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## EDITORIAL

The matter which has been foremost in our minds this year has been the proposal to turn the school over to a comprehensive system. It has been discussed very widely, with much heated argument, but this seems to be an ideal opportunity to welcome the final decision to combine the grammar and modern schools.

Now that the sixth form, in particular, has increased in size, the editors expected a proportional increase in the number of good original contributions. But this has not been so, which is why the magazine this year consists largely of reports in one form or another.

We have found the widespread attitude that contributions are merely another form of English homework to be finished in an evening and then forgotten. Too often, the entries could be mistaken as coming from illiterates, and the general atmosphere of apathy has been very hard to penetrate. We hope that with the infusion of new blood next year the standard will improve.

A loss which was deeply regretted was the death, at the beginning of the school year, of Colonel Rendel, chairman of the board of governors. Those who have been to this school longest and knew him best can appreciate the special quality he brought to his work for the school and realise how much we lost by his death. At the same time, we should like to welcome Mr. Pattisson, as our new chairman.

## SCHOOL NOTES

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mrs. Longfield (German), Mlle. Cassin (French), and Mr. Mason (English and History).

Mr. Mason left at the end of the Spring Term to be replaced by Miss Jones, who is departing this July.

Also leaving at the end of this year are Mr. Brydon, Mr. Bolton and Miss McBride. We know of no others who are definitely leaving this term and we should like to take this opportunity to wish those who are the very best of luck in the future.

We should like to congratulate Mr. Westlake and Miss Mullen on their recent engagement and wish them every happiness.

### "THE BOY WITH A CART"

Christmas 1965

Before the performances of "The Boy with a Cart", in December, the co-producers could have been accused, with some justification, of foolhardiness, or accredited with a great amount of courage, and no less an amount of optimism, for in this production there lay all the ingredients of one nightmarish flop. That such a catastrophe was avoided, and that the performances were deservedly so well received, is very greatly to the credit of Miss Allen and Mr. Gaunt.

The ingredients referred to above were threefold. Firstly, the play was performed "in the round", which may unsettle certain of the audience, in particular. Secondly, the majority of the cast was from the Junior and Middle School, and was performing in a school play for the first time. Thirdly, the play was written by Christopher Fry, whose imagery, use of words and rhythm are never easy for an audience to grasp at once, even when interpreted by mature and accomplished actors.

The play is one of Fry's earliest, in which can be heard the experiments in imagery, and in juggling with words, experiments that were to reach fruition years later in "The Lady's not for Burning". The most striking thing of this production was that the cast very obviously immensely enjoyed reciting these excitingly new lines of poetry, even if in some cases the speakers did not realise the full meanings of the lines. The story is hardly likely to prove exciting to many young folk today. A boy, finding himself chosen by God to build a church, and trundling his aged mother across Southern England in a cart in order to reach the spot ordained by God, and who then so impresses the sceptical villagers of Steyning that they help in the work, is hardly the modern space-age hero; and yet the cast performed with an enthusiasm that was infectious, that made the play live.

Indeed, every actor played so hard, and with so much vitality, that it would really seem fairer to leave the cast as a cast, with no star: yet this would be to some extent unfair to Kay Baldock,

whose performance as Cuthman's mother was extremely promising, and to Tremeer as Cuthman, whose performance was very sound, but yet less confident than Kay's. He did not become Cuthman, for the duration of the play, so completely as Kay became his mother, but both contributed greatly to the success of the play.

The costumes and make-up were very well handled. The former, by their simplicity, created the notion of Early England, whilst the make-up was pleasingly discreet, as indeed it must be, if it is not to offend, with the audience so close to the actors.

This was in every way a performance on which those who took part in it can look back with the satisfaction of knowing that their job was well done. Certainly, the dramatic future of the school seems bright. It is to be hoped finally, that this taste of Christopher Fry will have whetted appetites for more, and that the school production of "The Lady's not for Burning" in April will be all the more appreciated for this foretaste of his work. B.V.S.

Costumes were by Miss Banner, Miss Mullen, Pat Comport, Jennifer Bennet, Mary Neeves and Shirley Court.

Make-up was by Miss Elliot, Heather Williams, Penny Hoad, Susan Weekes and Paula Eldridge.

### FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE, 1965

The Commemoration Service was held in October, at St. Mary's Church. The preacher was the Very Rev. J. K. Russell, formerly Bishop of Uganda. He stressed the fact that religion was not something confined to the interior of a church every Sunday, or even every year at the Commemoration Service, but was something to be practised all the time, whether in one's work at school, or in other activities. He said that the new discoveries being made by scientists, so far from disproving the existence of God, only went to show fresh evidence of it. He backed up his point with illustrations from life in Africa, and everyday life at school or at home, making, in all, an interesting and enlightening address.

The Choir gave its usual polished performance, with several very enjoyable items.

### THE CAROL SERVICE, 1965

The Carol Service was held at St. Mary's Church on the 21st of December, the last day of the winter term. The Rev. J. E. R. Williams officiated, and the service was well attended by people from outside the school, in addition to pupils and staff.

This year, the choir was augmented by an ensemble, consisting of sundry violins and recorders, which, in addition to the organ, gave distinction to the excellent singing.



## SPEECH DAY

Speech Day began on a sorrowful note as Miss Warren, the chairman, addressed the school and visitors with a tribute to the memory of the late Colonel Rendel, who died early this year. The speech indicated that his death would be deeply felt by all. After two short items by an ensemble, and two negro spirituals sung by the school choir, the Headmaster gave his report, in which, having supported Miss Warren's tribute to the Colonel, he said that the school's academic progress had maintained its high standard, especially with reference to the G.C.E. "O" Level results of the Christmas examination, 1965. He mentioned briefly all the school societies, and drew notice to the fact that the 1st Rye Scouts had recently acquired their headquarters on the school premises. To conclude his report, the Headmaster promised that, although he was not at liberty to reveal details at present, parents and people with an interest in the schools concerned, would be kept informed of the developments of the question of comprehensive education in Rye.

Mr. Cammaerts, aided by Miss Dann, presented the prizes, and began his address, in which he surprised his audience by inviting four of the prizewinners to stand with him on the platform. He asked them several questions which awakened the listeners' attention. Having sent the four back to their seats, he proceeded with his address, which was unusual in that it attacked the traditions of Speech Day. It also seemed to oppose the fact that prizes were awarded to those who conformed, whereas the people to make history are generally those who do not conform. Mr. Cammaerts did add that after such an unorthodox speech perhaps it was a good thing that he was going to Nairobi in the near future.

Mr. Perry thanked Mr. Cammaerts, and was followed by Mr. Pattisson, who thanked Miss Warren for taking up the position of chairman.

The School Captains presented her with a bouquet and called for three cheers for the staff. The National Anthem then concluded Speech Day.

## PRIZE LIST, 1964-5

### LOWER SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—Brenda Baker, Margaret Baker, N. Chamberlain, Susan Chapple, D. Henbrey, Virginia Hill, Caroline Neil, S. Nesbitt, A. Smith, M. Smith, M. Walker, Elizabeth Weaver.

SPEECH PRIZE—Marilyn Purrington.

HANDWRITING PRIZES—Karen Davidson, Ann Kimber, Elizabeth Pearce.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—G. Ashdown, Ann Boots, Sandra Delemare, Pauline Elliott, J. Fisher, Mary Geaney, G. Jenner, M. Webb.

SPEECH PRIZES—Kay Baldock, G. Parrott.

HANDWRITING PRIZES—Deborah Buttery, Eileen Odell.

WOODWORK PRIZE—J. Pern.

PRIZES FOR PROGRESS IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS—  
(Mrs. Barclay)—Veronica Johnson, Sally Woodhams.

PRIZES FOR PROGRESS IN THE FOURTH YEAR—(Parents' Association)—Christine Jury, S. Pern.

JUNE GILL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY—Maureen Adams.

### UPPER SCHOOL

FORM PRIZES—G. Alcock, C. Bourne, P. Eade, Alison Hadley, Lynne Morgan, M. Seale, J. Sewell, Carol Springford, Marion Weller, P. Wood, C. Whyatt.

MISS E. A. TURNER'S PRIZE FOR "O" LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE—Diana Lovell.

GEORGE HICKMAN PRIZE FOR "O" LEVEL MATHEMATICS—E. Guiver.

TUNSTALL MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY—Pamela Blair.

PRIZE FOR PROGRESS IN THE FIFTH YEAR (A. Penny, Esq.)—E. Igglesden.

OLD SCHOLARS' PRIZES—Susan Ritter, N. Savage.

