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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

From January 1st, 1964, the present Wath Grammar School and the present Wath (Park Road) Secondary Modern School will be amalgamated into one school using the premises at the present disposal of the two separate schools. It is hoped that, in the not too distant future, additional premises will be erected on the site of the present Grammar School, probably on what we call the " Festival Road field ", and thus enable the whole school to be united.

In his letters on this subject the Minister of Education speaks not of the creation of a new school but of the " extension of Wath Grammar School ". To this school will be admitted all Wath children at 11 plus without any process of selection, and the same numbers coming to us as at present from the outside areas such as Wombwell, Darfield, Rawmarsh, Swinton and the Dearne.

Thus we are to become not a new school but an enlarged one; and we are to have one school, not two separate schools under the same control. All entrants to this school, whether they have come as selected or unselected pupils, will have the same opportunity in anything we have to offer. There will be no rigid division between grammar and non-grammar forms and courses. A pupil's place in the school will depend academically on his ability and capacity to work, not on the question of whether or not he has passed the 11 plus. Socially it will depend on what he has to offer. A pupil who comes here from outside Wath as a selected pupil via the 11 plus will not retain his place in any form if a non-selected pupil makes a better claim to it. In the past, much injustice has been done by the 11 plus; but it is hoped that many pupils who formerly would have been denied access to our sort of work and opportunity by their 11 plus performance will now prove their capacity to cope with grammar school work up to Sixth Form standards. All pupils will wear the same uniform, and the same standards of appearance, effort, attendance and conduct will be expected. We shall hope to see our new pupils joining in all the voluntary activities which we have to offer, with the same opportunity of reaching positions of responsibility in the school.

There will, of course, be administrative difficulties; but I want everybody in both present schools to regard this situation as a challenge. There is no reason whatsoever why standards should go down; for many people they should go up. A school or any other community is as good as the people in it. Thus it is up to all of us, from the oldest to the youngest, present and future, to show what we can do as a body to present a united front to the world outside, to make every use of the flexibility given us by these new arrangements and to continue the successes we have gained in the past.

SCHOOL NOTES

A momentous year in the School's history has brought two great changes—the Minister of Education's approval of the plan to amalgamate the two schools—Park Road and ourselves, and the retirement in July of the Senior Mistress, Miss Swift, and the Senior Master, Mr. Wilkinson, who between them have devoted seventy-four years to the School. In a memorable end-of-term assembly we showed our admiration and gratitude for their services. They will be greatly missed, and we send them our sincere wishes for a long and happy retirement.

We have also had to say goodbye to the following members of staff who have left during the year : Miss Little (to Ghana), Mrs. Moody (to Mexborough), Mrs. Norman (to Wombwell), Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. White, Mrs. Hampshire and our matron Mrs. Goulding (all four to domestic life), Mr. Mason (to Salford), Mr. Morris (to Llandudno), Mr. Mowbray (to Newcastle University via U.S.A.), Mr. R. Smith (to Huddersfield), and Mlle. Aribaud (to France). In their places we have welcomed : Miss J. Swift, Mlle. Guillemet, Fraulein Skowranek, and Messrs. Bell, Deere, Hainsworth, Lawton, Rogerson, Smith, A., and Ward. Mr. Prendergast has become Senior Master, and throughout the Christmas term, Miss Edge has acted as Senior Mistress until the arrival of Miss Swift's successor—Miss E. Clegg, who comes to us from Elland Grammar School.

During the severe Winter, frost and snow played havoc with our games fixtures, as they did with the School's water supply, for on January 24th, the Main Block was left "as a desert", because of a burst main. A faulty cistern would have deprived us of heating but for the skill and vigilance of our caretaker.

In April, the Staff Dramatic Society performed "Tartuffe" by Molière. On all four nights the audiences were delighted by the play, and many good judges regarded it as the Society's most outstanding production. Among the many polished performances, those of Mrs. White and Mr. Morris deserve particular mention as fitting and memorable final appearances with the Society.

In November, the School Dramatic Society, not to be outdone, gave Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man", and well maintained the high standard we have come to expect of them.

This year, two exhibitions of paper-backs have been held in the hall foyer.

Once again, the School was open to visitors on two consecutive days—this time from 2.30 until 9.30 p.m., to give our guests a fuller opportunity of seeing and hearing everything.

This year has seen the advent of the "Use of English" exam., taken by VIth formers intending to enter University. (Ours was one of the pioneer schools who took part in a "test-run" in October, 1962.)

A second innovation, and a very welcome one, has been the formation of the Modern Dramatic Society, through the enthusiasm and initiative of a few Middle School pupils. Its members have entertained Youth Clubs, Old Peoples' Clubs, and the School, winning friends wherever they have performed.

In October, the School was visited by lecturers of the British Association for the Advancement of Science—Sheffield area. Their topics were : “ Science in the Iron and Steel Industry ”, “ The International Year of the Quiet Sun ”, “ The Living Skin ”, “ Continental Drift ”, and “ Animal Clocks and Compasses ”.

Two V1th formers, Jacqueline Cusworth and Jacqueline Dawson, acted as the spearhead (or perhaps one should say goad) of the School’s Freedom From Hunger Campaign, which raised £120.

Parties from the School have visited Malham and Lincoln on geography field work, Wakefield to see a wood and metalwork exhibition, a convent and a synagogue, the Great Yorkshire Show, Haworth, Edale, Manvers Laboratories and Colliery, Sheffield University (the British Association for the Advancement of Science—meeting for children), Bradford College of Technology, and Boxhill and Seahouses to Biology Field Courses. Theatre visits were to Manchester, to the University’s presentation of “ La Vida es Sueno ”; Bradford to see “ House of Bernarda Alba ”; Stratford to see “ The Comedy of Errors ”; Sheffield to “ The Good Woman of Setzuan ”, “ King Lear ”, “ Lawrence of Arabia ”, and “ Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme ”; Doncaster to “ Twelfth Night ”; Wentworth Castle Training College to “ The Winter’s Tale ”; Rotherham to “ A Taste of Honey ”, “ As You Like It ” (a special performance for members of the School) and “ The Imaginary Invalid ” performed by South Yorks. Theatre for Youth and including five members of the School; to Ecclesfield Grammar School to see “ Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme ”, performed in French by la Troup Francaise, and to Percy Jackson Grammar School to see “ The Lesson ” and “ The Hole ”.

Again a large number of pupils have left the School to go on to Universities and other places of further education. Outstanding successes were achieved by Hoyle, who gained an open exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge; Edwards, A., who gained an Atomic Energy Commission Scholarship, and Green, who has already been offered a place at Selwyn College.

Further congratulations are extended to Green on again winning 1st prize in the Hispanic Council Competition at the Intermediate Level, and I. Smith, who gained 2nd prize in the senior section of this competition, which is open to all schools in the country. We also congratulate Edwards, A., on being awarded the Pratt Memorial Prize; Ruth Simms and Longley, the winners of the Cullen Cups, and Ruth Simms again, on winning the Black Memorial Prize for her contribution to School games; Barbara Maxwell, who was awarded the John Ritchie Prize for Science; Carol Abrams who won the Deeks Memorial Prize; Venables and Gillian Miller on winning the Headmaster’s and Mrs. Mellor’s prizes respectively; Butler, Crowther and Dodson, on being selected for the South Yorkshire U19 XV, and Bailey and Walker, who were reserves; Hockey and Sizer, on having played for the South Yorkshire Under 15 XV.



Miss SWIFT

(Photo by Mr. Leeson)

APPRECIATION OF MISS SWIFT

In July the School said farewell to Miss Swift, who had been a member of the staff since 1927 and Senior Mistress since 1944.

She came to Wath to teach French when the School was small and dispersed. Thus she has witnessed its expansion from a struggling community, housed in widely separated and inconvenient buildings in the lower part of Wath, to an organisation, still dispersed, but occupying a windswept yet healthy location in the expanding urban district.

The spirit and the purpose of the growing school has owed much to her efforts and example. She always encouraged attempts to help the less fortunate and it is not surprising to find that she was actively associated with the Guide Movement and organised and ran the School Company for many years. She shared in the annual summer camp and under her leadership the Company became a force in the School and the district. Her work in this direction was recognised when she was made a District Commissioner.

Apart from her work with the Guides, she also became the first Housemistress of Thebes when, with Troy, that house was created to cope with the increasing numbers in the School. As Housemistress, she helped and encouraged the girls under her special care. In a sense this provided her with experience for the more responsible task that awaited her as Senior Mistress.

When she succeeded Miss Deeks in 1944, she did so with the full confidence and good wishes of the staff at that period. She fulfilled all the arduous and often tedious duties of that post with composure, dignity and understanding. No one ever went to her for help without receiving sympathy and practical advice and the greater the need, the greater the help she gave. Both girls and mistresses recognised that her standards were high but knew that they could rely upon her in times of difficulty.

Ten years after becoming Senior Mistress, she was called upon to assume even greater responsibility. The sudden death of Mr. Ritchie meant that she took over the duties of Acting Head until the appointment of Dr. Saffell. This happened at a difficult period as the School was expanding rapidly and building was in progress. Yet she rose to the occasion and made the smooth running of the School possible until the new Headmaster could take up his duties. When such time came she re-assumed her duties as Senior Mistress and gave her loyal support to the new regime.

Through all these years she kept in close contact with the old students and they and her colleagues will miss her. Yet all who have known and worked with her will join in good wishes for a long and happy retirement in the pleasant surroundings of North Wales, where she is now making her home.



Mr. WILKINSON

(Photo by Mr. Leeson)

MR. WILKINSON

No one has been more variously and closely part of Wath Grammar School than Mr. Wilkinson. He joined the staff in 1925 straight from Manchester University to teach Mathematics, and soon became the Trojan Housemaster and the scoutmaster of the school troop. Later, as a sixth form master he became the mentor of the prefects and adviser on sixth formers' many problems. He organised the maths. department, supervised 'A' level entries, and, on the death of Mr. Pratt, became Senior Master. It is impossible to record all his innumerable activities in and out of school, for example how he worked for the Old Students' Association, played rugby for the Old Wathonians, coached School XV's, organised harvest camps during the war, and was the School's first-aid expert.

Though always busy, he has never been too busy to help others. Those needing advice, those in trouble, the victims of an accident, pupils, old scholars, parents, staff, even headmasters, all turned to Mr. Wilkinson. When they could not go to him he sought them out. He visited and wrote to the sick, and drove off in his car to rescue the stranded. Nothing that he could do to help was ever left undone.

His energy, like his cheerfulness, seemed inexhaustible. Thus, in scout and harvest camps he was first up and last to finish work and always undertook the dirtiest and most thankless jobs himself. Gaiety, thoroughness, action, effort and unselfish service were his unvarying example. No wonder, then, that old boys came back so frequently to these camps to a leader who set them such standards of manliness and who never asked from them what he did not do himself—unless to sing a solo at the camp fire.

