held in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh. On the following day, Susan Palmer, and Jeanette Grout (our Assistant Commandant) went to St. Paul's Cathedral, to attend a Centenary Service.

All the Cadets have taken Part II of First Aid, and all are to be congratulated on passing, especially those who received Proficiency Badges. Amongst them were A. Banks and C. Tottenham, whose

final marks were in the nineties.

On Friday, June 21st, the Guides invited us to amalgamate our enrolment ceremony with theirs, along with the 1st Rye Guides, and St. John Ambulance brigade. Before the ceremony began, we all had our group photograph taken by the Press. After a lovely tea we had a demonstration of the 'mouth to mouth' artificial respiration, by Mr. Webb, from the St. John. We all found it very interesting, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Banner very much indeed, for inviting us to spend this enjoyable evening with the Guides.

We are now busy preparing our costumes for a pageant, being held on July 6th at the home of the Duchess of Norfolk—Arundel Castle. We are going there by coach and hope to have a pleasant day.

We would all like to thank Mrs. Mair for very kindly arranging this trip and also for her never failing advice, throughout the term.

C. Tottenham, M3

### 1st & 2nd RYE SCOUT REPORT

Under the successful leadership of "Skipper" and group Scout-Master Mr. G. Taylor and Father Richard respectively, the Rye Scout group has flourished again.

On Easter Monday, a dance was held which raised £130 for troop funds and to help send Patrol leader T. Thompson to the World Jamboree in Athens.

The main body of the troop is going to the International Scout Chalet at Kanderstey in Switzerland for two weeks in the summer and enough funds have already been collected for this purpose.

At the end of this term a party of Scouts hope to attend a camp of 6,000 Boy Scouts to witness the present chief Scout's First Visit to Sussex at Cuckbridge.

The numbers of the troop have again increased and tests are well in hand, although the majority of the scouts prefer wide games around the streets of Rye in the summer. With the advent of camping weather each patrol is going to hold a separate patrol camp while there has already been a patrol leaders' camp over Whitsun.

Our thanks go once again to our "Skipper" and G.S.17 and also to the newly founded body, the Parents' Committee.

D. J. Larkin

### 2nd RYE GUIDES REPORT

This term the company has had its first Queen's Guide, P.L. Ruth Hamilton. We should all like to congratulate Ruth on her recent success, not only with her Queen's Guide, but also her camp permit, and hope that she will continue her guiding in other spheres.

On Friday, 21st June, the 1st and 2nd Rye Guides, Red Cross and St. John Brigade held a combined meeting, where several Red Cross Cadets and Jane Coleman, guide, were enrolled. After a sumtuous tea, an extremely interesting demonstration on the "kiss of life" method of artificial respiration was given by Mr. Webb of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and I am sure we would like to thank the organisers for giving us a most stimulating evening.

We should also like to thank Miss Banner for all the hard work, patience and understanding that she so willingly gives to the Guides.

Gillian Rothwell

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

We had hoped to hold most of our meetings in the open this term, but owing to weather conditions these plans came unstuck. Because of this we have had to content ourselves with the routine occupation of processing.

It is hoped that later in the term we shall be able to participate in our annual outing, taking in Canterbury and Aylesford, with the express purpose of taking photographs, although one member did point out that he would be quite happy as long as he had somewhere to eat his hard-boiled egg and his sandwiches.

Once again our sincere thanks go to Miss Getley and Mr. Cawkwell for their help and encouragement, but nevertheless we have felt the absence of Mr. White who, we hope, will be with us again next term.

D. Williams, Secretary

### AIR TRAINING CORPS

At the end of last term, 12 cadets spent a week at R.A.F. Tangmere where they enjoyed flying in Chipmunk aircraft and .303 shooting on a 200 yards range. Congratulations to Cadet Reed and Sergeants Perry and Russell who gained their badges for Marksmanship. Towards the end of the week Perry, Hatcher and Smith passed the swimming

proficiency tests at H.M.S. "St. Vincent" at Portsmouth. Also during the week two map reading exercises, held in competition with other schools at Camp, were won by our squadron.