### SPECIAL PRIZES

PRIZES FOR BEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO RYA—

N. Chamberlain, Dianne Sherwood

SENIOR MASTER'S A.T.C. PRIZE (E. Robinson, Esq.)—

G. Parrott

ANNE E. BEEVERS CUP FOR DOMESTIC SCIENCE—

Jennifer Miller

DOMESTIC SCIENCE PRIZE (Mrs. Wethey)

Valerie Grand

SENIOR WOODWORK PRIZE

T. Thompson

PRIZE FOR ENGINEERING DRAWING

(R. J. Reynolds, Esq.)

K. Hatter

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

J. Breeds

NEWTON PRIZE FOR READING

J. Apps

JOHN LARKIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

A. Page

PRIZE FOR ART (Mrs. Charnley-Kerr)

Catherine Buttery

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

Joyce Care

THE MAYOR'S PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY

E. Thomson

THE CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

M. McGann



PRIZE FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE (Miss Warren)	Alison Banks
PRIZE FOR GERMAN	Carol Munn
PRIZE FOR FRENCH (Ald. D. A. Candler)	Carol Munn
PRIZE FOR LATIN (Mrs. Binnie)	Christina Sherwood
ALAN SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY	J. Apps, A. Page
WALTER COLVIN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS	D. Mitchell
MOLYNEUX JENKINS MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS	R. Huxstep
SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S PRIZE	A. Richards
THE TROLLOPE AWARD	Carol Munn

#### HOUSE COMPETITIONS 1964—1965

Athletics	Bishop Shield	Sanders
Basket Ball		Sanders
Cricket	Heron-Wilson Shield	Meryon
Cross-country	Merricks Cup	Meryon
Football	Dunlop Shield	Meryon
Gymnastics (Boys)	Schofield Shield	Peacocke
Gymnastics (Girls)		Peacocke
Hockey	Old Scholars' Shield	Meryon
Netball	Hepworth Shield	Meryon
Rounders		Meryon
Swimming	Winterbottom Cup	Meryon
Tennis	Lady Maud Warrender Shield	Sanders
House Championship (Games)		Meryon
Speech	Gwynne Shield	Meryon
Music	Wareham Cup	Meryon

#### THE LADY'S NOT FOR BURNING

There can be no doubt that as far as the actors, the producers and all the many helpers behind the scenes are concerned this performance of Christopher Fry's play was successful. The fact that many of the audience seemed slightly bewildered in no way lessens the credit due to all responsible for this production, nor indeed is it the fault of the audience.

If indeed anyone is to be blamed for this bewilderment it is the author himself and yet he would claim that this play is largely an exercise in the use of words, and imagery which sometimes becomes complex; the story, such as it is, is the base for these experiments in words, and if the people in the audience appreciate action more



COLIN SWAN

than words woven in an unfamiliar way, then this play is not for them. For those, however, who delight in unusual but apt metaphors, and in playing with words this play has many attractions.

Here is not the place to argue whether a school play should primarily be "good box-office". The fact remains that the cast enjoyed this play, a sufficient reason, surely, in itself to justify the choice of it.

John Apps very successfully portrayed the swashbuckling adventurer whose request to be hanged receives scant notice, and who in



fact is sentenced to enjoy an evening in the company of his fellow-men. His interpretation of the part was almost always convincing and he is to be congratulated also on a prodigious feat of memory.

Jane Allbeury, as Jennet Jourdemayne, sentenced to be burned as a witch, had a role hardly less exacting than that of Appes. When one realises also that this was her first role of any importance then her performance was very praiseworthy indeed. She was an excellent foil to the adventurer attitude of soldier of fortune Thomas and had to be for the play to achieve any measure of success since if these two characters lack conviction then the whole play becomes a meaningless tangle of words.

Of the supporting cast I found Richard (Simon Allbeury) excellent in his part in every way, yet why did he have to scrub the floor with a real scrubbing brush, and thus drown, or distract from the speeches of Thomas and Jennet in Act II?

Penny Hill as Alizon and Karen Levett as Margaret were well cast and played their roles well. Alizon was adequately naive, and Margaret almost sufficiently muddled although sometimes she tended to hurry many of her more humorous lines.

Humphrey and Nicholas, the two sons of Margaret, somehow convinced less, and yet Rothwell and Parrott had difficult parts to play. These roles demand much more experience and much more sophistication than one can reasonably expect from people of their years. How can they be expected to portray convincingly two lecherous adolescents who see in Jennet only a target for their exercises in seduction? Milnes, as Hebble Tyson, the fussy stupid mayor was adequate, but here again lack of experience told and certainly I found his jerky, marionette-like gesticulations rather tiring.

Swan, as the Chaplain, gave the part all its humour and certainly looked convincingly old. He ran very near to farce, however, as the play progressed, and as his quavering voice mounted higher and higher he became difficult to understand. Page as Justice Tappercoom had the presence and pomposity of voice demanded by the character yet his performance was uneven. Moreover, in the final scene he retained his pomposity when surely it drops from Tappercoom for the moment as he confidentially indicates the way of escape to Jennet.

Finally, a word of praise to costume-makers, scene-painters and carpenters, and lighting experts, all of whom did an admirable job of work. A word of praise too for the sound effects department who have a varied and exacting script to follow, and who followed it very well with only the late arrival of a cockerel on one occasion to mar a sound-perfect performance.

In all, this was a difficult play well done and any difficulties the audience felt cannot be blamed on those who acted and produced the play.

B.S.

## PEACOCKE HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. Thompson

House Mistress: Miss W. Allen

Boys' Captain: Colin Swan

Girls' Captain: Ann Myles

Secretary: Lindsay MacDonnell

Treasurer: Brian Steer

Prefects: M. Brunner, P. Comport (school captain), J. Hyde, L. MacDonnell, A. Myles, K. Kerr, D. Sherwood, J. Appes, B. Hall, M. Hall, W. Russell, B. Steer, C. Swan.

The house has done better this year, winning the Boys' Cross-Country, Girls' Netball, and the Athletics shields, for which all concerned are to be congratulated. Enthusiasm seems to be slightly lacking in the Upper School, although the Middle and Lower School have more House spirit. It is to be hoped that plenty of co-operation will be forthcoming in the remaining inter-house competitions.

The House has donated £3 to Cancer Research, and although we seem to be fairly well off as far as money goes, the collections at House meetings have fallen off lately, and are hoped to improve again next year.

I am sure the House wishes to all leaving members the best of luck in the future.

Our thanks go to Miss Allen and Mr. Thompson for their unfailing help and encouragement throughout the year.

L. A. MacDonnell.

## SANDERS HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Darby

House Mistress: Miss Getley

Boys' Captain: S. Allbeury

Girls' Captain: Marilyn Tree

Secretary: Karen Levett

Treasurer: W. Perry

Prefects: Joyce Care, Karen Levett, Marilyn Tree, Judith Winterbottom, S. Allbeury, G. Beesley (head boy), W. Perry, M. Rowley, R. Turner, D. Fountain.

The successes of the House, in comparison with last year, are a little improved, though not up to the standard reached in the past.

After a lapse of a year, we have once again won the Hockey shield, and this year, Sanders have also won the Football shield. Unfortunately, not all the teams were as inspired, and we have lost



the Basketball, Netball and Cross-Country shields.

Concerning the Athletics, the House showed great enthusiasm, and we are particularly proud of the individual efforts. Wickenden deserves special mention, having tied for the Upper School Boys' Championship.

In the speech competition, Sanders came last in both the Lower and Middle School sections. It now lies with the Upper School to decide the final positioning.

This year the Music competition is being held in July, when we hope to regain the shield which we held for so long, and lost last year to Meryon.

This term is all-important for all the various summer sports, and though the rounders, as yet, does not seem very hopeful, there may be successes in the Tennis and Swimming.

Though the collections this year have gradually deteriorated, Sanders have contributed £5 to the Cancer Research Fund and £5 to the Mayor's Appeal for furnishing the flatlets on Mason Field.

We say farewell to most of the officers and prefects of the house, and wish them every success in the future.

We should like to thank Mr. Darby and Miss Getley for their unceasing help and encouragement in the past year.

Karen Levett

## MERYON HOUSE REPORT

House Master:	Mr. Allnutt
House Mistress:	Miss Banner
Boys' Captain:	C. Strange
Girls' Captain:	Margaret Tedham
Secretary:	A. G. Page
Treasurer:	C. Tottenham

Having lost a large percentage of our senior pupils, the House has been unable to recapture the form of 1964. In consequence our dominance in the House Championships has diminished. Of the competitions to be decided so far, only the basketball and rounders shields will go to Meryon.

