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EDITORIAL

We thank all those who submitted material for consideration for The Poultonian this term. There was a good deal of original work in prose and verse and some of it had, in our view, much merit. May we urge all contributors to polish and revise their work, to seek help and advice to improve it, and, above all, to write distinctly and legibly, that their best ideas and most felicitous phrases be not lost for ever through careless illegibility.

No less important than its purpose of encouraging members of the School community to express themselves effectively in their own magazine, is the Poultonian's function to record the life and work of the School and to keep Old Boys and boys in touch with one another. Pictorial records are direct and attractive. We again invite those of you who use your cameras with skill and imagination to submit for publication photographs of school personalities and activities.

We acknowledge receipt of the Arnoldian and the Magazine of Elmslie Girls' School.

BY THE WAY

The older and more traditional winter term sports activities of the School have continued to flourish, as a glance at reports elsewhere in this magazine will show. Comparatively new sports in the School are developing rapidly, and many more boys are enjoying the challenge of games like Badminton, in which the School is now beginning to make its presence felt. D. A. Bonham has had a trial for the County Under-16 Team, and represented Blackpool in the Under-19 and Under-16 Teams, whilst P. J. Rees has played for Blackpool in the Under-16 Team.

There seems to be interest at Vth and VIth Form level in golf, and a real possibility that Baines will be able to take part shortly in a projected Golf Coaching Scheme, under the auspices of the Golf Foundation.

A Fell Walking Society has also been started this term which has already made two enjoyable and successful trips into the Lakeland hills. More such expeditions are planned. Baines, it is clear, is maintaining its reputation for all-round sporting interests.

The School has also maintained this year its link with Cranwell. Flying Officer J. K. Murty, an R.A.F. pilot, graduated there in July. P.O. P. N. Gilbert was commissioned recently after O.C.T.U. at Henlow, and has now embarked upon a five month post graduate course at Cranwell.

Society activities appear to have continued with unabated zeal. The Photographic Society, to name but one, meets regularly, and the assembled school, listening attentively to Mr. Lester one morning recently, was more than ordinarily interested in the announcement that Mr. Wilson, after School, in the Advanced Physics Laboratory, would give a demonstration of Enlarging! It is not recorded how many hopefuls turned up mistakenly to witness this transformation, and were a little disappointed to see only a skilful and competent exhibition of photographic expertise.

The announcement from the platform that B.C.G. inoculations would begin shortly caused a markedly different, by no means so hilarious response. In these days when we are all alleged to contemplate unmoved the spectacle of violence in our modern world, when, it is said, our sensibilities are blunted and deadened by constant exposure to such violence, it was remarkable how many boys were much affected by the thought, or, later, the sight, of a fairly simple routine medical procedure.

At the end of the term the School says good-bye to Mr. E. Lockton, who joined the Mathematics department in the summer of 1966. For the past six years he has played a quiet but valuable part in the work of the department and the School, and we all thank him for his services and wish him well in his new post as Head of Mathematics at Palatine School.

Mr. G. Beresford joined the School in September as Head of Geography and has already had a warm welcome from School and Staff. Judging by his performances on the Fell Walks and the Geography Excursion, he is a practical geographer in the best traditions of the department.

We were also pleased to welcome a new Assistant Secretary in the Office on 1st November, Mrs. E. McCann.

A Happy Christmas to all of you.

THE HOUSES

Founder's House

The Cock House Championship saw a close and exciting finish last year, eventually going to Hodgson, who finished $1\frac{1}{2}$ points in front of Founder's. This year the pattern is being repeated, with Whittington as champions of football, one point ahead of Founder's and Hodgson. Our Senior team garnered six of our nine points with convincing victories over the other Houses, but our Middle School team could manage only one point, from a draw with Whittington, while our Juniors' two points came from a narrow win over Hodgson.

The usual outcome of the Swimming Sports was seen again this year when we finished second to Whittington. Good performances were put up by Grime, Wigney and Sykes.

Our Seniors continued their winning ways in Basketball with a good win against Hibbert, but lost narrowly to Whittington. The Middle School did well to win all their matches, though two of them were one-point "cliff-hangers." The Juniors have yet to play. Next term we must challenge Whittington strongly for the Cross-Country Championship.

Congratulations to Moseley on gaining a regular place in the Blackpool Town Team, to Fairclough, Critchley and Jackson on their selection for County Trials and to W. H. Taylor on the award of the Organ Scholarship. Finally, our best wishes go with Mr. Lockton, who is leaving to take a senior appointment at Palatine School.

H. E. T.

Hibbert House

Hibbert House has had truly mixed fortunes so far this year, but in all events any lack of ability has always been overshadowed by a profusion of enthusiasm.

Although in the football competition the Senior team has lost all three matches in which it has taken part, the Middle and Junior Hibbert teams have both won two out of the three matches in which they have played, providing spectacular and indeed courageous efforts whenever they competed.

Our unfortunate fourth position in the Swimming Gala reflects the small number of Hibbert entrants, rather than the quality of their efforts. Indeed, those who entered all swam very well; we should particularly like to congratulate Croasdale on winning the Junior Freestyle, McKay on winning the Middle School Dive, and the entire Junior Squadron, who pulled out the stops to take second place in their race.

The Middle School element of Hibbert again showed its sporting talents when their team pulled off decisive victories in their two matches this term, even though the Senior team has unfortunately lost its last two matches.

Finally, all members of Hibbert would, I am sure, like to take this opportunity of heartily congratulating Bonham on his receiving a trial with a view to entering the Lancashire County Under-16 Badminton Team.

A. H. ARMITAGE, L6 Arts

Hodgson House

The House did well to come second in the football championship, especially the Middle School, who won all their matches. We achieved our customary third place in the Swimming Sports, although it was a considerably better third than on previous occasions.

Up to now we are having bad luck in the Basketball, especially in the Middle School, but the Juniors have yet to play, so we are hoping for better results.

We congratulate the Hodgson candidates on achieving such noteworthy results in the "O" and "A" level examinations, and we anticipate similar successes in both curricular and extra-curricular activities in the coming year.

J. J. EASTHAM, U.VI Sc. 1
House Secretary

Whittington House

The football championship has been won by the House this year, largely, but not entirely, the result of three good victories gained by the Junior Team. The Seniors played with spirit and determination to gain three points, particularly so in a closely-contested draw against a confident Hodgson XI. The Middle School was not so successful, but did nevertheless provide an important point by drawing with Founder's.

In the Swimming Sports the House gained another emphatic win. The Swimming Captain, Wendt, M. J., first won the Haworth Cup and later the Senior Championship. He enjoyed good support from Smith, N. J., who won the Middle School Championship, and from the other members of the team. C. E. Parkinson, a Fourth Form boy, scored 12 points, a particularly commendable performance which made him a very good second in the Middle School Championship.

The Basketball Competition is still in progress, but the Seniors, Burton and Mayoh, playing leading parts, have won all their games. The Juniors, who have yet to play, must try to do well, too.

We shall hope to maintain our lead, perhaps even to improve on it, when the Cross-Country Championship takes place next term.

Congratulations to M. K. Roberts, who has gained a place at Oxford to read Mathematics next October, 1973.

Congratulations, too, to P. J. Rees, on his selection for the Blackpool Schools' Under-16 Badminton Team.

J. L. T.

STAFFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Stafford Memorial Scholarship is a recent addition to the annual activities of the School, and consists of a week-long course at the Plas y Brenin National Mountaineering Centre, Capel Curig.

The course which Terence Peet and I took covered the basic necessities of tying knots, map and compass work and the various techniques of rock climbing, mountain walking and mountain rescue. During the day, our time was spent out of doors putting information gained at evening lectures into practice, with the aid of which we were able to scrape by on what resembled a commando course and not the "holiday" previously expected.

Under the guidance of very experienced tutors, and using equipment of the highest standards we crowned such summits as Snowdon, Tryfan, Moel Siabod and the Glyders, in some cases not once but several times.

Even though the course was exhausting at times, Terence and I enjoyed it thoroughly and I should like to thank the Old Boys' Association for providing us with, and sponsoring us for, such an opportunity. Thanks in particular to Mr. Tofts who arranged such a scholarship.

Considering that the scholarship has only been awarded for its second year, it has aroused great interest within the School, which I hope will continue in the future.

D. WEST, UVI Arts

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

This year the holiday was centred on Unspunnen—near Interlaken—in Switzerland, for nine days.

We made very good progress to Dover, travelling through the night, and after a substantial breakfast boarded the car-ferry, "Roi Baudouin" for an extremely smooth Channel-crossing to Ostend. However, our smooth travelling was interrupted here by the non-appearance of our coach. We had to wait for over an hour in the rain so diplomatic relations with Belgium were temporarily broken off. Thanks to Mr. Pryce, the coach eventually arrived and we were soon travelling through the Belgian countryside on our way to Marche en Farnesse—our overnight stop.

After a welcome night of peaceful sleep, we proceeded through Luxembourg and N.E. France to Basle, and thence through Switzerland to Interlaken.

From here we had several very interesting day excursions, visiting places such as Berne—a marvellous old city—Spiez, Brienz and Meiringen. In Berne many of the party elected to visit the baths but their intentions were quickly foiled by the total absence of water. Others watched the bears, who were extremely adept at catching objects of food—someone remarked. "We could do with them in the slips for England."