The Squadron was inspected early in the term by the Wing Adjutant and Flight Lieutenant Godfrey whom we had met at Tangmere where he organised the Easter Camp. They were received by a guard of honour, then reviewed the Squadron on parade, and finally saw the Squadron during some of its formal training periods. During the parade, Sergeant Perry was awarded the John Larkin cup for the most proficient Senior Cadet, and he was also presented with his badge for the silver standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme.

The squadron rifle team has held a practice shoot at the Hastings Rifle Club's miniature range, where, later this term, we are to meet 304 (Hastings) Squadron, Air Training Corps in a match. Preliminary rounds in the competition for the Headmaster's .22 Challenge Cup are being held now, with the final round to come at the end of term.

Camping, map reading and walking are part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and for experience for this, Sergeant Perry took seven probationer cadets to Mr. Russell's farm at Wittersham where they spent, and enjoyed, two nights at Whitsun under canvas. One Friday evening in June map reading exercise covering about eight miles was held, after which there was a barbecue for those cadets who managed to navigate their way back to Headquarters. This exercise is to be followed on the 18th July by an all-day scheme over sixteen miles in the country west of Robertsbridge.

The Wing Annual Parade and Athletic Sports Day at the Hove Stadium proved very successful again this year. We came home with the Senior, Intermediate and Aggregate Cups, all as a result of the majority of cadets entering for the maximum number of events allowed. Now that the examination results for the reclassification held in May have been published this squadron holds the greatest number of Senior cadets in the Sussex Wing, Cadets Harris, Hills, Huckstep, Walmsley, Hatcher and Clark were successful and Doughty, Reed, Levett, Sanders and Goodsell are now leading cadets.

A Field day this term will be a visit to the Radar Station at R.A.F. Wartling, near Bexhill, followed by a sea trip in a rescue launch from R.A.F. Newhaven. The Annual Camp this summer is to be held at the Royal Air Force Station St. Athan, in South Wales. The squadron was there three years ago, and Senior cadets will be interested to see what changes have occurred there in the meantime

At the beginning of term we welcomed eight probationer cadets We hope they are finding our activities interesting and that they will continue with us; they have made a good beginning towards the more formal training during the winter months. Other boys who have reached the age of 13 years in September are invited to join us then.

Our last parade this term will consist of a Film. Films will be selected from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award "The Way Ahead": "Venture, Adventure" and "The Dam Busters".

#### LIBRARY REPORT

Rather less routine work has been done this term than usual. The temptations of outside activities and the pressure of G.C.E. examinations have both been responsible for this. However, all the new books have been accessioned and catalogued and we await the next batch from the booksellers.

We are grateful to M. Winter for his donation of a volume of The Poems of Gerard Manley Hopkins and to Mrs. Binnie for a number of books including:—

"Russia without Stalin" by Edward Crankshaw

"Modern Russian Stories"

"The Mixture As Before" by Somerset Maughan

We are looking forward to visiting the Tunbridge Wells Borough Library sometime during the latter part of July and hope to combine this with a tour of the Royal Borough.

Librarian

### GIRLS' ATHLETIC REPORT

This term we have had two athletics matches. On Thursday, May 29th, two teams went to Battle for an athletics match against Claverham County Secondary School and Ratton County Secondary School. The Junior Team combined with the boys, were placed 2nd. The Senior Team, combined with the boys, must be congratulated on being placed 1st.

On Thursday, June 13th the U.15 team had a match v. Rye County Secondary School. They must be congratulated in winning 7 out of the 9 events. Combined with the boys, they achieved an excellent

win by 150 points to 100 points.

On Saturday, June 15th two teams, Junior and Intermediate, took part in the East Sussex Athletic Sports at Lewes. Although the Junior team was unplaced, Ann Davis and Barbara Elphick must be congratulated on coming 3rd and 4th respectively in the 70 yds. hurdles. The Intermediate team were placed 3rd, and must be congratulated on good efforts by all competitors. Jane Daintrey and Susan Hobden came 3rd and 4th respectively in the 80 yds. hurdles. Diane Williams and Heather Bather came 3rd and 4th respectively in the javelin. Kathleen Hagen ran a very good 880 yds. and came in 5th. The relay team, after winning their heat, went on into the final to come 4th. Two girls entered in the senior events as individuals. Christine Oates was placed 5th in the javelin.

