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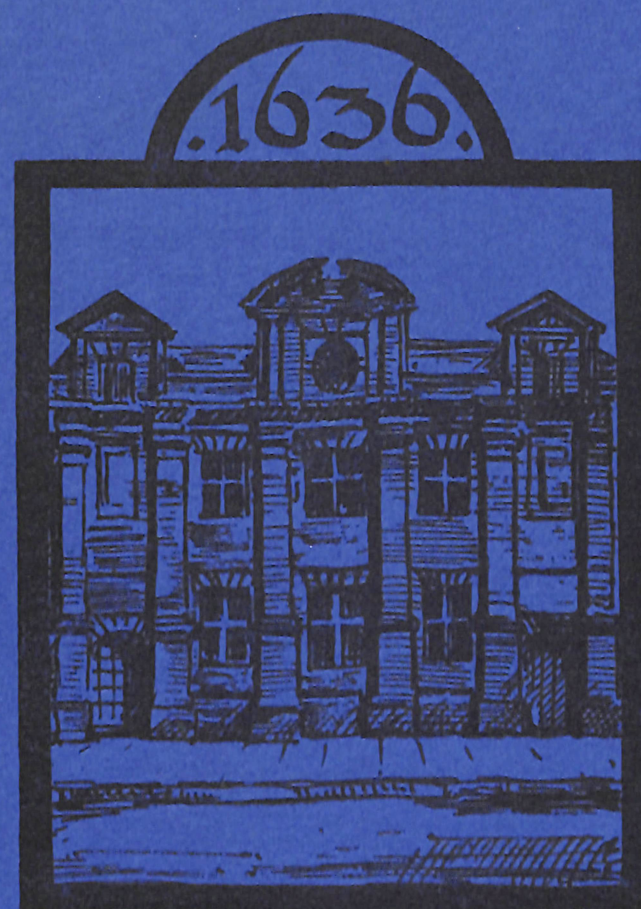
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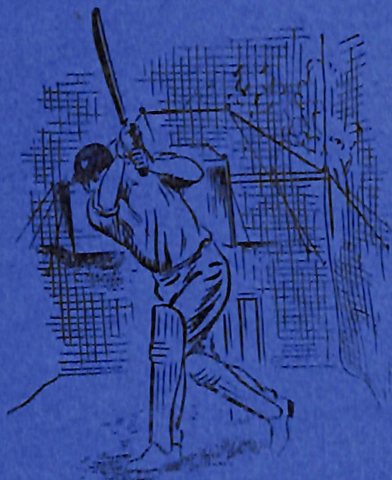
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## EDITORIAL

From September 1952 Rye Grammar School will include in its curriculum a range of technical activities.

"Après moi, le déluge," said Louis XV who, by his death a decade earlier, escaped the flood which poured out in the revolution of 1789.

It has been a passing fashion among this year's leavers to give up pious thanks that they are leaving before the old school "goes to the dogs." For here in R.G.S. a revolution is preparing, the old order of privilege is to have its monotony broken. The prestige of the ancient name of "Grammar School" is to be spread over a wider class, to include those of talents other than the academic.

Fortunately the school is prepared for change: long ago the classical students of Peacocke's Grammar School united with the mathematicians of Sanders School of Navigation. Together those two ancient studies successfully absorbed, without impairing Grammar School structure, the fumes of General Science.

Now, from September the new pupils will be with us, but it is to be hoped that the spirit, if not the letter, which made the Old Grammar School a matter of pride, will survive. Without the traditions of unity and loyalty the progress of modern technical knowledge will be a futile and inglorious one to the abyss of soulless materialism.

Not only among the leavers is there a shaking of heads. The older of the arts students are assuming a "last of the race" air an attitude extremely agreeable, but actually defeatist and suicidal.

The arts students must devote their energies to their justification. While more and more technicians are being trained to produce the material amenities of life, it is essential the humanity, if it is to retain its humanity, must not lose the philosophy of living. If those whose talents are to propagate the liberal arts merely employ their abilities in the construction of a martyr's scaffold, they will deserve to be outnumbered, overpowered and driven out of existence.

## THE EDITORS

### OBITER DICTA

At the end of the School year our unhappiest task is to say goodbye to those who are leaving.

This Term the list is an especially distinguished one since so many of the Upper Vlth are going, including even the last of the Headmaster's "Bedford Babies." These, who have been in the School for 8 years, are Olga Clark and Stunt (School Captains), and Pye.

Olga is continuing her music studies at the Guildhall School of



Music, London where she will take a 3 year Graduate Course.

Stunt goes to Reading University to study for a Degree in Agriculture and has been awarded a Ministry of Agriculture Scholarship.

Nicholas Saville, who like Olga Clark has been awarded a County Major Scholarship on his work at Advanced Level, goes to Southampton University to take a Degree in Mathematics.

Rosemary Peirce goes to Brighton College of Art also with a County Major award.

Pamela Blackhall will train as a teacher at Gipsy Hill Training College, London, Margaret Carter goes to Eastbourne T.C., Olive Smith to the College of Physical Training Nonnington, Margaret Crowther to the Chelsea College of Physical Training at Eastbourne, June Fellows to Avery Hill T.C., London.

Pye hopes to gain admission to a Medical School, Dawn Baker goes to a Bank in Bexhill, Stone (of "Puck" and "Firk" fame) will probably go straight to National Service, Valerie Symonds, B. Thompson, M. Standen and A. Brett to destinations uncertain as yet.

Philcox, Laurance and Jary are to be congratulated on adding to the ever-increasing list of achievements of the Grammar School Flight. They have been awarded Flying Scholarships, Philcox has gained his Pilot's Licence, and we wish luck to the other two.

This Term we had a very interesting lecture on the origin and history of the Red Cross. Our own detachment is proving very popular among the girls as a pre-Service Training Unit, and there have been many outstanding successes in the recent First-Aid and Home Nursing Examinations. Congratulations to all concerned, not least to the patient and hard-working visiting teachers and lecturers.

That rather maligned game, Rounders, has been coming into its own this term, owing to the enthusiastic attention concentrated upon it by Miss Cashmore, who has organised several matches with other schools in which a senior team took part; hitherto only Junior teams have played outside matches. It looks as if Rounders will become a permanent feature of Wednesday afternoon games in the Summer Term.

Our new Dining Hall has now become an accepted part of our School "architecture," and we note with interest and approval the murals which are being painted on the walls therein by Rosemary Peirce, Barbara Wilson and Pat Crouch.

The annual Parents' Association Fete is one of the main social events in the School calendar, and this year it was made an unusually pleasant one by the glorious weather. There were a number of attractive stalls and sideshows. The event of the day was, of course, the cricket match in which a team of very

plucky parents was inveigled into playing the School 1st XI on what proved to be one of the stickiest wickets ever. Not surprisingly, the ball did strange things for both parents and scholars, and there was more than one "duck." However, the parents, playing twelve aside, put up a very fine show and scored 63. In the evening a concert and a play were given.

The proceeds of the Fete are to go towards the provision of curtains for the Hall to complement those already on the stage.

Saltcote Place, now at the end of its second year, has had an eventful term. At the beginning of term the boarders welcomed Miss Smith as their new matron after Miss Walling, and Ursula Krauss, a student from Germany who came to spend the term there. We hear that the bell-ringing society is progressing and members are becoming more proficient. Some now ring regularly at the Parish Church on Sunday mornings. The founder of the Society—Miss How—recently paid them a visit and went to watch her erstwhile pupils in the Church Tower ringing the changes, taking the lead and hunting down Bob Majors, Grand-sire Triples and the 'Nine Tailors.'

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The chief venture of the School Committee this term was to hold a public meeting on Open Day. When the suggestion was put before the committee, it provoked much discussion and many dubious and gloomy prognostications. One member asked if we were to be provided with scripts, like some of the "un-rehearsed" programmes on the radio; another inquired if it was to be an "ideal" meeting in which everyone spoke, or a "typical" meeting in which the majority sat in silence!; yet another urged that the Press should be barred so that any unguarded comments would not be reported to the general public! Eventually it was decided to hold the meeting in the normal way, so that the parents would not get a false impression. (The Press were also invited)

The main business of this meeting was the discussion of the revival of a Table Tennis Society in the School. This was pressed for by several Remove members. There was such a society once before, which left behind a considerable amount of equipment, and Remove felt that this should be used. The meeting decided to nominate a committee to investigate the ownership of the equipment.

At the other meeting this term, there has been discussion of the problem of the swing doors fitted to the Art Room and the Biology Laboratory, and it was felt that doors like the ones newly installed in the Hall should be fitted.

The last meeting of the Term was the most uneventful of the series. The committee discussed the possibilities of constructing



a high-jump pit before the next Athletic season. It was felt that, if our high jumping was to improve, a proper pit was a very necessary accessory.