However, the House have high hopes of retaining its position in some of the summer sports, and we are fielding an especially strong cricket team.

Collections generally have improved and morale is higher than for some time. Meetings have been orderly and enthusiastic and a general air of confidence has been unusually prevalent. We genuinely hope for better things in the near future.

Our wholehearted thanks for another year's unstinting support to Mr. Allnutt and Miss Banner who have again proved invaluable pillars of support. We wish all our leavers the very best for their chosen careers.

A. G. Page

## LEASAM HOUSE REPORT

This last year has been very active for the house in the field of sport. Leasam was well represented in the school's football teams. Over half of the under-fourteens and first eleven consisted of house members. A. Gumbley, D. Brown and I. Sheddon have received their football colours.

P. Levett won the middle school medal for the inter-house cross country. He, along with three other of our boys, ran for the under fifteen team.

We were again well represented in both track and field events on Sports Day. G. Wickenden broke the record for the senior boys 220 yards, and was selected joint winner of the inter-house cup. He is now, as a result of the East Sussex and Sussex Sports, representing Sussex in the A.A.A. championships at Blackburn. So far he has achieved records at the school sports, the East Sussex sports, and the Sussex sports, where he achieved the remarkable time of 24.1 secs. We wish him the best of luck at Blackburn.

Many of the boys have played in the cricket teams this year. D. Brown has captained the first eleven, and has represented Rye in eleven matches so far this season.

The recreational facilities are being greatly improved with arrangements for sailing. During this year, Mr. Westlake has been supervising the construction of a dinghy, which will be on view at Open Day.

One of the points of interest on the farm this year was the reclamation of two banks during the autumn term. One was cleared of gorse and used for pasture; the other was levelled out, ploughed, and used for crop cultivation. The large quantities of gorse were transported and used in our annual bonfire in November. The size of our Jersey herd has steadily increased, thus providing, along with the remainder of the stock and crops, a great deal of interest for the boys.

It is with regret that we will be saying goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Brydon at the end of term. Mr. Brydon has been here for three years, during which he has done a great deal to improve both the reputation and academic standard of the House.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Westlake on his recent engagement. We wish him and his fiancée all the best for the future.

Our thanks for a pleasant year go to Mr. Green, Mr. Brydon, Mr. Westlake, Matron, Mrs. Cox, the domestic and farm staff.

D. Fountain, Head Boy



## SALTCOTE PLACE REPORT

In September, we welcomed a new matron, Mrs. Watkins, and eight new girls, of whom two are sixth formers, bringing our total to the unlucky number of thirteen.

We played two hockey matches against Leasam, but in spite of their being good games, we lost them both. We have also had two table tennis matches against the boys, and although the seniors lost, the juniors are to be congratulated on winning their match.

In November, the sixth formers organised entertainment for the rest of Saltcote, in the form of a Hallowe'en Party. In spite of some shrieks of fright from a few of the younger girls, it proved to be a great success.

We had our annual Christmas Dinner in December, and as part of the entertainment for our guests, we sang carols, and the sixth formers acted a sketch. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson, and all the domestic staff for making this event a success.

In the middle of the term, we welcomed Miss Wade as our new Matron. We all hope that she will enjoy her stay with us.

During this term, a lecturer in sociology gave the sixth formers a very interesting talk about life at university. We have also had a visit from two ex-Christ's Hospital girls, with whom we were able to compare boarding school life.

Five girls went to the East Sussex Sports: Hilary Dann, Penny Lee, Anna Rodgers, Anna Hodgson, and Peta Kent-Nye. Peta must be congratulated on qualifying for the Sussex Sports.

At the end of the spring term Jane Kendall and Hilary Hobden left school. Jane is now working at a hotel in Shanklin, until September, when she will go to a Domestic Science College in Portsmouth. Hilary is working in an Income-Tax office in Bournemouth.

We are now busy preparing for our annual Strawberry Tea on July 11th. Like last year it will take place on Open Day. The sixth formers also hope to hold their Tennis party towards the end of term.

At the end of July we say goodbye to Karen Levett, Katherine Kerr, Hilda Waller, and Pip Gilbert. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing them the best of success in the future.

We should all like to thank Mrs. Agulnik, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Wade, and Mrs. Manser for all their help and guidance throughout the year.

Cherryl Tottenham, LVIA

## "ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA"

On the second day of the winter term, a party of sixth formers went to see a performance of "Antony and Cleopatra" by the National Youth Theatre, who had been loaned the Old Vic for the purpose by their parent company. The average age of the cast was 17, although the actors playing Caesar and Antony were necessarily somewhat older. Michael Croft's direction was very skilful, particularly in his handling of the awkward battle scenes. Helen Mirren, aged 19, played Cleopatra, stressing the voluptuousness of the Queen. Timothy Meats, as Octavius, put across exactly Caesar's icy temperament, and contrasted well with the full-blooded Antony, played by John Wright, who tried to carry over the fact that he was an experienced, middle-aged politician and lover; but as with the rest of the cast, he was fighting against his own youth.

We should like to thank Mr. Darby and Miss Allen for taking us.

## "HENRY V"

In December, a party of sixth formers went to see "Henry V" at the Aldwych. This was the Royal Shakespeare Company's production brought from Stratford, with Ian Holm as the King. The most striking characteristic of it was the handling of the colour, which was often beautifully contrasted, particularly in the camp scenes. Eric Porter, as the Chorus, stood out arrestingly in his Elizabethan doublet and cloak, and delivered the rousing speeches with great panache.

We should like to thank Mr. Darby and Mrs. Larkin for accompanying us.

## SAILING NEWS

During the Christmas term, Mr. Green and Mr. Westlake took several of us sailing at Rye Harbour. Although some of us had been before, they taught us how to rig the Enterprise sailing dinghies, how to tack successfully, how to adjust the boat to obtain full speed from the wind, and many other sailing tactics.

Many Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesday afternoons were spent in this way. Jim Parkes often joined us and lent a skilled hand, proving to us that sailing is an excellent pastime and sport.

Lately, many of the Leasam boys have been sailing and have obviously discovered a new hobby.

Anna Rodgers, LVIB

## CROSS COUNTRY

Once again in the junior teams, it was a case of Leasam House providing the first few runners throughout the season, although this does not detract from the hard running put in by the other members of the group.

In a season which provided more fixtures than before, the juniors were very successful, winning seven of their nine runs against other schools, and it was interesting to see the competition between individuals to be the first man home.

With this hard running behind them, and a very healthy team spirit, we approached the East Sussex at Heathfield with great confidence, but victory was snatched away from us by sheer misfortune when Gordon-Jones lost a shoe in the viscous mud somewhere in the wilds of Heathfield, and in spite of very gallant attempts to run on, he eventually managed a creditable 66th place, but the chance was gone, and all that was left to us was 4th place—though this, from over twenty teams, was in itself a fine performance.

The intermediate, on the other hand, with a somewhat ordinary looking team, did not have such a good season, winning two of their seven matches; but here again, there was some very determined running, particularly from Ewart.

However, at the Heathfield meeting, with the help of Pern, S. (a late in the season find) this team surpassed expectation to finish 5th from over 20 teams, surprising everyone, including themselves.

Senior runners of merit were hard to come by this season, and only Brian Hallran at Heathfield, where, in spite of an almost complete lack of training, he was 5th man home. Two weeks later, he did even better to come home 9th in the county championship. He was worthily awarded his East Sussex badge, and was a reserve for the Sussex side in the National Championships.

### Junior Team

Dickinson (capt.), Collins, Keen, Gordon-Jones, Felstead, Darby C.

### Inter-team

Ewart (capt.), Radford, Levett, Pern S., Marston.

### Colours

Hall B., Ewart, Pern S., Dickerson.

The school inter-house run this year was relatively dry and free from mud, and consequently faster times resulted. Peacocke runners showed consistent form to take the Merricks' Cup, beating Meryon with Sanders third.

## BASKETBALL

Basketball continues to flourish in this corner of East Sussex particularly and school teams were heavily engaged in the local league. The success of our teams varied conversely with their ages, and gave an indication of the steady build-up of the game within the school. The under 18 team won one of their three matches by breaking Eastbourne Grammar early in the season, but could make no impression against very strong Bexhill Down and Grammar sides, though they were by no means a weak side. The under 16's fared somewhat better, winning four of their nine games to finish third in the league. Bourne in particular was always a consistent scorer.

Great interest and enthusiasm were features of all the under 15 games, and seven games were won out of 10, resulting in a third place in the league after a very hard fight against Claverham. Messrs. Boxall, Parrott, Barnett, Fuller and Turner are to be congratulated on their steady optimism.

