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E D I T O R I A L

An eye-catching cover and a colourful interior have certainly managed to revive the dying "Wathonian". Last year's experimental issue proved undoubtedly worthwhile every effort to introduce variety and vitality into an otherwise tediously conventional magazine. "The Wathonian" was previously bought largely out of a sense of duty to the School; last year people were curious to see whether the contents of the magazine would belie its bright exterior.

The new ideas, however, took a long time to be thoroughly discussed and put into practice, and many unforeseen difficulties intrinsic in the publication of a transformed magazine meant that "The Wathonian" appeared rather later than expected and had several disappointing flaws. We trust that our experiences of last year have prevented us from repeating these mistakes. Better quality paper has been used this year, for example, and greater co-operation with our very helpful printer has resulted in a much improved lay-out for the magazine.

The only black cloud hanging above the publication of the magazine has been the problem of finance. All the innovations which have been introduced entail greater expense, since the printing of such a magazine as this costs over twice as much as did "The Wathonian" of previous years. The Editorial Committee has been reduced to begging on the doorsteps of local shops for advertisements to cover the cost of printing, and is therefore very grateful to all who have been kind enough to support us. Fortunately, the Committee members have now all left School, but they bequeath the bill for printing with all good wishes to their successors!

The plaint of every Editor of "The Wathonian" has always been the lack of outstanding original contributions. The more perceptive readers of last year's magazine must have realised that, stripped of the colour and illustrations and reduced to its old format and size, the magazine would scarcely have differed from its predecessors. We were proud to publish a few of the articles, but both last year and this we have received for the most part the same non-descript poems and articles ad anuseam. When will destructive critics of the school magazine realize that the Editorial Committee can only present what it receives in the most interesting way possible, and that there is a limit to the number of ways anyone can attempt to make palatable a platitudinous poem about Autumn?

Whilst the magazine has undergone a revolution, the School itself has witnessed several innovations, the most notable of which seems to be the formation of a Parent Teacher Association at the beginning of the year. The American influence is felt even in Wath.

The Association has not yet been in existence long enough to have proved its worth. That parents should be interested in their child's school is only to be expected and hoped for, but is the invasion of parents into a territory essentially apart from the home welcomed by the pupils themselves? It is indeed debatable whether the gratitude of the pupils for the ameliorations to their student life which the Parent Teacher Association may bring outweighs the feeling of hostility towards parents trespassing on school ground. However, despite the mixed feelings with which the School greeted the influx of parents, the Association has met with no open opposition from the School, and everyone waits to see the outcome of this venture so foreign to the Wath Grammar School pupil.

It may be that the parents' increased interest in the School will spark off a kindred feeling in their offspring, which may even result in a new enthusiasm for the School Magazine.

R. ANN SHAW.

BEYOND SANITY & BACK WITH ONLY TWO TEA - BREAKS

No doubt you, dear Reader, have been musing over, under and behind the fact that the "Wathonian" has been produced at all. So are we. I can tell you, dear Reader, that this is due in no mean part to the efforts of the stalwart band of the Editorial Committee, who, for the last agonising twelve months, have laboured for three days to produce this masterpiece. Let us eavesdrop on a meeting of the Committee, which could be taking place anywhere, but is in fact in Upper 10.

The meeting has been in progress for a fortnight, and so far, only tempers, pencil points and weak bladders have been put to the test. In one corner rests a mess of empty teacups; half-eaten sandwiches, their edges curling, lie helpless in a thin film of tea that trembles on the floor of the tray. Seated in another corner is Williams the Editor. He is a tall man, as you, dear Reader, will notice when he stands up. A whisp of smoke escaped from the end of his cigarette, he inserted a fresh whisp. To all outward appearances he was at peace, but a quick X-ray shows this not to be the case (as you will see if you hold this page to the light). Lazily, he drew on his cigarette, he drew on the wall, the ceiling and the soles of his boots. Was there no end to this man's ability?*

Sub-editor, Ann the Shaw, was religiously intoning "Apparently, there is a literary genius in the Fifth Form, who has written all over South Yorkshire." In order to preserve these epistles, walls from all over the district had to be taken down and reassembled in a disused pomegranite factory behind T.B.7. Biting his toenails was John the Smith, who sat facing in a direction. He resembled King Edward the Seventh. He also resembled Edward the Third, Fifth and Second, making a grand total of King Edward the Seventeenth. He had a mobile face, that is, he always took it with him. Alan the Hill, another sub-editor, approached the sleeping Smith and thrust a manuscript under his nose. "Why did you thrust that manuscript under your nose?" asked the Smith. "It's not under my nose, it's under yours; it's the way this story is written that makes it confusing." (How dare he! That's the last time he gets mentioned in my story - signed P. R. Frodsham). "Look," said the Williams, (We looked, but could not see anything.) "it's 14.00; the pubs close in an hour," he continued, ignoring the plaintive cry from John the Smith, 'My watch on'y goes up to twelve.', "and we've got all this to do, not to mention Yigspred." "Yigspred?" "I told you not to mention that." ** Tempers, nerves, chairs and Lesley's elastic were at breaking point. Lesley the Latecomer is just plain Lesley, a lass with a pronounced limp L.I.M.P. pronounced limp, who came up the hard way; the lift was out of action. † She was just an ordinary

Yorkshire lass, except that she was a practising iguana hunter. "Practice makes perfect," she always said. There's a saying in Wath I can't think of it just now. Alan the Hill (I'm soft-hearted - signed P. R. Frodsham) got up and began to walk towards the door. In his path, a carefully written monument commemorating the fact that "G. Cowley fell here." So did Alan. "Bang" went the floor on receipt of his body. Three hours later he sat up. "Thank heavens the ground was there to break my fall," he cried. "It's useful for things like that," said the Williams. Everyone else, in unison, looked heavenwards and exclaimed, "Thank you, Heaven." "Blast, he's come to," said the Smith, and started filling in the hole. "I'm getting out of this paragraph, it's too damned unlucky for me," said Alan the Hill.

Three months later, the discussion was still continuing. The Committee was sweltering in 75 degrees of centrally heated heat, while outside, everyone else was shivering in 78 degrees of natural type heat. (Try singing the next bit; it relieves boredom and helps colonic irrigation). "Three months later, and here we are, still on the same page," said the Williams, looking down as he waded his way through original contributions. "We must hurry." So saying, he girded up his loins with cheap girders, (which can be bought from the Surplus Army Stores, or direct from the Surplus Army itself), and pressed on, off, in, out etc. Pandemonium, fighting, foot and mouth and Lesley broke out.