The elections of committee officials was left until the first meeting of the forthcoming Term. J. LARKIN

### VIIth FORM REPORT

The VIIth Form attained a new constitutional status in the Spring Term.

At its first meeting, on the 13th of February, the Form decided its permanent meeting place would be Room I. The first secretary was elected, the honour falling to J. Wood.

Although the Headmaster has sometimes had occasion to complain of apathy and failure to take advantage of opportunities, the meetings have been used to happier purposes. They have helped greatly in the establishment of a channel of communication between the more responsible members of the school and the Headmaster. Reasons for certain measures have been explained, and the co-operation of an understanding VIIth Form in maintaining discipline, under increasingly difficult circumstances, has been made doubly certain.

As a nursery for School Committee suggestions the form has not been perhaps uniformly successful. Various culinary proposals proved unacceptable, but notions for the construction of athletic installations and the removal of some dangers due to swing doors have duly been presented.

The VIIth must thank the Headmaster for the instruction they have obtained in the intricacies of committee procedure, and Miss Turner and Mr. Robinson for taking the Chair on those occasions when the Headmaster has been absent.

J.W.

### HOUSE REPORTS

#### SANDERS HOUSE

House Master	—	Mr. Darby
Boys' Captain	—	Monk
House Mistress	—	Miss Dann
Girls' Captain	—	Margaret Crowther
Secretary	—	Pat Crouch
Treasurer	—	Bellhouse
Prefects—	Olga Clark, Margaret Crowther, Margaret Carter, Pat Crouch, Monk.	

This year has been a little disappointing for the House. As always members have entered keenly into competitions and games, but we have not always managed to fight our way to the top.

An early success was our winning of the Speech and Music Competition, the latter for the fourth successive time.

We have not been so lucky in Sport as in other years, but we have enjoyed playing against the other houses and congratulate them on their successes.

We are saying goodbye to several valuable members of the House this term. They are—Margaret Crowther, Olga Clark, Margaret Carter, Carolyn Allen, Stone, Milham and Philcox. As always we are sorry to see members leave, but we wish them the best of luck in their future careers. To Miss Dann and Mr. Darby we say "Thank you" for the unfailing help and support they have rendered throughout the year.

P. Crouch

### MERYON HOUSE

House Master	—	Mr. Allnutt
House Mistress	—	Miss Turner
Boys' Captain	—	J. Larkin
Girls' Captain	—	June Fellows
Secretary	—	Rosemary Peirce
Treasurer	—	D. Jackson
Prefects—	J. Fellows, R. Peirce, J. Baker; Pye, Larkin, Jackson	

During the last year Meryon House has tried and more than succeeded in maintaining its well-earned reputation. In the important sphere of Work and Merit, we lagged behind Peacocke until the summer weather had an adverse effect upon the enthusiasm and concentration of that House, resulting in our winning the Shield.

In other fields we did as well. Our girls, led by Dawn Baker, won the Tennis Competition after a hard fight; the boys, after several weeks, won the Cricket; and we just managed to win the Swimming after stiff competition with Sanders, a close second.

This Term, as usual, we have to say good-bye to our leaving members—June Fellows, Rosemary Peirce Dawn Baker, Pye and Brett, and we wish them the best of good fortune wherever they are going.

R. C. Peirce

### PEACOCKE HOUSE

House Master	—	Mr. Bagley
House Mistress	—	Miss Diaper
Boys' Captain	—	D. Caister
Girls' Captain	—	Pamela Blackhall
Secretary	—	J. Mason
Treasurer	—	M. Standen
Prefects—	P. Blackhall, V. Symonds, S. Saunders; Stunt, Saville, Caister, Wareham	

During the past school years Peacocke House has fought hard to maintain a reputation suitable to the founder's House. In the



field of Work and Merit we were leading easily until the end of the Summer Term, when we suffered a close defeat from Meryon, always our most dangerous rival. In Sport we have won the Hockey, Netball and Athletics Shields.

As usual at the end of the year, we are losing some of our senior members. We shall notice the absence from future House Meetings of Nicholas Saville; his eloquent orations directing the enforced collection were, somehow, an integral part of the procedure. We are also losing Maurice Stunt, the School Captain; and Pamela Blackhall, our House Captain. To all our leaving members we wish Good Luck in their future, and we are sorry to see them go. Nevertheless, Peacocke faces the coming year with confidence and high aspirations.

J. Mason

### CRICKET REPORT

The 1st XI Cricket Team has done much better this season than was expected.

Although there have been many more younger members in the team than usual, they have held their own against much more mature teams.

The main bowler in the team has been Caister. He is a seemingly tireless bowler, and has often bowled right through an innings without losing either accuracy or pace. He is also a good forcing bat and has been a reliable number three for the school.

Stapley has been our other opening bowler. He is the faster of the two, and in addition he can bowl a useful off-cutter. As a batsman he has a very correct style and a fine off-drive. He is a very useful all-rounder but he must liven up in the field.

Bellhouse has proved a sound opening batsman. He has an almost impenetrable defence, and, when he has developed more scoring strokes, he will be a fine batsman. He is also a very keen fielder.

Morris is a batsman with a number of good strokes. When he has learnt to leave alone the ball just outside the off-stump, he should make some good scores. He is probably the best fielder in the side.

Tidy has been the baby of the team. He is a left-hand bat with a well developed defence. His scoring strokes are few at the moment, but he has the keenness to become a very good bat.

Weeks has developed in later matches. He can bat very well on the leg side, but must resist the tendency to play everything to the leg.

Batehup has been a sound wicket keeper, and Pye has bowled extremely well when called upon, and has been really aggressive and accurate in later matches. Tubbs is a forcing batsman and Hickman a useful change bowler.

Others who have played are Stone, Sutton and Swan. Colours have been renewed to Caister and Larkin and awarded to Pye, Stapley, Stone and Batehup.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Allnutt for his encouragement and patience, Jempson for scoring and Mr. Luck for the fine wicket he has prepared.

J. Larkin

Larkin's sound batting has proved invaluable, and great credit is due to him for the successful season enjoyed by such an inexperienced team.

He was picked to play for the Young Amateurs of Sussex in August after a trial at the Hove Ground, from over 100 boys selected for test.

S.H.A.

### RESULTS

- v Hastings Grammar School. Away  
Hastings 118 (Caister 4 for 32)  
Rye G.S. 75 for 8 (Caister 24, Larkin 16)  
Match Drawn
- v Eastbourne Technical School. Away  
R.G.S. 101 (Tubbs 20, Larkin 12, Tidy 12, Bellhouse 12)  
E.T.S. 63 (Stapley 4 for 11, Pye 3 for 37, Larkin 2 for 0)  
Won by 38 runs
- v Bexhill Grammar School. Away  
R.G.S. 67 (Morris 15, Bellhouse 11)  
Bexhill 68 for 0 wickets  
Lost by 10 wickets
- v Goudhurst School. Home  
R.G.S. 94 for 7 declared (Larkin 57, Tidy 11)  
Goudhurst 64 (Caister 5 for 32, Stapley 3 for 23)  
Won by 30 runs
- v Bexhill Post Office. Home  
R.G.S. 88 (Caister 27, Larkin 24, Tidy 9 n.o.)  
Bexhill 54 (Stapley 5 for 24, Caister 4 for 22)  
Won by 34 runs
- v Bexhill Post Office. Away  
Bexhill 135 for 8 dec. (Pye 3 for 21, Stapley 3 for 44)  
R.G.S. 41  
Lost by 94 runs
- v Old Scholars. Home  
O.S. 111 for 8 dec. (Caister 5 for 23)  
R.G.S. 83 for 8 (Larkin 19, Stapley 12, Tubbs 9 n.o.)  
Match Drawn
- v Eastbourne Technical School. Home  
Eastbourne 71 (Caister 6 for 27)  
R.G.S. 72 for 5 (Stapley 29 n.o., Larkin 15)  
Won by 5 wickets



- v Bexhill Grammar School. Home  
R.G.S. 102 (Bellhouse 27, Caister 26, Weeks 14)  
Bexhill 82 for 7 (Hickman 2 for 4, Larkin 2 for 18)  
Match Drawn
- v Hastings Grammar School. Home  
Hastings 43 (Caister 5 for 18, Stapley 4 for 19)  
R.G.S. 44 for 7 (Bellhouse 12, Morris 8 n.o.)  
Won by 3 wickets
- v Coopers' Company School. Home  
Coopers 131 (Caister 7 for 49)  
R.G.S. 76 for 7 (Larkin 27, Stapley 20)  
Match Drawn
- v Ashford Grammar School. Home  
Ashford 76 (Stapley 3 for 21, Pye 3 for 31, Hickman 2 for 11).  
R.G.S. 62 for 8 (Larkin 16, Pye 12)  
Match Drawn
- v Rye Cricket Club. Away  
Rye C.C. 137 for 3 (Caister 2 for 29)  
R.G.S. 107 (Weeks 39, Larkin 27)  
Lost by 7 wickets
- v Goudhurst School. Away  
Goudhurst 34 (Caister 6 for 17, Stapley 4 for 9)  
R.G.S. 36 for 2 (Bellhouse 10)  
Won by 8 wickets
- v Parents  
Parents 63 (Stapley 4 for 26, Pye 3 for 1)  
R.G.S. 103 for 8 (Caister 56 n.o., Larkin 16)

### Second XI

- v Goudhurst School 2nd XI. Home  
Goudhurst 32. R.G.S. 33. Won by 1 run.