Mr. Wilkinson's home in Swinton has always been a haunt of Old Wathonians. Here they still find his interest in them just as keen as ever and the ties with school as close. Mrs. Wilkinson, herself a former member of the staff who has returned whenever we needed her help, has throughout shared his devotion to our welfare. Their two daughters and son-in-law, all had distinguished careers in this school. It is not surprising, therefore, that Mr. Wilkinson, with his ardent interest and extraordinary memory, is the School's living encyclopaedia and "Who's Who".

In return, Old Wathonians remember him with lasting affection and respect. We remember the laughter and solid achievement in his lessons, the picturesque assortment of names he used, his stamina in those long football games in Lincolnshire (a supposed relaxation after harvesting); we remember his skill in making us do what we thought we could not and often did not wish to do; above all we remember how swiftly and directly he reached the root of our problems, cutting away humbug, irrelevance and pretence till he reached the truth. He was not called "Scorcher" for nothing.

It is incredible that after thirty-eight years of devoted service he should seem so youthful. We count ourselves fortunate, however, that he spent those years in Wath and are irreparably indebted to him. Though he has left us, his influence lives on. May his flame burn as bright as ever for many happy years of retirement.

HOUSE NOTES

ATHENS



House Captains : Susan McCue, Crowther.

Vice Captains : Betty Littlewood, Green.

Games Captains : Megan Revitt, Walton.

Magazine Representatives :

Jennifer Mellor, Green.

This has been another disappointing year for Athens on the games field. Our position in the Summer Games Cup and the Inter-House Sports left much to be desired. In the Winter Sports we have met with even less success, the junior and senior girls only winning one match between them. The senior boys, however, fared much better in losing only one of their five matches.

We partly made up for this lack of success in the games field by twice winning the Work Cup during the year. The Athenians must strive to retain this cup and also put a little more effort into their non-academic activities.

We must congratulate Green for once more winning the National Hispanic Competition and also for gaining a place in Selwyn College, Cambridge. Our best wishes must go to Mrs. White, who has helped the house considerably during her stay in Athens. We wish her felicity in her domestic role.

Thanks must also be extended to all Athenians members of staff who have tried their hardest to bring Athens to the forefront in all house activities.

CARTHAGE



House Captains : Carol Gifford, I. Walker.

Vice-Captains :

Sandra Wilkinson, J. B. Longley.

Games Captains :

Linda Ward, P. Butler.

Magazine Representatives :

Margaret Forster, J. B. Longley.

Carthaginians ! Our ship that once sped across the ocean is sailing into troubled waters. Although to our surprise (and everyone else's) we won the Deeks Trophy, we have not only lost the Swimming Cup (we were 3rd) and the Sports Cup (2nd), but fallen in our efforts to regain the Work Cup and Games Trophies (once the pride of Carthage).

The girls in their hockey and rounders matches have had only fair success, whilst our senior boys' rugby team (nine regulars) deserve special note for their first victory in two seasons. The Carthaginian Cross Country team, too, could only finish 5th, though for the second successive year we provided the individual winner.

It should not be thought, however, that the noble house of Carthage has no outstanding members. We congratulate Lawrence on gaining the Headmaster's prize on Speech Day; Burgin, Butler and Crowther, on being selected to play for the South Yorkshire U19 XV, and Edwards and Walker who were reserves for the side, and also Ruth Simms and Longley on being awarded the Cullen Athletic Cups.

Finally, we sadly record the departure of Mrs. Greig and Mr. Mowbray to whom we extend sincere thanks for the valuable support they have given to the House. We would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Banks and Mr. Davies to our ranks and hope they will enjoy their stay with us.

ROME



House Captains : Olwyn Robinson, Cousins.

Games Captains : Janine Rankin, Samuels.

Swimming Captains : June Oscroft, Cousins.

Magazine Representatives :

Margaret Robinson, Cowen.

Although we came only fourth in the Cross Country we should like to thank our Cross Country runners for all their valiant efforts. Our endeavours to win the Sports Cup were not very successful, as we gained only third position, but Rome has, during the year, managed to win the Summer Games Cup. We sadly surrendered the Work Cup after holding it in our possession for three terms. The Swimming Gala, as usual, proved a fierce struggle and Rome was unfortunate in gaining only fifth position.

The last term has not proved to be so successful. The senior boys have won three of their matches and the juniors only two. However, the girls have done better, the senior girls winning all their matches and the juniors winning one and drawing three.

In Summer Mr. Mason left to take a post as lecturer at Salford College of Advanced Technology. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

SPARTA



House Captains : Lynn Noble, Shepherd, B.

Games Captains :

Jacqueline Dawson, Rothery.

Magazine Representatives :

Prudence M. Shaw, Hargate.

This year has been quite successful for Sparta, particularly in sport. We won the Summer Games Cup, and the Swimming Gala, held in October, was a clear victory. We are hoping for similar results in the Winter Games Cup : the senior girls have won all their matches, and the boys, three out of five.

However, our success has not been complete. Only a short while ago, Sparta could win the Work Cup with unfailing regularity. This year has, unfortunately, been an exception, due mainly to the efforts of a very small minority who attend Saturday morning detention with equally unfailing regularity.

Our new members have settled in quickly, and it is pleasing to note the number of Spartans taking part in some of the many societies and clubs run by the School.

We hope that, encouraged by past achievements, and the support of our House Master and Mistress, this will be a very successful year for Sparta.



THEBES

Captains : Felicity Owen, Snowdon.

Games Captains : Carol King, Reed.

Magazine Representatives :

Ann Dodson, Wood.

The lack of VIth Form members has once again inhibited the glorious progress of Thebes but soon there will be no excuse for not competing on an equal footing with the other houses.

The Swimming Gala was but an indication of the present extent of Theban capabilities. With no senior girl competitors and two juniors swimming in senior events with very creditable results, we were second in the overall placings, thanks particularly to some fine swimming by senior boys.

The girls have played well and we were not disgraced, but the boys still have difficulty in forming satisfactory rugby and cricket teams, owing to lack of enthusiasm and numbers. In the Sports we competed only on a friendly basis in the senior events, but the scores in the junior and middles events were well up with the rest.

The only cloud on our horizon is the departure at Christmas of Mr. Smith, who has shepherded the house through many difficulties, and we regret that he will not be present to see any future success we may achieve. However, we thank him for his patient leadership and guidance, and wish him all possible success in his new post. We are also grateful to the other members of the house staff, who have persevered even in the face of non-co-operation.

We would like to see all Thebans rallying round the staff and house captains, to make Thebes great as she was in the past.

TROY



House Captains : Anne Foster, Bennett.
Vice-Captains : Judith Willetts, Skidmore.
Games Captains : Hazel Simpson, Bailey.
Magazine Representatives :
Susan Lancashire, Venables.

“Disappointing” would be the best epithet to describe Troy’s results both in academic matters and in the field of sport. Apart from the Swimming Gala, when we were all at sea and consequently sank to the bottom position, the year has been one of near misses and second positions as in the Deeks Trophy. The girls’ hockey performance merited the comment of “rather good” from one seasoned observer in the teaching profession, and the results of the senior boys’ rugby fixtures were outstanding.

No one can doubt the superiority of the Trojan House-party. A merry housemaster in his merriest mood led the games with an infectious enthusiasm whilst our lady members of staff prepared a most enchanting repast. For vivacity, enjoyment, pace and quality of digestibles, Troy came first.

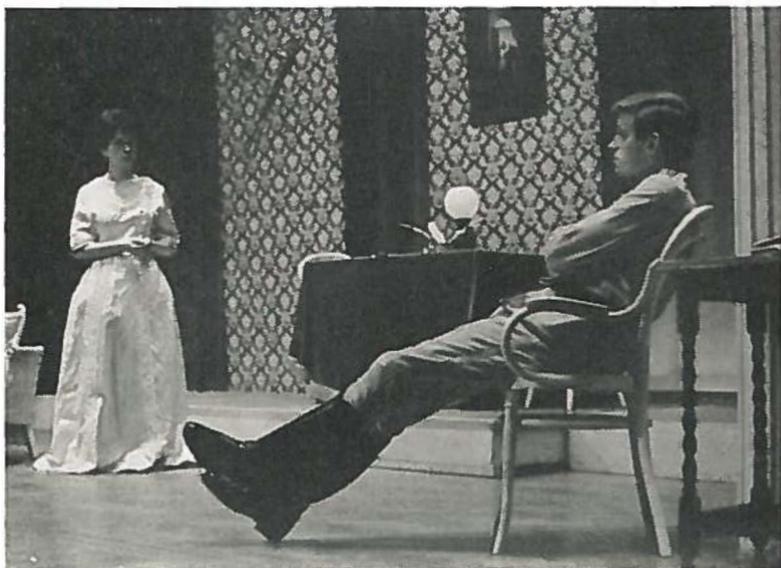
Mrs. Hampshire’s cake, superbly cooked for the Christmas party, was only one of many services she rendered during her four years in the House. All Trojans, and especially the hockey teams, were sorry to see her go, but we wish her all success. We should like to extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Smith and trust she will be happy with us.

The good position achieved on the games field leads one to hope that “that proud citadel of Priam” may receive some more tangible reward for the efforts of the Dardanians in 1964.

SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

" ARMS AND THE MAN " by G. B. Shaw



(PHOTO by Cowen)

Despite my severely scratched head and my collection of sucked pencils, I find myself unable to do more than salvage from this year's school play a jumble of most enjoyable memories.

Memory number one is of our producer, Mr. Hammond, applying a last-minute coat of distemper to a flower-box before the second act curtain. Number two is of the " bead curtain ", in the manufacture of which 3,000 milk-bottle tops were used and which exhibited a curious desire to wrap itself around the throat of any actor who dared to pass through it.

I also have a faint recollection of the liberal use of cornflour to produce greying hair. How could we know that it would turn to dough as we walked home that night in the rain ?

I remember, too, our delight when the costumes arrived from Edinburgh; our horror when we realized we would have to wear them on a public stage; the pistol shots which were always wrong in rehearsal, never in performance; the bow-legs of Petkoff; the bloomers on the washing line; the agony of nerves before an entrance, and the wonderful fun of it all.

The electricians, stage-hands and helpers were invaluable, of course, and kept a record of fictitious mistakes on the "official booby board".

Our one disappointment was that we had a small audience on the Wednesday evening. When will people realise that the first performance is always the best performance? We gave an afternoon performance to pupils from nearby secondary schools on the Tuesday and a party forty-strong came from Percy Jackson Grammar School to see us on the Thursday evening. The play was very well received and once again all our hard work, our anxiety, our extremely cold feet were not suffered in vain.