Next morning, with sunlight streaming through the holes in his underpants, John the Smith looked out of the window, and proclaimed, "Gad, that sun's hot!" "You shouldn't touch it," I answered. I am the handsome dashing hero, Peter (the Wak) the Frodsham, based on an original idea by Mr. and Mrs. Frodsham. It was so hot, everyone else was going slightly mad. Alan the Hill was sitting in the corner, sucking pieces of cardboard with the words "Ice cube" written on them. To cure him, I hit him on the head with a piece of cardboard marked hammer. "Here," coughed the Williams, "take this and get some ice cream". "The shop doesn't accept cheques," said Ann the Shaw. Flabbergasted, the Williams just sat and stared at the £5 note he was holding towards her. (O.K., stop singing now).

There was a tap on the door, (our plumber has a funny sense of humour) and Mrs. Terresfowl (if you pronounce that right, it should sound like "My sister's fowl," this is a desperate attempt to make you laugh) swept in, put her broom down, mounted the staircase, cried "Giddyup, staircase", picked up her broom, and swept out, leaving the reader to wonder where she came into the story. The Smith said, "I could eat a horse," just as a passing horse came into sight. "Mm, looks too big to eat," he thought, "I'll ride it till it get's thinner." And here, dear Reader, we must leave the Committee to their work while we still retain some sanity. Just remember, "Buy the "Wathonian," and stop Tolley's becoming extinct.

With thanks and apologies to Mr. S. Milligan.

* Yes, there was.

** This joke appears by kind permission of the Warden of the Old Jokes' Home.

† A joke.

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LESLEY HARGREAVES

Form U6

Sparta

"A tactical error, Sir," announced the officer,
Coldly impartial, staring at nothing, just staring.

.....A whole village massacred,

Children's faces in the dust, bellies bulging,

Blood spurting.....

"Misapprehended orders, Sir; couldn't be helped"

.....Screams, harsh, shrill, grating

Like iron filings on thick ears.....

"Men mad with anger, Sir, wanted their revenge..."

.....Savage, bestial murder,

Nostrils dilated, smelling blood

"Didn't anticipate results, Sir, how could I?"

.....Dust flying, faces whirling,

Agonised, pleading hands outstretched.....

Oh God, God, Save me from this nightmare.

Will it ever end?

How can I carry the burden of war

Alone?

"Man's inhumanity to Man makes countless thousands
mourn".
Robert Burns.

LIFE IN TANZANIA

The natives are peasant farmers, who grow groundnuts, maize and corn. They are poor, and they grow sufficient food for their own families. They work very hard in the hot sun from morning till evening. The tool they use is a hoe.

Few of the natives are educated. Those who are, are educated through mission schools and government schools. They work in offices, banks and in the government in big towns. They earn a good salary but are influenced by drink, the wireless and cigarettes.

Most of the Asians who are citizens of Tanzania are merchants. They are the tax-payers of the whole country. They live in towns and villages too, where hospitals and schools are available. There are some Europeans as well, who work in schools, colleges and industry.

The plantations of sisal, cashew-nuts, coffee and tea are nationalised by the socialist government. All the banks, breweries, factories and industries are owned by the government. Now all the firms have an African manager or head, who know little about their work. They are helped in their jobs by graduate Europeans and Asians. This does not mean that the Africans are not intelligent - just that they are not skilled.

The cost of living is not high, but the people earn very little. Parents can pay fees for their children to go to a primary school. After seven years all boys and girls have to sit for an entrance examination to a secondary school. Education is free in the secondary schools. The minimum age limit is ten years - to enter a school. Nowadays, more emphasis is placed on agriculture than on education.

Secondary level entrants are sometimes as old as twenty. This means that they can do hard physical work. In secondary schools manual work is compulsory for everybody, for six afternoons a week. The schools are not well-equipped with books and apparatus. The majority of the natives can neither read nor write.

The country has a tropical climate, good breeding ground for insects and germs, and there are many diseases. The shortage of hospitals makes it even more difficult to seek advice.

Tanzania benefits greatly from tourists, who come to see the attractions of Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Victoria, Murchison Falls, The Rift Valley, game parks and the sandy beaches. A very small fraction of the people will not have seen a lion or a snake in its natural surroundings, but to the tourists wild-life is a part of the excitement.

Whilst English people love to sunbathe on a beach, the Tanzanians regard this as silly, and try to shelter away from the tropical heat.

Climate, culture, poverty, disease and ignorance make the life very different from the English way of life.

AARTI THANKI

Form 6D.

A MISTY MORNING

The mist lay in the valley like a blanket; grey and silent enshrouding everything. It enclosed the houses and villages, hung in the branches and leaves of trees and rested over hedges and grass. All things it touched were deposited with moisture. The leaves became dripping wet, drops like dew saturated the grass, and droplets hung from the intricate lattice work of spiders webs, making them stand out clearly on bushes, trees and grass. Sounds became eerie.

As I climbed I would hear the traffic below, but could not see it. I could hear the many activities of the village, but could not discern what the activity was. Slowly, I gained height, and now the sharp coolness of the mist had begun to be displaced by warmth, and up above me the mist was thinning to reveal blue skies and clouds. A few minutes more and I was bathed in sunshine with the droplets of moisture on the path winking their light at me; blues, greens, yellows and orange... a green carpet studded with diamonds.

The mist, now below me, was still thick, with the sides of the fell rising up above it like islands in a still, grey ocean. Even as I watched, the smooth surface became dappled and the vapour dissolved in the warm air. It disappeared as swiftly as a ghost, clearing the valley for the bright, morning sun to bring warmth and life to the day.

P. MORETON

Form 6F,

ATHENS.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM GOING

I stare and wonder where I'm going.
I do not know where I am going,
Or when,
Or how,
Only that I am going
Is certain.
Shall I drift in helpless limbo,
Night into night into night into
Endless night?
No day, no more?
Or shall I lie staring at the sun,
Day into day into day into
Endless day?
No rest, no more?
An eternal life not heaven but hell?
Perhaps
I shall appear before my God,
If my God exists...
And ooze
Soul into soul into soul into
Endless soul.
No me, no more...
I shall not matter any more,
We will all be alike there.
I don't know where I'm going,
Or when,
Or how,
But that I am going
Someday
Is certain.

SUSAN MORRIS

Form U6

THEBES.

THE OLD FORGOTTEN STATION

The cold wind blew making an eerie sound as it encircled the desolate railway station. Its once pretty garden edged with pink carnations was overgrown with weeds and willow herb. The wind blew open the Station Master's door, which creaked and groaned on its rusty hinges.

Inside was an old, moth-eaten chair, faded and torn with age. The curtains, which once had golden tassels, were now the nestling places of mice. The Station Master's desk which once had such a highly-polished surface, was now infested with woodworm. Papers were strewn around on the floor. They were full of holes where the mice had nibbled, for material used in making their nests.