Jeanette Grout and Hilary Marshall, by coming 2nd in Senior and Intermediate 100 yds. respectively, must be congratulated upon being picked to represent East Sussex at the Sussex Athletic Sports on Saturday, June 29th. There, Jeanette Grout was placed 2nd and Hilary Marshall 4th.

At our own Sports' Day on Tuesday, June 11th, we only had one record broken. This was by Barbara Elphick who made a new record in the Junior Girls' 70 yds. hurdles.

This year trophies were awarded to:—Junior Girls': Barbara Elphick. Intermediate Girls': Ann Davis. Senior Girls': Jeanette Grout.

The U.12 team are loking forward to a match v. Rye Collegiate later this month.

This term we have several successes in the girls' athletics. I am sure this would not have been possible without the help and encouragement, frequently needed, received from Mrs. Allmond and Miss Banner. I should like to take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Allmond a happy and successful future when she and her husband leave us at the end of this term. I am sure we shall all miss her very much.

Hilary Marshall

### **BOYS' ATHLETIC REPORT**

Our Athletes have good cause to congratulate themselves this year, both in our internal sports, and in outside competition against other schools.

The season started with a very attractive triangular match against Claverham Secondary and Ratton Secondary Schools at Battle. This was a well run meeting on a fine evening, and some very good performances were put up. Our under 15 teams beat both Ratton and Claverham, the position being Rye 1st, Ratton 2nd, Claverham 3rd. In the older age group, only Claverham competed against us, and came very close, the result being Rye 80 points and Claverham 78 points.

Sports Day, our next athletic occasion, was also graced with fine weather and only a fine wind. Eight records were broken; seven by the boys, and the other by the girls. N. Wright broke three records in Junior Triple Jump, High Jump and 880 yards and became a worthy Junior Champion. C. Strange broke the Junior Hurdles record. R. Forward beat the Middle School Shot record. Granger beat the Middle School Javelin record and N. Foy set up a new record of 4 mins. 44 secs. in the senior boys' mile.

Individual Champions were: -

Junior Girls'
Junior Boys'
Middle School Girls'
Middle School Boys'
Senior Girls'
Senior Boys'

Junior Girls'
M. Barbara Elphick
N. Wright
Anne Davis
M. Bennet
Jeanette Grout
J. Walmsley

Following Sports Day, our under 15 team met Rye Modern School and were again successful, this time winning by 150 points to 100 points.

The highlight of the season came, however, at The East Sussex Athletics Championships, where our boys' Intermediate team won the Carter Trophy for the second time in two years. It is impossible to list all the places gained in what was a very fine team effort. Six boys' and two girls vant on to represent East Sussex at the County Championships at Brighton. They were R. Forward—Junior Shot, J. Walmsley—100 yards, M. Bianchi—High Jump, M. Seeley—Triple Jump, Wheetman—Discus, N. Foy—One Mile, all Intermediates. Hilary Marshall, Intermediate Girls' 100 yds. These Athletes competed successfully at Brighton, and M. Seeley jumped very well in the Triple Jump, to win the event with a jump of 42 feet 4½ inches, and is now representing Sussex in the All England Schools Championships at Chelmsford.

One more attractive event to come is the boys' visit to Roan School at Blackheath. This is a return after last year's match at Rye, and we are hoping to give them a really strong challenge this year. The last fixture for the under 15 team against Robertsbridge is still to come. All in all, a very highly successful season for the school, and certainly a boost to our morale.

### **BOYS' TENNIS REPORT**

This term has been a most enjoyable one for the tennis teams. Although we were badly beaten by Bexhill Grammar at Bexhill, and narrowly defeated by Brockhill. We had our revenge, by beating Southlands County Secondary School.

We have been somewhat hampered by the uncertainty of the weather, but luckily have only had one postponement.

Results	U.17	U.16
R.G.S. v Bexhill (Home) Lost	31/50	0.25
R.G.S. v Bexhill (Away) Lost	28/53	
R.G.S. v Brockhill (Home) Lost	37/44	32/49
R.G.S. v Southlands (Home) Won	41/40	5-7

Our thanks go to Mr. M. H. Allmond for his unfailing enthusiasm, during the games, and for arranging the matches, and also a vote of thanks to Mrs. Agulnik for allowing us to use the Saltcote Courts.