The Cast : Olwyn Robinson, Susan Lancashire, Betty Littlewood, J. Oldfield, P. Butler, S. Rock, J. Dainty, C. Taylor, D. Patrick, I. Walker.

Back Stage : A. Walton, I. Spofforth, B. Haigh, T. Crowther, D. Harrison, P. Scott, Linda Ward, Anthea Hale, Susan McCue, Christine Cartledge, J. Ratcliffe.

BETTY LITTLEWOOD, U6A.

THE MODERN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Modern Dramatic Society sprang to life in the October of 1962, as a result of the performance of "Pyramus and Thisbe" by the male members of the Junior Literary Society as part of that year's "Open Day". This performance aroused our dramatic inclinations, and in the weeks of October, we performed the play twice, at Wath and Wombwell.

Our work in the ensuing months was concentrated on the rehearsal of three short plays, which we successfully performed at the Bolton Parish Party in the January of 1963, still, I may add, with all-male casts.

This lack of females limited us in the dramatic field; therefore, after the Bolton productions, we accepted three promising ladies, who have since given loyal service to the Society.

For our next production, we chose Molière's "Sganarelle". As this was our first play of any real length, much time was devoted to rehearsals, for we intended to aim at perfection from the start. A Jumble Sale having provided us with funds, we held our premiere at Barnsley, where we were enthusiastically received by an audience of old people. The school received the play well on "Open Day, 1963", and I hope that this performance and the appearance of four of our members in the South Yorkshire Youth Theatre's production at the Rotherham Civic Theatre convinced the sceptics that we are an industrious society.

Our plans for the future are as yet uncertain. We meet after school each Thursday, when new plays and topics are read and discussed. New members are always welcome.

M. E. HAPPS, 4B.

DISCUSSION GROUP REPORT

This year the Discussion Group has had an interesting and extremely varied programme.

Enjoyable visits were arranged to the plays "A Taste of Honey" and "The Good Woman of Setzuan", to the film, "Lawrence of Arabia" and to a Sheffield Synagogue; impressions and comments were invited at subsequent meetings. Informative talks were given by the district youth officer, Mr. Howard, on "Young People and Crime", by Mr. Cashmore, headmaster of Ackworth School, on "Quakerism", by Mr. Kugblenu on "Ghana", Mr. Lawton on "Tanganyika", Mr. Unwin on "Communism", and members of the Staff on "University Life".

The range of topics for discussion has been as varied as always; Current Affairs, the book "Honest to God", Morality, Religion, Jazz, and, "Woman's Place in a Male World", have produced many bones of contention, sometimes arousing emotions to the point of disturbing the sang-froid and aplomb of the Society's members. Debates, too, were undertaken, one against the Nuclear Deterrent, and another on the motion, "This House Regrets that the Plymouth Rock did not fall on the Pilgrim Fathers".

We shall be sorry to lose Mr. Smith at Christmas; we wish to thank him for the invaluable work he has done in organizing the Society and particularly its visits, and extend to him every good wish for the future.

J. N. GREEN, U6A.

THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Almost every day between the October half-term and the Christmas holidays the solitary stroller along the corridors of our School is greeted by some strange musical cacophony. Trumpet and trombone blare out from the seclusion of the book room; muffled violin squeaks issue forth from Mr. Davies' back-stage room, and in the music room, sopranos and tenors strain their vocal chords to reach the high notes of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus". . . . The orchestra and choir are busy with their preliminary rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Concert, hoping that their efforts will meet with the same success as in previous years.

At last year's Carol Service, the orchestra accompanied the choir throughout the entire performance. Under Mr. Davies' baton they contributed carols of various origins and choruses from Rossini's "Stabat Mater". The chorus "Be not Afraid" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" brought the concert to a triumphant conclusion.

On Speech Day the choir was again allowed to demonstrate its ability, rendering three madrigals, P. I. Tschaikevsky's "Crown of Roses", and "Receive me, my Redeemer" from J. S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion". One of Mendelssohn's "Songs without Words" was contributed by D. Atkin, and the afternoon's proceedings were brought to a close by the traditional singing of Parry's "Jerusalem".

Both the choir and orchestra participated in the programme on the school's Open Days this year. The choir presented three items from Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas", a selection of Nursery Rhymes by H. Walford Davies, and repeated the madrigals performed on Speech Day. The orchestra's first contribution was a Rondo by Purcell, followed by the same composer's "Sonata for Trumpet and Orchestra", in which the soloists were Bell, Dawson and Oxley. Mr. Davies' arrangement for the orchestra of four Welsh folk tunes was very well received by the audience. A Chamber Music Recital was an addition to the usual programme and showed much individual musical talent. A group of VIth formers contributed a selection of traditional French songs; instrumental solos were presented by Susan Denton, Barbara Richardson, J. Forster and D. Atkin, and vocal items by Susan Dook, B. Shepherd, A. Chetter and J. Oldfield. The accompanists were D. Atkin, Susan Denton, Jacqueline Athey and Margaret Forster.

MARGARET FORSTER, U6A.

THE SPANISH SOCIETY

The Society was formed at the beginning of this Autumn Term by Mr. Deere, who called a meeting of those interested. A committee was elected to run the Society and decided to hold meetings once a fortnight at first until it became an established society.

Meetings of interest so far included: "Films of Spain" by Smith and Green; an illustrated talk on "Camping in Spain" by Mr. Whittington, and an evening of Spanish Music provided by Mr. Deere who told us something about the background of each record played—this, indeed proved how wrong is the statement, "Spanish music is dull, crude, primitive and repetitive"—this being quoted by one of our members during the evening.

An invitation has been sent to, and accepted by, Mr. K. Mason to return to give a talk on his work at the Salford College of Advanced Technology. We hope, also, to invite other distinguished persons to visit us, especially a lecturer in Spanish at Sheffield University.

A trip to Bradford to see "La Casa de Bernarda Alba" by Garcia Lorca was undertaken with great enthusiasm. It is hoped that other such trips will be arranged in the near future.

The Society is open to all Spanish students and we hope everyone will continue to give support.

BARBARA ROBINSON, U6A.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Again this year the Natural History Society is able to boast of one of the largest society memberships in the School.

We have had a number of exciting films and many interesting lectures by various people, to whom we express our gratitude for giving their valuable time and talent to us. Miss Rawson gave us a talk on fungi, which was followed by the now Annual Fungus Foray.

The highlight of the year, our visit to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, was enjoyed by all who went.

JUDITH M. WILLETTS, U6E.
SYLVIA DAVISON, U6E.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

With seventy members, under the leadership of Mr. Davies, the Science Society has had a successful start this year.

Our meetings are held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings, the programme this term has included lectures and a film show. Two of the lecturers were from Bradford College of Technology. Their subjects were: "As Others See Us"—a talk on our National character, and "Hormones and Disease". The film show, using films borrowed from I.C.I., Ltd., was most interesting.

The lecture on "Elastic Liquids" by Dr. Ward of Manchester College of Technology was extremely instructive and entertaining, and attracted our largest audience this year.

On November 13th we went "down the pit" on our visit to Manvers Main Colliery.

Our proposed agenda for the rest of the year consists of more lectures, discussions and outings—including, we are hoping, a visit to a local brewery, which should prove enlightening.

It is hoped that, with continued support and enthusiasm, the Society will have a successful year. Remember—it is YOUR support and enthusiasm which keeps the Society alive!

DOROTHY ABSON, U6D.
SUSAN INGHAM, U6E.

RADIO CLUB

President—Mr. Billington

Treasurer—T. Concannon

Secretary—G. Bird

Chairman—D. Worrel

The Club meets in the new laboratory at 1.25 on Thursdays, when the club transmitter is usually on the air using the call sign G3RNF. We have in all, two transmitters, one running low power on the 160-metre band, and a larger transmitter running up to 150 watts on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10-metre bands.

The transmitting station was on view on the Open Days, and contact was made with amateur stations in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Holland and Germany. In all, sixty-six other amateur stations were contacted. We were particularly happy to see Mr. Lee and Mr. Lancashire who both have children at school and are both active "hams".

THE GARDENING CLUB

The year 1963 has been very difficult for the Club because of the Winter frosts, the rain and the late season. However, there has been regular attendance even in wet weather.

During the spring, neglected gardens were taken over and made to look attractive again.

The major event this year has been the garden competition in the summer term. This provided an incentive for everyone to work hard to tidy their gardens. Mrs. McIver and Miss Rawson judged the competition and awarded monetary prizes to L. Bullen, A. Samuels and D. Hucknall for the large gardens, and A. McLeod, J. Brookes and M. Hillis for the smaller P. S. Block gardens. Several other gardens received commendation and their owners were awarded a cactus or succulent plant of their choice from the greenhouse.

In the fruit garden there was a "bumper" crop of blackcurrants which were taken by any of the club members who wished to pick them.

This term there have been many enthusiastic new members, mainly from the first form. Through their efforts in clearing them up, the P. S. Block gardens are now very tidy. Other members have been preparing the larger gardens for Winter, which we hope will be mild.

GILLIAN P. MILLER, L6E.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

The Student Christian Movement has once again been registered in the School. Vigorous activities within the movement have been taking place. Last term an S.C.M. Conference was held at Swinton, and representatives from local schools, including our own, spent a most enjoyable day. The theme of discussion was "Personal Relationships". Representatives were divided into groups and then a general discussion was held.

This term other activities have been taking place. Members of the School Movement have once again been carrying out the necessary and good work at the Sue Ryder Home at Hickleton. The meetings so far have generally taken the form of discussions. At the first meeting a panel was questioned about religion, and, at a later meeting, Mr. Rogerson gave an interesting talk about "The Church and Charity".

The highlight of the term's activities was a visit to a Synagogue in Sheffield. Discussion Group members joined us on this visit to hear a lecture given by the Chief Rabbi on the history of the Jewish people and the Jewish religious ceremonies.

GWEN PARISH, U6C.

SCRIPTURE UNION

With today's emphasis on Christian Unity, there is no more appropriate Society than the Scripture Union. Pupils of all denominations are welcome at the meetings held by Miss Buckley, for there is no doubt as to the importance of such a Society in this world of stress and strain.

Following the practice begun last year of dividing the Scripture Union into juniors and seniors, the numbers attending the meetings have increased enormously. Owing to this increase in attendance, new ventures have been made in co-operation with the Don and Dearne Schools Christian Fellowship. During the Summer the juniors spent a day in Derbyshire swimming and hiking, whilst the senior members represented the School at an Inter-School Rally held at Mexborough. The crowning event of the year was the attendance of the Society at a "Sausage Sizzle" or barbeque held at Piccadilly. An end-of-term competition, in the form of an essay entitled "The Benefits gained by attending the Scripture Union", was won by Susan Adams of Form 3D (with a clear and profound essay), closely followed by Geneva Threadgold.