The ladies waiting-room was in much the same condition. The red leather couches were cracked for the want of a good soaking in saddle soap. The large, brass clock whose fingers had not moved in years, hung limp on its hook. Empty tins of different kinds littered the stone floor. On many a night a tramp had slept in the forgotten station.

Outside, the railway lines were broken and rusty and entangled with weeds. Once, gleaming locomotives had passed through the station, but an imaginative eye could see the station of years gone by.

KAREN STANGER.

Form 10

ATHENS.



SPARTA

House Captains: Kelso, Karen Lang, Janet Dixon

After a good start in the Deeks Trophy Competition this year, the lack of enthusiasm amongst the senior members of the house soon reached the attention of the juniors, and the competition was virtually ignored. However, this year's intake of 1st Formers was particularly eager to enter the Competition, and with many high placings, their attempts were spoiled by the scarcity of individual entries from other forms.

In the Drama Competition Sparta made a bold attempt to stage the comedy "Cinderalfred", based on the Cinderella fairytale, and we feel we must congratulate all who took part in this venture, in spite of the disappointing third place.

The brains of Sparta proved their superiority by winning the Inter-House Quiz, beating the confident winners of last year's competition, Athens.

In the Winter games Sparta finished third, having excelled themselves on neither the girls' nor the boys' side. The situation looks more promising on the sports field at the beginning of the Summer season, however, as the Senior boys have already won the cricket.

Unco-operative members of the Middle School rather dampened the House's Christmas festivities, but thanks must be given to Lenton for his valiant efforts to make our party a success.

The majority of Spartans seem to have lost the House spirit which is needed to put us back where we deserve to be, and where only a few years ago we were - on top! We can only hope that everyone will try harder next year to restore the glory that was Sparta.



TROY

House Captains: Richardson, Pam Woodruff.

1969/70 has been a year of mixed fortunes for Troy. Enthusiasm and success on the sports field and in the Deeks Trophy have been marred by the disappointing effort in the Work Cup.

The House has perhaps more sporting talent on the boys' side than they have had in any year since 1962. The girls have shown their usual competence and enthusiasm, being the most successful girls' side in the sporting competitions. Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of all teams, Troy finished second in the Winter Games Cup.

At the time of writing, the Trojans are in the lead in the Deeks Trophy, thanks not only to the excellence of the entries they have produced but also to the willingness they have shown in entering the various competitions.

When writing about the Deeks Trophy, mention must be made of Troy's fine record in the drama competition. This year the actors, actresses, and producers Richardson, Teresa Grainger, Susan Lawrence and Christine Osborne, maintained our excellent record of having won this competition every year since its inauguration.

On the sports field and in the Deeks Trophy the apathetic and the downright recalcitrant cannot exercise a negative influence. Unfortunately for Troy, this is not so in the Work Cup. The House has its fair (or is it unfair?) share of idlers and reprobates, and thanks to them we find ourselves consistently in a lowly position in this sphere of school life.

The House offers its congratulations to Richardson on his selection for the South Yorkshire Under 19 XV and the 1st Yorkshire Trial, and to Whittingham (43) on his selection for the South Yorkshire Under 15 XV.



ROME

House Captains: Jane France, Hebbs.

This year, Rome has not reached the heights of success on the sports field of which it is capable, simply because of an unco-operative minority, who insist on spoiling the efforts of the rest. The girls have excelled themselves, winning the senior hockey and reaching the final of the junior. The boys, however, have not shown as much enthusiasm, and have lost most of their matches, largely because they failed to turn out full teams. Our low position in the Cross-Country may also be attributed to the failure of a few boys to turn out.

In the Deeks Trophy we have achieved reasonable success, particularly in the Soft Toy and Drama Competitions, yet greater effort will be needed on the part of individuals if we are to win the trophy again.

All Romans, and especially the First Form, should be praised for their efforts inside school, which have led to our winning the Work Cup for the Spring Term.

Finally, we would like to extend a sincere welcome to Miss Grant and Mr. Cox, to thank the house staff and officials for their help and co-operation and to congratulate Messrs. Deere and Hinchliffe on becoming proud fathers.



ATHENS

House Captains: Sykes, Janet Allen

The past year has been one of Athens' most successful on the sports field. For the first time since we would care to remember, Athens won the Inter-House Sports.

The boys, particularly the Seniors, have done remarkably well in their rugby matches. Individual praise must be given to Hamshaw, Bradwell and Price, who not only played well in both House and School matches, but also for South Yorkshire. Much of the credit for the success of the Senior and Junior Rugby teams must be given to Frodsham and Bradwell, who performed manfully in team organisation as well as on the field.

It is a pity that the girls did not follow the example set by the boys. Thanks, however, must be extended to Susan Burrows and Susan James, who both proved themselves capable Games Captains.

In the Work Cup we were performing quite well until the results based on the First Form alone were announced. We were placed bottom! Come on, First Form - more effort and enthusiasm is certainly needed from you!

At present, we hold first position in the Deeks Trophy, having gained second place in both the Quiz and the Soft Toy Competition, and third place in the Scrap Book Competition. The House Drama Competition has again proved to be our weak point, for we managed only fifth position in this section.

Finally, thanks must be extended to all Athenian House staff and officials, especially to Mr. Dunsby and Mrs. Manchester for their assistance.



CARTHAGE

House Captains: Longley, Sandra Woodhouse

This year has been a most successful one for Carthage with regard to the Work Cup. We were placed fifth last year, but, owing to a dramatic improvement as regards detentions and the excellent First Form effort marks, we rose brilliantly to win the Cup at the end of the Christmas term for the first time in staff memory!

The Deeks Trophy has never been a strong point of Carthage. In the Quiz we made a disastrous start, but did well to finish third (along with three other houses!) We had reasonable success in the Scrapbook and Soft Toy Competitions, with individual winners in each.

On the sports field the boys have had far more success than the girls, who lost both senior hockey matches and drew both junior ones. Full credit must go to the Senior Rugby team, who won four out of their five matches to finish a close second. Congratulations must go to Dragovic, who plays regularly in the South Yorkshire Rugby Team, and who has proved a most worthy Games Captain. Longley, for the second successive year, won a decisive victory in the senior section of the Inter-House Cross-Country.

Finally, we were sorry to lose Mr. Bradley and Mr. Collier. We are happy, however, to welcome Mr. Brown, who, with Mr. Manchester and Mr. Hainsworth, (in the words of the latter!) makes up a most handsome Carthaginian threesome. True or not, thanks must be extended to Mr. Manchester without whose help and encouragement Carthage would be entirely lost.