G. Thompkins

### GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

So far this season the girls' tennis team has not been very successful: We have only played three matches, and lost them all, the others being cancelled because of the bad weather.

The First VI consisted of: E. Duncan, J. Roser, J. De Gruchy, J. Daintrey, C. Oates, J. Marriott and the second VI was chosen from M. Ide, A. Banks, A. Dukes, J. Care, I. Brown, P. Davies, C. Barnard, C. Buttery.

Other school activities concerning Tennis have been once again a very flourishing girls' doubles, and a girls' singles tournament, the finals of which will be played on Open Day, as will an open mixed doubles tournament. A Staff v School tennis match has been arranged for the last day of term, and a Girls' v Boys' has still to be arranged. We should like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Allmond for their unfailing help, and would like to take this opportunity of wishing them every happiness and success in the future.

#### ROUNDERS REPORT

The rounders teams so far this season have had a very successful score sheet, for which they are to be congratulated.

All the matches have been exciting, and have frequently reached high scores. The under 14 team have a total of 33.5 Rounders with 18 against, and the under 13 team have a remarkable record of 62 Rounders, with only 8.5 against.

We hope both teams will be as successful in the three matches to be played before the end of term.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Allmond for her encouragement throughout the term.

### Results of Matches Played:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Cancelled
U.14 IX	3	3	0	1
U.13 IX	3	3	0	1

Both teams are to play three more matches.

### **Teams**

- U.14. A. Beckingham, J. Nye, G. Morley, J. Mercer, C. Ladley,
  S. Robertson, C. Springford (Capt.), C. Johnson, G. Winter-bottom. Reserves P. Trenan, J. Hickman.
- U.13. J. Prior, M. Bennet (Capt.), C. Tanner, G. Hembury, J. Holmes, B. Elphick, J. Ridgers, D. Murrell, G. Coleman. Reserves S. Kinnes, P. Tolkien.

C. Springford (Capt.)

### 1st XI CRICKET REPORT

To date the first XI have played five games, winning 1, drawing 3 and losing 1. The two most successful batsmen have been Pope and Bianchi. The most successful bowler has been Bianchi. Results

- R.G.S. 46-8, Ashdown 13 v Eastbourne 110, Ellenger 5-39, Foy 3-20.
- R.G.S. 127, Harvey 36, Bianchi 33, Pope 18 v Bexhill 82-8, Johnson 3-31, Bianchi 2-5, Foy 1-11.
- R.G.S 123-7, Pope 74, Bianchi 31 v Headmaster's XI 145-7 dec., Bianchi 6-37.
- R.G.S. 51-5, Seeley 18, Ashdown 11 v Goudhurst 50, Bianchi 4-6, Foy 3-19, Johnson 3-21.
- R.G.S. 28, Bianchi 11 v Bexhill 30-1.

The team has been selected from:—J. Clark, J. Harvey, M. Bianchi, C. Pope, N. Foy, J. Ellenger, C. Johnson, A. Ashdown, R. Pankhurst, N. Dixon, J. Barker, M. Seeley, M. Gain, M. Crawford-Jones.

## SCHOOL LEAVERS' COURSE

At the end of last term, seven Leasam boys went on a school leavers' course to the Agricultural College at Plumpton. The course started on Sunday, April 7th, and lasted until Wednesday, April 10th. Because of the large number of candidates, not all of us were able to sleep at Plumpton, and so the overflow was boarded at the nearby Middleton Manor, which is owned by Plumpton. On the Sunday, at 5 o'clock, four of the Leasam boys were greeted at Middleton by the principal, Mr. Fatt, and shown to our dormitories. At 6 o'clock a bell went and we all filed in for a meal. Later in the evening we all boarded a coach and went up to Plumpton to be formally introduced to the principal of Plumpton, Mr. Nickalls, after which we returned to Middleton Manor for our first night. The following three days were taken up with lectures, farm walks, and practical demonstrations, all of which were very interesting, and widened our outlook on agriculture. The course ended at 3.30 on Wednesday and everybody drifted slowly away from the college after a very enjoyable school leavers' course.