Lastly the Under 14's, our star team, played 11 matches and won nine of them.

Bexhill Down were the only team to beat us and in doing so twice they pushed us down to second place in the league table. There is consolation, however, to know that the Down went on to be county winners and we look forward to next season to turn the tables on them and top the league.

Kemsley was chosen to represent East versus West during the season.

Prospects seem bright for the future with this great interest and enthusiasm—not to mention some skill—we feel that we have only to overcome the "Down" to win a county championship.

The house competition shewed that there is a good depth of players throughout the school and Meryon, by reason of winning the senior section, were 1st, Sanders 2nd with the same points, and Peacock 3rd.

Colours were awarded to R. Bourne, G. Boxall, P. Barnett, F. Fuller.

## 1st XI FOOTBALL REPORT

The season as a whole has not been very successful, although we did better in the matches at home against good teams. A notably good result was in the match against Bexhill Grammar, whom we beat for the first time in twelve years. Goodsell, in particular, had a good season, scoring the majority of the goals.

We should like to thank Mr. Holness for all his help and encouragement throughout the season.

Played 16. Lost 10. Won 6.



**Team chosen from:**  
Sheddon, Brown, Igglesdon, Hall B., Goodsell, Marshall, Bourne,  
Gumbly, Healey, Wickenden, Cornes, Smith D., Webb, Ewart.  
**Colours awarded to:**  
Gumbly, Sheddon, Brown, Goodsell.  
**Renewed to:** Marshall.

## SUSSEX GRAMMAR SCHOOLS F.A.

### 6th ANNUAL 6-A-SIDE

Thanks to the kind permission of the headmaster of Brighton Grammar School, this event was held again there on the 2nd October, 1965. Out of the 23 teams taking part, Rye Grammar managed to reach the final for the first time ever, only to be beaten by Bexhill Grammar.

The team managed to knock out the holders of the trophy, Brighton Grammar School, in the semi-final, and also the very strong Hastings Grammar side, both of these being very fine achievements.

#### Results:

1st Round. Rye "A" 1—Haywards Heath "A" 0.  
2nd Round. Rye "A" 2—Collyers "B" 0.  
3rd Round. Rye "A" 2 corners—Hastings "A" 1 corner.  
Semi-final. Rye "A" 2—Brighton "A" 1.  
Final. Rye "A" 0—Bexhill "A" 3.

Our thanks go to Mr. Holness for providing the transport, for coaching us, and giving us all the support and encouragement we needed.

#### Team:

Sheddon; Brown, Igglesdon, Hall; Goodsell, Bourne.  
P. Goodsell.

## UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

P. 9, W. 2, L. 5, D. 2.

Most games came in the first half of the season when the side had little opportunity for practice. Several team changes were made during the season, and finally it was brought to best advantage.

In most matches, the defence usually prevailed, thanks to the co-operative work of Easton, Nesbitt and Dickerson. The attack, however, was frequently unbalanced, but the speed of Crouch and the good passing of Kemsley and Goodlet accounted for most of the goals of the season.

Team chosen from:

Crouch (capt.), Nesbitt, Kemsley, Easton, Goodlet, Dickerson, King, Robinson, Jury, Shoesmith, Felstead, Brook, Moody. The first six mentioned gained their colours.

## 1st XI HOCKEY REPORT AUTUMN & SPRING TERMS

The 1st XI Hockey Team had a reasonably successful season. Unfortunately, due to bad weather and unforeseen circumstances, a large number of matches had to be cancelled. I would like to congratulate the team on playing with unfailing enthusiasm in every kind of weather.

In the Autumn Term, G. Winterbottom, M. Tree, S. Ritter and J. Care attended the Junior Hockey Trials but unfortunately none of them was picked to play for East Sussex, although Gill was chosen as a reserve.

At the end of the Spring Term we played an Old Scholars' XI and several school teams, namely Leasam House, a "Gentleman's XI", the 1st XI Football team and, of course, the Staff. Needless to say we lost every match. However, this did not lessen our enjoyment of them.

Once again, I would like to thank Miss McBride for her coaching, umpiring and encouragement throughout the season. I would also like to thank Miss Banner for umpiring, and the numerous girls who provided the refreshments.

### RESULTS

#### Autumn Term

Opponents	Score
Ashford Grammar	Lost 1—4
Tunbridge Wells G.S.	Won 2—0
Haywards Heath G.S.	Lost 4—6
Ancaster House	Lost 0—2
Convent of Our Lady	Lost 2—4
Southlands C.S.	Won 6—0
Winceby House	Lost 1—2

Two matches cancelled.

#### Spring Term

Haywards Heath G.S.	Won 3—1
Ancaster House	Lost 0—2
Hastings High	Lost 1—3

Six matches cancelled.

#### Team

K. Levett, N. Beaney, S. Murphy, P. Blair, S. Ritter, J. Hyde, S. Turner (1), M. Tedham, J. Care (8), M. Tree (7), G. Winterbottom (4). Reserve: A. Rogers.

J.C.



## SPORTS DAY

Sports Day had to be brought forward this year because of the earlier timing of the G.C.E. We were lucky in having a fine day with little wind and no rain.

The results were very close throughout the day, for Sanders were hoping to retain the shield for the fourth year in succession, but the Peacocke team were too strong an opposition. The final scores were: Peacocke 420 points; Sanders 403 points; Meryon 382 points.

Not many records were broken this year in comparison with previous years. They were:

H. Dann, 100 yards, Junior Girls .....	12.7 sec.
E. Newstead. Shot, Middle Girls .....	24ft. 10in.
E. Jarvis. Shot, Senior Girls .....	26ft. 2in.
M. Crouch. Javelin, Middle Boys .....	122ft. 4in.
R. Carter. Pole Vault, Senior Boys .....	9ft. 3in.

### Individual Champions:

Junior Boys: P. Goodlett.

Middle Boys: M. Crouch.

Senior Boys: (tied) N. Marshall and G. Wickenden.

Junior Girls: Elizabeth Fraser.

Middle Girls: Kay Baldock.

Senior Girls: Susan Kinnes.

Neither of the two Senior Boys Champions set up a new record, and so it was decided that they should share the cup. The Cups and Shield were presented by Mr. John Winterbottom, Chairman of the school P.T.A. who managed to raise a few laughs from his audience at the end of a very enjoyable day.

G.M.W.

## BOYS' ATHLETICS

This has been the shortest season of school athletics so far, with a triangular match, the area meeting, Sports Day and the East Sussex Championships all in the few weeks from term start to half term. Short but reasonably successful. In the triangular match against Claverham and Hailsham we notched up our first win with Claverham second and Hailsham trailing. Next the area meeting at Robertsbridge where again we had a runaway win over Rye Modern, Robertsbridge and Wadhurst.

Consequently we went through to the East Sussex not only with a full Senior team but with strong Junior and Intermediate teams also.

The East Sussex this year at Lewes saw some very good performances by our teams—everyone contributing to the team effort

to such good effect that the Seniors finished fourth, the Intermediates third and the Juniors third—a remarkably good set of results considering the challenge from all schools in East Sussex. Space doesn't allow a list of all school performers but nine boys including our Inter. relay team were chosen to represent East Sussex at County level. Five boys reached standards: I. Sheddou, G. Wickenden, R. Carter, M. Webb, D. Moody; and G. Wickenden set a new 220 yard record in 24.7 sec.

At the County championships everyone did creditably, particularly D. Moody, second in Junior Discus, Inter. relay team third, J. Phillips third in Senior Discus, and Wickenden again first in 220 yards with a new County record of 24.1 sec. This meant his inclusion in the Sussex team for the English schools meeting at Blackburn for 220 yards and as a member of the relay team. We wish him success and look forward to even better things from school athletics next season.

D.H.

## 1st XI CRICKET REPORT

To date the 1st XI have played five games winning three and losing two. It was a great pleasure to beat our old rivals Bexhill and Hastings.

### Results

- v. Eastbourne G.S. Lost.
- v. Maidstone Tec. Abandoned.
- v. Bexhill G.S. Won.
- v. Parkhurst. Won.
- v. Hastings G.S. Won.
- v. Ashford G.S. Lost.
- v. Headmaster's XI. Drawn.

The team has been selected from: D. Brown, P. Goodsell, B. Hall, B. Cornes, R. Bourne, P. Ewart, D. Simmons, N. Marshall, C. Noakes, E. Igglesden, W. Gower, G. Swanton, C. Swan.

Our thanks go to Mr. Jones for his coaching and encouragement throughout the term.

## UNDER 14 CRICKET 1966

When the season began I looked forward to the Junior matches with some pessimism as I surveyed the players available. My gloom deepened when I saw cricketers, although quite a few showed promise to varying degrees.