One day we went up the Grindelwald—the longest chair-lift in the world—where the views of the Eiger and Jungfrau were magnificent and we even had a physical geography practical lesson in the Aar gorges and a sail on a glacial lake—Lake Brienz.

Our evenings were passed in relative interest, largely through the presence of a MIXED party from Cleethorpes and the enterprise of the masters who arranged for us to visit a very colourful local festival.

Unfortunately we had to leave Switzerland eventually, and it was with melancholy that we retraced our journey through France and Belgium to Dover. However, the party soon recovered at the prospect of fish and chips in good old London!

Soon the holiday came to an end, but our nine days will not go unforgotten because of the many souvenirs, photographs and memories we all possess. Our thanks are extended to Messrs. Pryce, Lawrenson and Bradley for organising such an interesting and yet educational holiday and for their patience with us at all times.

S. A. BELL, LVI A

I.A.C.E., 1972

This year, just over sixty cadets from this country took part in the International Air Cadet Exchange, and I was one of twenty-four cadets fortunate enough to be selected to go to Canada. The Exchange started with a flight out from Gatwick in a Canadian Armed Forces Boeing 707 to Trenton, on the north shore of Lake Ontario. From Trenton, we went on to Chatham, where we spent most of the first week of our tour. Our time was taken up mainly in swimming and water-skiing (or drowning, as the case may be). Eating was also high on our list of activities, and the steaks provided were very well received by all cadets. From Chatham, we travelled to the Niagara Peninsula, where we spent several days visiting different tourist spots, the main one being the Falls themselves. We managed to go under (not over) the Falls, succeeding in getting soaked. From the Falls, we travelled to Toronto, where we visited the famous City Hall, and then on to Winnipeg, where we saw our first "grid-football" match.

After Winnipeg we travelled to Moosejaw, and were shown round a small local farm of 4,000 acres which also had its own oil well.

From Moosejaw we went back to Regina, where I stayed with a family whose son was on Exchange to England at the time, and then we travelled to Ottawa in some very rickety Dakotas. Whilst in Ottawa, we were billeted at the university, and at 3 o'clock the first morning, the fire alarm sounded. This everyone ignored, thinking it was a joke by one of the cadets. However, we survived to travel to Trois Rivières and Québec, where my recollections of French were not enough to understand the locals. Travelling back on the final leg to Ottawa was quite an experience because all the cadets were singing and stamping, even though the bus looked due to fall apart fairly soon. The final flight back to Gatwick was undertaken with mixed feelings. Cadets were sorry to leave this tremendous country where they had made so many new friends, but were happy to see their old friends in England.

Everyone had a tremendous time, and the three officers, Captain Mann, and F.Lt.'s Leeming and Dyce, helped to make the trip an experience which no one taking part would ever forget.

M. K. ROBERTS, U.6 Sc. II

THIS YEAR'S BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S TRIP TO BROCKHOLES NATURE CONSERVATION ESTATE AND GRIZEDALE FOREST

This year's Biological Society trip was to Brockholes Nature Conservation Estate and Grizedale Forest. Some 30 or so members of the Society went, and all agreed that it was a most enjoyable trip.

The coach set out from Thornton Station at 8.30 a.m. on the 14th July, 1972, and picked up at Poulton at the appointed time, 8.40 a.m. Everyone seemed to be in high spirits, probably because we were missing a day at school.

Our first stop was at Brockholes Nature Conservation Estate at about 10.30 a.m., where we were met by one of the assistants. We first went around an excellent exhibition on the natural history of the Lake District. This exhibition included such subjects as common birds and their calls, quotations from authors and poets who lived in the Lake District (e.g., William Wordsworth, Arthur Ransome and Beatrix Potter), and examples of ancient settlement in the Lake District. The most amusing display though, it was agreed by all, was a rather comical way of illustrating the country code.

After completing our viewing of this exhibition we proceeded to a lecture room where we were given a lecture, accompanied by film slides, again on the natural history of the Lake District. This, for myself, became rather tedious after a time as it did for some of my colleagues, probably because it reminded us rather too much of school lessons and some masters (who shall remain nameless). After the lecture we were given some free time before lunch, when most of us took the opportunity of proceeding around the short walk aided by a small guide. Although this walk was short it was highly interesting even though a considerable amount of the information given on the leaflet was incorrect.

After completing this walk we went to the Picnic Area where we had an outdoor lunch with the sun beating on our backs.

After lunch we all clambered into the coach, and were soon on our way to Grizedale Forest where we motored along some unusually narrow roads and occasionally met with another vehicle travelling in the opposite direction. These situations turned out to be rather awkward, but fortunately we had a capable driver who dealt with them admirably.

On arriving at Grizedale Forest the party split up into two groups. The first went around the nature walk, while the second, the group I was in, proceeded to the museum. The museum consisted of two rooms, with stuffed animals displayed in glass cases in one, while in the other there were various displays on the subject of deer.

When the first group returned they went to the museum, while the second group went around the nature walk. The nature walk, if one took one's time, was exceedingly interesting and I took 1½ hours exploring this walk. There were many different species of trees on the walk which are not usually found so close together, and I found it hard to believe that all the trees in the forest were planted by hand. There were many fine examples of plant life, but the only animal life evident was members of my own party and others viewing the forest.

On returning I found that we had some free time before our return journey when most people exhausted the small camp stores, near the beginning of the nature walk, of all fizzy drink and toffee supplies.

When the time came to go back we all clambered into the coach, tired but happy. On the return journey there was the usual singing accompanied this time by a tape recorder. The coach arrived in Poulton at 5.15 p.m., where most people got off, and all members agreed that it was a most interesting trip.

Due acknowledgements are paid to Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Ward for organising such an enjoyable and fascinating trip and all members look forward enthusiastically to next year's.

T. J. SPENCER, IIM

VISIT TO I.C.I. PLASTICS DIVISION

On a blustery July afternoon, a group of keen Sixth Form chemistry students arrived along with Mr. Green at Hillhouse, Thornton.

We were led into a small lecture theatre and given a brief survey of the principal plastics manufactured at Thornton and at other I.C.I. works in the United Kingdom. In particular the processes used in making P.V.C., nylon and polytetrafluorethylene were described.

We then toured the works and saw the formation of coloured sheets of P.V.C. This involved the addition of plasticisers and dyes to the melted solid followed by pressing and curling between rollers. Several potential factory inspectors in the group were worried about the difficult working conditions but were assured that no effort was spared to decrease the workers' discomfort. A few privileged boys managed to obtain several samples. A display cabinet showed some of the articles made from P.V.C., such as soles for shoes, upholstery for cars, and protective gloves and clothing.

The nylon plant was our next call and we saw the equipment used to melt the nylon chips. The liquid was forced through small holes, cooled, and the threads stretched under water. The strands were wound on spools on countless machines. The nylon was to be used for wigs, dolls, brushes, etc.

We moved into the fresh air which to me was most enjoyable but the majority preferred what was to follow.

Tea, minerals, sandwiches and cakes were so attractive that some boys went back for more and more. The fact that most people had long since departed did not seem to perturb them. However, after frantic searching, the errant tea drinkers were reunited with the rest of us.

A brief tour of the workshops concluded our visit. Here we saw new machinery constructed and equipment repaired.

After thanking our guide and the I.C.I. management for their hospitality and efforts made on our behalf, we all departed on our separate ways.

We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Green for kindly arranging this visit and enabling us to see some of the applications of chemistry to industry.

D. H. MOLYNEUX, U.VI Sc. 1

ART SOCIETY AND POTTERY CLUB

Throughout the term the Society has been very well supported by boys of all ages. Although the Society is attended by a hard-core of "professional" artists, new talent is welcomed at the meetings, which are held on Tuesdays after school, and occasional lunch times. Many junior boys have been seen nursing some prized masterpiece whilst the more ambitious sculptors have had to arrange transport at the end of term.

Secretary, P. BUGLASS, L.6 Sc. 1

A.T.C. REPORT

Happily the squadron is once again back to full strength, but more regular attendances on the part of several cadets would be appreciated. Thanks to long-term planning, a great variety of squadron activities has been enjoyed during the last term. Before this term began several events of interest to the squadron took place. During August, 8 cadets received a week's camp at R.A.F. Valley and it was thoroughly enjoyed all round. Also during August, Flight Sergeant Eden undertook his Flying Scholarship at Perth, and C.W.O. Roberts spent three weeks in Canada on an International Cadet Exchange.

The varied activities programme for this term has included two exercises, an inter-flight football match and inevitably some drill practice for the approaching inter-flight drill competition. An inter-flight basketball match, the drill competition and another exercise are among the events planned for the remainder of this term. At half-term Sgts. Shepherd and Snowdon, and Cadets Walmsley and Cohen took part in a four-day exercise in the Langdales with 2459 Squadron. Despite adverse weather conditions, most of us regarded the camp as being worthwhile, but there were some amongst us who disagreed.

Weather permitting, several of the new cadets will receive their first flying with the A.T.C. at R.A.F. Woodvale early in December. The squadron has recently been granted regular shooting at Weeton, and with luck there should soon be a fair number of A.T.C. marksmen in the squadron.