R. Ball, L.Sixth

# A VISIT TO THE IDEAL HOME EXHIBITION

On the 26th March we stepped off the underground train and into the soft carpeted elegance, the glitter, and the coloured warmth of the Ideal Home Exhibition. We were amazed by the originality of the theme of the exhibition, Design '63. We saw the greatest chandelier in the world light up the pavilion of treasures and as we strolled on we sampled exciting new ideas in food and ate chicken pies. We saw fabulous furniture, dream houses, the newest things in gadgets, people from all over the world displayed their goods to us. The latest ideas in make-up and slimming crazes were demonstrated, and we were each given a brand new hair-do by a top London hair-stylist. In all we had a quite fantastic day seeing the latest breathtaking designs for modern living.

# A VISIT TO WEMBLEY STADIUM

On Wednesday May 8th, some 40 boys from L.1 to M.3 boarded a coach at the Rope Walk, Rye, at 10 a.m. on a dull morning. The Coach left at about 10.15 a.m. and travelled up to London, stopping once for refreshments on the way.

At approximately 1.15 we arrived at the Empire Pool, Wembley to see the World Cup Champions Brazil, meet England in what is said to be the match of the year.

By 2.45 we were in the stadium, listening to the communal singing of 95,000 England soccer fans. A quarter of an hour later, the teams came out, Brazil dressed in yellow and England in white. They were then presented to His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester.

The kick-off came, and a huge roar filled the Stadium, and by half time, Brazil were leading by a penalty from outside right, Pepe. In the second half the football was magnificent, with Bobby Moore playing as a great defender.

In the last five minutes of the game, Brydon Douglas equalised,

after a great scuffle around the Brazilian goalmouth.

We left Wembley, joyful at seeing one of England's greatest games, drawing with Brazil 1-1, and arrived home at 9.40.

S. Robertson, M.1

# An adaptation of "The Snake" by D. H. Lawrence

#### The Tramp

A tramp came to my water trough (And I, in bear skins for the cold) To skate there.

Under my great ice igloo I donned my skates, But must wait, Must stand and freeze, For he was there—Skating before me.

He skated round the trough,
In the snow
Before me,
And where the sign "Thin Ice" had been,
Was just a hole
In the ice.

I shouted out!
But all in vain,
He reached the hole and—
Splash!
He disappeared from view at once,
And drowned in seconds
In the trough.

And I must wait,
Must stand and wait,
For the Summer yet to come,
That I may go
And fish him out
The tramp.

R. Davis, M.1

# MARITIME FANTASY

The cold, grey sky above, Below, the white-sprayed foam: The rush of the wind in the rigging aloft And my heart comes ranging home.

Home to the only world it has known, The only world that it loves. The feel of the deck and the shuddering ship,

Can I but taste the salt on my lips:

Feel the rough and the cleaning winds: My heart and I count the world well lost, And would not change with kings.

Like Masefield, I dream of tall, tall ships. Like Drake I would sail them free. And only their would my heart be content, Just me, my heart and the sea.

P. Ewart, L.3

# SAINT BERNARD SALLY

St. Bernard Sally
From Orphan Dog Ally,
Was tired of being alone,
Woof, she would wail
With a droop of her tail,
"I wish I had folks of my own."

Each day she would hike To Travellers Pike, And patiently wait at the bend. When people came by She wished she could cry, "A dog is a man's best friend."

But nobody took her, They'd all over look her For the cuddly cats they might find. It's Sally's bad luck She's as big as a truck, She wasn't the cuddly kind.

Marianne Reed, L.2

### **APARTHEID**

At the beginning of the Sixth Form course a division arises between the learned scholars. The ex-'O' level candidates split up by mutual consent into two groups:—The Arts and the Sciences; (It should be noted here that other destitutes turn up besides these two groups, these are to all intents and purposes, termed normal people). Persons of equal intelligence but different aptitudes find themselves apart.

At first the students are keen and too busy to notice the barrier but after a few weeks petty arguments occur. The main object of such arguments is to try and prove one course to be harder and therefore more exacting than the other. Such differences of opinion tend to peter out round about Christmas time with the onset of the seasonal festivities. Both races return home, believing themselves to be the most hard done by and hard working.