To my surprise and great delight this team is now the happiest and the most successful Junior team I have coached since coming to Rye. I admit that the happiness almost certainly comes from their success, and their success come mainly from captain Crouch, Robinson and Kemsley, but this is now a team and not just eleven players, and everybody has played as well as he can.

Crouch has batted well, and has resisted his more dangerous tickles outside the off-stump. Robinson has consistently opened well in batting and he bowls an excellent swinger—a real “banana ball”. Kemsley bowls rapidly, with not always the best of luck—nor alas sometimes with best of length. Here is real promise for the future as Robinson can also leg-break. Nesbitt has potential as an off-breaker bowler, while with hand work Brook, Jury and King, to name perhaps the more promising, will probably make good 1st XI material, and this I hold to be the real purpose of a Junior school side.

The success began against Bexhill Down in the Hastings Junior Cup and the team went into the final at the expense of Claverham. Ashford were dealt with quite severely, Goudhurst were shattered and to Bexhill G.S. Rye lost by one wicket and thus learned the truth of the old saying in cricket—“Hold catches win matches”. A vital catch was not held! Results:—

Rye 34 for 1	Bexhill Down 33	Won by 9 wickets
	(Kemsley 5 for 14)	
Rye 34 for 4	Ashford G.S. 30	Won by 6 wickets
(Robinson 16 n.o.)	(Kemsley 5 for 16)	(Robinson 5 for 10)
Rye 58	Bexhill G.S. 59 for 9	Lost by 1 wicket
	(Crouch 14) (Kemsley 5 for 16)	
Rye 72 for 3	Claverham 43	Won by 29 runs
	(Crouch 38) (Robinson 8 for 15)	
Rye 32 for 0	Goudhurst 31	Won by 10 wickets
(Robinson 17 n.o.)	(Robinson 7 for 11) (Brook 13 n.o.)	

B. V. Sealy

## GIRLS' TENNIS REPORT

**1st VI**—1st, Carol Springford (capt.), Joyce Care; 2nd, Lynn Crosbie, Jennifer Butler; 3rd, Judy Hyde, Susan Murphy.  
**2nd VI**—1st, J. Coleman, S. Kinnes; 2, M. Adams, B. Preece; 3rd, G. Winterbottom, D. Murrell.  
 Reserves—Jane Cole, G. Hembury.

Unfortunately this season has not been a very successful one, probably because there has been little opportunity to practise as the G.C.E. examinations were quite early in the term. Still, I hope

this lack of success has not stopped the teams from enjoying their matches, the results of which are as follows:—

	1st VI	2nd VI	Under 15
Winceby House	lost	won	—
Bexhill G.S.	lost	won	—
Charters Towers	won	lost	—
Ashford G.S.	lost	lost	—
Convent of Our Lady,			
Hastings	lost	lost	—
Southlands	—	—	won

The South Eastern Counties Tournament has been postponed to July 9th so at the time of writing the result is unknown.

Our thanks go to Miss McBride for her help and encouragement throughout the term and I should like to take this opportunity of wishing her, on behalf of the teams, the best success when she leaves R.G.S. at the end of this school year.

C.B.S.

## EASTER OPERA COURSE

During the Easter holidays, three of our number, Angela Boots and the Breeds brothers, joined approximately forty other pupils from near and far at Stafford House, Hassocks, to learn and perform Alec Wilder's opera, “The Lowland Sea”. The music course lasted six days and, as we had a good deal of ground to cover, strict observance of the rules of the House and concentration were necessary. As a few bright ones will remember, the weather was diabolical, and our chief recreation was throwing snowballs.

One evening, we went to Covent Garden for a performance of Richard Strauss's “Electra”, which was highly entertaining, as was finding our coach afterwards. Films and singing took place on other evenings and once we even tried our luck at square-dancing. Those of us who rose the next morning after dancing continued to work intensely. At the end of the week, the performance came off well—so I have been told. When the three of us reached our destinations, a bath was needed to remove the inches of make-up. I am sure that anyone thinking of going on the holiday-camp—I mean Opera Course—next year, will enjoy it immensely.

C. Breeds, UVI

## SCHOOL CHOIR REPORT

This year has been one of great activity for the School Choir. The Autumn Term opened with the Founders Day service in the Parish Church. The choir sang the anthem “Rejoice in the Lord alway” by Henry Purcell, also an introit and the service ended with “Dana pacem”.



Then in November came what was, I think, the most ambitious project, and the greatest success of our year, the performance of Britten's cantata "St. Nicolas". This took place in Lewes Town Hall and was conducted by Miss Nancie Plummer, the County Music Organiser. It cannot have been an easy task controlling a choir consisting of over three hundred Sussex ?—?—?—? and if I had not been there I could never have believed that with only one or two practices with each school she could have got from the choir such results as she did. It was a wonderful experience too singing with such a large group.

Then at Christmas, the Vicar of Rye introduced something new. Schools in the district took it in turns to sing carols in the lunch-hour. Each recital was recorded on the tape-recorder and the completed tape sent to Rye, New York. Then came the Carol Service on the last day of term.

During the Easter holidays some of our members attended courses on opera and orchestra at Hassocks and Stafford House respectively.

There have been visits to many concerts.

Each of these choir activities has relied absolutely on Miss Benton's organisation and without her help we could have enjoyed none of them. So I should like to thank her on behalf of all the members of the choir, and also those members of the school who have benefited so much from her enthusiasm and hard work.

C.B.S.

## 1st RYE SCOUT REPORT 1965-66

At the beginning of this year a group of twenty-five Scouts visited the International Scout Chalet at Kandersteg in Switzerland under the supervision of the Scoutmaster Mr. George Taylor. It proved to be a most interesting and worthwhile experience.

In January Lt.-Col. Giles, the County Commissioner, officially opened the new Scout H.Q. in the Grammar School field. At this ceremony Bill Perry was presented with his Queen's Scout Badge.

During the same month Terry Thompson, Peter Chapman and Alan French received their Queen's Scout Certificates from the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean at the Guildhall, London.

In February Colin French had the honour of representing the District at the Scouts' Thanksgiving Service in Westminster Abbey. Later in the month Bill Perry received his Queen's Scout Certificate at Gilwell Park.

On Easter Monday a dance was held at the Grammar School to help raise funds.

On April 24th Peter Chapman and Bill Perry attended the St. George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle where the Queen took the salute.

During Whitsun, twenty Scouts in two teams took part in a two-day hike camping at Rolvenden for one night; hiking 34 miles in all.

Work has continued enthusiastically throughout the year with many badges being gained, and seven new recruits passing their Tenderfoot badge.

Summer camp this year is to be held at Denton in Kent, at the end of August. Four Senior Scouts will be making up two teams to enter the Explorer Belt Expedition to be held in Sweden.

Next year three boys from the troop will be attending the World Jamboree in the U.S.A.

At the A.G.M., Group Scoutmaster Father Richard was presented with the Scouts' Long Service Medal; and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him and our Scoutmaster, on behalf of the troop, for all the work they have done throughout the year.

## A.T.C. REPORT

Since our last report the Squadron has grown considerably in strength and now numbers 38 cadets and probationers.

We started the year by visiting the Biggin Hill Air Display, which was enjoyed by all. Formal training began in earnest for the Senior and Leading Cadet Examinations, including instruction in engines, radar, first aid, and weapons. During October we spent our termly Field Day at R.A.F. Manston. The annual Christmas Party and Draw were great successes.

During the Spring Term, training continued for the Senior and Leading Cadet Examinations. A break was made from training by a night exercise, followed by a barbecue. The Spring Term Field Day was again spent at R.A.F. Manston, although, owing to unfavourable weather conditions, flying was abandoned. Shooting and visits to places of interest on the station were arranged.

Gliding has been available to cadets throughout the year, some cadets managing to achieve 40 launches.

Easter Camp this year was spent at R.A.F. Colerne, Wiltshire. The Camp was enjoyed by most cadets, even though flying was abandoned due to several inches of snow.

The beginning of the Summer Term brought an end to formal training, when adventure training was substituted. This term we went to R.A.F. Newhaven and had a trip out to sea in an R.A.F. launch. While out at sea we fished for mackerel using the echo-sounding equipment on board. The annual inspection took place early in June when Examination Certificates were presented by Lieutenant Stabler. The annual Wing Inspection and Sports were held at the Brighton and Hove Greyhound Stadium, where the Squadron won the Junior Cup.