Meetings are held in a friendly atmosphere with choruses, games and quizzes, though the Bible is a fundamental feature of our gathering. If you are at all interested in these activities then you are cordially invited to join the Society which has been found to be far more exciting than would at first appear.

B. SHEPHERD, U6B.

THE STAMP CLUB

The fortunes of the Stamp Club suffered a serious set-back with the departure of Mr. Mowbray and for some time the meetings were suspended. Activities recommenced when Mr. Ward agreed to become president and the membership was satisfactorily boosted by the new first form.

It is hoped that their enthusiasm will be maintained and it would be a great help to the club if some senior school members could be enlisted to help and advise the juniors with their collections.

A competition was held recently in which a small entrance fee was paid and re-distributed as prizes.

JACQUELINE HAWKEN, 4D.

4th AND 5th CLUB

The Club was founded last February, with the aim of providing a large variety of activities for the otherwise badly catered for 4th and 5th forms. The very first meeting showed the interest in the club; a committee was formed and activities began forthwith. A "Juke Box Jury", a "Mock Trial", a "Hike", a "University Challenge" and a trip to see Acker Bilk and Brian Hyland all followed quickly. Interest grew and the Easter term was terminated with the first of two successful socials.

After Easter there followed a quiz, a debate, and a record session. Immediately after Whitsun during the G.C.E. examination period, no meetings were held except for those concerned with organising the second social. This social was another success with "The Stereos" again providing excellent entertainment. Two "hikes" were held before the end of term and the 4th and 5th Club had a firm grounding for the new school year.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, the club played several football matches, and won all of them. The girls had a hockey match, with the 5th Form coming out on top. The first indoor meeting was a "Twitch" session in the top gym. This was followed by a quiz and a very exciting discussion on "Life After Death". A record evening every Friday, a social once a term, more debates, discussions, drama, "hikes", and trips to Sheffield City Hall are being planned.

On behalf of all members of the club, I would like to thank Miss Hedley and Miss Farmer for their founding and organising of the club.

P. G. CARLE (*Chairman*).

THE CYCLING CLUB

This year the Cycling Club has enjoyed a keenness which it has never before experienced. The Sunday runs have been well attended, and members have turned out in all kinds of bad weather. The most memorable run was a trip to Glossop, which, though in May, was heralded into the Pennines by a blizzard. During this, the members sheltered on top of Woodhead under their capes, providing an unusual sight to passing motorists.

Owing to the hard Winter, club runs were not started until the end of February. Since then, runs have been taken to Gainsborough, Matlock, Castleton, Glossop, Edwinstowe, Laneham, Cleethorpes, Goole, Hull and York. The most popular run has been to West Stockwith, near Gainsborough.

Mechanical trouble has been a gremlin this year. One member had to be pushed home three weeks in succession, owing to a failure of his transmission. Another member set off from home and had not gone very far, when his back wheel collapsed completely, fortunately without injury. A group of keener members spent the Easter holiday Youth Hostelling in East Anglia, but they were dogged with spoke breakages.

We would like more members from the fourth form upwards.

I. MASSEY, U6D.

M. ROSKROW, U6F.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held this year on March 20th. Mr. A. Dilkes, Chairman of the Board of Governors, in his preliminary remarks, spoke of the importance of parental interest to pupils, stressing that any plans for the future should only consider their welfare. He went on to congratulate the organizers of the Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign and wish them success.

In his annual report, Dr. Saffell discussed the importance of academic achievement in the modern world where other qualifications are rarely taken into consideration. Whether this is right or wrong, he said, the school, which is judged on its results, must try to provide everyone with the means of facing life outside school.

G.C.E. results had been satisfactory in forms 5, where an average of 4.6 passes was gained, good in forms 6 and very good in forms 4 where many pupils gained passes in enough subjects to be promoted directly to the 6th. He stressed, however, that those who followed the full course must not feel any sense of failure.

The Advanced level results had been better than ever. The Head pointed out that the school has always concentrated on obtaining large numbers of passes rather than a few at an especially high standard. Nevertheless, as the success of the four state scholars proved, this was often achieved. At the same time, the more than thirty different societies with their great value in character-training and promoting varied interests showed that work is not all-consuming.

Turning to the subject of school leavers, the Head stated that of 90% who had reached Ordinary level, two-thirds held more than two subjects, thirty had more than two at Advanced level, and ninety-six were in full-time further education. He thanked the Y.E.C. for their help, saying that in view of the high unemployment figures, the number of unemployed leavers was low. He stressed, however, that to maintain this, even harder work was necessary since failures from Grammar Schools are in a worse position than those who have never been there. Students must remember that references must be earned. The school's only obligation is to put the whole truth before a prospective employer.

After paying tribute to the prefects, and to Miss Swift and Mr. Wilkinson for their service to the school in the past, Dr. Saffell spoke of its uncertain future. He presented an impartial survey of the arguments for and against the proposed amalgamation, adding that before a final decision is taken, alternative schemes should be considered, and that no change should be allowed to take place before full facilities are available. He ended with a plea to those concerned not to let too much zeal lead to failure.

Prizes and certificates were then presented by Mrs. Snow.

In his address, the guest-speaker, the Right Reverend G. Snow, Lord Bishop of Whitby, put forward the interesting theory that public and comprehensive schools are very similar. He felt, however, that unless an alternative to the occasionally drastic methods used in the former could be found, the latter might well prove unsuccessful.

To the pupils, he spoke of the endless resources of mankind, saying that for those who know how to use them there have never been so many opportunities. He stressed, however, that effort and enjoyment in work are more important than material gain. He next expressed his appreciation of the work of the staff, whose job he considered to be among the most worthwhile and satisfactory in the world. He claimed that teachers must be fundamentally idealists. Finally, addressing parents, he urged them to take an interest in and support the school even against their personal opinions.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Head boy, Stott, who went on to express his regret at the prospective loss of Miss Swift and Mr. Wilkinson and to thank them for their work.

He was seconded by Barbara Richardson, who then asked for support for the Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign. Finally, she successfully requested the traditional day's holiday.

The company was entertained by the choir and by Atkin, who played a piano solo. As a memento of his visit, the Bishop was presented with a picture by Penelope Lockyer, after which the proceedings closed with the singing of "Jerusalem".

OPEN DAY

On two consecutive days, the 16th and 17th of July, the school was completely thrown open to inspection by anyone who had sufficient stamina to stay and absorb our efforts from early in the afternoon until nine o'clock in the evening.

Apart from the programme of drama, chamber music, physical education and a choral and orchestral concert, there was a variety of exhibitions. In addition to the already well-established art exhibition, a variety of new ones dealt with aspects of history, geography, economics and stamps. The Radio Club had erected their own broadcasting station and the U.S.A. Study Group presented maps and diagrams illustrating the year's topics.

The Modern Dramatic Society's production of Molière's comedy, "Sganarelle" provided excellent entertainment, probably because the actors themselves so obviously enjoyed performing this play.

A group of girl gymnasts belonging to the junior school presented a practical and imaginative demonstration of the co-ordination of mind and muscle. Precision and perfection were the marked features of this physical education display.

A high standard was attained by the school's musicians in chamber music. Classical pieces, including vocal solos, were performed with a proficiency which all who attended could not help but appreciate.

Perhaps the highlight of Wednesday evening was the choral and orchestral concert, arranged and conducted by Mr. Davies. Some of the items were enthusiastically encored. The audience particularly enjoyed the Welsh folk tunes played by the orchestra with some vigorous drumming. These rhythmic tunes made a grand finale and added to the tremendous success of the whole programme.

LINDA WARD, U6B.

THE FRENCH EXCHANGE

This year, nineteen pupils of Wath Grammar School took part in the annual Yorkshire-Lille exchange. The French visitors arrived at Sheffield at 5 a.m. on July 16th—in time to see enough of school life to form the impression that English classes do very little hard work. Another somewhat irritating judgment passed by them was that we consume our salad "comme les lapins" because of the absence of dressing. On the other hand, they seemed favourably impressed by many aspects of our life, particularly our breakfast habits and the cheapness of our records.

The combined parties began the journey to France at 11.30 p.m. on August 6th, travelling via Dover and Calais to arrive in Lille early on the next afternoon. There we separated to travel to our temporary homes scattered throughout the North-East of France.

During the three-week stay expeditions were made by individuals to local places of interest and to Paris, Belgium, Valenciennes and other tourist centres which entirely lived up to our expectations.

Those of us who were making our first stay abroad found French life new in many respects. To our conservative English minds, plumbing and road behaviour often left much to be desired, but we were amply compensated by the quality of the cuisine and "pop" music. The girls, while bemoaning the ruinous effects on footwear of the atrocious pavements, felt that there was much to be said for the French custom of keeping washing-up to a minimum by limiting the amount of crockery used.

On the television screen we found to our surprise "Mon amie Flicka" and "Les Pierre à feu" (Flintstones to the uninitiated) which were watched eagerly by the whole family. Even more revealing was the opportunity of watching the French reaction to "It's a Square World", and the news of the great mail train robbery.

We arrived home safely (and on time !) bringing along with our more tangible souvenirs, extremely pleasant memories of our small contribution to "L'entente cordiale".

CAROL CONCERT

This year's Carol Service, held on Wednesday, December 18th, was, as usual, attended by a large and appreciative audience. They inspired the performers greatly with their applause, especially after the performance of the orchestra and their drummer Brooke, of "Men of Harlech".

The traditional nine lessons were read by Sykes, Harris, Gwen Parish and Oldfield (pupils of the school), Miss Hedley and Mr. Chappell (members of staff), A. Kirkham (a former pupil), Mr. E. Cameron (a parent) and the Rev. J. H. Oxer (Chairman of the Governors).

The choir and orchestra performed a varied range of Yuletide hymns, the main choral pieces being the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" and "The Heavens are telling" from Haydn's "Creation".

Solos were performed by Prudence Shaw, Margaret Darby, B. Shepherd, P. Dook, Susan Dook, P. Dyson, J. Longley, Hockey, Marsden, Samuels and Backhouse. Longley was also the main accompanist, the others being J. Forster and Elaine Ormandy.

The success of this venture, which is probably the most important in the school's calendar, was, of course, largely due to the skill and guidance of Mr. W. I. Davies, who arranged the music of many of the items, as well as conducting the choir and orchestra.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE PRISONER

The dreaded day had come. They had put her in these strange clothes; some had tried to cheer her up, but others had been silent, knowing the ordeal to come.

A dog barked and birds chattered. They, she thought, are free, and I am A push from a large, uniformed figure made her slip. Other uniformed figures were at her side and her heart sank. She would never escape.