THEBES

House Captains: Smith, Susan Sennitt

What a sporting lot we Thebans are! After winning the Work Cup in the Summer Term, we "retired" to fifth position to give the other houses a chance.

We didn't manage to turn out full games teams; the girls, especially, were masters of this art. The exception was the Cross-Country, where the teams were instructed not to beat the opposition by too large a margin. Rich, however, didn't pay much attention to this warning, and came a very creditable second in the Middles' race. We even had the Senior Football Competition cancelled, for Thebes would undoubtedly have been the winners. At the time of writing it seems that Thebes may well win the Senior Cricket Competition, a result in keeping with the very high standards we set for ourselves last year.

In the Deeks Trophy non-participation, except in the case of the play, has been the order of the day. The play was unfortunate to be placed fourth, but the producers, although they did a good job, were handicapped by a lack of dramatic impact inherent in the play itself.

In the fishing competition our only representative was Martin Taylor; but he happened to dangle his apparatus too close to an unsuspecting tiddler, which feat won him, and Thebes, second place.

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FIRST XV

Only six of last year's side returned to school this year, so nine boys jumped from U15 level to 1st XV level. With such a young and inexperienced side, it was expected that results would be rather worse than in previous years. The gaps left by Roberts, Oscroft, Barnsley, Walters and company seemed to wide to fill in one season. It soon became apparent, however, that the training sessions and the team spirit would more than compensate for the lack of experience. It was not unusual to find twenty five boys turning out to Tuesday and Thursday practices. As the season progressed, the team gained in confidence and skill, and the results proved to be as good as any during the past few years. Hemsworth, Doncaster and Riley were all soundly beaten in very exciting games, and only Goole inflicted a crushing defeat on us, themselves being easily beaten by Doncaster the following week.

No fewer than five boys represented South Yorkshire in inter-county games, and Bradwell and Swift played in the Final Yorkshire Trial. Swift was reserve for the Yorkshire v Lancashire game.

Eleven boys in the side will return to school next year, so we look forward to a very successful season. We are sorry to lose Smith, Frodsham, Windle and Dragovic, who has played a real captain's role throughout the season.

The team is pleased to take this opportunity of thanking Stephanie Richardson and Katrina Gough for their help in the canteen.

UNDER 13

The Under 13 team had very few matches this season, but the players did not acquit themselves very highly in these games. There are a number of extremely talented individuals in this group, but little evidence as yet of team performance.

More players are needed to join this squad, and perhaps next season some of the "Don't want to play" brigade will change their mind and devote a little more energy to training and playing for the school.

UNDER 15

Despite vague premonitions to the contrary, the 1969/70 season has been quite a successful one for the Under 15 team.

Indeed, the team managed to preserve an unbeaten home record in full fifteen games, although they lost the crucial away matches at Doncaster, Thorne, Goole and Matlock.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the season's rugby was the performance of the Under 15 seven-a-side team in reaching the final of both our own tournament and the Riley Sevens. Regrettably, they were beaten by a much better drilled Hemsworth side on both occasions.

This report would not be complete without a mention of Hamshaw, who played for South Yorkshire, Yorkshire and the North of England Under 15 teams and could well have been chosen for England given a little luck and some decent possession.

Congratulations are due to Whittingham and Clayton, who were also chosen to play for the South Yorkshire team.

Finally, thanks are due to all members of the team who worked and played so hard for its success, of whom special mention must be made of Webster, whose work was an inspiration to the entire team.

UNDER 14

After a very indifferent start to the season, the Under 14's settled down to become quite a competent team.

The essence of their play was the ability they possessed to play as a team. Individuals counted for little, and consequently their mode of play improved with every game.

The first two games resulted in defeats, but as a result of training together, having a settled team and listening to advice, a very useful combination developed.

Massive scores were obtained on several occasions, but the two most outstanding victories were against Doncaster Grammar School and Hemsworth High School.

If this team will continue to train hard and play hard, future prospects will be bright, and individuals may emerge as talented players, worthy of representative honours.



RUGBY 1st XV

Back Row , l-r ; Lenton , Boreham , Taylor M. , Swift , Smith , Bradwell , Laing , Woffinden , Mr. Rhodes (Coach)
Front Row , l-r ; Price , Richardson , Bishop , Dragovic , (Captain) , Frodsham , Windle , Milnes



Yet again school hockey teams have been deprived of many matches owing to a phenomenal amount of Friday night frost, rain and snow. But perhaps more disturbing than this is the apathy and even scorn shown by the majority of girls - not only seniors - towards school hockey.

The lure of money seems to prove too much for most girls old enough to work on Saturdays; and the thrill of sleeping until lunch time on Saturday mornings and moping around school during every weekday lunch hour is too great a temptation for those not old enough to work. Also several of the junior players seem to find satisfaction in occasionally failing to turn up to matches and so ruining the game for everyone else.

In some cases there was more enthusiasm shown by the 2nd Under 15 than by the 1st Under 15 team; an unusual state of affairs. We frequently had difficulty in raising two junior teams, whereas in the past there was always a fight for a place in one of the junior teams. The 2nd Under 15 lost the majority of its matches and the 1st Under 15 had about as many wins as loses. Out of 28 matches fixed only 13 were played.

During the Autumn Term the seniors managed to scrape up two teams. Practices were by no means regularly attended by all 2nd team players, though J. Welburn, J. Bradley, B. Barron and L. Hargreaves deserve credit for their support that term, despite the fact that 2nd team matches were not always successful.

During the Spring Term it proved too difficult to keep two teams and we concentrated on improving the 1st team.

The 1st XI found a new team coach in a certain Mr. Dobell, who helped us to improve our tactics. New interest and enthusiasm was shown by all, and great improvements were seen in the general skill of the team, in teamwork and, indeed, in attendance at practices.

At last the forwards really began to understand the meaning of the word "Rush"; they no longer waited for the ball to trickle up to them, and so the speed of our attack greatly increased. Meanwhile, the defenders (who, for those interested, weighed over quarter of a ton!) found new courage in tackling, improved their speed and learnt to position themselves exceedingly well.

But I must not forget one of Mr. Dobell's best friends - "Harry". Our coach would suddenly remember his dear companion when playing hockey and shout his name to us.

This put the 1st team in so much confusion that everyone got in everyone else's way, preventing all goal shooting and passing. This turned out to be a most useful tactic when playing matches, for whenever "Harry" was remembered there was much barging, stick-tripping and turning, so that play had to be stopped and we were saved from many a dangerous situation.

The 1st XI reached top form for the Sheffield Tournament, the results of which are shown below. It is the first time Wath has been involved in this rally.