During the year, shooting has been a prominent activity of the Squadron. We came 10th in the Battle of Britain Trophy, and Sgt. Jones was selected to represent the A.T.C. at .22 shooting against other cadet forces. The Squadron team represented the Sussex Wing in the Foster Taylor Trophy. There have been several visits to Lydd for .303 shooting, and the Headmaster's .22 Cup is at present being competed for.

Throughout the year, members of the Squadron have represented the Wing at football and cross-country running. Those representing the Wing at football were: Flt/Sgt. Cheesmur, Sgt. Bull, Cpl. Boxall and Cpl. Parrott; and at cross-country running: Sgt. Bull and Snr. Cadet Pern S. Sussex Wing won the Eastern Region Football Cup this year for the first time in several years.

Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Badges have been gained during the year by Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Boxall, Cpl. Parrott, Snr. Cadets Pern J., Pern S. and Leading Cadet Barnes N.

Many thanks are given to Hilda Waller, Anna Rodgers and other girls who have helped prepare the A.T.C. teas on Friday evenings.

## GUIDE REPORT

Although the Company is slightly smaller in numbers, we have had a very successful year.

The Company was well represented at the Armistice Day Service at the Parish Church in November, and at the Commonwealth Youth Service held at the Baptist Church in May.

Four of the Guides have completed their Second Class, and a large number of Proficiency Badges have been obtained.

On May 14th, the Annual District Shield Competition was held at the Grammar School. This took the form of a patrol competition, with nine patrols competing for the Challenge Shield. The Bantam Patrol won it, the Grammar School taking three of the top four places.

A successful Field Day was held on Friday, 1st July. Each patrol, with a map, followed a list of instructions and eventually met at Flackley Ash Woods, Peasmarsh, where they cooked their lunch.

The three Guiders attended a weekend Training Camp at East Grinstead in June, and managed to survive a torrential thunderstorm, a midnight hike, and a strenuous course of outdoor activities.

J.B.

## RED CROSS

There were twenty-eight cadets in the new school year, who began with a course of first aid with the helpful instruction of Dr. Euland. For this the boys from the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme joined in. On the 28th February, the following gained proficiency in the exam: Carol Booker, Susan Chapple, Jane Cole, Hilary Dann, Georgina Harris, Alaine Harvey, Briony Preece, Julia Rudkin-Jones and Elizabeth Finch. Three lectures on make-up followed, given by Miss Paine. Meanwhile the seniors took part in health and hygiene lectures, in which was included an interesting visit to the sewage works.

Mrs. Kinsella gave us a welfare talk, and in May there was a visit to a police station. Inspector Holloway showed us round the station, and gave us a talk on how to enter the police force.

Also in May was the annual Field Day, held at the divisional youth officer's, Mrs. Mair's. There was a very good tea, and we watched some films and listened to an extremely interesting talk about police force life by a W.P. sergeant from Bexhill.

Having received a scrap-book from the St. Helena Red Cross, we compiled one about the Red Cross in Rye, and sent it to them.

Later in the Summer Term, we hope to raise money for handicapped children. In July, we are going to Dorton House (for the blind). We should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped the mentally handicapped children at Highfields, and to thank Miss Mullen for all her help and guidance throughout the year.

S. Palmer and N. Beaney, LVIB

## SKI-ING IN AUSTRIA

On April 14th, a party of 29 children from R.G.S. and the modern school, accompanied by Miss McBride, Mr. Holness and Mr. Spencer, left Rye for Mayrhofen, a picturesque village in the Ziller Valley. We travelled by boat and train, and slept in two comfortable small hotels, eating at the Hotel Berghof. On April 7th, we went by cable car to the Penken, to meet our instructors and to have our first ski lesson. Two days later, having learnt the basics, we were taken by chair-lift to the top of the ski-run for the first of many trips down, so that, by the end of the holiday, we were all able to ski reasonably well.

We returned to Rye on April 13th, after a tiring, but very enjoyable holiday. We should like to thank Mr. Holness, Miss McBride and Mr. Spencer for organising such a wonderful holiday.

M. Neeves, LVIA

## GEOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION TO YORKSHIRE & DERBYSHIRE

At 8 a.m. on Thursday, 7th July, a party of 25 will leave Rye for an eight-day visit to Yorkshire and Derbyshire. Accommodation will be in Youth Hostels, and many of the party will be hostel-living for the first time.

For the first three days our centre will be Stainforth Youth Hostel, about two miles north of Settle, and we shall spend our time studying the limestone features for which the area is noted. Visits will be made to Gordale Scar, Malham Cove and Malham Tarn, and on the Saturday, weather permitting, we hope to climb Ingleborough, one of the three peaks of the Central Pennines.

From Yorkshire we shall travel south to Edale in Derbyshire to study the millstone grit scenery of Kinderscout, and visit Castleton, which is famous for the Blue John Stone.

On the return journey we shall visit Chatsworth House, Coventry Cathedral and Stratford where some members of the party hope to see the production of Henry IV.

J.B.

## ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hong Kong.

B. Jones, M3

## SPORTS DAY

The schooldren made their way to the spield, arming their chairs.

On arrival, they plutting their seats in the enropesure, the spectaparents sat in the frontlinchairs. While the trackurdle races were being rumped, in the disgroundance, the spearlins and disci were being throught in the foreterrain. Samewhile, the tripolehi-long jump was in praction.

At the finend, Mr. Winter-Bottom gade a teeche and distributed the sillermugs to the house-schools, Beachers, Sadon, and Pea-Hen.

## LIFE ON THE HILL

Two bells—that's seven o'clock; bread-butterers up—no lounging now.

Three bells at 7.15, all up without exception!

Prefect comes round to ensure this, so all forbidden books swiftly hidden under mattress: Phew! prefect's gone, all back into bed—snoring makes an awful row!

At half-past, the surgery bell—anyone with an accidentally amputated leg or smallpox is permitted to visit matron. This is also the time when one turns over for a final snore, before the two minute scramble to get downstairs in time for breakfast at 7.40. The gong doesn't go 'till 7.45, so there are five minutes to dash round collecting games-kit, tennis racket, shoes, books, etc.

Then at last a sit-down. Ah! food (well sort of . . .). Elongated lecture, about not walking over the edge of the cliff, forms the end of "das Frühstück". This makes time short. Dash upstairs, across landing, slip—nearly breaking neck, on the landing mat. Beds made—well, after a fashion! Downstairs, collect books; upstairs, forgotten the book under the mattress. Down again—lost pencils, never mind, too late, charge down to school, ah . . . bliss . . . school!!

Julia Rudkin-Jones, LVA

## HISTORY

History can't be such a bore,  
It's really quite a pleasant chore.  
One needs an ear and nose for rumour,  
And a twisted sense of humour.

Let us hope for Alfred's sake,  
He didn't burn the cake.  
We'd all agree it's not much fun  
To try and eat a charcoal bun.

William, with his Norman force,  
Caused history to change its course.  
He told the archers to aim high,  
And shot poor Harold in the eye.

In fifteen hundred and eighty-eight,  
Sir Francis said the Dons could wait.  
He wouldn't sink a single galley,  
Till he had finished at the Bowling Alley.

They say that troubles come by three,  
I doubt if Henry would agree,  
Truth with fiction seldom mixes,  
He would say if it comes by sixes.

Susan Mason, L4



## TRAMP

Hero of Gallipoli: and the  
String that ties his reeking coat, last doffed  
Too long now for a hero's memory,  
Rots, lost amid the mildew and the shreds.  
He lies upon the roadside, sleeping,  
And shivering as the marsh winds sweep  
And eddy through the high-banked channels,  
Higher still, as the fleece-heavy sheep crowd  
To shelter on the naked ridges.

It is cold and wet. He is dying.  
Unaware of approaching death,  
He sleeps on, already putrefying  
In his clothes as he lies, not knowing  
That the sheep shelter-warm are near,  
While he drifts beyond recall.

He deserved to die.  
What use was a spirit to guide him  
This way or that on his way?  
Guidance ignored, he destroyed himself  
And nothing remains but the carrion  
Which then his spirit housed.

And with him other carrion goes,  
And before him more carrion comes,  
And he says nothing, but watches,  
And out of sight, laughs, grins, crawls on.

R.e.D.

## WI I GO TWO THISS SKOOL

Four a starte i am veri clever. I allwais hav bin. Befour i even  
went two skool i new that the normens cum from rome, and that  
6 tak awai four maiks free. I am a bourne geneus. I no al sortz  
ov fings.

Now that i cum two thiss skool, even in the ferst year i am  
reynouned as 'thee brane'.

Mi favorit lesen is Histori. I am veri goood at that. I no that  
thee ejptions were veri goood at poteri an that thay came from  
ejipt.