By the middle of the Spring Term the fire has begun to glow once more and intellectual snobbery is prevalent. Towards the end of this term the rot has really set in; by now those studying languages have become multi-lingual and their mother tongue is spiced with foreign phrases, puns and idioms. The scientist embryo grapples with these, only to find out that his 'O' level is no match. The mathematicians who are the extremists of this bunch, lose themselves somewhere in the limitations of Newton's method. This fortunately is the last we hear of them. Their speech has become inarticulate and childishly simple and they may be found occupying their time contemplating spirals of copper wire which they talk to and christen with unlikely and improbable names.

Now both groups despise one another and a multitude of misunderstandings begin to accumulate. By the time these people leave school a false hatred will have arisen, along with an inability to understand each other, which may last a lifetime. So in the Future the link between the scientists and the artists who will then be the governing body may be impaired through the misunderstandings of the present.

My aptitudes, if any, tend towards the Science and I doubt very much if this will ever get printed as the editor is one of the other race.

### THE RIVER

Swiftly running, never stopping, Flows the river by the mill. Sometimes gushing, sometimes trickling, Over stones and down the hill.

Through the heather and the flowers, Through the cornfields and the wood, Past the railway, past the bridge, Past the place where the cottage stood.

Over rocks and stones and boulder, Over weeds that grow so thick, Underneath the waterwheel Runs the river, oh, so quick.

Brenda Catt, L.4

### THE INTRUDERS

The shady figures in the dark;
Then the wind blew.
No one could tell from whence it came;
But they all knew.

The wind grew stronger, stranger yet, They came on still. The villagers were racked with fear. A scream so shrill!

Then suddenly the wind was gone; Gone right away. The figures disappeared as well; Gone to stay.

Isla Browne, U.V.A.

### **ELECTRIFYING NEWS**

Police are searching for Henry Watt, a joule thief who escaped from a Weston Primary Cell last Faraday. The escape was conducted in three phases: first, he dodged the guards, then climbed through the grid and went to earth in a field. He then crossed the current by a Wheatstone Bridge, stole a cycle, having encountered little resistance and full capacity in an arc. It is thought that he may have returned ohm by a short circuit, but if he did he will have been damped by the bad weather. He may have stopped to bathe his feet in a condenser to coulomb.

He has a dangerous potential, as he has killed his victims by choking, and will be charged with this. The electro-motive for his crimes is not known. Apparently one of his complaints is that he was not given a dry cell, but police think he would have broken out whether his grievances had been allowed to accumulator not. He regularly transforms his identity and the case has been taken up by Inspector Rudberg, who alternates with one of his colleagues. In the dark they will use electrolytes, and search with detector valves.

Adapted by Charles

# **COMPLETE NONSENSE**

A tramp he came a-riding, A-riding on a boar. He stopped outside a cottage, And knocked upon the floor.

A fair maid came to answer, She smelt just like a rose. He didn't see her standing there, And knocked upon her nose. The maid she started weeping, The tramp, who nothing fears. Bravely swam to save her, From drowning in her tears.

He caught her by her finger, And towed her to a chair, He started respiration, By pulling out her hair.

She jumped back in the water, And stood upon the floor. He swam out to the garden, And rode off on the boar.

N. Upton, M.1

### **SMUGGLERS**

In the eerie light of the moon
The sea crashed noisily, restlestly waiting,
Waiting, for what?
For the men who defy the law?
The men whose ears are as keen as their eyes
In search for a glimmer of light
That tells them their booty is waiting,
Waiting, for what?
To be taken and stored in a hiding place
Secret, mysterious and damp?
Or to be sold at a price they name
To those who are willing to take the risk
Of the smugglers' stolen goods.

P. Farley

# A LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO THE ANGLER

I'm going fishing! To us in Britain this could mean anything from tunny to tiddlers, but to the fishermen, whatever the size of quarry, the spirit is the same, while to the Non-fisherman there arises a vision of patience, sitting in the rain watching a float.

But there is more to it than that. How many people know the thrill of seeing the float bob, then glide away, and of fighting a fair-sized fish on it's last desperate run? Not many. Only the Angler knows the excitement and the real reason he sits there in the rain. There is a skill in fishing, a skill which cannot be overlooked.

So don't blame the Angler, for he is a different person when at the water, even if he does look pathetic.