The last match of the season was the staff match, which took place on the school field in front of a crowd of thirty! The match was enjoyed by all, particularly by the staff, as they beat us 2 - 0. Goals were scored by novice Rhodes and double agent Dobell.

It remains for us to thank Mrs. Sheppard and Miss Moore for the help and guidance they have given to the school teams, and Mr. Dobell for his encouragement.

Gillian Carle and Stephanie Richardson were selected to play as South Yorkshire reserves.

1st XI Results

Mexborough	draw	2 - 2
Barnsley	lost	1 - 3
Wombwell	won	4 - 2
Myers Grove	won	4 - 0
Swinton	won	7 - 0
Thorne	lost	1 - 4
Barnsley High	lost	1 - 3
Maltby	won	5 - 2
Mexborough	lost	0 - 1
Abbeylea	lost	0 - 1
Thorne	won	3 - 2

Hemsworth Rally

Quarter Final.

Sheffield Rally

Preliminary group.

High Storrs 2nd	v	Wath	0 - 1
Abbeylea 1st	v	Wath	1 - 1
Sheffield High	v	Wath	1 - 3

Wath winners of this section

Semi-Final Wath v Mexborough 1 - 1

Wath won by a short corner

Final

Wath v High Storrs 1st 0 - 1 (score in last 5 mins.)



HOCKEY 1st XI

Back row: l-r. G. CARLE, J. BRAMHAM, D. MALYAN, S. BURROWS, S. BAXTER, E. DRANSFIELD.

Front row: l-r. M. ATKINSON, R. STOTT, P. ARKLEY, S. RICHARDSON (CAPT.), F. BOWES.



TENNIS

For the second year in succession, the school tennis team has had a most successful season, despite the fact that the so-called English "summer" allowed us to play only six matches.

The first team was comprised of Janet Dixon and Stephanie Richardson, Sandra Woodhouse and Judith Gill, and Gillian Carle and Lesley Hargreaves. All three couples met with reasonable success, and some of the tennis played reached a high standard. Although the individual couples did not win every match (usually the best of nine games), the team as a whole beat each opposing school on aggregate.

Yet again the Old Wathonians were victorious in their annual match against the school's first team, who used the fact that the match was held in the middle of the summer examinations as their excuse for losing! Nevertheless, the evening was, as usual, amusing and a source of enjoyment to all who took part.

The school tennis tournament was again held at the end of the summer term. Both staff and pupils showed themselves willing to participate and it was pleasing to see the support of so many Fourth and Fifth Form girls, who made the draw for the mixed doubles much easier than in previous years.

The eventual winners of each section were:-

Men's Singles - Stables

Women's Singles - Mrs. Addey

Men's Doubles - Mr. Staves and Stables

Women's Doubles - Mrs. Bowler and Denise Malayan

Mixed Doubles - Mrs. Sheppard and Mr. A. Smith

REPORT ON THE DANCE CLUB

Unlike previous years Mrs. Sheppard has split up the Dance Club into two halves. Second Form upwards meet on Tuesday dinner-times and the First Form have their own club on Mondays, whereas before there was just one meeting on Tuesdays.

The bulk of the members come from the second year. Quite a few fourth year girls used to attend but they have become less frequent as the exams get near.

A lot of hard work and thought goes into the end of term display every year. There are a few outstanding First Formers who are showing considerable enthusiasm and promise during the practices. These new faces could make this a display to remember.

I hope the rest of our members do not follow the current trend of opting out and will join again next year.

V. BAINES 51.

ATHLETICS

The 1969 athletics season had a bad start owing to cold and wet weather and a soggy track, which was under water for a great deal of the season. Consequently, there was little opportunity for training, except for the very dedicated, and the school's successes have been due solely to individual efforts rather than all round team ability.

Particularly outstanding throughout the season were the performances of the Middles. Special mention must be given to Hamshaw, who gained 2nd place in the Yorkshire Schools 220 yards final, and to the formidable combination of Price and Robinson - both unbeaten during the season.

Thanks to the 3rd and 4th Year boys, Wath won a great victory in a match held against Bolton, Dearnside and Darfield Secondary Schools, but the one major success was winning the Don and Dearne Championships held at Swinton. The Middles mesmerized the opposition by winning all the track and most of the field events.

Our dependence on the Middles was again emphasised at the Inter-School Sports. This event was held at Wath, and, for the first time, on our new track, which was completely clear of water, thanks to the 5th Form Gunga Dins. The Junior and Senior teams were most disappointing, but the day was saved by the Middles, who once again came to the rescue and salvaged the Middle Championship Trophy.

Standards of performance would improve greatly if pupils were to devote their energies to serious training. Too many adopt the attitude of "someone else will do it".

The last athletics match was the Inter-House Sports, where once again only the Middles produced creditable results.

NEW RECORDS OF 1969 :

Hamshaw — 440 yards — 55 seconds

Price — 880 yards — 2 mins. 13.4 secs.

Robinson — 1 mile — 5 mins. 6.2 secs.

Richardson — Shot — 18ft. 11½ inches.

Athens Middle Boys — 4 x 110 yards relay — 49 secs.

Hawley — High Jump — 5ft. 9 inches.

Stephanie Richardson — Discus — 88 ft. 11 inches.

The overall winners of the Inter-House Sports (1969) were Athens, who, if they continue at the same rate, are scheduled to win again in 1996 — they last won in 1942.

CRICKET

A GREAT CLUB AND A GREAT GROUND

The game of cricket originated some time before the fifteenth century, when two or more ball games were joined together. Cricket went from strength to strength as time passed. The first county match was played between Surrey and Kent. In 1873 the County Championship was started and a few years later the first Test Match was played. This century saw more countries playing in the Test Matches, the start in 1963 of the Gillette Cup and in 1969 the start of the Players Sunday League; a new kind of one day cricket.

Cricket owes a lot of its popularity to two major groups of people in the past; "The Hambledon Cricket Club" and "Lord's Cricket Group".

The Hambledon Cricket Club, regarded by many as the most important club in cricket's history, was formed in 1750. Its playing headquarters were the now immortalised "Broad Halfpenny Down". In the twenty-two years from 1768 to 1790 they were responsible for much of the early growth of the game, for law amendments and a general revolutionising of cricket. They instituted over-arm bowling, even though it was not passed as legal until 1864, and is even today the centre of much controversy. They also introduced batting strategy, set field placings and made wicket-keeping a highly-specialised job. The club was also responsible in part for several laws which included the introduction of the third stump and the width of the bat being limited to four and a half inches. In the early nineteenth century the Hambledon Cricket Club gradually began to decline and eventually disappeared.