That is al u want two here ov mi noledge i shood think, sow,  
yors sincerly  
'thee brane'.

Angela Alford, L1

## IMPRESSION OF LONDON

It's coming, yes dawn's coming,  
Now the city starts its humming.  
Night shift workers home to sleep,  
Out of factories come like sheep.

Now the rush and bustle starts,  
Quickening pulses, wakening hearts.  
Workers here and workers there,  
People rushing everywhere.

All day long the streets are packed,  
With long-out-of-work and those just sacked.  
They loiter, lingering in the alleys,  
Hindering shoppers, as they dally.

The shops, so crowded, and so busy,  
Make one's head ache, make one dizzy.  
The girls in overalls so gay  
Serve swarming millions every day.

Near four o'clock the rush gets worse  
As crowded travellers moan and curse,  
And rush to catch an early train,  
While slower ones wait in the rain.

London Transport overflows,  
With people bearing trod-on-toes.  
Clippies shout, "Move on there please,"  
And children sit on Mum's poor knees.

At seven the rush begins to slow,  
As later workers homeward go.  
The night shift workers back to work,  
And here and there in cheap pubs shirk.

In the alleys dark and drear,  
Filled with crates of bottled beer,  
The cats of London prowl around,  
Hunting for mice on the stone-paved ground.

The rooftops gleam in the evening light,  
As London rests through another night.  
Though some may work the whole night through,  
Millions more sleep, like me and you.

## A BALLAD OF BATTLE

Prize-winning Poem in Class 13 of Poetry-Writing Competition  
run by Battle Rural District Council

Last night we were ten housecarls,  
Tonight I stand alane.  
We followed our lord to Senlac field,  
And all the rest were slain.

On that October morning,  
The Saxon line of battle  
Was stretched across the hillside,  
Where men had grazed their cattle.

King Harold's banners flying,  
His axemen wedged so tightly.  
On Telham Hill not far away,  
The Norman swords gleam brightly.

Duke William sent his heralds  
Three times with terms of peace;  
Three times we did reject them  
So the battle did not cease.

A well-armed knight came riding  
From out the Norman rank.  
With scarlet pennant flying  
He galloped up the bank.

An axe flew from us Saxons  
And split his head in four.  
His ghost will ride in October,  
For a thousand years and more.

The conflict thundered further  
Between the pools of blood.  
The men-at-arms and horses  
Were plastered thick with mud.

Alas, though for us Saxons,  
Though we fought with might and main  
Duke William won the battle,  
When our noble King was slain.

On that October morning,  
England was a Saxon land.  
But when Noon came to Senlac,  
It was in the Norman hand.

Last night we were ten comrades,  
Tonight I stand alone.  
I followed my lord to Senlac Field  
And carried his body home.

Nicola Williams, L2

## CAST OUT THE DAY

After the night-starved, unhealthy and unresting sleep,  
The fog bands, damp and misty light,  
Steals in quietly to our sight;  
Waking every tired being from a slumber deep,  
While each turns over and goes back to sleep,  
Each hoping that the next unearthly day  
Will leave and turn upon some other prey.  
And like some ugly clasping beast,  
Comes in with sun, each from the east,  
The flowered night fantasies pass away,  
And bare realities fill the day.

O sinful and unrewarding day,  
Whose peering eyes—ever watching,  
See all our crimes and sins committed,  
As like some fool to be pitied  
By small and unsuspecting ants,  
Who scurry here and there,  
Thinking that they, the upper hand,  
Have every little right to care,  
Not thinking of the damage done,  
To lower things beneath the sun.

The long and never-ending day,  
Outliving any hour of night,  
As if by some miraculous power,  
Is ever with us in our sight.  
For every hour we work,  
Until the day is through,  
The same monotonous pleasures,  
Of which we have too few.  
The same unending struggle  
With things we cannot do.  
This can't be so, it cannot last,  
This world's not living in the past,  
Then why, I ask you, people say:—  
"Tomorrow is another day."

Yesterday, tomorrow, one week hence,  
Will still the same unceasing toil,  
As if surrounded by a tortuous fence,  
We'll stay enchained our lives to spoil.

Deborah Buttery, LVA



## IRRELEVANT ?

Fire, famine, flood.  
Rushing torrents of blood,  
Screams and howls of anguish.  
Bombs take place of guns.  
The tortured dead piled high,  
Men sigh to see the destruction.  
Brother kills brother,  
Son maims mother,  
Families torn apart  
By the chaos called war.

Behind the iron wall  
The red servants call  
To their white friends,  
Who drop from the sky  
And burn their villages,  
In the name of peace.

Jews herded like cattle,  
Starved, beaten, and burnt  
By Nazi soldiers.  
Women, mothers, children  
Defiled, abused, debased.  
It's all the same  
In the name of God.

The fate of mankind  
In the hands of a paltry few,  
One button to devastate.  
No running away,  
Nowhere safe.  
Everywhere radio-active pollution  
By the atrocity called Bomb.

Soon this earth,  
Desolate and barren, will be  
Burned dry.  
Smoking ground and gaping chasms  
Where monuments once stood  
Or nature thrived.  
Humanity destroyed  
Or perhaps on some alien planet.  
Then they may see  
The futility of war.

Penny Glen and Margaret Bennet, UVA

## R.G.S. — BY THE POP STARS

A Hard Day's Night ..... Latin Homework  
Daydream ..... English Lesson  
Eve of Destruction ..... Day before "O" Level Maths  
(I can't get no) Satisfaction ..... School Dinners  
Substitute ..... Comprehensive System  
Tossing and Turning ..... Dengate's  
These Boots are made for Walking ..... School Cross Country  
I hear Trumpets blow ..... Choir Practice  
Paint it Black ..... Art Room  
Inside Looking Out ..... Double Bio  
Witches Brew ..... School Milk  
Island of Dreams ..... Saltcote  
Concrete and Clay ..... School Playground  
Mog.

## BREAKFAST WITH FATMAN

At Wayne Manor, on the outskirts of Slotham City, the quiet of the morning is shattered by a wailing sound, followed by a grunt and a curse. William, the butler, answers the Fat-phone. He listens intently to the babbling tone coming from the Fat-phone, and is galvanised into quick, resourceful, clear-thinking action. He hobbles up the stairs, kicks open the door of Fatman's room, and awakens the lazy, snoring resident, Sluice Wayne.

"Quick, Chief Commissioner Westlake is on the Fat-phone. I gather Cat-Woman has escaped from the penitentiary, and he wants you over there immediately."

Meanwhile, Colin, the Boy Blunder, has appeared in the room in his stockinged feet, and is screaming "Holy Rising Bells, why aren't you out of bed" at the same time looking at his watch. "Holy Greased Egg, I'm hungry."

"OK, Colin, we're having breakfast with the Commissioner. Let's get down there right away—To the Fatcave!"

And so our two half-starved, lazy, incompetent heroes disappear into the depths of the Fatcave. Fatman shouts above the roar of the exhaust from his light-blue Fatmobile: "I wonder what the fiendish Cat-Woman is up to now."

Meanwhile, back at Slotham City Penitentiary, Chief Commissioner Westlake is tugging at the beard he hasn't got when the familiar sound of "SOK", "CRUNCH", "POWEE" is heard. Fatman bursts through the wall, closely followed by Colin. Commissioner Westlake sighs: "Why couldn't you have come through the door, Fatman?"

"Oh heck, Commissioner, I guess it was too easy," says Fatman as he brushes rubble and dust off his clothes.

"Oh, that's all right, Fatman, join us for breakfast," invites Commissioner Westlake. "All this trouble, and I'm getting married soon!"

Fatman sits down to a plate of food—even Fats have to eat some time — and says, with astonishment: "There's something wrong, we have got potatoes for breakfast, Commissioner!"

"Holy Solanum Tuberosum, Fatman, do you think it's a clue?" cries Colin, the Boy Blunder, dabbing his eyes.

Fatman answers: "Wait a minute, Cat-Woman's gone—potatoes for breakfast—I think I've got it. That fiendish Cat-Woman has poisoned the potatoes! We've got to get after her!"

Out in the street, Fatman throws the eighth parking ticket he's had this week to the Commissioner. "Have that cancelled." They roar off to the Municipal Potato Fields.

Has Cat-Woman really eluded Fatman and Colin, our Two Draped Persuaders? Will they get to the supply before Cat-Woman?

## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

As usual, I should like to apologise for any omissions or errors. Gathering and preserving news for a whole year is a chancy business and I fear much is lost or has become outdated by the time it reaches the press. I welcome any corrections, and letters from Old Scholars would be gratefully received, I am sure, by the other editors of "Rya".