Michael Crawford, M.1

### SCHOOL FEVER

With apologies to John Masefield

I must go down to the Grammar school, To a sordid place, to work, And all I ask is a quiet kip And lessons just to shirk; And fountain pens, and blackboard chalk, And the hazy image blurring, And a whisky bottle in my desk, And a thick voice slurring.

I must go down to the Grammar school, For a master's shouted curse, Is a wild call and a clear call Not fit to be put in verse; And all I want is some T.N.T. Obtained from a helpful buddy, And a muffled crash, and the cloud of smoke That once was a master's study.

I must go down to the Grammar school, To a crouching, waiting foe, Hidden 'neath piles of tuck-shop waste Whence forests of pupils grow; And all I ask is a low-grade pass Degree from a college obscure, And then go on to a bachelor life And a well-paid sinecure.

Charles

### "FOPPO"

Foppo, Foppo is my name, I'm big and flabby, with no brain. They say I've gone a bit up top, But well, who cares, I'm just a fop. I live on nuts and jellied figs, I dine and sleep with Daddy's pigs; But life's much cleaner in a sty, For me a fop, I wonder why? I wish I was a normal kid, And looked like normal children did Instead of having long brown hair That makes me look like Bruin Bear. But I'm content to guzzle food, And people say I'm very rude, Though life for me is just one flop, I'm quite content to stay a fop.

K. Stunt, M.1

### TEN LITTLE EDITORS

Ten little editors Looking for some time, One found it just too late And then there were nine.

Nine tired editors Working tête à tête, One pushed his head too far And then there were eight.

Eight speedy editors With all their motors revin' One cranked much too hard And then there were seven.

Seven muddled editors
One got in a fix,
He committed suicide
And then there were six.

Six crafty editors
Scheming for a scive,
One took a headlong "slip"
And then there were five.

Five worried editors
Pacing round the floor,
One slipped on a banana-skin
And then there were four.

Four angry editors Refusing to agree, One produced a pistol And then there were three.

Three inquiring editors Wandering round a zoo, The keeper clapped his eyes on one And then there were two.

Two corrupted editors Looking for a pun Along came a bather And then there was one.

He stood, the last of the editors Gazing about the room, For the place all about him Was filled with bodies strewn.

Anon. (Combined Effort)

Throughout the Spring term and for the best part of this most forms have contributed in one way or another to the effort of raising money for the Freedom from Hunger campaign, which not only concerns this town but the nation as a whole.

The Lower Sixth were the first to put their plans into action by arranging a May Day Fete. While this was being thought out, certain members of this form made use of what remained of a very prolonged football season, to run a weekly competition and were able to donate a considerable sum each week to the fund.

Having decided on their main effort, which was to be held on May 11th, a dutch auction, held on the last Monday of the Spring Term, was the next step of their intricate plans.

Appeals for jumble were sent out to all members of the school and the response was something to be marvelled at. Room six was turned into a haven for "lots". One now has visions of a small pot of jam being sold at a fantastic price and minutes later reappearing on the auctioneer's desk to be resold at an even higher price. As one small boy said, "My mother gave me some money to buy whatever I wanted, and said she would be very annoyed if I took what I had not spent home to her. So can I put it in one of the collecting boxes?" It was much appreciated the way in which groups of boys pooled their money to help swell the takings. I am sure the Sixth did not expect to raise quite so much money and that this gave them every confidence to carry on with their main project knowing that the whole school was solidly behind them.

While most of the school was enjoying a well deserved Easter break the May Day organisers were scurrying here and there gathering all the necessary equipment to hold a Fete. The idea of holding a procession through the town in the morning of the great day to make it known further that something big was happening, became very attractive and this added to the work already undertaken. Many hectic days were to follow before every thing could be said to be near ready and it would take pages to put down all that was done to ensure that the project was a success, but once again the generosity of parents and other members of the school was called upon. The response was much appreciated. When the big day came every one threw all they had in to it and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in doing so, from the moment the procession was formed until the clearing up had been finished in the evening. Special mention should be made of the shopkeepers in Rye who contributed to the prizes so generously.

Not only the sixth form has been concerned in this work. The upper Fifth produced a revue "Food for Thought" and many hours were spent rehearsing. They may be congratulated on doing such an ambitious project well and giving much of their time to such a worthy cause. (It must be remembered that all of them are concerned with G.C.E. this year).