Voices spoke and, with a despairing look backwards, she stepped through the large doorway.

She was finally there; a first former on her first day.

ROBERTA O'DONOGHUE, 1E.

NEW BOY

Early one morning I crept out of bed,
Full of misgiving and feeling half dead.
My first day at Wath,
What shall I do?
My heart's all a-flutter,
My tummy is too !
My first day is over,
I'm feeling quite well.
No one has killed me,
The teachers are "swell".
How silly to get into such a fright;
My fears are all over—I'll sleep well tonight.

HAIGH, 1A.

SUSPENSE

A long queue forms itself outside the vestibule doors. Slowly, silently each tortured soul steps softly through the vestibule. One girl in the queue faints. No one notices her, and the queue continues. Hearts beat swiftly, and then the queue shuffles softly through the hall doors.

Each individual moves towards the allotted place.

It's too much ! a sigh is uttered, followed by a long moan.

The hall becomes silent except for the tramp, tramp of the master's feet up and down the aisle.

Someone drops a pen—everyone stares. Suddenly ! the tramp, tramp, stops. Anxious faces gaze at one another, then at the hall clock.

A suppressed scream—a last groan and then a word is uttered,
"Begin !"

The G.C.E. begins once more.

CATHERINE E. COOPER, 5C.

RESULTS

And the postman rattled the letterbox,
And the card fell silently on the mat,
But all the house was suddenly still;
No cry of " Post ! " just still, quiet, and hopeful;
Alone, forlorn, she went towards the door,
Stooped and pick'd up the brown envelope;
Stood up, and brac'd herself, and slit it wide,
And took out the white card, and dared to look,
And saw thereon blurr'd words she could not read;
She raised her head, she scarcely dared to hope.
Through the door to the room she pass'd, and held
Out her hand with the card in it to her mother
Who read. The words pass'd over her head.
What had she done she wondered in panic;
She remember'd in terror, how, long ago,
She had sat in that hall, one person
In a hundred—and taken her first exams,
The news of which had reach'd her—she had pass'd.
ANON.

With apologies and thanks to Matthew Arnold.

ODE TO A PREFECT

There we meet you, unawares,
As we venture up the main stairs,
Standing there, with book in hand
To take the names of those who dare
To tread on sacred land.
Pullover of reds and blues,
And REGULATION pointed shoes;
Your shirt is striped with gold and blue;
Your tie is of another hue.
Now a thought comes to me—
Without you, what a haven
This place would be !

D. LAWRENCE, 3A.

THE TELLY

Every night when I get home
And when my homework's done,
I pull a chair up,
Take some sweets,
And put the telly on.
Oh telly, oh you wicked box,
That I should sit and stare
At your square shape
From five till nine !
Disturb me ? No-one dare.
I ought to find a hobby
To rid me of this curse,
But, even though I try my best,
It seems to get still worse.

KATHLEEN CROFTS, 3C.

ORIGO PRAEFECTORUM

(*With Apologies to Dryden*)

In olden times, ere prefects did begin,
Ere talking was a designated sin,
In days before the sixth form did exist
(Those Almighty ones, indeed, were never missed !)
A vengeful Head, according to his heart,
His vigorous cane would variously impart
To large and small, and through his heavy hand
Would gain a reputation in the land.
Till one of worthy blood the crown did wear;
This mighty crown did he most nobly bear.
Not so the staff, for several did resign
Possessing not a nature so benign,
For they from slightest dread would surely flee
And leave the Head immersed in misery.
To end this chaos, he prefects did appoint
And them with burnished badges did anoint.
Of these the cunning . . . was first—
A name to all succeeding pupils cursed.
But far more numerous was the herd of such
As worked too little and talked too much.
At last the peace and order were restored,
Once more the infants knew their rightful lord.
Prefects good or bad are necessary things
To quell the riots when a school bell rings.

MARGARET ROBINSON, U6A.
SUSAN McCUE, U6A.

MAN'S INVASION

Once there were animals, strong and free;
Once a river rushed down to the sea;
Once there were woods, so pleasant to see.
Now man has come.

A long time since, aye many a year,
Many an animal rested here;
But soon their peace was turned to fear,
Now man has come.

He hunted and killed them and stole their home,
And took from the lion his royal throne;
The deer are gone and the birds are flown,
Now man has come.

But all things have their end it's said,
And one day, too, man will be dead,
And a stone will say above his head,
"Now man has gone".

SHEILA CROFTS, 5C.

THE ADVENT OF THE LIVERPUDIANS

The Beatles are the greatest group,
the one I like the best,
with them no-one can be compared
from North, South, East or West.

These Beatles first began the craze,
October '62.
They played in a club in Germany,
then recorded " Love me do ".

Their fans went wild and screamed for more,
the critics were astounded,
and through the country far and wide
the Beatles' praise was sounded.

From strength to strength they followed on,
singing and writing too.
Until a little later on, they sang
" With love, from me to you ".

And when the teenage public heard
their next release was out,
the fans and record buyers fought
to buy their " Twist and Shout ".

Their latest record " She loves you "
is still the number one;
as far as all the public know
These Beatles can't go wrong. RUTH CAMPBELL, 5A.

HORSES AND DOGS

I like horses with flickety ears,
And delicate legs, and slithery rears;
There's something about a horse; you see
I like horses and they like me.

And I like dogs, the not-proud kind,
The sort you can cuddle and never mind.
There's nothing as good when one's in disgrace
As an unusually sorry doggie face.

But if I must say, though I'd rather not,
Cats are a sly and cunning lot.
Their claws come out and their tails go in—
When they're in a fight they're sure to win.

So when I'm old and I settle down,
With a horse to take me into the town,
And a dog with a faithful, friendly face,
We won't let a cat come near the place.

MARY MACHIN, 5A.

CRUELTY IN THE CIRCUS

Glittering lights, sawdust, spangled costumes, shrieks of laughter, excitement and thrills, all these conjure up the wonderful image of the CIRCUS, but there is one thing that is not included in this list : CRUELTY.

Yes, every animal that has ever performed in the ring or in a show has known the cruelty involved, both the physical pain and mental anguish. The misery of these creatures begins when they are captured in the wild and taken from their homes and natural environments. Each animal must be trained young and therefore all are orphans. The mother is lured away and killed, then the chase begins. These young babies are pursued by men in a motor vehicle until they drop with exhaustion; they are then trussed up and brought back. Pits, live bait, loops of wire attached to a bough, the animal swung into the air . . . it does not matter what methods are used, as long as they are captured alive and with no limbs broken.

This is just the beginning.

Next follows the long journey, the journey to torture. Confined in small cages the animals travel thousands of miles, not only with loss of liberty but also sickness from change of food.

Training the animals involves pulleys used to pull the ponies on to their hind legs, covers placed over their eyes while they are whipped, being forced to do things entirely unnatural to them by means of whips and clubs, fear of not knowing what will happen next, and above all, screams of terror.

One of the most famous trainers of wild animals, Alfred Court, wrote in his book, "I clenched my hand round the club and struck at the head with all my strength. The bear had been struck where I had aimed, above the nostrils and in between the eyes. Blood flowed from its mouth, its paws stiffened in a last convulsion and it collapsed."

And, "All the clubs I had left in my cage were broken one by one on Bengali's head; lashes came down like an avalanche, each cutting deep into the tiger's shining coat."

Keller, another famous trainer, once said that all cats are reluctant performers and do not wish to face their natural enemy, man. Even to sit on a seat is unnatural to them. As their energies wane they become more dangerous as they are forced to perform. Perhaps the most important point that Keller made was that the animals are put behind bars and treated as criminals.

What pleasure can anyone gain on seeing bears compelled to ride motor cycles, tigers forced through rings of fire and innumerable unnatural "feats", especially when they know of the cruelty involved?

What can we do to help?

Shun all shows featuring performing animals and encourage friends to do the same. Write to the Press, our M.P., and if such things appear on the television write in protest to the producer or director.

Britain used to lead the world in legislation to protect animals; now it is lagging far behind other countries, especially Sweden.

This atrocious exploitation of animals must be stopped. We can, and must help.

ANNE HARGREAVES, 5D.

“ LA DOLCE VITA ”

If you want a really unusual and satisfying holiday I suggest camping.

There is nothing more rewarding than seeing your canvas castle standing in the middle of a muddy field with a crowd of hostile-looking cows around it, and knowing immediately that, although you may have got your finger trapped under the mallet or had it driven into the ground with a tent peg, it is all worthwhile.

You are so excited at spending a night in your tent that you cannot wait to slip into your lovely, warm sleeping bags. At last you snuggle down and though you argue with your partner who should sleep where and who has got most of the blanket, and though you discover that the object sticking in your back is the missing mallet, you are really and truly having a wonderful time.

After rolling around on the hard, damp ground you at last fall asleep but wake at two in the morning to one of the most marvellous experiences of your life, that of digging trenches around your tent to prevent flooding. It is not everyone who can boast of such a feat, is it ?

When you rise next morning, fresh and lively, you are eager to taste your first camp breakfast of cold beans and half-cooked bacon, but this treat cannot really be appreciated until you have had the exhilaration of washing in ice-cold water and shivering, all at the same time, because the sun has not yet risen above the surrounding hills.

There are also the free shows of the “ Beatles ” and dancing earwigs, and the feeling of disappointment and anger when you are wakened by the tent collapsing on top of you because you forgot to loosen the guy-lines.

All these occurrences add to the charm and attraction of this very popular holiday. When you have led such an exciting and varied life, who would want to relax on the sun-kissed beaches of the French Riviera ?

HAZEL SIMPSON, L6A.

THE WITCH'S SONG

Come, my darklings, join the fun;
 Drink the witches' brew :
Come, my darklings, work is done,
 Night is come anew.
Round the cauldron, bubble and boil,
 Drink the witches' brew;
Round the cauldron snake doth coil
 Till morning comes anew.
Come, my darklings, cease your fun
 You've drunk the witches' brew;
Come, my darklings, your spell is done,
 Morn has come anew.
Bury your cauldron, take to the air
 You've drunk the witches' brew;
Bury your cauldron, off to your lair
 Till night is come anew.

STEAD, 2E.

DISILLUSIONMENT

I cam upon my ainly luv
Kamin' her yellow hair,
" Oh, tell me true, my ainly luv,
Wha gars it be sae fair ? "

I bent and kissed my ainly luv
" Your lips ", I gently said,
" Are bricht and saft as Eros' blood
Wha gars they be sae red ? "

Yestreen cam I tae my ainly luv
An' gently bid her, " Speak !
Wha gars this silken beauty fine
Wha hangs upon your cheek ? "

" Frae London, Paris and New York
I hae ma tresses' gowden hue,
The tint ' Blush Red ' upon ma lips,
Ma cheeks are ' Magic Dew ' ."