### BIRTHS

Bryan—to Tony and Beryl (née Moon), a daughter.

Carter—to Henry and Margaret, a son.

Dunlop—to Will and Ann (née Fisher), a son

Jarvis—to Mark and Caroline (née Read), a son.

### MARRIAGES

Jenny Burke of Rye to Mr. Michael Evans.

Janice Cheesmur of Rye to Mr. P. Ulllyatt.

Jane Clarke of Icklesham to Mr. Leslie Boswell of Zambia.

(They will be living in Livingstone, Zambia.)

Ann Denice of Beckley to Mr. Colin Rist of Rye.

Theresa Doust of Camber to Mr. Peter Barnes of New Romney.

Patricia Farman of Playden to Lieutenant Francis Cline of U.S.A.F.

(Pat has been working as a Pan-American air hostess and the couple will make their home in Ankara.)

Gillian Foy of Guestling to Mr. David Duffey of Broadwell.

Kathleen Hagen of Wittersham to Mr. Jimmy Head of Tenterden.

Janet Hickman of Rye to Mr. Alan Oliver.

Margaret Igglesden of Rye to Mr. Brian Driver of St. Leonards.

Mark Jarvis of Bodiam to Caroline Read. (Mark is now teaching in an Independent School near Richmond, Yorkshire.)

Catherine Layzell of Winchelsea Beach to Dr. Alan Harris of Arnside, Westmorland.

Richard Merricks of Icklesham to Miss Vanda Walker of Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Helen Rook of Rye to Mr. Frank Smith of Rolvenden Layne.

Carol Smith of Peasmarsh to Mr. Nigel Breeds of Ashford.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth Davis to Christopher Fryer.

### EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

Gillian Sewell, B.Sc., London—1st Class Honours, Zoology. She is now doing research.

Louise Dalby, B.A., Cambridge—Geography Honours, Class 2, Div. 2.

Michael Winter, B.A., London—English Honours, Class 2, Div. 2.



Charles Knowles, B.Sc., Sheffield—Mathematics and Statistics Honours, Class 2.

Michael Rogerson, B.Sc., Manchester—Chemistry.

Sebastian Cole, B.Sc., Bristol—Zoology Honours, Class 2, Div. 2.

Roger Beeney, B.Sc., Southampton—Mathematics Honours, Class 2, Div. 2.

John Evans, B.Sc., London—Engineering Honours, Class 2, Div. 2.

John Wingfield, Northampton—Diploma in Technology (Applied Physics).

Diana Norris, A.M.H.C.I.—Battersea College of Technology.

Gillian Blair, I.M.A. (Diploma)—Queen Elizabeth's College, London.

Brian Bellhouse, D.Phil., Oxon.

John Cawdron, O.N.D.—Engineering—Hastings Technical College. (He is now at Brighton College of Technology.)

Paul Rogerson, O.N.D.—Engineering—Hastings Technical College.

The following have completed their Training College Courses and are now teaching:—Sarah Dibley, Helen Griffin, Prestina Newnham, Michael Maskell, Andrew Duncan, Derek Beckerson, John Gatherum, Peter Mitchell, Victor Pennell.

#### **Entrants to Courses at Places of Advanced Education 1965**

Janet de Gruchy — Somerville, Oxford.

Alison Hadley — Sussex University (European Studies).

Peter Eade — London (Dental School).

Alan Richards — London (Dental School).

Graham Alcock — Reading University (Mathematics).

Charles Whyatt — Reading University (Mathematics).

David Mitchell — Newcastle University (Marine Engineering).

Melvyn McGann — Sussex University (Physics).

Ewan Thomson — London (Wye College).

Roger Huxstep — Sussex University (Mathematics).

Keith Hatter — Goldsmith's College, London (Mathematics).

Richard Spencer — Woolwich Polytechnic (Physics).

Peter Buchan — Northern Polytechnic (Mathematics).

John Luck — Portsmouth College of Technology (Architecture).

Malcolm Tree — Brighton College of Technology.

Clive Pope — Brighton College of Technology (Engineering).

Robin Osborne — Brighton College of Technology (Pharmacy).

Carol Munn is to go to Reading University in October 1966.

Catherine Buttery — Froebel Institute, Roehampton.

Patience Farley — Froebel Institute, Roehampton.

Ruth Hamilton — Leicester College of Education.

Elizabeth Firmin — Padgate College of Education.

Margaret Cantell — Borough Road Training College.

John Wilson — Derby Diocesan Training College.

Jennifer Bell — West Kent Technical College (Secretarial).

Jeanette Bowdler — Canterbury College of Art (Pre-Diploma).

Michael Sewell — Essex Institute of Agriculture, Writtle.

John Sheppard — High Wycombe College of Technology and Art. (Furniture Production.)

Terry Thompson — High Wycombe College of Technology and Art.

Judith Bowen — West Kent Technical College (Secretarial).

Judith is to work for a firm of solicitors in Tenterden.

#### **Various Successes**

Peter Shrewsbury has gained awards for the best recruit of his platoon. He is in the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Dorothy Knowles was the first member of the Rye Nursing Association of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade to qualify for the Grand Prior Award.

Sylvia Swan now in her third year at the Royal Academy, has taken part in a B.B.C.-2 documentary programme, called "Opera" and has sung the part of the Angel in the "Dream of Gerontius", in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Richard Seeley recently ran in the Brighton and Hove relay team that won the Southern Counties' Championship in a record time of 3 min. 24.5 sec.

The names of many Old Scholars, such as Neville Weekes, Pauline Williams, Ann Davis, Reg Catt and Keith Cowper appear at regular intervals in the cast lists of local Amateur Dramatic Societies.

#### **New Appointments**

John Smith is to be congratulated on his appointment as Rye's Town Clerk, after six years as Borough Treasurer and many years of service to Local Government.

Peter Wareham has been appointed lecturer in speech and drama at St. Mary's Teachers' Training College, Cheltenham.

Robert Blacklock has been touring provincial theatres, taking various small parts in "Oliver".

Bronwen Burke is Stage Manager at the Whitehall Theatre.

Joan Gill (née Ashenden) is assistant secretary at R.G.S.

#### **Other News**

Many Old Scholars will be sorry to hear that Mr. Jacobs has had a slight stroke and is, at the time of going to press, in Rye Cottage Hospital.

Ronald Stapley and Anthony Cunningham were involved in motor cycle accidents and I hope that they have now recovered from their injuries. Similarly, I trust Terry Barden will soon be better from his impact with a telegraph pole on Whit-Monday.

Terry is banking in London now, and a number of other Old Scholars, for example Dennis Knight and Paul Oliver, have taken up careers in local banks.

Elizabeth Marshall is still in this area—working on computers in Hastings, I think.

Linda Tubbs has returned to her native village of Westfield, where she is bringing up a son and teaching in the local Primary School.

Catherine Smith visited the school recently very pleased with her training as a nurse, at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

Hilary Hobden is at the Tropical Products' Institute of the Ministry of Overseas Development, in the Pulp, Paper and Fibres Section and hoping to get into the Microbiology Section.

Brian Hatter, a schoolmaster in Canada, is studying for further qualifications.

Brian Dawson, firmly settled in America, nevertheless visited Rye last summer when he was over here to give a lecture in Edinburgh.

Angela Bailey called at school, soon after the last issue of "Rya". She has been teaching, off and on, in South Africa, as well as in England, but was at that time "resting" between jobs. She intended to look up a boy friend in Poland and some of her contemporaries in Sussex, before English weather chased her back to South Africa.

Janet Davy is waiting for the Seamen's strike to end in order that she might go to New Zealand to take up agricultural work there.

Robert Oswin is now a fully trained constable and working in the Metropolitan area.

John Greenyer Smith (1921-1927) is now a Priest and a Franciscan Friar in the Church of England. He is based at the Society's headquarters near Cerne Abbas in Dorset, where he has been for the past fifteen years. The Society is well known all over the world, and has houses in New Guinea, Australia and Zambia, as well as several in this country. It is a Religious Order concerned to help people in distress, in these days mentally rather than physically as in the early "twenties" when the Society came into being. Father Adrian, as he is known in the Society, is much concerned with Mission preaching in various parts of the country, and this again is one of the chief works of the Order for which it is in great demand in every part of England and beyond. He is a very keen hitch-hiker, and travels in this way all over the country, which he feels he can do legitimately, living as all Friars do, under the Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. It was while he was on his journey in the South of England, that he met one of our present students, whose Godfather gave him a lift in his car. Some years ago, Father Adrian visited the Grammar School when passing through Rue, and a former headmaster invited him to address the entire school in the Hall, a privilege he still remembers with gratitude.

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