### Junior XI

- Southlands M.S.—31. R.G.S.—32 for 5. Won by 5 wkts. (A)  
Hastings G.S.—84. R.G.S.—60. Lost by 24 runs (H)  
Bexhill G.S.—134 for 7. R.G.S.—30. Lost by 10 wkts. (H)  
Southlands M.S.—40. R.G.S.—44 for 7. Won by 3 wkts. (H)  
Hastings G.S.—98. R.G.S.—109 for 4. Won by 6 wkts. (A)  
Coopers' Co. School—26. R.G.S.—32-8. Won by 4 wkts. (H)  
R.G.S.—40. Ashford G.S.—41 for 6. Lost by 4 wkts. (A)  
Goudhurst School—97 for 6. R.G.S.—94. Lost by 4 wkts. (A)  
Bexhill G.S.—120 for 4 dec. R.G.S.—26. Lost by 94 runs (A)

### TENNIS REPORT

You may say what you wish about the First Tennis VI and start grumbling about our losing every match, but our tennis

has improved since last season. Although our players are still young, by next year it is hoped that, with more confidence and experience, they will provide a team such as the one we had four years ago.

We have played five matches this season; the results were as follows :—

v Ashford Grammar School.	Lost 27-37 games
v Charters Towers	Lost 0- 9 matches
v Old Scholars	Lost 27-37 games
v Hastings High School	Lost 24-75 games
v Bexhill Grammar School	Lost 26-55 games

The team has been—Dawn Baker, Anne Lloyd, Olive Smith, Jane Clark, Marjorie Wise and Pat Crouch (Capt.)

Others who have played are—Eunice Diaper, Elizabeth Dobbie, Dorothy Mayhew and Judy Bateman.

Anne Lloyd, Dawn Baker and Olive Smith are to be praised for their all-round ability in games, and many of the others show great promise and augur well for future school tennis.

The Second Tennis VI has played two matches this season.

v Charters Towers	Lost 0- 8 matches
v Hastings High School	Lost 30-51 games

The team has been chosen from—Anthea Doust, Christine Volans, Julia Mercer, Janet Payne, Shirley Brabon, Pamela Lawrence, Coral Hartill and Dorothy Mayhew. These young players have much to learn, but with more practice and experience they should do very well.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT

There was much enthusiasm and keen competition when a school tournament was arranged; couples eagerly signed their names when the notice appeared on the board. The tournament was to be of two rounds of nine games each, the semi-final of eleven games, and the final the best of three sets.

The Tournament was stoutly contested at every step and interest and excitement in the school heightened as the final drew near. The finalists were Anne Lloyd and Dawn Baker v Shirley Brabon and Glenwyn White. After one of the most hard fought and exciting matches played in front of the crowd of intensely interested spectators, Dawn and Anne emerged the champions. They were presented with a box of tennis balls by Miss Turner.

Our thanks are due to members of Middle and Lower School for acting as ball-boys, and also to those who arranged refreshments.



Last but not least we say "Thank you" to Miss Cashmore for her patient help and coaching which she has given so consistently throughout the season, and for arranging the matches and the tournament.

In June a party of girls were fortunate enough to spend a day at Wimbledon to watch the kings and queens of the tennis courts battle for the crowns. To those who went it was a grand opportunity to watch first-class tennis played in ideal conditions. They were able to learn from these international players, and from their learning were able to improve their own play.

P. Crouch

Pat has been a conscientious and reliable Captain throughout the Tennis season. She has not only been a good leader, but has herself played with energy and enthusiasm. G.M.C.

### ATHLETICS REPORT

This year Sports Day was held on the Thursday, and, as last year, several Field events were held on Open Day.

Owing to a change in the system of awarding points beforehand, all three houses started fairly equal, and all events were vigorously contested. There were many outstanding performances and altogether nine records were broken. The final result was—1st—Peacocke. 2nd—Meryon. 3rd—Sanders.

### RESULTS

N.B.—An asterisk denotes a new record.

#### BOYS' EVENTS

Event	Senior	Middle	Junior
100 yards	Larkin (M)	Tidy (P)	Mills (P)
220 yards	Larkin (M)	Barnes (M)	Pellett (S)
880 yards	Caister (P)	*Tidy (P)	Pellett (S)
High Jump	*Bourne (M)	Stapley (M)	*Mills (P)
			tie Stapley (M)
Long Jump	Larkin (M)	Tidy (P)	Fuggle D. (M)
Throwing the Cricket Ball	Bourne (M)	*Stapley (M)	Fuggle D. (M)
Hop, Step and Jump	Caister (P)	Tidy (P)	-
Putting the Shot	Swan (P)	*Stapley (M)	-
110 yds. Hurdles	Bourne (M)		
80 yds. Hurdles		*Barnes (M)	
Throwing the Javelin	Larkin (M)		
660 yds. Relay	Meryon		
400 yds. Relay		Peacocke	Peacocke

#### GIRLS' EVENTS

Event	Senior	Middle	Junior
100 yards	*M. Crowther (S)	J. Houchin (S)	T. Johnson (S)
150 yards	M. Crowther (S)	D. Higginson (S)	V. Mitchell (S)
High Jump	E. Diaper (M)	G. Hewitt-Taylor (P)	
Standing			(P)
Broad Jump	*P. Crouch (S)	*D. Higginson (S)	S. Small (S)
Throwing the Rounders Ball	O. Smith	*G. Hewitt-Taylor (P)	V. Mitchell (P)
80 yds. Hurdles	P. Greenhalgh (S)		
75 yds. Hurdles		G. Hewitt-Taylor (P)	
440 yds. Relay	Sanders	*Peacocke	Sanders

On Saturday, June 14th, the East Sussex Schools' Athletics Meeting was held at Bexhill. The School entered teams in the Girls' Junior, Middle and Senior and Boys' Middle and Senior events. These came first, second, first, fourth and second respectively. Five girls were awarded their county badges for Athletics; they were M. Wise and R. Carey for 150 yards sprint, D. Higginson and C. Layzell for 100 yards sprint, and G. Hewitt-Taylor for the 75 yards Hurdles. Nine girls and five boys were picked for the East Sussex team to compete at Hove in the Sussex Schools' Meeting. Special mention must be made of Diana Higginson, who came second in the Junior Girls' 100 yards at Hove, and was selected for the Sussex team for the Inter-Counties Athletic Meeting at Bradford.

It is obvious that, with the increasing standard in Athletics, more time must be devoted to training than ever before.

#### GIRLS

Outstanding performances at Bexhill.  
D. Higginson, C. Layzell—1st and 2nd Junior Girls 100 yds.  
G. Hewitt-Taylor—1st Junior Girls 75 yds. Hurdles  
R. Carey, M. Wise—1st and 2nd Intermediate Girls 150 yds.  
G. White—3rd Intermediate Girls 100 yds.  
E. Diaper—3rd Intermediate Girls 80 yds. Hurdles  
M. Crowther—1st Senior Girls 100 yds.  
O. Smith—1st Senior Girls 220 yds.  
Junior Relay—(G. Hewitt-Taylor, J. Turner, C. Layzell, D. Higginson)—1st  
Intermediate Relay—(M. Wise, R. Carey, H. Webb, P. Greenhalgh)—2nd

#### BOYS

Stunt—2nd Senior Javelin Throwing  
Cornwall—2nd Senior Discus Throwing  
Cornwall—3rd 880 yds.