Meryon House held a dance which proved to be very successful and had an extremely good attendance. It can only be said that it is hoped

that this gives some bearing on future attendances to such occasions.

Other houses have contributed to the fund from House Collections. Various forms have played their part by runing raffles and other such projects, which have been carried out with gusto and keeness.

So far the school has contributed over two hundred and fifty pounds to this worthy cause.

# **OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS**

It is inevitable that the news this term should start with the wedding of Will Dunlop and Ann Fisher that took place recently. Ann has just finished her finals at the London Institute of Education and Will, who is a Governor of the School, has been Secretary of the Old Scholars' Association and editor of the news sheet for about twenty-five years. Most people were surprised at the news of his marriage; love of gambling led many to lose money on it but all will, I am sure, join in wishing them many years of happiness.

Will's assistant secretary, Rita Watson, was married earlier this summer to Mr. J. A. Burton and, as his firm has a contract to carry

out in Hastings, they will be living there for a while.

Other weddings this summer include Beryl Barden to Mr. P. Parkin; they will be living in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and Janet

Reason to Mr. Fuller—they will live in Westfield.

Apart from these items, news is rather scarce this term. Only two Finals' results have come through from the Universities; J. Ellis has gained an Upper Second in Part 2 of the Modern and Medieval Languages at Cambridge and A. A. Bromham was placed in the same class in his finals at Exeter. I have not heard what these two intend to do next year, though it was rumoured that Bromham intends to share a flat with M. Winter whilst taking his teachers' Training Course in London.

Finishing college this year; Margaret Harris, so I hear, is to start her teaching career in the Finchley area. Also starting in districts

unknown are Diana Sanders and Ingrid Darnell.

Murray Bunster, who left school at a much earlier age than those mentioned so far, is now a trumpeter in the band of the Junior Leaders Regimental Royal Artillery and has appeared on the stage of the London Palladium in a show that included Harry Secombe, Adam

Faith and many other variety artists in its cast.

Jennifer Heron, visiting the school this term, narrowly escaped being interviewed to take Mrs. Allmond's place as P.E. mistress. Jennifer seems happy in her work at a bank in Hastings and has recently been promoted. As usual she brought news that Robina Ward is tired of yet another job. Olga Clark, who has been of invaluable help to the school since Mr. May was first taken ill, has recently returned from Vienna where, besides infringing a number of Austrian bye-laws, she sang at the Vienna Choir Festival.

Christopher King and Keith Cooper, less ambitious than Olga, have

nevertheless been singing with the Hastleons.

Beryl Coleman is working as a physiotherapist at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

### SCHOOL LEAVERS

A. Norris
University of Newcastle
University of Manchester

E. Ogle Hoping to gain admission to London University

E. Clay St. Katharine's T.C. I. Davies Gloucester T.C.

C. Flynn Boston University, Mas., America

J. Grout Birmingham University or Bishop Otter T.C.

P. Horner
G. Morris
J. Small
Kesteven T.C.
Stokwell T.C.
Civil Service

D. Turner
Daly
Girdlestone
Brighton College of Art
University of Birmingham
Royal College of Church Music

Holmes University of London

Sewell Farming. Hoping to go to Canada. K. Carter Lewes Technical College—Child Care

E. Davis
J. Greening
J. Roser
C. Smith
Farming
Secretary
Civil Service
W.R.A.C.

R. Ball Farming. Writtle College

Bates Farming Beecham Farming

Blackford Farming. Shuttleworth College

Cawdron Hastings Technical College. Engineering

Chamberlain Farming. Writtle College

Clarke Services. R.A.F.

Ellenger Emigrating to become a Swagee

Hills Services

Page Hastings Technical College. Cookery
Tompkins 1 year practical then to Seal Hayne College

Tompkins 1 year practical then to Seal Hay Farming. Plumpton

Foy Farming. Plumpton Rogerson Hastings Technical College

J. Bull Hair dressing
P. Davies Secretarial College
J. Hornsby Going back to Canada
M. Ide Secretarial College
L. Lane Secretarial College
Nye Services (perhaps)

Russell Farming

M. Hullis Hotel Receptionist
S. Wood Maidstone Art School

Alan-Williams Farming

Cleverly Farming for a year before going to Shuttleworth

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