No report in 191 Squadron could be complete without thanking Flight/Lt. Ridley and F.O.'s Wilson and Marsden for their enthusiasm and imagination in devising varied and inter-

esting activities to help the normal running of the squadron. Without their participation or co-operation few of the activities mentioned could take place.

Sgt. A. G. COHEN

THE BIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Society has held two meetings this term, with three more planned before Christmas.

At the first of these meetings a film, "Pesticides in Focus," was shown. The problem of pesticides is one recently brought to a head by the D.D.T. report, and the film gave a valuable and balanced insight into the subject.

"The river must live," an old favourite, was shown at the next meeting. The pollution of a river was its central theme.

For the future, another conservation film and a film entitled boldly, "The Rival World," should provide interesting meetings.

At the last meeting of the term Alan ("Big Al") Pearson (now of Edinburgh University) will be giving a talk on biological subjects at University. All those considering biology as a career should learn a lot from this meeting.

In ending, I should like to thank Mr. Ward and Mrs. Edwards for their support, and Mr. Hill for his kind assistance with the films.

Secretary, D. H. MOLYNEUX, U.VI Sc. I

STRATFORD, 1972

Messrs. Fielding and Thompson and twenty-three students from the Upper and Lower VIth visited Stratford this year. The trip lasted three days, during which the party saw four plays at the Memorial Theatre, and everybody who went much enjoyed this civilised, educational and very entertaining break from more orthodox academic studies.

J. L. T.

Julius Caesar

In the 1972 Stratford production of "Julius Caesar," Trevor Nunn re-created on stage the power and greatness of a Rome ruled by a self-styled demi-god, Caesar.

The quality of acting was of the consistently high standard that prevails at Stratford. Mark Dignam gave a realistic performance which made Caesar look the most powerful man on earth and Corin Redgrave continued the line with an excellent portrayal of the young Octavius. Patrick Stewart as Cassius did indeed have "a lean and hungry look," and the tent scene between Cassius and Brutus was one of the highlights of the

performance. John Wood's interpretation of Brutus did not equal some people's idea of "the noblest Roman of them all," but, overall, the production was effective and most enjoyable despite frequent distractions from an over-enthusiastic percussionist.

Of the three Roman plays we saw at Stratford, to my mind Caesar was the finest, although some members of the party were quick to point out that the absence of Janet Suzman from the cast made the play less interesting.

C. SAMSON, U.VI A

Antony and Cleopatra

This play proved to be the least popular of those seen on this year's visit to Stratford. Many of us found it dragged towards its climax. However, the relationship between Antony and Cleopatra was portrayed effectively by the seductive Janet Suzman, and the weak-willed Richard Johnson, who conveyed the helplessness of a man trapped by his desire for a woman. Indeed his entrancement with Cleopatra was so emphasised in this production that we, the audience, found it difficult to feel sympathy for Antony's downfall from his past strength and virtue, as seen in Julius Caesar.

Perhaps as interesting as the play was the electric stage, which transformed itself in the course of the performance into the Senate at Rome, Cleopatra's camp, a pirate ship, and finally a pyramid. The music was also worthy of note, and was supplied by numerous horns and drums. Other high points in the play were: the party scene on board ship, the humorous exchanges between Cleopatra and her eunuch, who was authentically high pitched, and the death of Cleopatra in her monument—although threatened by a rather hesitant asp.

R. PORTER, L.VI Arts

Titus Andronicus

"Titus Andronicus" was the third play we saw, and is chronologically the final Roman play showing the Empire in decline. It must be said that by Shakespearean standards the play itself was poor—indeed there has been a great deal of conjecture over the part Shakespeare played in its writing.

It is obvious that in a play containing numerous bloody murders, a horrific rape and mutilation, self-mutilation and a mother being served her two sons in a pie, as in all such Revenge Tragedies, the amount of carnage can have a numbing effect so that as the play progresses the blood-letting becomes

less horrific and more and more ineffective and even amusing. I am glad to say that Trevor Nunn in this production, whilst loyally sticking to a text which directs such things as "Enter Lavinia ravished; her hands cut off, and her tongue cut out," manages to keep the gore down to the minimum.

Colin Blakely as Titus was brilliant, and was very ably supported by John Wood as Saturninus, Calvin Lockhart as Aaron and Margaret Tyzack as Tamora. John Wood deserves, I think, special mention for versatility, demonstrated in such divergent characters as this bi-sexual emperor in "Titus Andronicus," and Brutus in "Julius Caesar," and Antipholus of Syracuse in "The Comedy of Errors."

On the whole, therefore, this production more than made up for the inadequacies of the text and was presented as a thoroughly gripping piece of theatre.

I. WILKINSON, L.VI Arts

The Comedy of Errors

"The Comedy of Errors" was the fourth and last play which we were able to see on our all-too-short visit to Stratford this year. None of the party would, I am sure, disagree with me when I say that it provided a welcome change of atmosphere from the three most impressive Roman plays which preceded it.

The play was acted on a plain wooden ramp, and although the audience was not, therefore, shown on this occasion, the versatility of the moving stage, the invention of invisible doors and the like added enormously to the general confusion and amusement of both actors and audience. Whether or not one agreed with the amount of horseplay which was added to Shakespeare's basic comic situations, one could not deny that the Comedy of Errors was supremely funny. Indeed anyone who has enjoyed Monty Python's Flying Circus would have been rolling in the aisles at this performance.

John Wood and Corin Redgrave (the twin Antipholuses) and Chris Harris and Geoffrey Hutchings (their twin servants), played brilliantly, and even though in this latest re-cast production we were deprived the company of the delectable Diana Rigg as Luciana, Rosemary Hale proved a charming substitute, along with Judy Cornwell, who played her sister, Adriana. This excellent collection of actors and actresses, added to a cast of many others, gave us all a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment.

A. ARMITAGE, L.6 Arts

THE CHESS CLUB

This term has seen the welcome revival of the Chess Club.

Early enthusiasm by the juniors forced us to abandon the rather restricted Art Room for the more spacious premises of the Physics Laboratory. Such zeal for the game (perhaps inspired by the Fischer-Spassky confrontation) was not to last, and there now remains a smaller number of hardened "addicts." Those who do attend, however, arrive punctually, and seem quite satisfied with the seating facilities provided.

So far this term, Junior and Senior competitions are in the process of being played, but as yet, no finals have been decided.

A Senior Team has been formed and our first fixture is a "friendly" against Arnold High School. Such was the fierce competition for places in the team, that it has led one (cynical) commentator to question our motive(s).

Thanks go to:—

One Robert James ("Bobby") Fischer, whose antics have been re-lived innumerable times this term.

Mr. Lockton, who "started the ball rolling" and has enthusiastically supported every meeting. On behalf of the Society, I should like to wish him all the best and every success in his new appointment next term.

D. H. MOLYNEUX, L.VI Sc. I

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Once again, our members kept up a keen attendance, but a warm welcome will be extended to any new members. We had regular meetings, which included a discussion on the pros and cons of marriage, a talk on the Mission to Seamen by Rev. John Hartley, and a "listen-in" to "Jesus Christ Superstar"—kindly loaned to us by Andrew Layton. We also sent three representatives to the area meeting in Blackpool. Our thanks are extended to David Molyneux for his assistance and guidance, and to Mr. Lockton, to whom we wish every success in his new post.

Secretary, W. H. TAYLOR, VS

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: A. Armitage

Secretary: R. Porter

One meeting has been held so far this term; on the 9th November. The motion: "This House considers that Public Schools should be abolished," was decisively rejected. The motion was unsuccessfully proposed by Messrs. Bell and Snowdon, and opposed by Messrs Bradshaw and Lever.

Regular meetings are planned for the rest of this term, and next year, and we are confident that support will increase, especially from the 4th and 5th Forms.

Finally, the Society would like to thank Mr. Gregson for his enthusiastic support in the revival of this activity.

Secretary, R. PORTER, L.VI Arts

FELL WALKING SOCIETY

This term saw the genesis of the Fell Walking Society. So far we have had two trips. The first was on the 15th October when we walked over Coniston Old Man via Walna Crag. This was a very successful and enjoyable walk helped by fine weather and Mr. Beresford. Unfortunately this was only open to 5th and 6th formers, unlike the second walk, to Helvellyn, which was open to 4th formers and above.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Society all members of staff who have helped, especially Messrs. Ward, Beresford, Purves, Field and Simpson.

J. DUCKWORTH, U.6 Arts

METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Firstly, I would like to thank Mr. Scupholme, under whose guidance the Society has flourished. Mention should also be made of the seven observers who, come wind or rain, record the elements 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Thanks, then, are due to D. H. Molyneux, P. D. Sinclair, M. H. Maxwell, M. J. Calverley, P. M. Snowdon, S. A. Bell and J. R. Holding.

The weather since the last report has been remarkably dry all over the north of England. We have survived a fortnight without rain on five occasions, something which I "drought" is very common. On very few of these days, however, were clear, blue skies recorded, and only once did the temperature rise into the 80's.

Finally, all fifth formers looking for a life of challenge and adventure are asked to see the secretary, as the Met. Society offers you all this, and more.