Larkin—3rd Senior 220 yds.  
 Wareham—3rd Senior 440 yds.  
 Jackson, Jary—1st and 2nd Senior 120 yards Hurdles  
 Pye—2nd Senior Long Jump  
 Tubbs—3rd Intermediate 220 yds.  
 Bourne—2nd Intermediate 110 yds. Hurdles  
 Weeks—2nd Intermediate Long Jump  
 Senior Relay—(Larkin, Jackson, Cornwall, Philcox)—2nd

#### Outstanding Performances at Hove

D. Higginson—2nd Junior Girls 100 yds.  
 M. Wise, R. Carey—2nd and 3rd Intermediate Girls 150 yds.  
 O. Smith—2nd Senior Girls 220 yds.  
 M. Crowther—2nd Senior Girls 100 yds.  
 Junior Girls Relay—2nd  
 Senior Girls Relay—(M. Crowther, O. Smith, C. Carter)—2nd

#### SWIMMING SPORTS

Although failing to produce a complete team in one of the decisive relays, Meryon House were this year's winners of the Gasson Shield with 58 points. Sanders House were second with 56½ points and Peacocke House third with 53½ points. The standard of swimming and diving this year was not so high as compared with previous years which may be partly due to the fact that the Upper School cannot now be included in the swimming sessions held at Hastings and have to be content with one practice prior to the sports. Some of the best performances were those put up by Fuggle D., Relf, Jennifer Catt and Olive Smith. After the Headmaster had thanked those responsible for the training and organizing of the sports, the trophy was presented to the two Meryon captains by Miss Turner, Meryon House Mistress.

#### RESULTS

S.B.—One Length	Bourne (M) 19 secs.
S.G.—One Length	O. Smith (P) 20.6 secs.
M.B.—One Length	Wise (P) 17.6 secs.
M.G.—One Length	J. Allen (P) 21.8 secs.
J.B.—One Length	P. Fuggle (M) 17 secs.
J.G.—One Length	M. Suren (P) 24 secs.
O.—Crocodile	P. Greenhalgh, R. Samaden, Fennell, Wickersham (S)
O.B.—Diving	Relf (S)
O.G.—Diving	L. Ayton (P)
B.—Beginners' Width	L. Stapley (M)
G.—Beginners' Width	J. Button (S)
O.B.—Backstroke	Dengate (M)

O.—Duck Dive	A. Lloyd (M)
O.B.—Two Lengths	A. Emary (M) 39 secs.
O.G.—Two Lengths	E. Daper (M) 44 secs
O.—Picking up Plates	M. Saville (P)
O.B.—Plunge	Bourne (M) 26ft. 1in.
O.G.—Plunge	O. Smith (P) 31ft. 4in.
O.B.—One Length Style (Breast)	Tubbs (S)
O.G.—One Length Style (Breast)	S. Stevens (S)
O.B.—One Length Style (Crawl)	Caister (P)
O.G.—One Length Style (Crawl)	E. Diaper (M)
Senior Relay—A. Lloyd, E. Diaper, Bourne, Emary (M) 76.6 s.	
Middle Relay—A. Doust, B. Wing, Fennell, Lee (S) 99.2 s.	
Junior Relay—J. Cole, G. Godwin, Stone, Relf (S) 94 s.	

#### ROUNDERS REPORT

This term there have been House rounders' matches for the first time, although they did not count for the Cock House Shield. There has also been more school matches in the different age groups. There have been teams for under 13, under 14, under 16 and a senior team. The under 13 team with Gillian Butts as captain have played 3 matches, winning them all and scoring 23 rounders against 8. The under 14 team, captain Jill Bainton, have played 5 matches. They won 2 and lost 3, scoring 23 rounders for, 29 against. The under 16 team, captain Elizabeth Dobbie, have played 2 matches, winning 1. They scored 4 rounders to 5½ against. The senior team, under its captain Marjorie Wise, have played only 1 match which they won 7-5.

The best scorer throughout the season has been Gillian Butts, the under 13 captain, who has scored 8 rounders.

#### RESULTS

Under 13s v Charters Towers	won 8-5
" " v Southlands	won 8-0
" " v Hastings Grammar School	won 7-3
Under 14s v Southlands	lost 6-2
" " v Hastings Grammar School	lost 14-2
" " v Southlands	won 10½-3
" " v Rye Modern School	won 8½-5
" " v Bexhill	lost 1-0
Under 16s v Southlands	won 3-2½
" " v Rye Modern School	lost 2-1
Seniors v Addey and Stanhope	won 7-5

M. Wise

#### A.T.C. REPORT

The acknowledged best flight of 304 Squadron has now reached the record number of 30 members.

These are undergoing or have undergone training for their



proficiency certificates. The final results of this work can be seen to advantage when ex-Cadets revisit our unit. Officer Cadet David Thomas came to see us from Cranwell and reminded us that it is possible to reach the top in the R.A.F. Pilot Officer George Hickman tells us of his Canadian tour, where he is learning to fly. This reminds us of Law and Lewis who are giving the R.A.F. the benefit of their presence. Robert Morris, better known as "The Voice" is a 2nd Lieutenant serving in Malaya, shooting at bandits and yelling at "Char Wallahs."

Wembley Stadium was the scene of an outing for 15 Cadets from our flight; the A.T.C. team lost—no comments except that the Cadets must learn to cheer a little louder.

More in the field of Sport; this time success at Athletics. We cost the R.A.F. two medals in various events, and obtained three trophies. This, it must be remembered, was at Wing status. Several more went up to Group level where a star athlete materialised in the long shape of Bourne.

NOTICE! No. 3 Flight's "B" class glider pilots are looking around for a glider—any offers?

Flying scholarships seem to be profuse as Cpl. Philcox roars through the air, and Laurance, Jary, and our beloved Flight Sergeant pass medicals and interviews trying to get both feet off the ground. Others have flown Chipmunks and Tiger Moths when pilots let them take over controls at Rochester.

Open Day gave the A.T.C. a chance to show off their marching and the R.A.F. to do a recruiting campaign, but despite cries of "Cheat" from jealous Guides and Scouts it was both interesting and informative to those interested. Laurance, by the way, still insists that he was the only one in step in the marching.

Another day's outing occurred when A.T.C. Cadets disturbed farmers and golfers on their field activities at Camber. Highlights were when several senior cadets disappeared for coffee in the thick of the fighting, and when Flt./Lt. Mitchell was espied hiding behind a bush half his size, blowing a whistle—Oh for a rifle!

The lintels for the hut have arrived, accompanied by tables, chairs, blackboard and easel. How soon? This year? Next year? Sometime? Never?

Has someone a pen which will write without being guided by brain or hand? How can I in 26 words show the appreciation and thanks that the Flight feels for those who have done so much for it. Flt./Lt. Mitchell, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Elliott, Sqdn. Ldr. Alden, Mrs. Hatter, Mrs. James and those hosts of others who have piloted, navigated, planned, built, fed and worked for the Cadets in the R.G.S. Flight. We write and say "Thank you"—we mean much more.

A.D.I.

## GUIDE REPORT

### 2nd Rye

Under our new and very able Captain, Miss Cashmore, the company has had a very busy and successful year. The whole company has smartened up considerably, and many tests have been passed; several guides are well on the way to 2nd or 1st Class badges. The company has been well represented during the year at various services and parades.

The Guide Party was a very successful one and not only the 36 children invited, but the Staff and all the Guides thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This year we were different, and instead of the usual play we produced a pantomime, "Cinderella" and it was a great success. The children appeared to enjoy everything, especially the tea, and they left each possessing a present from Father Christmas, admirably represented by the Headmaster.

The district Competition was held at Brede and the 2nd Rye were represented by one patrol—E. Robbie, P.L.; C. Vollans, 2nd; S. Dobbie, A. Rattigan, J. Upston, J. Cole, J. Southerden, J. Morrison. Everyone tried hard and worked well, with the result that we came first and returned to Rye with the District Shield.

Camp this Summer is to be held near Ashford and we are cycling to cut down our expenses. Miss Cashmore, Miss Vincent and Miss Dann will be in charge and as usual everyone is looking forward to it very much.

### 4th Rye

This year we have been under the captaincy of Miss Vincent, and we thank her for her help, especially as she took over with no previous experience of guiding. We would also like to thank Mrs. Elliott for assisting in testing guides.

There has been a field day each term when we cooked, or rather, tried to cook our dinner.

In January we held our annual Guide party and invited some small children from Rye. A play was presented and was carried through well. I think it can be said that not one child went home who was not stuffed full with cakes, jellies and various concoctions.

This term we had the annual district competition. A representative patrol from this company under the leadership of Judy Bateman gained third place.

During the year considerable progress has been made in work for Tenderfoot and Second Class badges, but not enough work has been done towards first class badges.

We are very sorry to lose Margaret Crowther this term. She has kept the company going through a difficult period.