As the Hambledon Club began to decline, Thomas Lord opened a cricket ground and in 1814 it moved to its present day site in St. John's Wood Road. Lord let his ground to local clubs, and his chief tenants were the "Marylebone Cricket Club", now universally known as the M.C.C.. The M.C.C. eventually bought the ground which is now known as "Lord's", and contains the famous Long Room where much cricket history, in the shape of equipment, is stored, and the world renowned Taverner's Bar is situated, the apostrophe before the 's' being there because when it was first opened it was thought that there would only be one Taverner at a time; the spelling has stuck! The M.C.C. is now the world authority on cricket, all disputes are taken there and all cricket clubs respect it and abide by the laws it passes.

If cricket survives as long again as it already has, then it is doubtful if it will be in debt for its popularity to any club or group, as it is to "Hambledon Cricket Club" and "Lord's" - Home of the M.C.C.

C R O S S

This season the school has been represented by a first team consisting of Longley, Fisher, Kelso, Donaldson, Griffiths, Dragovic, Coupland, Price and Robinson.

Attendances amongst runners for matches held on Saturday mornings were disappointingly low, and even when, in an attempt to overcome this difficulty, matches were arranged instead for Friday evenings, the situation, especially as regards the Middles, showed little improvement.

This season only two seniors, Longley and Fisher, represented the school in the Don and Dearne team which ran in the Yorkshire Schools Championships at Leeds.

The Inter-Schools Cross-Country was held at Swinton on Wednesday, March 11th, and Wath runners performed badly in all three sections. Despite the fact that we provided the individual winners in the Junior and Senior events, Neal and Longley, all sections were lost to Maltby. The first Wath Middle home gained only 11th position, which was the result of the lack of effort and training amongst the Middles throughout the year.

On March 14th, 1970, Wath entered five teams in the Northern Schools Championships at Lyme Park, Disley in Cheshire. Yet again the school was let down by the Middles, as not one member of the team chosen to run actually turned out. Nevertheless, the others were not discouraged, and Neal (2nd Year) stole the day with a commendable run, finishing 8th from a field of about 500.

Despite two postponements, the Inter-House Cross-Country was eventually run on Monday, 23rd March, and was won by Athens. The Junior section was won by Athens; Neal (Athens) was the individual winner. Sparta won the Middles section, Fawthrop (Troy) being the individual winner. The Senior section was won by Sparta, Longley (Carthage) being the individual winner for the second successive year.

Finally, thanks must be extended to Mr. Fleming-Smith, Mr. Brown and Mr. Lickorish for their encouragement throughout the season, and it is hoped that they will carry on their invaluable work in the next few years, despite the low attendance and lack of interest from the Third to the Sixth Forms.

C O U N T R Y

S O C C E R

The school soccer teams suffered two great losses during the 1969-'70 season. The first, and by far the most significant, was the loss of Mr. Collier (Wath's own 'Sir Alf') to the post of Head of English at Armthorpe High School. Without Mr. Collier's unbounded energy and enthusiasm there would be no soccer at Wath today. I am sure all the footballers join with me in expressing our gratitude and best wishes for the future to Mr. Collier.

The second great loss of the season - fixtures, many of which suffered at the hands of the weather and the constantly water-logged condition of the Festival Road fields.

The first team pool this year consisted of eighteen very enthusiastic players. The hard core of the team, the remains of last year's team, was Hall M. (Capt.), Oxley, Hargreaves, Hall K., and Hawley. The rest of the team was usually comprised of members of last year's U15 team, who made up in running for the older, less energetic players. The season began fairly successfully, but our good fortune soon wore off. Probably the best match before Christmas was an evening game against Doncaster Boys, which had all fifty spectators jumping up and down with excitement. Needless to say, we lost after a hard fought match, but we accepted defeat graciously, and everyone thought the only fair result a draw. The weather brought the pre-Christmas fixtures to an early close, the team having won about as many matches as they lost. After Christmas the team played only two of the eleven matches arranged, the first of which they lost 6-1, and the second they also lost to Dinnington High School by the unusual score of 8-7.

The U15 XI also made a promising start to the season, winning their first seven games, but the season ended without one victory in their last five games and a humiliating defeat against Thurnscoe.

Of the junior teams the U12's had the most successful season with good results throughout. They also earned themselves a place in the final of the Don and Dearne Knock-Out Competition for their age group.



1st CRICKET XI

Back Row, l-r; Hepworth, Teasdale,
Prendergast, Kelso, Dainty, Boreham
Front Row, l-r; Barber, Barlow,
Hargreaves, Whiting, Charlesworth

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Back Row, l-r; Dragovic, Coupland, Saynor
Kelso, Griffiths
Front Row, l-r; Price, Longley, Fisher, Donaldson



SKI - ING HOLIDAY

EASTER 1970

VINJE - VOSSESTRAND

NORWAY

This year's ski-ing holiday was centred at Vinje in Vossestrand, Norway. This is a small village some three hours journey by train and bus in a North Easterly direction of Bergen.

The party left Wath early on Easter Monday morning travelling by coach to Newcastle where a couple of hours were spent having lunch and "jostling" with football crowds.

After boarding the ship at Tyne Commission Quay, the party was free to make use of the facilities on board until mid-day on Tuesday when we docked at Bergen. However, in the meantime there was to be a journey of nineteen long hours across the high seas, and the North Sea certainly proved to be at its worst for the crossing. It was pleasantly surprising to find on leaving the Tyne that the sea was "like a millpond". However, we were not to be fooled by first appearances. At about 11 p.m. the wind gathered, and by 3 a.m. on Tuesday morning the ship was in the throws of a force nine gale — an experience which we hope may never be repeated. Fortunately, we eventually docked at Bergen, and no one was more pleased to see land than Mrs. Senior, who was not exactly the best sailor amongst us.

After a rather "untasty" meal in the Bergen station restaurant we caught the train for Voss, where a coach was waiting to take us up the "dirt track" road to the village of Vinje.

The hotel at Vinje was a wooden building, and our party was housed in bedrooms shared by two, three or even four people. There was a very welcome meal awaiting us, which was a good indication of the excellent meals which were to follow.

Our first day's ski-ing was on 1st April - and what a day! The ski-bike was the first to have a mishap, whilst later in the morning a pair of skis broke. Not to be outdone, Mr. Lickorish managed to have a pair of sunglasses trapped and broken beneath a toboggan.

There were many aches and pains that first night, but these were soon forgotten in the evening disc session in the lounge. Various members used the evening for a variety of activities ranging from dominoes and Monopoly to the favourite pastime of Schh - you know what!

After two days of ski-ing in quite warm weather it was decided to take our trip to Voss - the only large town in the area. About half of us spent part of the time travelling up the mountain by cable car or chair lift to have a morning's ski-ing, whilst the remainder of the party occupied themselves shopping for presents in the town. When they returned, the skiers had about an hour to do their shopping, but at this time there was a heavy snowstorm which completely covered the streets in half an hour.