Secretary, P. M. SNOWDON, U.VI Sc. 1

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. Wilson Secretary: P. M. Woodroffe, L.6 Sc. 1

The Society has held meetings once a fortnight this term and so far we have held three meetings—one on a demonstration of printing negatives, one on developing negatives, and a talk on common faults of photographs. Further events include the Ferranicolour transparency processing method, and the re-touching of photographs.

Support for the Society has been good, although there is still room for new members. All you need is an interest in photography. You need not necessarily own a camera if you have access to one. You may develop your own photographs, as members of the Society, using the Society's equipment.

We must, of course, thank Mr. Wilson for the time and effort he has given to the Society, which is greatly appreciated.

P. M. Woodroffe, L.6 Sc. 1

THE PLAY READING SOCIETY

In the last three terms the Play Reading Society has met at fairly regular intervals to read a variety of material ranging from "Charley's Aunt" to the "Quare Fellow."

The purpose of the Society is entirely selfish. Plays are always more enjoyable when read by a group of people, than when read alone. It is customary at the meetings for each person to take one, or more, parts; and although no one is committed to "turn up" week after week, as long as a few people meet, the system works very well. This play reading is found to be particularly successful in Dylan Thomas's play for voices, "Under Milk Wood."

Wesker's play, "Chips with Everything," was also read, as was "The Bed Sitting Room," a very funny phantasmagoria by Spike Milligan.

An attempt was made to produce Robert Bolt's epic pantomime, "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew," but unfortunately this proved impracticable.

We are indebted to Mr. Fielding for guiding and participating in the Society.

Secretary, S. BROOKS, U.VI Sc. 1

THE BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL CAMP

During the week 5th to 12th August the Royal County of Berkshire welcomed 1,800 Scouts from all parts of Britain and overseas to the International camp held in Windsor Great Park. Our sub-camp was called Bears Rails and was situated about a mile from the main camp. All the other sub-camps were named after rivers, six of them in all.

Every day we walked from our sub-camp to the main area. A two-way radio we had been lent kept us in touch with the main camp. During the week many activities took place. There were displays and demonstrations by the Army and Navy, trips to the Safari Park, Stonehenge, Hampton Court and Portsmouth. There was archery and rifle-shooting. There was a "Daily Express" hovercraft display

and a police display. Also there were three main competitions open to everyone: the cooking competitions, the firefighting competition and the seven-a-side football. Our team reached the semi-finals of the football.

On Thursday, Jimmy Saville came for the afternoon. His white Rolls Royce had a special parking spot where everyone could see it. He spent the afternoon talking to the people in the camp and then he presented the trophy for the football winners.

On Friday night the camp fire was held. The following day, at 11 o'clock, the closing ceremony finished the camp for another ten years.

A. HOLLAMBY, 3M

CONTRIBUTIONS

HOW SAFE IS A BANK ?

Today, in banks, listening devices which monitor sound, and ultrasonic devices which detect movement are used. These devices trigger off silent alarms in a police station or in the company's central security station which enables the burglar to be captured red-handed.

Latest theories suggest that the vault should be put in public view so that a pedestrian can see any burglars who, with more developed metal cutting and drilling tools as well as the development of the thermic lance, may be able to break into the vault.

The vault is built of dense concrete with irregular steel "combs" which force the burglar to use different tools. The door, which is 33 inches thick and has a 24 inch thick piece of torch-and-drill resistant alloy enclosed in tough steel. The lock can be a four-combination lock with over 100 million combinations. The lock can be opened and closed only by two or more people because a key locks the combination discs. Even if the burglar cracks the combination there is a time lock which can be set from 1 to 120 hours.

These devices will probably deter any burglar who thinks of robbing a bank.

S. McKAY, 4S

THE CANDLE

The old lady looked from her kitchen window, out across the valley, at the rows of blackened sandstone houses which clung to the windswept slopes. And in the valley, the sprawling conurbation poured out its choking fumes. But she could see none of this. Her eyesight had been deteriorating, and despite attempts by well-meaning friends, she had refused to

have some spectacles. She turned and walked painfully to her small front room. To the south there was a blur along the hillside. This blur was the new motorway. They had torn up half the hillside—the very same hillside that she used to play on when she was young—to build this monstrosity. Even this motorway wouldn't encourage her sons and daughters to visit her more often. Only her youngest son, John, ever visited her. Thousands of people would pass along the motorway when it was completed. It was ironic—so many people near her, and yet she would be so lonely.

It did not matter. Before the motorway was finished, another insignificant candle had flickered and died out.

D. LUMB, 5M

DEATH AT DAWN

By the time we started out the rain was lashing down in torrents. Before we had gone three miles, I was soaked to the skin, cold, wet and miserable. And we still had another mile to go.

I make this trip about twice every month, taking highway-men, robbers and all sorts of criminals to the gallows.

We made our way along the mud-covered road watching for huge pot holes that threatened the careless with a broken ankle.

The great yawning ditches at the side of the road held nothing but mud and filth. I could imagine falling into that murky pit and never getting out.

The sheep in the fields were huddled together looking like small cotton fields. The birds added to the dreary scene, lining the hedgerows like bunches of grapes.

The gallows had come in sight by now and my terrified prisoners looked up at the dark outline of the gallows with a mouldering corpse still hanging from it.

The eyes were gone, its flesh was pale and there were green patches of mould on the skin. The crows were picking at the remnants of its face. One had actually broken the skull of the man and was feasting on his brains. The corpse was cut down at once and flung into the ditch nearby, where a whole lot of bones protruded from the mud.

There were only four prisoners but the gallows were big enough for at least ten. A ladder was raised and the executioner prepared the ropes.

The first prisoner was pushed forward. He fell at the foot of the ladder. The mud was thick and slimy but the convict knelt and said a short prayer. He stood up after a moment, climbed the ladder and stood next to the hangman. The rope

was slipped around his neck. He jumped. His legs kicked desperately trying to find something to stand on like a sleeping bat dislodged from its perch.

Then there was silence—all that could be heard was the sound of the rain but it did not seem to hit the lonely figure—he did not even seem wet. The three other men were quickly hanged.

As I walked away I looked back. I could see the crows attacking, screeching and squabbling over four pairs of eyes.

N. C. ROWBOTHAM, 3M

The old man sits alone,
No radio or telephone.
No one to care about him,
No one to come and see him.
Life goes on outside,
He might as well have died.
He only goes out on one day.
Down the road a little way.
To watch the world go by,
Waiting for his day, to die.

D. BLUNDELL, 5M

IS ANYBODY THERE ?

In the darkness of the night
When the stars are shining bright,
And the moon is swiftly travelling through space,
Is anybody there?
Through the void of time and space,
Where the light year sets the pace
To measure stellar distances from earth,
Is anybody there?
In the future will "They" come,
From the far frontiers of space,
To kill with Laser gun
Our accursed human race?
Or on this earth of ours
Will they find that two "Great Powers"
Have destroyed in a few short hours
What for aeons Man has learnt and built and grown?
And will they then enquire
Of our blackened funeral pyre,
"Is anybody there?"

D. W. SHREEVE, IIIS

LONELINESS

Still, the monotonous, incessant drumming of the tap continued, beating out its lament, as if trying to hammer through the oppressive silence. Nothing moved. Even the hearth was still, and silent. The ashes of the last fire, long ago burnt out, lay motionless. The clock maintained a steady fast silence, as it had done for the last two days, ever since it had conceded victory to the deathly hush, which blanketed everything. Through the frosted, shattered windows filtered the wintry moonlight, and the threadbare carpet, which had once resounded with the patter of infants' feet, and the peeling walls, which had heard the warm voices of loved ones, lay still and dead. Still the tap dripped. Beneath the soiled, dank bedclothes a figure moved gently. It rose slightly, then fell, rose again, sank back, and at last lay still. The tap continued its drumming, ever more slowly, until the final drop imperceptibly solidified, and remained motionless. A deathly silence engulfed the room.

P. REES, 5M

THE NIGHT WORKERS

As I lie in bed at night,
The night shift workers start the fight
With printing presses and deadline dates,
So morning papers are not late.
After the actions of the day,
The children's wards no longer play.
They settle down to peaceful sleep,
Doctors and nurses their vigil keep.
And long before the School bell sounds,
The milkmen carry out their rounds,
And postmen are also on their way,
As I awake to meet the day.

P. KENT, 1X

NO SMOKING, SON

One thing my mother says, that's true,
Is something I must never do.
"Believe me, son—and I'm not joking,
Don't ever, ever, you start smoking."
She's right you know, I quite agree,
It's a filthy habit, as all can see,
Not to start is the best solution,
There's already quite enough pollution.
It costs too much, it's habit forming,
It causes coughing in the morning.
But here's the laugh, though it's a "crime,"
My mother's smoking all the time!

J. S. BARDSLEY, 4X

THE DOCKER AND HIS WIFE

I go to work at eight each day,
I leave you happy, smiling, gay,
And as I go upon my way,
I yearn for you.
When I come home at half-past four,
You will be waiting at the door,
And as I walk the factory floor,
I yearn for you.
The whistle sounds, the day's complete,
The evening air is clean and sweet.
And as I turn into our street,
I yearn for you.
But when at last your form I spy,
You yield no beauty to my eye,
And I just can't imagine why
I yearn for you.
For you don't love me as you did,
You needn't think the truth is hid,
You're waiting for the TWENTY QUID
I earn for you.