## GUIDES FIELD DAY

On Field Day the Guides went to Fairlight for the day. The weather was fine so consequently most of them cycled. We arrived at 11.45 and as most of us were cooking our dinner, preparations for dinner started immediately. As is always the case, those who cooked their dinner found much more pleasure in consuming it than those who had brought sandwiches for convenience. After dinner we were given the choice of playing a wide game, or, as Fairlight is such an attractive place, of exploring in groups of two or three. The majority chose the latter, and everyone had a most enjoyable afternoon, arriving back at school at four o'clock tired, dirty, dishevelled, but well pleased with their day.

## ART SOCIETY

In the past year the Art Society has become much more popular, resulting in a startling increase in numbers.

Some members have attempted friezes, others lino-cuts, modelling, water-colouring, and Plaster of Paris carving.

Three of the older members have begun the task of decorating the dining hall with scenes from Shakespeare in the three moods, comedy, tragedy and history. How these will turn out we do not know.

It is good to notice the increasing numbers of students in the society and we hope that this will continue. The varied activities of the Society have been due to the enthusiasm and initiative of Mrs. May, who has encouraged members to take up so many forms of the range of Arts and Craft.

R. C. Peirce

## MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERTS

The first concert given under the auspices of this society this term was on May 22nd. The evening was devoted to instrumental solos and duets, vocal quartets and solos.

The concert opened with a spirited performance as piano duets of three of Moszkowski's Spanish Dances by Margaret Hutchings and Mr. W. E. May. These were followed by the first group of items of the "quartet" which had somehow grown to a sextet: Alice Jarrett, Vera Larkin, Olga Clark, J. Hale, D. Breeds and J. Larkin. They sang an old Welsh song "What have I done"; then the beautiful setting of the contemporary composer, E. Moeran, of Shakespeare's "Under the Greenwood Tree." They sang this difficult work with good intonation and fine degree of light and shade. Finally the quartet sang the madrigal "Farewell Dear Love" by Jones, with grace and good balance of tone.

Margaret Hutchings, the first soloist, gave a scintillating performance of two Scarlatti works, the Sonata in A, and his "Siciliana and Rigaudon" arranged by Craxton. She was followed by Alice Jarrett singing two contralto songs; "Sea Wreck" by Harty and "Morning" by Oley Speaks. This singer's outstanding quality is very good resonance, and this, allied to exemplary diction, resulted in a vigorous performance.

The third soloist was our clarinetist, J. F. Burke—well known in more fields than one. He gave two solos—a Mozart Minuet and Country Dances, and a Gavotte by Yuille-Smith.

The quartet then sang two Elizabethan madrigals, the frolicsome "We Shepherds Sing" by Weekes, and Morley's "Now is the Gentle Season" by Morley, and finally Handel's famous "Art Thou Troubled," which received a very sensitive rendering. Mr. May conducted the quartet and sang as many parts as he could at the same time.

The concert concluded with two piano duets from Margaret Hutchings and W. E. May; Beethoven's Turkish March, and the evergreen "Jamaican Rumba" of Arthur Benjamin, which was played with such fiery brilliance that the audience refused to be satisfied until they had heard it again.

## OPEN DAY

As usual, on Open Day, there was a concert given by members of the Senior and Junior Choirs, conducted by Mr. May and accompanied by O. Clark.

A selected group from the Senior Choir sang Purcell's "Sweet Delights of Spring" and a group of 3 part Elizabethan madrigals including the perennial "Sweet Honey-Sucking Bees" by Wilbye and his "Adieu, Sweet Amaryllis"

Valerie Jupp and Mr. May played two of Moszkowski's "Spanish Dances," and Saville M. gave a very creditable rendering of Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

Members of the LII and III made a valiant attempt at the very difficult "Mr. Valiant-For-Truth" by Vaughan-Williams.

The Junior girls sang "Polly Willis" by Arne. The Junior boys sang two Shakespearean songs, with Kimpton and Fitzhugh as soloists; "When that I was a Little Tiny Boy," and Desdemona's "Willow Song."

## End of Term Concert—Tuesday July 22nd

A welcome innovation was made at the end of Term by inviting Old Scholars now studying music to entertain the school. Miss Rosemary Ray who is studying the Violin under Bratza at the Guildhall School of Music, London was kind enough to come down and play solos for us. She gave sensitive performances



of an "Air" by J. S. Bach, "Sicilienne" by Paradies and then two modern works by Wieniawski and Bela Bartok. The Bach and Paradies were the more popular with us, but her enterprise and technical skill in the difficult modern works won our admiration and applause. Many thanks also to her friend Joan Turner who accompanied her.

Bernard Baker who is talking music at Birmingham University is well known to all of us and always a welcome visitor. He played piano solos by Chopin and Frank Bridges and joined Mr. May in piano duets. (We congratulate Baker on passing his Associate Exam. of the Royal College of Organists (A.R.C.O.) in June).

Olga Clark sang "Spring" by Handel with an elation that must have been due to release from the pressure of Examinations as well as to the words, and followed this with Frank Bridge's fine song "Oh, that it were so."

The Madrigal Choir who have worked hard and with real enthusiasm this Term sang six madrigals. The poor acoustics of the Hall handicapped the singers as it always must do, but their pitch and accuracy were both very good and well sustained, even in the most testing pieces like Wilbye's "Sweet Honey-Sucking Bees." Their unaccompanied singing has improved very much. It is a pity that they can only be heard to real advantage when practising in Room 6 which is resonant, but too small to accommodate an audience.

Miss Diaper was joined on the platform by another "convert" and lover of Elizabethan music, Mr. Darby whose appearance was noted very promptly and greeted with an encouraging round of applause though whether for his courage or temerity one could not say! Anyway, the final result was all to our gain.

The concert was a varied and enjoyable one, and to it an air of distinction was lent by the small but select audience who, in armchairs just outside the doors were able to enjoy the best of two worlds, the music within and the cool breeze along the corridor, without.

W.E.M.

### THE LEAVERS' PARTY

This year the annual Leavers' Party was held on July 30th. Proceedings opened at 6.30 sharp to the tune of several fast overs from the radiogram, operated by R. Curtis. As more combatants arrived the pace grew quicker, until at 7 o'clock the programme was interspersed with various games and novelty dances. The crowd objected to some of these, but P. Stone as Umpire interposed his veto and carried on. At 8.30 p.m. the leather was taken into custody and the players stampeded to the new dining hall for refreshments, the staff, as usual, being well to the fore.. Later play recommenced.

This year several novelties were introduced, one being the recounting by school leavers of their most vivid memories of their school life. Several cunning balls were bowled this over, and the Headmaster retaliated in his own inimitable style. Also prizewinners received a token prize and then were able to compete for a larger prize by means of a taper dance. This final prize was won by Carolyn Allen and J. Milham, who complained of the shortage of hair pins.

After the singing of Auld Lang Syne, stumps were drawn and the players retired, weary and bruised, to the haunts of sportsmen and women.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Hatter and Mrs. James who provided a truly memorable feast for this memorable occasion.

### OPEN DAY

This year's Open Day was notable for the inclusion in the now familiar procedure of some novel items. The inclusion in the programme of some of the events in the Athletics Competition, a precedent last year, was repeated with success before the record crowd of parents and friends.

The first novelty was a demonstration of the School Committee, which, despite being rehearsed beforehand, retained much of its original appearance of spontaneity, and made quite an impression on the few select onlookers. Unfortunately too much was crowded into the afternoon's programme in the hall, and many items overran their allotted time, including this meeting which had to be curtailed. Nevertheless the innovation served its purpose in giving the parents some idea on how the School Committee works and what are its functions.

The shortage in time caused one of the Two plays due to be presented by the Dramatic Society to be withdrawn; as their production was the work of the members of the Society themselves, this was most regrettable, and it is to be hoped that in future, the timing of demonstrations in the Hall will be more carefully arranged and more strictly adhered to, to avoid disappointments. Nevertheless, the one-act play which was presented, A. A. Milne's "Wurzel-Flummery" surpassed expectations; its presentation and the high standard of the acting reflect credit upon that group's producer, Pamela Blackhall, and upon the Society's stage-coach, Mr. May. The Dramatic Society is one of the most flourishing societies in the school, and the skill and the keen sense of the dramatic shown by these members augur well for the future of the society. Valerie Jupp, Christine Carter, Mark Saville, Bellhouse and Melchers between them captured very well something of the gentle irony which marks A. A. Milne's works.



Other demonstrations included "Book-binding." This was an "eye-opener" for some of the parents. Not many realise how urgent is the shortage of text-books and how great the necessity for keeping them in good repair in face of the constant wear. The Book-binding Society, a "back-room" group under the leadership of Miss Dann showed what sterling and invaluable work they are doing in the school.

A very helpful and illuminating talk for parents on "Careers for Grammar School Pupils" was given by the County Youth Employment Officer for Grammar Schools.

The school Music Society arranged a concert by both Senior and Junior Choirs. A full account appears elsewhere.