The rest of the week was spent in ski-ing, walking and sightseeing, although after a slight accident we had to take David Handley to have his leg stitched.

Wainwright amused us all by "accidentally" upsetting one of another party whilst travelling at an excessive speed on the new plastic toboggan - Miss Barlow did not think it so funny!

At the end of the week ski tests for the Norwegian one star were held and eleven of the group passed the test. Others were awarded a proficiency certificate indicating the grade achieved.

That same afternoon we left for England. We were delayed for a short time on the way to Voss owing to an overflow in blasting operations which had blocked the road to Voss. However, we arrived at Bergen on time, and after a meal at the station restaurant the party boarded the M/S "Leda" for an overnight stay in Bergen.

Most people took advantage of the opportunity to look round Bergen in the evening and to do some shopping the next morning before we sailed at lunch-time for Newcastle.

The return crossing was quite calm and enjoyable, except for the early rising at 6 a.m. before docking at Newcastle eleven days after leaving for Norway.

GHOSTS

Round the lights fly many moths,
Ghosts appear with ragged cloths,
To smother ghostly foes,
All cold with withered outstretched toes.
With mail like spines and hair like straw,
Flesh ripped off and blood outpours.
Then the cock crows to show it is Dawn.
The ghosts disappear all decayed and torn.
The rats scatter across the floor,
The ghosts with the wind fly over the
moor.
And all is gone and it is quiet
Once more . . .

ADRIAN MACHON
Form 14
THEBES.

CONTROVERSY

"It's too big!" "It's too small!"
You'll hear them cry
As they petition Number Ten.
"It should be round!"
And, "Why not have the
Halfcrown back again?"
"The shape's aerodynamic,
(Whatever **that** means!),
I 'eard from Mrs. Brown."
"I like the colour!"
"I like the design!"
"Much more 'U' than the
Halfcrown . . ."
Myself? I don't mind
The fifty pence piece,
The ten shilling notes.
But my eyes are made red
Through crying in laughter
At the rivals at each other's throats!

R. NEW
Form 54.
TROY.

AN OMINOUS PLACE

The last stroke of twelve came echoing
from the Churchyard. The Church stood
empty, desolate and deserted, surrounded
by groves of tall trees. The trees rose
long and stately, their thick branches
hovering above my head. The wind howled
and sent cold shivers down my spine.
As I hurried by, the screech of an owl
startled me. I heard strange sounds.
I ran out of the tall, iron gates in fear.

JILL BARKER
Form 11
CARTHAGE.

HOME

Welcoming orange eyes
Stare hopefully, introspectively,
Telling of babies, childish dreams and
laughter,
Fruit, music, hot baths and warm beds.
Security is palpable, a living aura of
Love around this fair head,
Its neckerchief of lawn embossed with
flowers.
As I approach, the eyelids close slowly,
Shutting out the approaching night
And my intent gaze. Those eyes,
The windows which allow light
In or out of my home on the hill,
The family refuge against the tumult without.
And yet I must leave, and find,
As a dislodged stone falling down the stream,
Another niche or sanctuary,
For my own babies, their childish dreams
and laughter,
Fruit, music, hot baths and warm beds.

LYNN MARSHALL
Form U6
ATHENS.

BRIGHT ORANGE WORLD

Little boy
Lives
In a bright, orange world,
Where
The trees are cardboard
And
The grass is paper,
And there are
Orange pop showers,
And everything -
The sky, the moon, the stars,
Not only the sun -
Is
Orange.

Live happy
Little boy
In your timeless orange world.
Only
In the real world
Is there time
For
Sadness.

SUSAN MORRIS
Form U6
THEBES.

S P E E C H D A Y

When Lord Robens was the guest speaker at Speech Day in 1969, many people felt that we should be unable to find as distinguished a successor in 1970. The presence of Mr. Charles J. Curran, Director-General of the B.B.C., however, proved their fears to be entirely unfounded. Indeed, we were perhaps more proud to welcome him as an ex-pupil of our school.

Dr. Saffell's speech in no way disgraced its predecessors, which traditionally translate into layman's terms the theories and experiments of modern educationists, and the past year has certainly furnished a welter of variations on this theme. Dr. Saffell explained in detail the current theory that there should be less specialisation in the Sixth Form, and that students at this level should be forced to study in less depth a wider range of subjects than at present, combining both the sciences and the arts. He continued with an analysis of the aims of various schools of educationists, some of whom seek to eliminate differences in pupils, while others favour larger schools where the abilities of all pupils can be catered for. On one important point, however, Dr. Saffell remains unmoved; "I do not think one is justified in indulging one's theories at the expense of pupils. The Head who fails to prepare pupils realistically for the next stage of the journey is letting them down".

Parental influence, in Dr. Saffell's opinion, has much to do with the progress a pupil makes in school and his contribution to the school as a whole: "It is in so many cases the parents who rob their children of their prospects by instilling in them the doctrine that the world owes them a fat living, and that they should resist any attempt to impose unwelcome standards from outside". It is largely due to such parental influence that many students expect from university only "Pop, Pot, and Protest". In the same way, many of the difficulties the Prefects have met with from pupils, not only lower down the school, but from some parts of the rest of the Sixth Form stem from an unco-operative attitude towards school and authority.

Dr. Saffell dwelt at length on the steps taken this year towards a greater unity between the two wings of the School, and emphatically refuted any unfounded charges that non-G.C.E. pupils are not being allowed to share the privileges enjoyed by those in the G.C.E. streams.

In conclusion, Dr. Saffell again stressed the need for a co-operative attitude towards school, which will in turn prepare the student for the responsibilities of adult life in our society. "It would bring about a much happier atmosphere in school if all and not a few accepted the fact that everybody is expected to contribute according to his capacity".

Mr. Curran also took co-operation as the main theme of his speech. "It is one of the special features of the B.B.C. that it is full of awkward customers," he said. "In many respects, it is like a university. Everybody inside the organisation is capable of infinite argument." He made a comparison between the School and the vast network of the B.B.C. The Fifth and Sixth Forms listening were, he said, "the awkward customers of the future." Mr. Curran stated his firm belief in the right of the individual to express his opinion, the necessity for dispute, co-operation and communication. Yet he considered acceptance of authority essential. After all arguments, someone has to make the final decision. The ability to make such a decision and to stand firmly by it in the face of all criticism is, he said, an essential quality of leadership, a quality which has helped to earn him his important position in the B.B.C. Not all of us can become leaders, but Mr. Curran tried to impress upon us all the need for co-operation with those in authority and for accepting their rulings.