W. H. TAYLOR, VS

THE FISH

Here I stand, on the bank,
My fishing rod dipped in the water.
Then, suddenly
I see through the sharp, clear water,
A fish!
A fish swimming softly, delicately, towards my bait.
It bites!
Quickly I pull up my rod and reel in the fish.
I place the fish in my hand.
A delicate creature, all wet, all sleek,
It jerks and flips, squiggles and squirms
In my hand.
Then, the abrupt unco-ordinated movements cease.
The creature is drawing its last thoughts of life.
Faint, dying in my hand.
I throw it back into the water,
And, as if injected with life,
Once again it dashes, darts and dances
Once more in the water.

A. B. MAIR, 5S

I CAN'T AND I CAN

I Can't is a coward, half fainting with fright,
At the first hint of danger he slinks out of sight.
He cowers and hides till the battle is past,
Onto the battlefield he's always the last.
I Can is the hero, the first on the field,
Though others may give up, he never will yield.
He slashes his sword, he deals the first blow,
He resembles a windmill that scatters the foe.
Of these which would you be,
Inside your life span?
The answer is simple,
Of course, it's I Can.

T. DONALDSON, 5X

THE DESERT

Copper sun gleams like burnished lamp,
Ship of the desert sails on sandy tide,
Sun scorched, infinite dunes of sand,
Bedouin horsemen to oasis ride.
The date palms wave beside the pool,
Man and beast drink the elixir of life.
Sun kissed water, deep and cool,
Far away from sandstorm strife.

D. PRATT, 1S

HORSES ON THE SAND

Once upon a time,
In the days before this rhyme,
On the beaches of our land
There were horses on the sand.
Horses, all pure white,
And they were a lovely sight,
And the noise they made was grand
As they galloped on the sand.
"Thunder," said the men,
But they listened once again,
For they could not understand
What the sounds were on the sand.
"Humans," sniffed a horse,
"Well we can't have that, of course,
It was freedom that we planned
On this vast expanse of sand."
So out to sea they went,
Pure foam-white, magnificent,
Cresting waves that roar to land,
Watching children on the sand.

S. TAYLOR, 1S

AN HOUR IN BELFAST

Face blackened, a lone soldier patrols the streets of
Belfast,
Nervously treading the glass-covered street,
Carefully stepping over bomb-blast débris,
Anxiously turning a corner.
A single shot ricochets off the surrounding brickwork,
The soldier swiftly drops to one knee.
Anticipating the sniper's next move, he takes cover
within the door of a bomb-torn shop,
He tries to locate the sniper's hiding place.
Further down the street another soldier fires a dozen
rounds at a passing car,
Which returns the compliment with a petrol bomb.
The momentary silence is broken by the sound of
smashing bottles,
Thrown by youths at several stationary personnel
carriers.
The soldiers return the occasional rubber bullet,
But no drastic action is taken.
It's just an hour in Belfast.

J. DIVER, 5X

THE EYES

Eyes of silver,
Eyes of gold,
Eyes of fortune unforeshadowed,
Eyes that watch you everywhere,
Eyes that blaze with fiery stare,
Eyes that shine like lightning bright, as they peer into
the night,
Gaze upon them — and take care
What strange creature is lurking there?
And now the mystery unfolds—
Cats' eyes glowing on our roads!

P. BROWN, 1S

BOYHOOD

To some, engines, Leggo, experiments.
To some, stamps, flowers, the study of insects;
To some, soldiers, Waterloo, and miniature howitzers.
To some, football.
In the sadness of an autumn afternoon,
Studs and mud, the memorable dribble,
Bushes at the back of the net.
The water from loosened skies,
And fingers too numb to undo laces.

S. BUCKLEY, 5X

THE OLD PHOTO ALBUM

The photo album which lies in the chest,
Has photos at which we all jest,
And which smell musty
And are very dusty.
There's grandpa in his best suit,
And Dad as a new recruit,
And there's a photo of the Queen,
And grandma's lawn which is lush green.
There's Mum who looks a little younger,
And grandpa as an ironmonger,
And there's a really ancient snap
Of grandpa's broken horse and trap.
At last the album is returned to the trunk
Amongst the rest of the family junk.
Will other generations, too, find pleasure,
In laughing at our book of treasure?

R. DILLON, 3X

COMMOTION

A scream and a shout,
What's all the fuss about?
I hurry and sight
My mother in flight
Away from a furry brown mouse.
She jumps on a chair,
Waving arms in the air,
It must be a fright
And a terrible sight,
A monster let loose in the house.
I say, "It's only a mouse,"
She screams, "Get it out of the house,"
I pick it up by the tail,
My mum gives a screech and a wail,
Then I stroke it, and put it outside.

C. PARTINGTON, 3M

TOMORROW'S WORLD

The year 3,000,
When snow is grey,
The sea is grey,
The sky is grey,
When man created Robot,
And saw that it was good,
A thousand slaves to one man,
Not black, not white, but silver,
Known only by numbers,
Where man is the weak,
And the slave, the nurse;
He lives in an underground shelter,
With artificial oxygen,
And sits all day,
Reading, listening, thinking—not much—
And vegetating, mostly vegetating.
While Robots plough the fields, and scatter
The artificial food on the land.

P. JEREMIAH, 4S

TROPICAL FISH

There are dull fish,
There are odd fish,
But for brilliant colour and shape
There are tropical fish.
They swim in shoals, in pairs,
Or singly.
Their flecks of colour flash,
Changing shades as they catch the light,
Displaying and performing to others of their
kind.
They swerve and shimmer,
Glow and shine,
Darkening and lightening
In brightness and shadow,
Feeding on algae and plants as they go.
They have no worries or cares.
You watch them through the glass,
And they watch you.
They are alert for sudden movements,
Preparing to dart if necessary.
The majority are peaceful,
Providing a fascinating community.

M. WINDRAM, IVM

THE ROMAN WALL

Here slaves sweated to build the wall,
Heaving hard stones from wild hills.
And now it stands above the crag,
Forbidding, defiant, and unyielding
To those marauding savages, the Picts.
The watchful legionary surveys
This bleak and windswept moor,
So far from the neat vineyards
Of his sun-filled home.
Standing between the mile castles,
His cloak close-gathered round him,
Alone he contemplates, wondering
Whether a warlike warrior crouches
In that windy alcove of the weathered rock.
But nothing is there
To disturb the empty waste,
Only the curlew's sorrowful cry
As the damp mist swirls,
Cold from the rushy tarn.

N. A. W. WEST, 3S

WHY ?

Why do I still have to go to school,
Where you can't have a fight or break a rule?
Where stone-faced masters make you read and write,
And where, in blank rooms, you study atoms and light,
Which I accept, but don't understand,
How atoms and molecules make our land.
I can read, I can write, I can add and subtract,
What more can I learn? Just blank, weary facts,
About James the First and the Gunpowder Plot;
About Pythagoras and gravity and how Lincoln got shot.
What good are these facts of the past? They're all things I
can't see,
What I'm worried about most, is what happens to me.

C. PENDLEBURY, 3X

CROSS-COUNTRY

This season has witnessed the development of cross-country as a major sport organised at all age levels.

A senior team composed mainly of specialist runners, was formed during the last summer term, which, after much hard work, is beginning to make a little impression on the scene otherwise dominated exclusively by Blackpool Collegiate Grammar School and St. Joseph's College. Junior teams at first and second year levels were also formed last year, and by

the beginning of this term first, second, third and fourth teams, as well as a Senior VIII, were competing against other schools in the area.

The Senior team has not yet been able to field a full strength side, partly because of the unfortunate injury to Eastham (a runner of great potential) before the start of the season, and from which he has not yet recovered. The rest of the team has learnt (occasionally the hard way) that there is no substitute for hard training, the only resounding victory gained being that against Arnold School in which Burton triumphed with a fine individual performance and the team won by 24 points to 63. On the previous Wednesday the team suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of Kirkham Grammar School by 35 points to 45, a race that was won by Stansfield. A sound lesson in technical running was meted out by Blackpool Collegiate on 4th October, when a team without Stansfield and Eastham was beaten by 21 points to 57. Here, although Hallam set a new course record for a Baines boy, Blackpool Collegiate took the first six places. The last two fixtures have been triangular matches, the first of which was against St. Joseph's and Kirkham, when Baines came second with 69 points to St. Joseph's 33, and Kirkham were third with 78 points. In the fixture against Kirkham and Lancaster Royal Grammar School on 15th November, a very weak team was beaten convincingly into third place. Lancaster were first with 33 points, Kirkham second with 65, and Baines third with 90. The side has been captained very competently by Smith, and regular members of the rest of the team are: Stansfield, Hallam, Plummer, Burton, Brown, Cohen, Snowdon, Skinner, Bamber, Clarke and Betty.