The visitors found much to interest them in the varied exhibitions. An outstanding one was that of Arts and Crafts. This year, more space was allotted to the work of the Middle and Lower School. The art exhibits were of a high standard and drew exclamations of surprise from many parents. Rooms 5 and 6 were given over entirely to exhibits of the Middle and Lower School, and these ranged from designs for inn-signs, some of which, such as "The Gremlin" showed great originality of thought, to a painting of Guy Fawkes and plasticine models of human heads. In the Art Room there were some very fine exhibits by Senior members, notably of woodwork and technical drawing. Other exhibitions which attracted many spectators were those of Guiding, Scouting and the A.T.C. In the latter, mothers had the greatest difficulty in drawing fathers away from the models of turbines and jet engines on display.

Outside, where happily the weather kept fine for once, the big attraction was the performance of Scandinavian dancing by Middle and Lower School girls, culminating in the intricate "Naäs March."

The final event of the day, which had been eagerly awaited was the March-Past of the Pre-Service Training Units—Red Cross Youth Detachment and Cadets, Guides, Scouts and Air Training Corps. The latter turned out in full glory and treated the spectators to a fine display of precision marching behind Flight Lieutenant Mitchell. Behind them trooped the Scouts with S.M. Pooley setting the pace. These were followed by the 2nd and 4th Rye Guide Companies with Miss Cashmore and Miss Vincent at their respective heads. Finally came the Red Cross Unit, whose dignified marching in faultless time and formation with Pamela Blackhall at their head won approbation. Brigadier Gardham took the salute.

It was generally agreed that this Open Day was one of the most successful and varied we have had.

Olga E. Clark

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This year the School received its out-of-school education on Friday, July 25th. The weather was perfect; tropical, according to one report: every prospect (even Rye Concrete Works) pleased, apparently, and even man was less vile than usual because of release from the four classroom walls perhaps, or the excellence of——ice cream (more than a treat, a food!)

By some happy chance the visits seem to have arranged themselves in a sort of chronological order, for the Juniors visited the cradle of our history (Canterbury), while the Seniors went to Southampton to see one of England's latest products—the "Queen Elizabeth."

### Juniors—Canterbury.

We went direct to St. Martin's Church which was there before the Cathedral. First impressions go deepest, and we did well to go here first. The guide was possessed of a very deep knowledge of the church and a real love for it. Consequently he was able to make us feel and realise to an amazing extent the history of this small but beautifully kept church.

St. Augustine's Abbey was harder to grasp for children with little experience but the imagination could try to picture the size of the original building from the ground plan. Leaving the 66 goldfish (7 years ago there were only 3, said the guide) in their pond, envious of their coolness, we traversed the long main street again back to the gardens. The temperature was well into the 80's by now and we could not see eye to eye with Chaucer when he said "Then longen, folk to go on pilgrimage," even when in our ease it was the holy blissful shade for to seek.

Sandwiches under a very friendly and huge plane tree. Aquatic sports for a space. Then up the High Street once more to the Cathedral. This had far less meaning to us than the small Church in the morning. But its grandeur could not fail to impress anyone and certainly those mediaeval builders created cool interiors on summer heat. Some heard the first part of Evensong, others heard the King's School orchestra playing on the lawns outside.

The train journey back was exceedingly hot but the day had been a good one.

### Middle School. Rye Harbour, Icklesham, Fairlight.

A varied tour this which began with disappointment at the Concrete Works, went on to Icklesham Church where they were given a very good account of the Norman architecture there, and thence to Fairlight for a look at the Coast Guard Station, and so home via Pett Level.



**Upper School. (1) Lewes and the Downs.**

The party reporter must have been very tired all the day perhaps overcome by the great heat, for all his verbs are in the passive. Thus West of Bexhill they "were well instructed in the geological formation of the country ahead." Then on "to Beachy Head where breath-taking views were enjoyed by the party. When photographs had been taken and stones thrown over the edge we went down to Birling Gap." (He couldn't make "went" passive apparently, so some action entered the party here). "Finally to Seaford where a packed lunch (even the lunch was passive, then) was eaten 'ravenouslly' on the beach."

This was the party which suffered, too, from the torrid heat when climbing and descending the Downs to Jevington. "As there was no facilities for buying refreshments here, we went to Wannock where ices and minerals were bought in bulk." (And I had hoped that the sight of ices would have spurred him to activity !)

And so home to Rye. It should (but did not, unaccountably) have concluded, "Thus an enjoyable day had been had by all."

**Upper School. (2) Southampton.**

If Upper School (1) did the longest walk and the Juniors drank the longest drinks, then Upper (2) had the longest day for their money. Everyone really enjoyed this well-planned and ambitious journey, and it was amazing how much they managed to pack into 13 hours. Space compels us to paraphrase their story which is a most interesting one. But they managed to see the Long Man at Wilmington, Lewes Castle, Brighton Viaduct, the refreshment car (many times) hitched on to the train at Hastings, (full marks for initiative to B.R.), Cissbury Ring, Arundel Castle, Canute at Bosham, Southampton Docks, the "Elizabeth" in dry dock, her 26 lifeboats and 2,000 portholes, the Carnarvon Castle, Athlone Castle, Rangitiki, Empire Trooper and Corfu, the Isle of Wight, Calshot Spit Lightship, aircraft Carrier "Implacable," and the refreshment car several times more on the way home. A fine day, and, as we said before, very good value for the money. Refreshment Car "takings" not yet known !

**Upper School. (3) East Malling Research Station.**

A party of Senior pupils was fortunate in being able to visit the Agricultural Research Station at East Malling, near Maidstone

The centre was founded by Wye Agriculture College in 1913, and was run entirely by that body for a time. The high cost of experimenting, however, made a grant necessary if the work was to be continued, and with the granting of this money the

immediate link with Wye College was broken. The station is now run on a Ministry of Agriculture grant, supplemented by money obtained from the sale of produce. There is a scientific staff of about 120, of whom 70 are graduates.

The work of the station was intended to be concerned entirely with fruit-growing, but, owing to its position in the hop-growing district, it was natural that it should be extended to deal with hops. This side of the work has now been restricted to a study of hop diseases.

Some of the earliest experiments of the centre were concerned with grafting, and we were shown the trees which are the result of this work. Grafting itself is not a new technique, for, as our guide reminded us, it is mentioned in the Bible (see Romans II), but until recently it was not based on exact scientific knowledge. The experiments at East Malling were designed to find suitable stocks on to which apples could be grafted. Various existing stocks were collected from growers in France, Holland, Germany and England, were sorted and classified, and this Malling classification is now in use throughout Western Europe. After the different stocks had been isolated, further experiments were carried out to show the characteristics of each one. We saw trees which varied greatly in size, shape and habit, although all of them bore Worcester apples. Careful annual records are still kept although the trees concerned are now over 30 years old. Each year the new growth and the circumference of the trunk are measured, and the fruit from each tree is weighed. This work enables gardeners and fruit-growers to choose a stock (as well as a variety of apple) which is suitable for their purpose.

Experiments are still being carried out with cherry stocks in the hope of finding one which will produce a small cherry tree for growing in gardens.

We were impressed by the clean appearance of trees and fruit, which were quite free from disease, and we were told that this is due to scientific spraying. Caterpillars, insects and fungi are killed by different chemicals at different times of the year, and so frequent and carefully planned spraying is necessary if the best results are to be obtained. The trees have to be watched carefully so that spraying takes place when maximum damage can be done to the pests and diseases without harming the fruit.

Many experiments can be performed on crops growing in the open, but some have to be carried out in special glasshouses. This is not because heat is needed, for in fact the glasshouses have to be kept at a fixed temperature by an inflow of cold air. It is necessary to work in houses because experiments can be more easily controlled, and diseases cannot spread at random as they would in an open field. In order to cut down possibilities



of transmitting infection, the houses are fitted with double doors, and ventilators are covered with fine insect-proof copper gauze. Only those performing experiments are allowed to enter the houses, but we were told that in one house virus diseases of plants are investigated, in another disease-free strawberry plants are propagated, while in another new varieties of fruit are bred. New varieties of apples may be produced by planting seeds of apples (instead of grafting to produce a new plant of the same variety), but this has to be carefully controlled as the grower must know which varieties have been crossed. This is impossible if pollination is left to the bees, so it has to be done by hand in an insect-proof house. By experimenting it is hoped to find new varieties which are resistant to disease as well as having a good flavour and appearance.

We were shown one laboratory where plants are analysed to find out what substance they contain. It is hoped that this work may prove very useful by showing that varieties which are resistant to disease contain some substance which is lacking in other varieties. If this could be done, then it would be possible to tell after a year if a new variety would be strong or susceptible to disease, and here again valuable time would be saved.