" Ah fausse ! Ah fausse ! " cried I in wrath,
" Your lips are bitter wine,
I'll ne'er love wench as fausse as you
Wha flaunts the airts o' Rubinstein."

ANON.

FEAR AND THE ASTRONAUT

I hit the button marked " RETRO-ROCKETS " and waited for the deep throated roar of the motors. They didn't fire. Searching for the mistake I quickly found it, flipped the safety valve and jerked the button again. The motors fired and then I began my descent through the upper atmosphere. Slowly I began to feel the pressure of my full weight. For one moment of anguish I glimpsed my recovery area and I saw no ships in it. I felt a sickening thud as my capsule jolted through an air pocket. To me it felt as if my heart had fallen to my feet. The automatic mechanism ejected my orange recovery parachute and this acted as a brake. The recovery area was empty. Blood raced round my body and I fought to regain my usual cool confidence as panic galloped up my spine and possessed most of my body. I could not stop frantic thoughts racing through my head. Where were the recovery vessels? What had been happening while I had been racing round the world? Had there been a nuclear war and was nobody left except me? This last thought jolted me into instant action. Another thud made me break down completely. I blacked out. When I recovered consciousness, I glanced out of the observation port-hole. Fear crawled all over my body and I felt this would be the last thing I ever did.

But wait, what is that humming noise? With a splash, something lands in the water beside me. A frogman swiftly climbs up, waves " hello " through the window, and fastens the helicopter's hook to the iron above the capsule. In no time, I am aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise with happy smiling faces all around me.

JAMESON, 3F.

THE STORM

Gently
The small waves
Washed the sandy sea shore.
A passing steamer on the horizon
Trailed dark smoke behind it; the air
Was dense; the sky gradually darkened, with clouds
Scudding across upon the breeze, now much stronger.
The waves
Came quicker, higher,
Farther up the beach than before;
They were now white-capped, and several feet high,
And were washing the foot of the tall, sheer cliffs; then
The thunder started to roll and the forked lightning flashed
As the rain came down; the sea was grey and angry, and all around
was quiet,
Except for
The rain and waves
Beating on the cliffs; but all at once
The sky on the horizon began to lighten,
The rain ceased and the white-capped waves subsided,
All was quiet once more with the sun shining on a calm, smooth, sea.

SUSAN MIDDLETON, 3D.

THE KING

'Twas in a dirty, lonely place,
With broken windows, battered doors,
With no beauty, and no grace,
But dirty, scratched, and unswept floors.
Through the open door is seen
Untidiness in every nook;
Never a poorer place has been,
A room not worth a second look.

But wait ! What is this we're told
In the Holy Book ? Behold,
It is the Christ Child lying there,
With golden band above his hair,
Snugly wrapped in swaddling clothes;
The Child whom God Almighty chose
To feel the nails and bear the shame
Of those who ridicule his name.

JENNIFER BURROWS, 4A.

WHAT THE TRAVEL POSTERS DID NOT SAY

As the ferry docked in Boulogne harbour it was drizzling; by the time we were through the Customs and setting off for Le Mans, we were enveloped in the most fearful cloudburst I have ever witnessed. Thunder, lightning, gale-force winds and hail powerful enough to break car windscreens (we saw one actually shatter) added up to a slightly-worse-than-usual start to the holidays. Personal experience has taught me to look with scepticism on travel posters which display a smiling France beneath the caressing beams of a radiant sun; during *my* visits to France in the August of three consecutive years we were blessed with rain every single day.

One's first impressions of France are that it is a huge, flat, poor, agricultural country through which one has to pass in order to reach anything worth seeing. The large towns are little different from our own, but the country districts show evidence of poverty, untidiness and even uncleanness. In the villages there is variety in the shape of houses, but the dirty whitewash and monotonous grey shutters provide a very gloomy picture on a dull day.

It is obvious that French farmers must work extremely hard, but in other trades one sees a more careless approach. The gleaming, new bungalows, for instance, look very different when being built. They are made from a slaty, aerated brick which can be split with a strong kick, and covered with pebbledashing or some other cheap means of hiding the unspectacular impression created by those "aero"-bricks. The roads are well looked-after, being generally straight and well-surfaced, but unfortunately narrow, sometimes causing progress to be extremely slow.

The celebrated French cuisine did not come up to the standard I had given it on hearsay evidence. One is served with the most exquisitely flavoured sauces imaginable, but unfortunately, the main part of the meal on which one puts the sauce is generally mediocre. In hotels as well as wayside cafes, fish is served complete with head, tail and skeleton, so one is unable to leave a clean plate; and beautiful, tender steak is rendered unpalatable by undercooking. Whether one enjoys the meal or not, the price is invariably exorbitant.

Though somewhat monotonous, the waving corn in field after field, and the sight of an old town nestling on a slight rising in the distance can be very picturesque in the August sunshine. Yet in the industrial North-East, near the Franco-German frontier, Sheffield would appear quite beautiful in the midst of the industrial eyesore which exists there. Mile after mile of huge riveted pipes whose diameter is measured in yards, not feet, cross the countryside between the smoke-begrimed towns in a network not unlike a gigantic spider's web; they are used to carry vast quantities of natural gas from one town to the next.

Fortunately one is able to find features which compensate for the lack of outstanding beauty in the landscape. One of the most important of these is the friendliness and willingness to help of the French people. They are among the politest and most obliging people in Europe; if they were not, their tourist industry would be far less flourishing than it is now!

And the moral? — "All that glistens is not gold!"

RUBBISH

Rubbish ! rubbish ! rubbish !
You find it everywhere,
In public parks and playgrounds
Its fragrance fills the air.
Our playground's no exception,
Though all around you'll find
Baskets, bins and boxes
For that need designed ;
But still, despite all these,
We pupils soon succeed
In dropping piles of litter ;
Of bins we take no heed ;
To keep our playground clean should be
A matter of great ease,
So, on behalf of staff and school,
Keep Britain Tidy. Please !

SUSAN ADAMS, 4D.

DIAMONDS IN THE DESERT

Some years ago we lived in the township of Orangemund. My father worked there in the biggest gem diamond mines in the world. These are in South-West Africa, in the Namib Desert, north of the Orange River, which divides South-West Africa from the neighbouring Union of South Africa.

The diamonds are found in diamondiferous gravel on ancient marine beaches, usually up to thirty feet below the present floor of the desert. The operation is basically one of vast earth-moving. Some eighty million parts of rock, sand, boulders and rubble have to be moved and sifted to produce one part of diamond.

The simplest and most effective method of separating diamonds from gravel is to wet the huge mountains of gravel, to funnel the wet gravel on to a moving conveyor belt smeared with vaseline. The wet gravel bounces off the vaseline, whilst the diamonds, which are so hard a substance that water does not cling to their surface, stick in it.

When first mined, diamonds are of many colours, which are welded into the diamond in its formation, and which are the colours of other minerals present when formation takes place. Only when they are cut and polished do diamonds look like diamonds. Rough diamonds are indistinguishable from bits of glass, a simple test being to score a sheet of glass—a diamond will cut the surface of the glass.

LORRAINE O'DONOGHUE, 5B.

WE MURDERERS !

The fire-elves dance among the coals,
Darting here and there.
Red and orange, many subtle shades they glow,
As they fight and crackle,
Constantly flickering,
Always bickering ;
Never dying whilst food is abundant,
For they must have fuel.
“ Don’t be cruel !
Give us food, food ! ” the crackling voices plead,
“ That is what we need ! ”
But alas, to our beds we go,
And to their songs of woe
We pay no heed.
And, as in warmth we lie,
They, in cold embers, die !

LORNA THREADGOLD, 4B.

THE ART OF UNDERTAKING

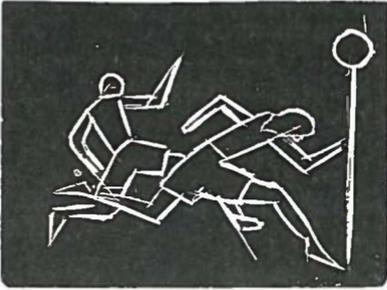
Undertaking is an art, and although many people are dying to take part in the proceedings, it is rare to meet a good undertaker. The first requirements are a strong constitution, a sympathetic but impersonal nature, a car, a notice inscribed “ Funeral Director ” and an obliging “ client ”.

Of course there are many difficulties to overcome, like, for example, the dreaded “ Rigor Mortis ”. There was the case of the undertaker who upon laying out the deceased, tried to straighten the man’s legs which were bent at the knees. As he pressed the knees, the deceased sat up and, touching the undertaker on the shoulder, caused him so great a fright that, in a wooden overcoat, he followed him into church.

Nevertheless, undertaking is a very satisfying and worthwhile occupation; you are serving the people, in their hour of need.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

GAMES



ATHLETICS

This season, the performances of our athletes have been deplorable and the worst for many years owing to the fact that fewer than half-a-dozen people ever thought about serious training and, above all, there has been no support and enthusiasm shown by the rest of the school. This was particularly apparent at the Inter-School Sports where results and support in general were most disappointing.

Besides the traditional House and Inter-School Sports, matches for the boys were arranged at Hemsworth and Barnsley. At Hemsworth Grammar School, we lost by over a hundred points and could win in only two events, because team members had not troubled to make the journey. At Barnsley Grammar School we did a little better, losing by only two or three points more than fifty.

The Inter-House Sports this year were held on Wednesday, 22nd May. The weather was extremely fine and it was a pity that performances were not the same. Whereas in the past few years, about twelve records have been broken annually, only four people could improve on past performances this season.

The House positions were as follows :—

Sparta 319½, Carthage 239½, Rome 229, Troy 190, Athens 130½, Thebes 114½.

The School records broken were :—

Boys.

Senior :	Mile ....	....	Longley (Carthage)	4 min. 51.2 secs.
Middles :	440 yards	....	Hockey (Troy)	58.3 secs.
	880 yards	....	Whitlam (Thebes)	2 min. 22.3 secs.
	Mile	Whitlam (Thebes)	5 min. 22.6 secs.

Girls.

Junior :	Hurdles	M. Crawshaw (Sparta)	12.2 secs.
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Wath were the hosts for this year's Inter-School Sports, which were held on July 11th, on the Hickleton Main Athletic Ground. Time after time Wath athletes were seen to be finishing in the last or next to the last positions. If they had trained seriously, they would have finished far higher up the field.

Results were :—

Maltby 268, Mexborough 245, Doncaster Tech. 244, Don Valley 229, Wath 196, Swinton 139.

Wath athletes, then, have most certainly been at their worst this year and it will be a great pity if this trend continues for the School has always had an athletic history well worth remembering. We should put faith in the School motto—*Meliora Spectare*—with hope of a future improvement.