The apophthegm, "Rome wasn't built in a day," seems particularly apt when applied to the developing of cross-country in a school. It is essential that specialist runners be found early in their first year at the school and it is necessary for them to train diligently and hard. One would expect, then, since such training has only started in the last few months in the school, that the junior teams initially would do considerably better than the seniors. This, in fact, has been the case, and the first year team has an impressive record of three convincing wins in three matches to its credit. A resounding start was made by this team when it defeated Blackpool Collegiate by 30½ points to 59½. Good packing by Ambrose, Chisholm, Vickers, Hitch and Jackson ensured victory here. In the second race against St. Thomas of Canterbury, they won again by 21 points to 74. Ambrose, Vickers, Hitch, Fisher, Chisholm and Cottam took the first six places in a very one-sided fixture. On 21st November a third victory was recorded against Hodgson, though by the narrower margin of 35 points to 47. Apart from those runners already mentioned, a keen

interest has been shown by Hallam, Thornton, Riley, Hodgkinson, Davies, Dugdale, Smith, Markham, Whittaker, Hoyle and Rushton.

The second year team has also won three matches out of three. In the first of these, against Blackpool Collegiate, the scores actually finished level at 41 points each, but Baines won by virtue of their higher placed sixth counter. On 26th October, St. Joseph's were beaten by 33 points to 47. Here Warrender achieved yet another personal victory, and he was well supported by good packing by White, Davies, Wilkins and Fairbrother. Their third win was at the expense of Hodgson and was by the margin of 28 points to 54, with good individual performances by Gibbs, Warrender, White, Neal, Wilkins and Ashton-Yamnikar. The team has also been well supported by Ronson, Butcher and Gerrard.

At third year level, one defeat and one win have been recorded so far. On 13th October, the team was beaten by Blackpool Collegiate by 31 points to 47. Hibbert and Brooke both ran well here. On 21st November, Hodgson were defeated by 33 points to 53. Although Hodgson took the first two places, Brooke, Wilson, Hollamby, Hibbert, Spencer, Little, Watson and Fail all packed well to exclude the other Hodgson runners. The team has been well captained by Spencer, and has also been supported by Cartmell and Pendlebury.

One Under-15 fixture has been held in which Baines beat Blackpool Collegiate by 32 points to 46. The field was led from the start by Hallam and Brown, and C. E. Parkinson, Green, Wardman, Porter, Bamber and McKay all ran well.

These performances all augur well for the Inter-School and Inter-Grammar competitions in February, and it is hoped, with the continued support of Mr. Field, and with continued hard training from team members, that the success so far achieved will lead to the recognition of Baines as an outstanding force in the cross-country world.

S. H.

JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

The Junior teams have been influenced by the determination of 1st formers, Hitch, Vickers and Ambrose. In the second year matches against Blackpool Grammar and St. Joseph's College, K. Gerrard has shown improvement and D. Ronson has done well by running for the School against St. Joseph's without any notice and he did well in this match. Regular training runs have been necessary and these are now held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone in the 1st Year's A and B teams and the 2nd Year team has to run once a week. The two junior courses are T-Wood (2¾ miles) and Fylde Farm (1½ miles), although M. White and Warrender have done the Singleton Course with the seniors (5¼ miles).

D. WARRENDER, 2M
(Captain of Junior Cross-Country Team)

1st XI Cricket

Captain: R. Davies

Vice-Captain A. Hitchen

The 1972 season was not the most successful in the history of 1st XI Cricket in the School. Despite a nucleus of good players the team managed to win only one game. The poor results were mainly due to problems of team selection during the period of public examinations—a perennial problem. However, there is a large number of up-and-coming players and we hope that, with continued practice, they will do well for the School in the future.

Results :

6th May v. St. Joseph's—
Baines 52 (Betty 25). St. Joseph's 50 all out Won
13th May v. Kirkham—
Kirkham 84 (Hitchen 4 for 31). Baines 30 Lost
20th May v. Arnold—
Arnold 91 (Hitchen 4 for 26). Baines 50 Lost
10th June v. Blackpool—
Baines 59 (Davies 22, Dawson 19). Blackpool 61 for 3 Lost
17th June v. St. Joseph's—
Baines 34. St. Joseph's 35 for 6 Lost
30th June v. Old Boys—
Old Boys 94 (Cartlidge 4 for 14). Baines 94 for 7 Drawn
1st July v. Fleetwood—
Baines 86 (Betty 28, Smith 25). Fleetwood 57 for 4 Drawn
6th July v. Poulton College—
Poulton 77. Baines 21 Lost
Staff v. Prefects—
Staff 94. Prefects 91 Win for Staff
Half-Colours were awarded to Dawson and Rae.

S. P. S.

Under-15 Cricket

Results :

v. St. Thomas School won by 3 wickets
Bell 39 not out; Gerrard 5 for 18
v. Hodgson School won by 2 runs
Whitworth 11; Lloyd 4 for 11
v. Montgomery School won by 5 wickets
Lloyd 39; Rees 21
v. Bailey School won by 8 wickets
Bell 14 not out; Gerrard 3 for 1; Cartlidge 4 for 9
v. St. Joseph's School lost by 8 wickets
Smith 13; Chard 12 not out; Cartlidge 10 not out
Semi-Final v. Hodgson School lost by 20 runs
Lloyd 22; Rees 12; Lloyd 5 for 21;
Cartlidge 4 for 22

Played 6 Won 4 Lost 2 Drawn 0

Players (number of games in brackets):

Bell, Rees, Buchan, Gerrard, Whitworth (6), Smith, Chard, Green (5), Wood, Leech, Cartlidge (4), Pratt, Lloyd (3), Diver (2), Fisher (1).

A. BELL, VM

Last season we entered the Blackpool Schools cricket league, and reached the semi-finals. A reasonable performance, since we were unaccustomed to this type of limited-over cricket. We were fortunate in some of the later matches to be able to call upon the services of two of the three fifth formers eligible in this age-group.

In the semi-final we played Hodgson, whom we had previously beaten. They were worthy winners and went on to victory in the final match against Highfield.

The team played well throughout the season, and everybody concerned was very enthusiastic. The batting was usually steady throughout the innings, and someone usually made a reasonable score. The fielding was keen and dependable.

Our thanks to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Paterson for the time they spent in coaching and umpiring.

Bell and Rees also played for the town team, Bell as captain.

A. BELL, 5M

Under-14 Cricket

Captain: L. G. Hayhurst

Vice-Captain: S. G. Vickers

Team from :

Hayhurst, Vickers, Porter, Dickinson, Wardman, Williamson, Metcalf, Rishton, Yarwood, Millington, Inman, McCarthy, Hadgraft.

Results :

v. St. Joseph's School won by 10 runs
School 53 (Vickers 17). St. Joseph's 43 (Porter 6 for 10)
v. Fleetwood G.S. School won by 31 runs
School 68 for 6 dec. (Dickinson 21). Fleetwood G.S. 37
v. Kirkham G.S. School won by 15 runs
School 58 (Hayhurst 13, Vickers 11)
Kirkham G.S. 43 (Vickers 5 for 6, Dickinson 3 for 8)
v. Arnold G.S. School won by 56 runs
School 108 for 3 dec. (Dickinson 48, Vickers 32)
Arnold G.S. 52 (Hayhurst 3 for 6, Porter 2 for 5)
v. Blackpool G.S.
Blackpool G.S. 102 (Porter 7 for 32)
School 41 (Porter 19, Dickinson 13)

There were two limited over games, played on the bitumen wicket against Hodgson School, and the team won both these games.

As the records show, the team had a successful season, giving a good account of itself in most of the games, and disappointing only in the game against a sound Blackpool G.S. XI, who were allowed to recover after an unconvincing start.

The brunt of the bowling was borne by Porter and Dickinson, and both had a fair measure of success. Vickers and Hayhurst supported them effectively and took a few useful wickets.

Dickinson, too, was the leading run scorer. He is a batsman who has a good eye and is naturally aggressive. He hits the ball hard and enjoys doing it. On their day, "such men are dangerous." He will never delight the purist, but he will frequently confound him, especially against bowling which is not too boringly accurate. If he learns to defend with more patience (and a straighter bat!) he will enjoy even more success.

Porter and Hayhurst both batted with determination and painstaking care, and as their technique improves can hope to profit more from their disciplined approach to the business of scoring runs. Vickers, too, showed that he can bat effectively.

Wardman fulfilled at least one of a wicket-keeper's functions by infecting the team with his own lively enthusiasm behind the stumps, and always kept wicket courageously.

Hayhurst captained the team quietly and efficiently, and set a fine example by his own fielding. Two, at least, of several good catches he made, members of much more senior sides would have been pleased to hold on to.

The team developed a good spirit under his captaincy, fielded well on the whole, and tried hard always. In doing so, they enjoyed their cricket.

J. L. T.

Under-13 Cricket

Captain: K. Watson

In their first season in competitive cricket the Under-13's had a very successful season, winning all the matches they played. Good performances were recorded by Smith, Watson, Gerrard, Whitehurst and Cattanach. The large number of good young players in this side augurs well for the future.