Other laboratories are concerned with pests, and their work is extremely practical for they identify pests reported by fruit-growers and give advice on how to deal with them. Each pest has to be studied carefully, so that details of its life cycle are known and can be timed as precisely as possible. The laboratory workers also have to find out at what stage in the life cycle it can most easily be killed. In collaboration with the Chemistry Laboratories suitable sprays are found, and detailed instructions have to be given as to how and when they should be used. Many of the pests affecting fruit are now well-known, but occasionally an uncommon insect is reported which adds interest to the work in the laboratory.

The pioneer work done at East Malling deserves to be more widely known and we recommend it as a most interesting and informative "educational visit."

### SHAKESPEARE AT CANTERBURY

Criticism of School productions usually demands broad statements and deviation to cover obvious weaknesses and shortcomings; but an appreciation of "Henry IV" presented by the scholars of King's School, Canterbury can afford to be complete. The play was staged in the ancient Chapter House, whose sombre architectural magnificence lent a background of mediaeval splendour to the whole production and ample opportunities, which were readily seized, to the producer. The acting of every

character, no matter how insignificant, was splendid. That of the lovable rogue Falstaff who extracted every ounce of humour and at the same time pathos—the hallmark of the true clown—and of Prince Henry was outstanding. Hotspur was suitable hot-headed and bombastic. The mark of the quality of this performance lay in the fact that the audience were thoroughly irritated with "the pig-headed young fool!"

The pace, flow and arrangement of scenes were facilitated by the use of alternate arches in the backcloth. The jutting stage and minimum of scenery, like that of the Elizabethan stage, directed attention upon the acting of the characters who were magnificently costumed. The lighting produced some very original effects. Outstanding praise and congratulations must go to the youthful producer, Michael Mayne, who himself played the difficult role of Prince Hal. His portrayal of, and insight into, the development of the strength and dignity underlying the flipant exterior of the future great King Henry V was worthy of a far older, more experienced, professional actor; it was even comparable with the subtle portrayal by Laurance Olivier of Hamlet.

Everything, in fact, combined for the finest effect, from the opening trumpet fanfare to the final processional down the aisle of the newly crowned king. And, when at last the final bow was taken and our hands ached from spontaneous and genuine applause, the sight of the Red Dean himself, then at the height of his notoriety, did nothing to lessen our pleasure at the masterful and most enjoyable presentation.

Our thanks are due to Mr. May for organising and leading the expedition.

J.M. and O.C.

### "THE VISITOR"

Softly he pushed the door; the room inside  
Was dark and silent, save for laboured breathing.  
He smiled a bitter smile; he could not hide  
The duty he had come there to fulfil.  
For she was past her three score years and ten;  
And she a long and tiring life had led;  
But she was unaware of him just then;  
And he was sad, his duty to perform.  
He cast a glance upon her snow-white hair,  
And in her aged and time-worn face he saw  
A happiness that none had dreamed was there,  
Until this last hour of her many days.  
And there was peace upon her face, an air serene,  
Of calm acceptance of the shadowed form;  
And she was unaware that he had been—  
For the visitor was sudden Death.

Shirley Stevens



## A VISIT TO NORTHOLT AIRPORT

One day during the Easter Holidays, while we were staying in London, we visited that great terminus of international travel, Northolt Airport.

From the public enclosure we watched the planes arriving and taking off. When a plane is coming in to land, the traffic on the nearby road is halted by traffic lights until the plane has touched down. It then taxis along the runway and comes to a standstill outside the Customs Offices. The outgoing planes run along the perimeter track to the runway to take off into the wind.

After watching the planes for some time, we took a coach trip round the perimeter track of the airport. On the way we passed the hangars and the R.A.F Station, and crossed the runways. We saw the Control Tower in the middle of the airfield and passed two huge U.S.A.F. Skymasters. Near the Customs Offices many Vikings and Dakotas belonging to different companies were lined up.

The airport authorities are always prepared for accidents, and two Ambulances and a Fire Engine stand by constantly.

There are pleasure flights over London and the Airport for the general public. In the Public Enclosure there are donkey rides and model-train rides for the children.

The aerodrome belongs to B.E.A., but it is also served by Aer Lingus, Swiss Air and other airlines.

I thoroughly enjoyed this visit to the great airport, and found it as educational as enjoyable

Jennifer Southerden

## "AUTUMN LEAVES"

In their myriad colours, floating softly down  
Blown by the gentlest breeze,  
The leaves, the autumn leaves, in garden,  
Forest, and the wooded dell  
Make soft, deep, rustling carpets and underfoot.  
In every place they lie, in weather  
Wet or dry ; nor do they lose  
Their rust autumn beauty and bright hues  
Till winter blast is nigh.  
The warm dusty smell of bonfires  
Owes its fragrance to these fallen leaves  
Swept along by birch brooms into piles—  
Thence to the bonfire.  
A woodland glade most lovely is  
When crisp leaves rustle as one walks ;

While floating gently one by one to earth,  
The carpet deeper yet becomes,  
O lovely Autumn Leaves, you incarnate  
The very soul of peace.

Sybil Warner. Remove

## DEATH

Death stares at me tonight.  
In the gloomy corners of the room  
I see his face.  
Those sunken eyes !  
Eyes that are not there—and yet they see.  
They never leave me, staring, horrible.  
Whichever way I turn my head  
They follow,  
Haunting, piercing the gloom with their unearthly light.  
Silent I lie  
I dare not move—those eyes have hypnotised me.  
Quietly he moves nearer,  
And now I see his hands.  
They beckon—O so gently !  
I feel myself being drawn nearer to them,  
Soon I shall be in his clutches.  
And I cannot move.  
Everywhere is death,  
It fills the air—and now my senses are numbed,  
I welcome it.  
Slowly I walk forward,  
Impelled by the light of those unseeing eyes  
To move  
His hands reach out—I feel myself slipping  
And Death is guiding me down,  
Ever down,  
As my eyes close . . . . .

Valerie Jupp

When Mr. May first asked for volunteers to produce two one-act plays, I shrank from the idea, leaving it to those who felt themselves more qualified for the task. But when a producer for the second play was needed and no volunteers were forthcoming our leader used force and handed me six grubby copies of "Wurzel Flummery" and six grubby "conscripits."

The first duty of dishing out parts was easy—one just sat back and let them fight it out for themselves. But two starlets wanted the same part, which was very awkward, so in the end we had to take a vote on it and the unlucky one, although very



disappointed, gallantly took the only other part available, which was that of a maid.

We had the usual trouble about learning parts and as we had one rehearsal a week and that was taken up with pushing desks about, turning grinning faces away from the window, and stopping the lover from imitating the voice of his lady love—it was a miracle that we ever got anything done at all.

The plays were produced on Open Day, but as we only had forty minutes allotted for both plays and both plays took forty minutes each—one had to go. Owing to the main character of the other play developing an unselfish and untimely attack of measles, our play stayed.

We now had to choose between indifferent scenery and even more indifferent Biology Lab. curtains, which smelt strongly of dog-fish and dead rabbits—but we chose these, preferring their simplicity to the distraction of poor scenery.

We borrowed staff room armchairs, hoping they would look better to the audience than they did to us on the stage.

When at last Open Day arrived, another difficulty presented itself—as our two leading men were at school committee calmly discussing the merits of table tennis instead of fretting in the wings and feeling as nervous as I did.

At last the curtains opened—not with that nice “swish” that Mrs. Curran invariably achieved, but slowly and haltingly as I pulled and strained at the rope. Throughout the performance I badly wanted to rush round out front and watch, but instead I had to sit nervously with my eyes glued to the tattered copy of “Wurzel Flummery,” as I was sure that one of my players would forget his lines—but characteristically he improvised his way through the entire play to the consternation of the producer and cast, but to the obvious satisfaction of the audience.

Thanks to the experience and co-operation of the cast, my experience as a producer was far less terrifying than I had feared.

Pamela Blackhall

#### “SUNSET”

A mass of red-gold blazed the sky;  
The sun was turned to flaming red,  
Tinting each fleecy cloud nearby  
To a flushed pink, half tinged  
With orange streaks, spread o’er the east.  
The greenish-blue sky showed between,  
Flecked with herring nimbus, stretched beyond  
The pine-clad, dark horizon.  
A wedge of wearied birds flapped slowly by,  
Their delicate wings and breasts  
Flushed by the red-gold flaming mass,

Colouring the open eastern sky  
In magnificent natural technicolour,  
Leaving a glow upon their weary heads  
As they wheeled and made for home.

#### THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

It was 40 years ago that the city of Portland established itself in the eyes of the world as the City of Roses.