J. B. LONGLEY, U6B.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The first team has been chosen from : Longley (full colours), Chetter, Edwards, Richardson, Roskrow, Hebbs, Wadsworth, Wilson, Spofforth, Walker, Samuels, Whitlam.

On 20th February, the Inter-House Cross-Country race was held over a new, tougher and longer course. The individual winner, Longley of Carthage, repeated his last year's performance. The second man home was Richardson (Troy) and Roskrow (Sparta) was third. The final House placings were as follows : Sparta 202, Athens 222½, Troy 278, Rome 279½, Carthage 294.

At Wath against Mexborough Grammar School on 9th March, the School team ran extremely well, overcoming a blustery wind and driving rain. The individual winner was Longley and Edwards was second. Wath scored a resounding victory of 29 points—65 points.

On 16th March the School team ran against Lady Manners School at Bakewell. The conditions were bad underfoot for rain had turned the course into a quagmire. As several of our runners found themselves off the course and lost on the Derbyshire Moors, our team lost the match, although Chetter, acting as captain, kept with the Bakewell leaders and managed a victorious sprint in the last few yards. In a return match at Wath, our team gained well-earned revenge winning 28 points—69 points. Hard ground and light breezes made conditions favourable. The individual winner was Longley and all the Wath team finished in the first ten places.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the Inter-School Cross-Country Race was held over our own course. The first runner to finish was Longley in a time of 30 mins. .09 secs., the fastest ever recorded over the five-mile course. But Knapp of Doncaster Tech. Grammar, who was leading half a mile from home, took a wrong turning and, because of this, failed to complete the course. The Headmaster, as referee, therefore awarded first place to Doncaster Tech. This meant that the team placings were : Doncaster Tech. Grammar 70, Maltby 79, Wath 95, Mexborough 119, Don Valley 159, Swinton 181.

Only two days later, in a match held at Hemsworth Grammar School, there were races for juniors and middles as well as the seniors. Running conditions were very bad indeed as the course for the most part was over ploughed fields, and a day's rain had turned them into a "mud bath". The juniors running in their first race faced the conditions bravely and were unlucky to lose by one point 40-39. Payne finished in second position. The middles did not do as well as might have been expected from them. The first Wath runner home was Roskrow, who finished third. The middles team lost by 44 points—34 points. After such a short interval of two days since the gruelling Inter-School competition, few of our senior runners had recovered and for this reason our team included only two of the regular members. As expected, the seniors lost by a wide margin of 51 points—28 points, although they had the consolation that Longley led throughout the 3¼-mile course and was the individual winner.

OTHER RESULTS :

5th October :	v. Bakewell—H.	....	....	Lost 75—66
19th October :	v. Hemsworth—H	....	....	Won 113—117

THE SWIMMING GALA

The annual Inter-House Swimming Gala was held at Wath Baths on Tuesday, October 15th. As in previous years, it provided a most interesting spectacle.

At the end of the junior competition Thebes (competing for the first year with contestants in all age groups) had a 4-point lead over Rome and Sparta who each had 22 points.

After the middles competition, Sparta overtook Thebes and gained a lead of 61 points to Thebes' 49 points. Rome at this stage had fallen to third position.

In the senior part of the competition, Sparta increased their lead and the competition resulted in victory for Sparta with 135 points, Thebes 108, Carthage 99, Athens 89, Rome 88, Troy 78.

J. B. LONGLEY.

TENNIS

First Couple : V. Johnson (*Captain*), K. Sharpe. Second Couple : C. Guest, L. Morgan. Third Couple : Chosen from L. Noble, J. Athey, L. Ward and M. Revitt.

Second Team : Chosen from L. Beardshall, F. Owen, J. Ryder, J. Dawson, G. Parish and A. Foster.

The team had six fixtures, of which one was abandoned, three were lost, and the fifth was cancelled since we could not locate our opponents. The team's last fixture brought a victory against the staff.

Home	v. Ecclesfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	2—7
Away	v. Woodhouse	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0—9
Away	v. Doncaster Convent	.....	.....	.....	.....	Abandoned	1—2
Home	v. Old Wathonians	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1—15
Home	v. Staff	.....	.....	.....	.....	Won	5—4

The Tennis Cup and Full Colours were awarded to Megan Revitt.

ROUNDERS

First Team : A. Teasdale, G. Parish (*Captain*), A. Foster (*Vice-Captain*), M. Baxter, M. Watson, W. Law, K. Day, J. Rankin, V. Ocroft.

Second Team chosen from : J. Mellor, L. Stamper, A. Kay, M. Robinson, C. Bailey, S. Wilson, B. Uttley, C. Evans, B. Elvin, G. Young, C. King,

L. Ward.

Colours awarded to : G. Parish, A. Foster, A. Teasdale, K. Day.

Last season the rounders teams were very successful. The first senior team and first junior team lost only one match each, while both senior and junior second teams remained undefeated. Practices were quite well-attended, but greater team spirit must be shown, especially among members of second teams. However, in spite of this defect, all efforts were justly rewarded and it is hoped that the high standard of play will continue in the future.

RESULTS (School score first) :

	1st Team	2nd Team	U 15 team
Maltby Grammar School	3—2	10—2	2—3
Woodhouse Grammar School	14— $\frac{1}{2}$	8—1	4—1
Broadway Technical School	4—2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3—1	3—1
Doncaster Convent	7—3	5—4	4—2
Mexborough Grammar School	1—2	4—0	4—2

GWEN PARISH, U6C.



CRICKET

This season's First XI has proved itself to be the best fielded by the School for many years, for of its eight matches it won six, drew one, and had a match abandoned. Under the reliable captaincy of Randerson this young side improved as the season progressed. Rothery and Bennett were reliable batsmen, ably supported by Randerson and Guild. Crowther and Ingamells had a better season than was expected, and Shepherd proved a useful all-rounder. Inspired by the wicket-keeping of Wilks, the standard of fielding and team spirit were consistently high.

The team was chosen from :—
 Randerson (*Captain*), Shepherd (*Vice-Captain*), Wilks (*wicket-keeper*), Bennett (all awarded full colours); Bailey, Cousins, Crowther, Dodson, Guild, Ingamells and Rothery (all half colours).

RESULTS :

- v. Woodhouse (away). Won by 5 runs. Wath 74 for 6 dec. (Shepherd 31 not out, Randerson 18). Woodhouse 69.
- v. Hemsworth (away). Won by 20 runs. Wath 71 (Bennett 22, Bailey 14, Cousins 14). Hemsworth 51 (Crowther 5 for 27).
- v. Bakewell (away). Won by 41 runs. Wath 111 (Dodson 34, Rothery 21). Bakewell 70 (Shepherd 5 for 11).
- v. De la Salle (away). Abandoned. Wath 111 for 8 dec. (Rothery 51, Shepherd 24). De la Salle 49 for 5.
- v. Pontefract (away). Won by 3 wickets. Pontefract 87 (Shepherd 3 for 8). Wath 90 for 7 (Bennett 23).
- v. Darfield (away). Won by 6 wickets. Darfield 87 for 8 dec. (Crowther 4 for 26). Wath 88 for 4 (Randerson 39).
- v. Barnsley (away). Drawn. Barnsley 102 for 8 dec. (Crowther 4 for 46). Wath 55 for 5 (Guild 16 not out).
- v. Staff (home). Won by 2 wickets. Staff 94 for 11 dec. (Mr. White 41 not out). School 96 for 9 (Guild 41 not out).

The Second XI, captained by Ibberson, had a moderately successful season, winning three and losing three of their six games : their chief weakness lay in the shortage of good batsmen.

RESULTS :

- v. Woodhouse (home). Lost by 3 wickets. Wath 12. Woodhouse 13 for 7 (Maxwell 5 for 5).
- v. Hemsworth (home). Lost by 88 runs. Hemsworth 128 for 7 dec. (Harrison 5 for 25). Wath 40 (Bradley 20 not out).
- v. De la Salle (home). Won by 24 runs. Wath 73 (Ibberson 18). De la Salle 49 (Bradley 4 for 4).
- v. Pontefract (away). Won by 7 wickets. Pontefract 56 (Biram 5 for 7, Bradley 3 for 4). Wath 57 for 3 (Ibberson 30 not out).
- v. Barnsley (home). Lost by 31 runs. Barnsley 77 (Edwards 4 for 28). Wath 46 (Bradley 20).
- v. Adwick-on-Deerne (away). Won by 7 wickets. Adwick 25. Wath 26 for 3.

Owing to the shortage of players the Under 15 XI played only two games, drawing one and losing one.

Though captained by Shepherd, a competent bowler, the Under 14 XI achieved only one victory from six games.

RESULTS :

- v. Woodhouse (home). Lost by 17 runs. Woodhouse 55. Wath 38.
- v. Hemsworth (home). Lost by 5 runs. Hemsworth 30 (Shepherd 8 for 6). Wath 25.
- v. De la Salle (away). Lost by 11 runs. De la Salle 50. Wath 39.
- v. Brampton (home). Lost by 8 runs. Brampton 44 (Shepherd 4 for 12). Wath 36.
- v. Cudworth (home). Lost by 43 runs. Cudworth 53. Wath 10.
- v. Barnsley (home). Won by 5 runs. Wath 29. Barnsley 24 (Wright 5 for 4, Shepherd 5 for 16).

A. ROLLINS.
B. SHEPHERD.



HOCKEY

Had there been more organised practices at the beginning of the season, our results might have been more impressive, but owing to lack of enthusiasm the standard of previous years has not been maintained.

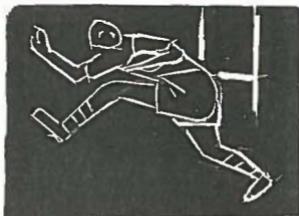
First team : Anne Foster* (*Captain*), Gwen Parish* (*Vice-Captain*), Lynn Noble, Megan Revitt, June Ocroft, Eileen MacCabe, J. Dawson, S. Walker, J. Rankin, C. Macleod, W. Law.

* Colours.

Second team : A. Teasdale, L. Mace, A. Kay, J. McCanaan, F. Owen, E. Slater, L. Ward, J. Evans, S. Davison, L. Stamper, S. Johnson, A. Parsons.

RESULTS (School score first) :	1st	2nd	U 15	U 13
Swinton Comprehensive	4-0	7-0	9-0	—
Don Valley High School	—	0-2	2-4	0-4
Percy Jackson	2-3	0-1	2-1	—
Ecclesfield	2-3	1-0	0-1	—
Swallownest	2-0	2-1	—	—
Thorne	3-0	2-3	0-3	—
Percy Jackson	3-5	3-5	1-2	—
Mexborough	1-0	0-3	—	—
Doncaster Tech.	4-0	—	2-0	—

LYNN NOBLE U6E.