S. P. S.

FOOTBALL

First Eleven

Results:

v. Clitheroe (Home)	Drew	0—0
v. Barrow G.S. (Away)	Won	4—1
v. Hathershaw (Away)	Won	1—0
v. Bolton G.S. (Home)	Won	4—2
v. Q.E., Blackburn (Home)	Lost	1—3
v. Accrington G.S. (Home)	Won	5—0
v. Haslingdon (Home)	Won	7—0
v. N. Manchester (Away)	Drew	1—1
v. Accrington G.S. (Home)	Won	2—1
v. Chorley G.S. (Home)	Lost	0—3
v. Burnley G.S. (Home)	Won	2—0

Appearances, including substitutions (goals in parentheses):

I. Wilkinson, 11; G. Jones, 11; S. Buckley, 8; K. France, 6; D. T. L. Fairclough, 10; S. Bamber, 9; N. McCrea, 11 (4); R. Green, 9 (1); J. M. G. Jackson, 10 (2); D. West, 11 (9); N. Wolstencroft, 10 (1); G. Critchley, 11 (8); P. Bamber, 2; R. Delafield, 2 (1). Opponent's own goal—1.

The team has played very well during the first term, with very good results away at Barrow, which is always a difficult game, and at home to Burnley, who had four full Lancashire County players.

This season the School team is made up of quite a few young lads who have had no experience at this standard of soccer and they have responded excellently.

"Pest" and George Critchley have opened their scoring sheets nicely with Nick Wolstencroft eager to catch them up.

Ian Wilkinson has recaptured his composure in goal, and is playing well and bravely, and D. T. L. F. is as consistent as ever.

Congratulations must go to Dave Fairclough and George Critchley who, along with M. G. Jackson, have played this season for N. Lancs. "B" team.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Messrs Pryce and Field for managing and coaching the team and, of course, thanks to "Ollie" Huggins for keeping the pitch in such excellent condition.

M. G. JACKSON, U.VI Sc. II

Second Eleven

Results:

v. Clitheroe R.G.S. (Away)	Won	4—1
v. Bolton School (Away)	Drew	2—2
v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (Away)	Drew	2—2
v. Accrington G.S. (Away)	Won	3—2
v. Haslingden G.S. (Home)	Won	15—0
v. North Manchester G.S. (Away)	Lost	2—3

Players who have represented the Second XI (goals in parentheses): McAteer, Betty, Nuttall (4), P. Bamber (1), S. Bamber, Clarke, Dobson, France, J. H. Smith, Leech, Eccles, Gerrard (1), Whitehead (4), Ashton (2), Stansfield (9), Lester (5), Delafield, Hargreaves (1), Buchan, Vickers. Opponents' own goal—1.

Unfortunately this season the team has not yet been able to field a full-strength side, through both unavailability and injury problems. Bearing this in mind the team has played exceptionally well to get the results it has, with all players enthusiastically giving 100% effort.

Two very good results have been recorded against traditionally strong sides (Q.E.G.S. and Bolton). We drew both games 2-2. Our only defeat was against North Man-

chester, when a weakened side was beaten as a result of players missing chances which they should have taken while we had control of the midfield.

Up front "Big Ade," playing in an unaccustomed position, has led the forwards well, though at times he lacks support. "Mac" must also be mentioned, who is playing particularly well this season in goal, and has saved the side on several occasions.

If the team gains a little "guts" and determination in the tackle in midfield there is no reason why we should not have a very successful season.

I should like to thank on behalf of the team Messrs. Edwards and Field and also "Ollie" Huggins for his preparation of the pitches.

J. ECCLES, U.VI Arts

Under-15 Eleven

Captain: P. Hallam

The team has not been consistent yet, mainly because of the absence of players who have been called up for Blackpool Boys' Town Team.

However, despite this fact, the defence has been very solid, under the guidance of Brown, and only, on average, one goal a match has been conceded.

At the time of writing, the team has been drawn against Warbreck in the semi-final of the Swift Cup, after an exciting tussle with St. Thomas of Canterbury. In the home game against them we could only manage a disappointing 2-2 draw, but in the replay away we showed our true superiority by winning 7-1.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Slater for all he has done so far, and Mr. Field for guiding us. But I should especially like to thank the willing supporters, for without them we should be lost.

Appearances (goals in parentheses):

P. Hallam, 9 (1); L. Hayhurst, 9 (16); P. Hillman, 9; N. Brown, 8; J. Moseley, 8 (1); J. Leech, 8 (3); A. Porter, 8 (5); G. Vickers, 8 (4); P. Walmsley, 8 (3); J. Rishton, 7; P. Holmes, 5; S. Riley, 4; A. Whitehurst, 3; D. Moorhouse, 3 (3); D. Dickinson, 2.

Team results:

v. Clitheroe	Won	6—2
v. Our Lady's, Lancaster	Won	3—1
v. Warbreck	Won	2—1
v. Hathershaw	Won	6—0
v. Bolton	Won	4—0
v. Q.E., Blackburn	Won	8—1
v. Accrington	Drew	1—1

SWIFT CUP

v. St. Thomas, Canterbury (Home)	Drew	2—2
v. St. Thomas, Canterbury (Away), Replay	Won	7—1

Record:

Played 9, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 0. Goals for 39, goals against 9.

P. D. HALLAM, IVS

Under-14 Eleven

Captain: A. J. Whitehurst

Record:

Played 13, Won 9, Drawn 2, Lost 2. Goals for 71, goals against 35.

Results:

v. Clitheroe (Away)	Won	5—1
v. Millfield (Home)	Won	9—0
v. Barrow (Away)	Drew	2—2
v. Warbreck (Away)	Won	5—2
v. Hathershaw (Away)	Won	6—3
v. Warbreck (Away)	Won	4—3
v. Bolton (Away)	Lost	4—6
v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (Away)	Won	7—0
v. Accrington (Away)	Lost	4—6
v. Haslingdon (Home)	Won	7—2
v. Carr Hill (Away)	Won	5—1
v. North Manchester (Away)	Drew	4—4
v. Accrington (Home)	Won	8—5

The team has made quite a good start to the season. Whitehurst, the captain, has only been available for five games and his steadying influence in defence has, at times, been sadly missed. The forwards have played well and scored consistently, Lester and Howard being particularly dangerous on the wings. In mid-field Watson and Hibbert look good going forward, and score goals regularly; however, they must remember that part of their job is to help the defence. The defensive record is rather poor and although Thorp in particular and Leonard at full-back have been sound, Brooke and Smith in the middle of the defence and Rosenfield in goal have been rather unreliable. With an improvement in this department and something like a settled side they should be a difficult team to beat next term.

Team from:

Rosenfield, Leonard, Smith (C.), Brooke, Thorp (2), Whitehurst (3), Davenport, Hibbert (11), Watson (11), Lester (9), Pilling (17), Howard (3), Wilson (1), Joyce (3), Gerrard (4).

J. T. B.

Under-13 Eleven

Captain: P. Butcher

A fairly good season has been enjoyed so far; although the defence has conceded more goals than usual, the attack usually scores freely. An improvement in cohesion has been achieved by positional changes which give greater stability at the back and more strength in midfield.

RESULTS:

INTER-GRAMMAR:

v. Clitheroe (Home)	Won	7—0
v. Our Lady's (Away)	Drew	2—2
v. Barrow (Away)	Drew	4—4
v. Hathershaw (Away)	Won	4—1
v. Bolton (Home)	Lost	1—3
v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (Home)	Won	4—1
v. Accrington (Home)	Lost	3—6
v. Our Lady's (Home)	Won	6—1

LOCAL FRIENDLIES:

v. Warbreck (Home)	.....	Lost	1—3
v. Hodgson (Away)	.....	Won	3—1
v. Hodgson (Home)	.....	Won	6—2

Played 11, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 3. Goals for 41, goals against 24.

The usual team has been selected from the following (goals in parentheses):

Fausset, Cardwell, Hodgkinson, Wilkins, Hargreaves (1), Butcher (1), Joyce (3), Clayton, Eggleton (6), Bywater (3), Gerrard (18), Hames (2). Also played: Jenkinson, Bamber, Sykes (5).

Under-12 Eleven

Captain: A. Bee

The team has made a good start, losing only one match—a good record, since the first six games were played away. The experience of Bee, who played for last year's Under-12 Eleven, has been very useful, and the presence of several of last year's Fleetwood Town Team has enabled a fairly regular side to settle down, though some experimentation has been necessary, as always, at this level. This should become a really formidable team when the defence learns to intercept more decisively, and the midfield learns to come back and help out more quickly.

A little more speed and anticipation from the forwards should bring many more goals; chances are created in abundance, but the size and strength of Sykes are not being exploited fully at this stage, and the shooting often lacks power. However, everyone is working hard to improve, and Mr. Lawrenson's extra training sessions are proving very popular and rewarding.

RESULTS:

INTER-GRAMMAR:

v. Clitheroe (Away)	.....	Won	11—1
v. Our Lady's (Away)	.....	Won	3—2
v. Barrow (Away)	.....	Won	7—5
v. Bolton (Away)	.....	Won	3—1
v. Q.E.G.S., Blackburn (Away)	.....	Lost	0—4
v. Accrington (Away)	.....	Drew	2—2
v. Haslingdon (Home)	.....	Won	3—2
v. Our Lady's (Home)	Won	6—1
v. Accrington (Home)	Won	4—3

LOCAL FRIENDLY:

v. Warbreck (Home)	Won	4—2
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Played 10, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 1. Goals for 43, goals against 21.