In June 1907 the first Rose Festival was held, and since that time Portland has paused every June to pay homage to the rose, that Queen of Flowers. Here we see a glorious combination of beauty, pageantry and gaiety united in one magnificent spectacle. There is the regal splendour of the coronation, and the parading of thousands of Roses. The Festival starts from Multnomah Civic Stadium. At the head of the procession is the Queen and her Court on a specially constructed float. The procession consists of many floats in various shapes and covered with roses. Prizes are given for the best floats.

The Rose Queen and her Court are chosen from the eight Portland High Schools. Nine or ten girls are selected, and the Queen is finally chosen from these. One of her many duties is to visit the Veterans’ Hospital. She has also to attend concerts, knighting ceremonies, the Rose Show, and the Aquacade, which was first held in 1950. This is a magnificent water carnival staged in the largest swimming pool ever built. There is room for 20,000 spectators. There many different shows from water ballet to canoe jousting. The Rose Show consists of the judging of many of the finest roses in the kingdom.

On the banks of the Willamette River there is a “Visitors Information Centre” where pamphlets on all the attractions in Portland can be obtained. And in these pamphlets and magazines they always end by saying “You are Welcome in the City of Roses.”

Marjorie Stoodley Ml.

#### LONELINESS

I will remember you,  
In the sigh of the wind  
Breathing across the salt marsh,  
In the cry of a gull,  
Lonely,  
And seeking its mate.  
A cry—desolate, wild,  
As the marshy flats on which I gaze.  
In all things lonely  
I will remember you.  
For I am lonely  
Now you are gone.

V. Jupp



## THE SEA

The sea surged fierce beneath the thund'ring sky,  
 As dawn of day broke, along the shore.  
 Above the roar  
 Of the bleak wind the screeching cry  
 Of wild sea birds..  
 A mast appeared upon the dim horizon;  
 The great waves hurtled o'er her deck—  
 Nearly a wreck  
 She rolled in the heaving ocean  
 Among the rocks.  
 The clipper's mast fell crash into the breakers  
 As the thunder rolled overhead;  
 And as if dead  
 She floated on the heaving waters  
 So lonely and so quiet.  
 The riggings dropped heavily to the bow  
 Cracking, it split beneath the force  
 And dragged low  
 In the sea, that ill fated course  
 Which brave men have led.  
 Her timbers cracked beneath the clattering strain  
 Of swirling foam. In sighing sea  
 Down went her lee.  
 She was lost to the wind and the rain,  
 On the cold sea bed.  
 All day and through the night the storm raged on.  
 Then as by magic it was gone,  
 Ashamed by one  
 Perfect lady of the ocean,  
 Now gone for ever.

Joan Baumber M2

## OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

<sup>Brett</sup> Pamela Bull has moved from Woking to Bristol. She sends an interesting letter about the facilities for the children, and also about Bristol. She has been to a Children's Art Exhibition, and attends a very ancient Church.

Shelagh Curran sent a long letter about life in the Wrens. She is training for meteorological work, and recently she visited the School at the same time as Joy Traynor now a cadet in the W.R.A.C. Ann is still at her Commercial College.

Michael Watson has passed his Intermediate R.I.B.A. and is now working for finals. His older brother Tony has passed his

Ordination Examination at Chichester Theological College and has just been ordained. Peter Cooper having been ordained priest is taking a curacy at Ealing, and has promised to preach to us at our Commemoration Service in October.

Tony Smith writes from Lewes to say that he has decided to apply for an interview with a view to ordination. He has heard Gerald Burt preach recently. The latter wrote from Oxford where he takes his finals in English next July. He is Secretary of the University Students Christian Movement—an onerous job, and hopes on leaving Oxford to go to Cambridge to train for the Methodist Ministry. Gerald came from Newhaven to see us just before the end of term and brought us news of other 'Lewes' pupils of Bedford days. Tony Marson has returned to the Army with a regular commission while Trevor Pollard is now under training for social work in Africa whither he goes in a few weeks. We hope we shall see him before he goes. Horace Franklin is a clerk at Newhaven Docks and Angelina Andrews was recently married.

Keith Cook now demobilised is with an Estate Agent in Hastings. He is Secretary of a Youth Club at his Church and speaks with gratitude of all the Church did for him when on his National Service. As a past Editor of Rya he is pleased to see the high standard of his day being maintained though he added some constructive criticism as well. Jo Tanner starts her nurse's training at the Radcliffe, Oxford in January. John is now a motor salesman and is engaged, while Clive is in the Marines. Myrddin David is now a Corporal Gunnery Instructor in the R.A.F. Regt. stationed at Hereford and instructs N.C.O.s from all over the British Isles. He and a friend are the two youngest N.C.O.s at the station and probably in the R.A.F. Regt. Ivan Smith writes and speaks with great regard for the training he is receiving at St. Mark's and also shows keen appreciation of what R.G.S. did as a preparation, not least such things as Debates and School Committee. He appears to be making the most of London historically.

A very welcome letter came from Rosemary Ray telling of her musical training in London. Towards the end of term through the initiative of Mr. May she appeared with her violin in an afternoon concert in which also Bernard Baker and Olga Clark took part.

Kenneth Howlett sends his farewell letter from Malaya. By this time he should be back in England. Most of his time seems to have been spent in teaching Gurkhas English (very successfully) and drinking Gurkha rum (with what success not stated). His position as official R.G.S. correspondent in S.E. Asia is



taken by R. J. Morris. Now with his heart's desire, a regular Commission; he is attached to the Malay Regt. In his first letter he said he hoped to see Howlett but I fear he would be too late. Morris writes a long and realistic appreciation of Malaya and its peoples, extracts of which, I hope, will appear elsewhere. Terry Saunders with the R.A.F. in Malaya hardly ever writes—on a recent visit to England he called in at school.

Congratulations to Derek White and Dudley Clayson on being awarded County Scholarships. The Former is now flying Meteors and on more than one occasion has been very near the school. Good luck to him at Reading. Clayson in recent weeks was moved to Benghazi and writes interestingly of a young Arab State with its newly won independence. More recently he has had a leave and has visited many historical places, chiefly Roman remains. Good luck to him at Oxford.

Osborne D. as he signs himself, is the newest O.S. to write to school. He seems to have settled well in H.M.S. Conway and appears to prefer "two with the rope's end" to blank marks.

Our very heartiest congratulations go to Edward Paige on his 1st Class Hars. Degree in Physics at Reading. He has been awarded a University research scholarship and we wish him good fortune in the work involved.

In the belfry of Rye Church the Headmaster met George Billenness old scholar and one time bell ringer (he joined the school in May 1895). He was very interested to hear that so many pupils of R.G.S. are in training in the belfry. He now lives in Hawkhurst and gives news of his brother William, also an O.S. now in Chichester. Another of the older generation Richard E. Avery of Peasmarsh who left the school in 1906 writes from British Columbia to an old friend and says that he obtained a very good post with the Hudson Bay Company on the strength of his having been at R.G.S. We hope for more news from these before long.

Lt. R. J. Morris writes in a very interesting letter from Malaya of the difficulties of travel in the steep, thickly forested hills. "We consider it good going if a patrol can go at a speed of 1 mile in 1½ hours. Crocodiles are our worst enemies because when we are after bandits we always like to walk in a river because there we leave no tracks. It takes an average of 7-8 bullet wounds to kill one." Just as unpleasant in a smaller way are the "leeches which when they have feasted at your expense swell to a size of some 3 inches." He goes on to write later of the peoples of Malaya, the Chinese who make the money, the Indians who work hard, the Europeans who occupy executive

posts and the Malays. He receives his copy of Rya and enjoys its news of home for living so much in the wilds one inevitably gets home-sick at times.

Timothy Sutton who spent a few happy months in M2 is now back in Tanganyika. He also writes a most interesting account of life out there. His father worked in the groundnut scheme in its early days. At the native market Timothy could "buy sugar-cane, pine-apples, coco-nuts and bananas at a very low price." He writes of the native dances (ngomas) with their witch-doctors leading the revels, the native staple diet of "posho," a thick sticky substance concocted from maize.

Dudley Clayson, now home, writes from Benghazi (30th May 1952) "the city still bears an unmistakeable, overall flavour of Italian planning and artistry. I was out on board the cruiser Euryalus this afternoon, and looking back into the Harbour, I saw a broad, sweeping semi-circle of palm-shaded Esplanade, backed by the marble and cream plaster of the Cathedral, and the Berenice Hotel. In the soft afternoon sunlight it was an inspiring sight. Back in the town the streets were thronging with crowds of town and country folk up for the Mohammedan Feast of Ramadan, and the shops, opening their shutters after the long afternoon siesta, put out a brave show of colourful waves for the English Effendi to buy. It was all madly gay."

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