RUGBY

First XV chosen from : Mitchell, Walker, Brookes, Ratcliffe (*Captain*), Edwards, Barton, Guild, Ingamells, Dodson, Bailey, Swiffen, Patrick, Burgin, Evans, Butler, Crowther, Harrison, Carle, Cousins, Hurst, Sizer, Walton, Dawson, Gill and Maxwell.

The number of names above gives some indication of the inconsistency of the side that last year suffered only two defeats, both from the same school. This season, although retaining the vast majority of last year's team and having the usual addition of "young blood" from the U 15 XV of last season, the first XV have given some unworthy performances, undreamt of last season. The U 15 XV have been the most successful team and improved performances have been shown by a more settled second XV so far.

Butler, Crowther and Dodson were chosen to play for S. Yorks. U 19 XV this season, with Walker and Bailey as reserves. Hockey and Sizer have played for S. Yorks. U 15 XV.

As the season progresses, we hope for increased success, fewer injuries and a return of last year's cohesion and team spirit.

SCORES (W.G.S. score first) :	1st XV	2nd XV	U 15 XV
Pontefract King's School	3-8	6-8	9-9
Thorne G.S.	8-33	—	11-0
Lady Manners	14-8	—	46-8
Nunthorpe G.S.	15-3	—	35-0
Hemsworth G.S.	0-21	0-14	—
Barnsley G.S.	6-3	22-0	14-3
Spurley Hey	—	—	13-3
Pontefract King's School	6-19	0-21	5-25
Nunthorpe G.S.	0-11	—	11-9
Worksop Henry Hartland G.S.	—	—	34-0
Rowlinson Tech.	36-0	—	31-0
	U 14 XV	U 13 XV	
Pontefract King's School	8-28	9-19	
Worsborough	42-0	48-0	
Hemsworth	5-19	3-9	
Barnsley G.S.	3-0	12-3	
Doncaster G.S.	19-0	—	
Spurley Hey	15-0	24-3	
Pontefract King's School	3-3	11-6	
Worksop, Henry Hartland G.S.	—	9-6	

I. B. WALKER.

OLD WATHONIANS' ASSOCIATION

This year there have been two special gatherings of Old Wathonians in the School Hall.

On Saturday, April 6th, 1963, the Re-Union was held. Ken Wallis was the Guest Speaker and entertained Old Wathonians with a witty, interesting talk about his activities as a member of the Students' Union. The Re-Union was a great success, as always. The next Re-Union will be on Saturday, March 21st, 1964, when Miss Killoch will be the Guest Speaker. We hope that a large number of Old Wathonians and friends will be there to welcome Miss Killock and make an enjoyable evening.

July 15th was another happy occasion, one that can only happen once in a lifetime. The Old Wathonians met to pay tribute to Miss Swift and Mr. Wilkinson, who were about to retire after giving their working lives to Wath-upon-Dearne Grammar School. The Secretary and Mr. W. Young tried to convey to Miss Swift and Mr. Wilkinson respectively the affection, gratitude and good wishes of all Old Wathonians everywhere. So often we are shy or perhaps just too carried away with our everyday affairs to express our feelings for those who do so much for us, but this was an evening especially set aside to give us all the time and opportunity to show these two what we think of them and as everyone was there for the same purpose all our native diffidence could be put on one side. Those who were there represented all the many who were unable to be present, so the evening could not but be a happy one, with so many happy memories and good wishes about. Miss Swift was presented with a canteen of cutlery, a clock and a cheque. Mr. Wilkinson received a set of gardening tools, a picnic hamper and a silver tray. With these gifts went all our good wishes to them both for a long and happy retirement.

We now have Miss Edge and Mr. Prendergast on the Committee to give us our link with School, but we have persuaded Mr. Wilkinson to stay with us, too. The Rev. A. T. L. Grear and Miss Swift have been made Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Old Wathonians' Association.

We had hoped to have the Rev. A. T. L. and Mrs. Grear at one or both of these functions, but neither of them has been very well. Mrs. Grear has been very ill this year but is slowly recovering. We send them both the good wishes of Old Wathonians for better health in the coming year.

On October 11th the second Annual Dinner-Dance was held in Swinton Masonic Hall. It was arranged earlier this year than last to give college people chance to attend, but the attendance was not as good as was hoped. However, those who did go had a very enjoyable evening. It should be noted that this is in addition to, not instead of, the Easter Re-Union.

News of Old Scholars should be sent to Miss Edge at School, or to the Secretary, Miss K. Clark, 19 Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

Subscriptions are payable at the Re-Union or may be sent to the Secretary. (Annual subscription 1/6, or 3/6 to include the followings year's Magazine. Life Membership 30/-, or 25/- if paid by the first Re-Union after leaving School.)

OTHER NEWS OF OLD WATHONIANS

R. Cox is teaching in the "Samuel Barker" School in Gulu. He hopes to teach more advanced courses to Africans. The staff is British and American.

P. Jones and his wife (G. Meyers), teaching in Uganda, are publishing a book on Jazz.

P. Dale is teaching in a Comprehensive School in Potter's Bar.

G. Mawson is married and working in Glasgow as a constructional engineer.

E. Taylor works for the W.R.C.C. as a civil engineer. He is married and lives in Wakefield.

R. Sands is Professor of English in the University of Natal, Durban, South Africa.

B. Chapman is Head of Maths. Department in a Grammar Technical School in Enfield.

T. Atkinson was awarded the Art Council's 1st prize for a painting entered in the Young Contemporaries' Exhibition of 1963, held at the F.B.A. Galleries, near Trafalgar Square, London.

Jeanette Swift is teaching Physics and Maths. at Wath Grammar School.

O. Thomas has been appointed Assistant Advertisement Manager to the *South Yorkshire Times*.

Margaret Sanderson is teaching on the Ivory Coast in West Africa.

Flt.-Sgt. Alan Jagger was navigator in a helicopter which brought to land an injured trawlerman from his ship in the North Sea.

D. Wade was successful in the final examination for Associate Membership of the Institute of Structural Engineers. He is a senior lecturer at Enfield Technical College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wroe and son are going to Singapore with the R.A.F.

A. Douglas has been commissioned in the Secretarial Branch of the R.A.F.

A. G. Clegg, now principal lecturer in Biology at Sheffield T.C., has published a text-book on Biology.

H. Beazley has been commissioned in the York & Lancs. Regiment.

MARRIAGES

Robert T. Davies to Pauline Shreeve (W.G.S.).

Norman Buckley (Staff) to Joan Senior (W.G.S.).

D. Mangham to Patricia Knaggs (W.G.S.).

Keith Harrison to Mary S. Powell (W.G.S.).

Robert Noble (W.G.S.) to Dorothy Robinson (W.G.S.).

Lionel H. H. Barrell to Margaret Holmes (W.G.S.).

Michael E. Rose to A. Christine Jones (W.G.S.).

David Wood (W.G.S.) to Ann M. Baldwin.

Philip M. Goddard to Joan Hobson (W.G.S.).

Charles Needham (W.G.S.) to Janette Pierson (Staff).

John Hampshire (W.G.S.) to Frances Jones (Staff).

Lieut. James G. McLuckie to Jill N. Bedford (W.G.S.).

David C. Crampton (W.G.S.) to Pamela A. Crowte.

John A. Crossley (W.G.S.) to Wendy H. Roberts.

John J. Hawkins to Margaret Stephenson (W.G.S.).

John H. Goldthorpe (W.G.S.) to Rhianon E. Harry.

Ken Wallis (W.G.S.) to Margaret S. Campbell.

David Cashman to Mary Turner (W.G.S.).

John G. Spencer (W.G.S.) to Margaret Collinson.

Peter Manning to Barbara Hutton, B.A. (W.G.S.).

D. Noble (W.G.S.) to Margot J. Henley.

M. Pownall (W.G.S.) to P. Percival.

A. Barker (W.G.S.) to Hilary M. Blyton.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson (Christine Grammer)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Little (Megan Williams)—a third son.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hooper (Janet Wood)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker (Alice Wood)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond (Monica Bell)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Gow (Pamela Beardshall)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Law—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Hair (Iris Gardner)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Busby (Christine Gardner)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Annetts (Jean Snowden)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham (Joan Knibbs)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Shore (Jean Garfit)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Palmer (Ex-Staff)—a son.

Rev. and Mrs. D. Ericson (Joan Parkin)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson (Sheila Hewitt)—a third daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebreton (Christine Calaghan)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn (Janet Turner)—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hooper—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor (Brenda Sharpe)—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ramsden (Freda Drury)—a daughter.

DEATH

We record with regret the death of Mrs. Robinson (Vera Jones), one of the original pupils in the School.

DEGREE SUCCESSSES

- N. Blythe : B.Sc. T.ch. Class 2, Div. 2, Chemistry, Manchester Technical College.
B. Cox : M.Sc. Pharmacy, Manchester.
B. Cowdell : B.A. Class 2, Div. 2, General Hons., Sheffield.
A. Dunkley : B.Sc. General, Liverpool.
N. Graveson : B.A. Class 1, Spanish, King's College, London.
P. Hunter : M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh.
K. Kelly : B.Sc. Tech. Class 3, Chemistry, Manchester Technical College.
D. Law : B.Sc. Class 2, Div. 1, Physics, Leeds.
C. Matthews : Ph.D., Chemistry, Aberystwyth.
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Open Exhibition to Selwyn College, Cambridge—Hoyle, A., U.6A.

Atomic Energy Commission Scholarship—Edwards, A., U.6D.

Hispanic Council Competition (Intermediate)—Green, J. N. U.6A, 1st Prize.

(Senior)—Smith, I., U.6A, 2nd Prize.

Herbert Hughes Memorial Prize (Spanish)—Green, J. N., U.6A.

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Deeks' Memorial Prize for English Literature—Carol Abrams, U.6A.

John Ritchie Prize for Science—Barbara Maxwell, U.6E.

Pratt Memorial Prize (Essay)—Edwards, A., U.6D.

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- 5A—*Bailey, I. (7), *Bintcliffe, R. (6), *Carter, J. (5), Dawson, K. S. (6), *Maxwell, D. W. (6), *Swiffen, L. W. (7), Utley, P. J. (4), *Rosalind Clegg (4), *Marlene Crossfield (9), *Joan Danforth (7), *Hilary Goss (7), Carol Hampson (4), *Eileen Kay (4), *Christine McArdle (9), Ann Nettleton (3), *Pat Redman (6), *Julie Rodwell (4), Carol Rudd (6), *Pat Waller (4), *Hazel Whittle (5), *Jacqueline Wilcock (6).
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