The regular squad (scores in parentheses) is:

Bee, Bowers, Minns, Harrison (M.), Jones (1), Anderson (3), Webster, Blundell (P.) (1), Burrill (3), Lawrenson (13), Sykes (12), Blundell (D.) (7), Garton (2). Also played: Cottam, Harrison (P.), Dugdale, Walmsley, Garner.

H. E. T.

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EDITORIAL

We regret to report the death of three Senior Old Boys and a former master. Two of these, Jim Jolly and Titley Haworth, were, we think, our two oldest Old Boys, their loss leaving the seniority to George Shaw. On his invaluable memory we have drawn for an appreciation of their work.

James Hornby Jolly died on 25th July, 1972, aged 85, having lived in his latter years at Barnt Green, near Birmingham. "For sixty-six years," writes G. S., "from the foundation of the Association, which he did much to form, until his death, he was a subscribing member. He held office from the start, played football for the first Old Boys' team, and, as an accountant, gave invaluable advice in the preparation of rules and other clerical work necessary to the formation of any society.

"As a master on the School Staff and secretary to the Association in the days before 'careers masters' appeared on the scene, I found him most helpful. If we had a boy of promise leaving school, Jim would interview him, give him advice, and sometimes offer him a post with good prospects. His position as secretary of one of the most important firms in the country, Guest, Keen and Nettlefold (of which he was Chairman, 1947-53), enabled him to do this.

"He was the first Old Boy to be President of the Association when the traditional tenure of that office by the Headmaster was discontinued. Some years ago he was the honoured guest at Speech Day, distributing the prizes and addressing the gathering with enthusiasm.

"On his retirement he presented a fine, upright figure, which he kept in trim by outdoor pursuits. He called on me one day when returning from a holiday spent fell-walking in the Lake District.

"His relatives can take pride in the fact that Jim Jolly enjoyed a long and successful career and a happy home life, and left hosts of people the better for having known him. The Association has lost an old stalwart."

Titley Haworth was also in his eighties when he died recently. He had a short spell of teaching at Baines before joining Ferdy Coope's firm of accountants in Blackpool. After war service he emigrated to Rhodesia for the sake of his son's health, and remained there in various important posts, including one with the National Library in Salisbury. He returned to England on several occasions, and while on one of these visits about twenty years ago he attended a Southern Section dinner in London.

John Kirkby-Seed, who died in his sixties, was well known in Poulton as a member of the Conservative Club and its President from 1958 to 1968, and as a founder and honorary

member of the Amateur Dramatic Society. He was a former cotton manufacturer in Blackburn and lived locally until about sixteen years ago.

Bernard Dunn Alderson will be remembered by many Old Boys of the 1930's and 1940's as a physics master. He came to Baines from Middlesbrough in the early days of the New School, returning for a year or two after serving in the war. He eventually became Headmaster of the Watford Technical High School, and had retired from this position in August, 1971. We had met him at a Manchester graduates' reunion in London a year or two earlier and he recalled many pleasant memories of his time at Baines. Bernard was taken ill suddenly and died in May this year.

To the relatives of all the deceased we offer the Association's sympathy.

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The Southern Section reunion was held on 21st October. After watching another of Blackpool's characteristically abysmal caperings in London, we gathered at a new venue well known to secretary Neville Nelson: the Viking Restaurant of the Horseshoe Hotel in the Tottenham Court Road. The occasion was graced by the presence of President Keith Stock and our new Headmaster, Mr. D. Lester, and, as always, proved a very pleasant evening for the few who attended. In addition to the President and the Headmaster, there were Neville Nelson, Jim Bostock, Mike Harmer, Gordon Hope, Doug Vangen, Johnny Walker, Ellis Tomlinson and his friend, Charles Gould, who, after over a decade of attendance at these reunions, has certainly acquired the status of "hon. O.B." Two very late seceders were Gordon Brown and John Charnley, Jnr., stricken with influenza on the very day. Messages of good-will were sent by Harold Mason, Fred Williams, Peter Jenkinson, John Holland and Phil Rothwell, but there was no reply from many others to whom Neville had sent circulars. We ought to be able to count on much greater support from the South, especially as it is becoming prohibitively expensive to travel from the North. Several "regulars" were genuinely unable to attend this year, but in most years we should be able to count on a nucleus of a dozen, and a total of about twenty. There was an evening in May, 1953, after a certain Cup Final, when about seventy were present, but we can hardly hope for a recurrent stimulus of this nature. Like Abraham, we cry "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city"; surely a few more of you can come along next time—if there is a next time?

In this connexion, we recall the suggestion of Dr. J. A. Holland, publicised in the last issue, that a reunion might take place in the Midlands on similar lines to the London one. Old Boys interested were asked to contact him, but he reports a

minimal response. He says he is "always an optimist" and the idea need not be considered abortive yet. Perhaps next year we shall be able to gather a nucleus.

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Eric Appleby has handed over the Secretaryship of the Football Club to Bill Marsden, to whom we are indebted for details of its current fortunes. Last season the Old Boys finished sixth out of fourteen in the First Division of the Combination. Up to the end of October this year, the playing record was:

Played 7, Won 5, Drawn 0, Lost 2.

Goals for 21, Goals against 12, Points 10.

This left the Old Boys in second position. In the local Compère Cup competition, the team lost in the first round to a Third Division side, George Hotel, in "the worst display of the year." It is hoped that a better performance will be put up in the First Division's own cup tourney after Christmas.

Current playing members include Eric Appleby (at present leading scorer), Ian Ancell, Bill Marsden, Mike Eaton, Dave Ellacott, Mick Royds, Harry Cox, Dave Boydell, Kit Vincent, Phil Etchells, Cliff Smith, and Alan Turner.

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The Hotpot Supper and presentation to the retiring Headmaster, Mr. Martin, duly took place last July. Some forty members, by no means all local, came to see President Keith Stock pay tribute, wittily yet sincerely, to Mr. Martin's headship and to hand over our gift. Mr. Martin's reply was equally witty and far from solemn—one can hardly be pompous in shirt sleeves on a torrid evening—and, in fact, the whole occasion was most merry and enjoyable.

PERSONALIA

In the last issue we mentioned Jim Edge's meeting with an Old Boy, J. H. Ramsbotham (to whom our apologies for previously misspelling his name), a former mayor and now a restaurateur in Newcastle-under-Lyme. He mentions as a contemporary at School, Sir William Lyons (of Jaguar fame), who, by a coincidence, received his knighthood on the same day that John Ramsbotham received the M.B.E. We understood that Sir William attended Arnold House (as it then was); can anyone confirm that he did attend Baines at some period?

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A good many years ago, we had as our preacher at Founder's Day the Reverend Edward Rogers, M.A., B.D., who was the Moderator of the Methodist Church at that time. He was in the area again at the end of November conducting a Circuit Rally at the Methodist Church in Poulton and speaking on "Influencing Legislation." Edward has been President of the Methodist Conference and is the General Secretary of the Christian Citizenship Department.

We recently called when in Birmingham on Eric Butler, who, after graduating in Law and holding important banking appointments, is now Investment Manager (with an impressive portfolio) of the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society. Though it is twenty-five years since Eric left School, he is still playing football and running a junior team.

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Some time ago we mentioned Arnold Beckett's appearance on television in connection with drug addiction problems among the young. More recently he was in charge of the research unit which was investigating the allegations concerning the use of drugs at the Munich Olympics.

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One of our empire-builders, Jackson Smith, who lives in Durban, was back in Blackpool recently. He emigrated to Durban about twenty-four years ago, and founded a company for whose emblem he took Blackpool Tower, a constant reminder of his local loyalties. Some years ago, when Blackpool F.C. toured South Africa, Jackson was chosen to referee one of their games—quite impartially, of course!

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Congratulations to Brian H. Johnson, who recently graduated with honours in Maths. at Leeds and is staying on to begin a course leading to the degree of M.Phil. Likewise, in the academic world, the same to Richard Robinson, who has been appointed as Headmaster of the Annie Holgate Secondary School in Hucknall, Notts.

We have had a visit from Roy Starkie, now Deputy Headmaster of the Montgomery of Alamein School, Winchester. He was formerly on the Staff at Calder Vale School, Mytholmroyd, whose Deputy Head is Kenneth Tomlinson, and then on that of the comprehensive school in Elland under our new Head, Mr. Lester. (Could Old Boy networkery go further?). Roy wishes to be remembered to all his contemporaries of the late '30's and early '40's.

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Another Old Boy who has recently appeared, not for the first time, on television is Peter ("Scodger") Schofield. He is the Chairman of the Northern Aircraft Preservation Society, and was explaining the problems of accommodation that beset all collectors of museum-pieces larger than a snuff-box. We hear from an unreliable source that Peter is already envisaging the acquisition of the first obsolete Jumbo Jet, with hangar to match.

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Congratulations to Geoff Shaw on becoming a father recently—and to George on becoming a grandfather again twenty-five years after the first time!

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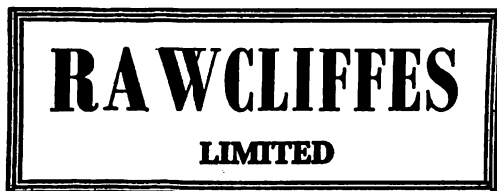
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