The Girls' Choir maintained its excellent standard in its presentation of two madrigals, and especially in its production of "This Joyful Easter-tide" and "The Heavens are telling".

Certificate and prize winners were honoured to receive their awards from Mrs. C. J. Curran, and delighted when the Chairman of the Governors, Councillor C. A. Kelly, granted them a day's holiday as a reward for their work.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ADVANCED) 1969

The numbers represent passes gained in 1969 only, and do not include passes gained in previous years.

Form Upper 6

Ashford, Ian (3)
Forbes, David (1)
Fuller, Richard A. (2)
Jarvis, John A. (4)
Parkes, Harry (2)

Warren, Graham (1)
Whittingham, David M. (2)
Wilkinson, Ian (3)
Clayton, Susan J. (2)

Cleary, Jeannette (3)
Eades, Annetta J. (2)
Lee, Kathrin A. (2)
Marsh, Lynda (3)

Form 6A

Bailey, Philip (4)
Bennett, Stuart J. (2)
Charlesworth, David G. (4)
Corns, David (3)
Hepworth, Idris M. (1)
Kelso, Andrew G. (2)
Roskrow, Michael R. (3)
Sherwood, John (1)
Stables, Terence M. (3)

Swallow, Alan G. (4)
Teasdale, James J. (2)
Walters, Alan (3)
Whitting, David N. (4)
Berresford, Patricia (2)
Clayton, Jean M. (3)
Evans, Christine A. (2)
France, Jane L. (4)
Hargreaves, Lesley (4)

Lang, Karen M. (2)
Marshall, Joan (2)
Morris, Susan M. (3)
Parrish, Hilary E. (3)
Scott, Jean A. (4)
Sharpe, Lynn C. (3)
Shaw, R. Anne (4)
Williams, Anne (1)
Woodruff, Pamela M. (1)

Form 6B

Barnsley, Kevin B. (3)
Hawkins, Richard J. (1)
Roberts, Terence (3)
Roscoe, Peter (1)
Andrews, M. Kathleen (3)

Aston, Lynn (3)
Gower, Sharon R. (1)
Hargate, Carolyn A. (1)
Hucknall, Denise (3)
Marshall, Lynn E. (4)

Massingham, Elaine (3)
Taylor, Ivy E. D. (1)
Thompson, Patricia A. (3)
Whittle, Shirley (2)

Form 6C

Barnes, Stephen R. (1)
Crowe, John (1)
Holmes, Alan (3)
Frost, Harry (1)
Candlin, Anne E. (3)
Davies, Joan M. (2)

Drummond, Janet (3)
Finch, Coral (1)
Haggarty, Gillian M. (1)
Hill, Judith A. (2)
Key, Janet M. (2)

Leaver, Glennis M. (2)
O'Donoghue, Roberta (3)
Spink, Jennifer (1)
Wake, Christine (3)
Walters, Jane (1)

Form 6D

Clarke, Ian E. (3)
Clarke, Ronald A. (1)
Dummer, Christopher J. (4)
Hawley, Brett (3)

Holland, Robert L. (3)
Miller, John C. (3)
Sherratt, Arthur D. (3)

Smith, John C. (4)
Lees, Rosemary (1)
Middleton, Janet E. (3)

Form 6E

Lenton, John A. (3)
Rylett, Philip A. (3)
Smallwood, Barry (2)

Welburn, Peter J. (3)
Brookes, Jean (4)

Leeson, Christine A. (1)
North, Joan (2)

Form 6F

Caddick, Roland (3)
Dennis, Stuart (1)
Hallsworth, Ian D. (1)

Hebbs, Andrew (3)
Lashmar, John D. (3)
Moore, Geoffrey D. (4)

Oscroft, Max (1)
Steer, Graham (4)

Form 6G

Clarke, Stephen (2)
Frodsham, Peter R. (4)
Hargreaves, Neil G. (3)

Leach, John M. (3)
Senior Malcolm (3)
Smith, David G. (3)

Staniforth, Graeme (2)
Stead, David (4)

Frost, Harry
Goldsby-West, Keith
Griffiths, Alan
Haigh, John L.
Hall, Kevin R.
Hallsworth, Ian D.
Hawley, Brett
Hill, Alan C.
Corbishley, Susan
Cox, Gillian M.
Cox, Linda
Croft, Anne
Earnshaw Karen
Finch, Coral
France, Jane L.
Gough, Katrina R.
Holland, Margaret A.

Mosley, Stephen C.
Moxon, Paul G.
Nugent, Jonathan, H. A.
Ord Nigel A.
Oscroft Max
Oxley, I. Paul
Phillips, David
Rimington, Nicholas M.
Horsley, Janet K.
Horsley, L. Vivienne, J.
Lee, Kathrin A.
Middleton, Janet E.
Palmer, Adele
Randerson, Linda M.
Revill, Jacqueline
Roberts, E. Jill
Shaw, R. Anne

Williams, Kevin
Windle, John C.

Aird, Gail
Allen, Janet
Ashton, Linda E.
Atkinson, C. Mary
Barron, Sarah J.
Smalley, Elizabeth
Spink, Jennifer
Stott J. Rosemary
Sugars, Lesley
Warren, Elizabeth
Whitaker, Janet
Whitfield, Lesley P.
Woodruff, Pamela M.

Form 5

The number of passes obtained at G.C.E. 'O' Level are shown in figures, and include passes obtained in the Fourth Form. Subjects other than those passed in G.C.E., and in which a Grade I pass was awarded in the Certificate of Secondary Education, are shown by an asterisk.

Four or more passes in G.C.E. and C.S.E. Grade 1**Form 50**

Barber, Francis G. (6)
Barlow, John M. (5)
Bowler, Robert (6)
Prendergast, David A. (6)
Rixham, David B. (7)
White, Robert V. (8)*

Bennett, J. Margaret (5)
Cousins, Shirley J. (7)
Dale Linda S. (7)
Farmery Susan (8)
Gill, Christine A. (6)*
Hall, Fiona E. (6)
Lord, Patricia A. (5)

Oates, Kathleen M. (4)
Ottewell, Susan (4)
Palframan, J. Ann (6)*
Randerson, Ruth A. (8)
Spink, Pamela (7)
Tomlin, Margaret (7)
Young, Marlon (4)*

Form 51

Deakin, Terry (5)*
Facer, David J. (5)
Goodwin, Peter S. (6)
Law, John (4)
Lawson, Barry P. (5)
Morris, Eric (7)*
Wain, Michael (2)**

Baxter, Sally A. (4)
Cuthbert, Pamela A. (4)
Day, Janet (8)*
Earnshaw, Patricia M. (5)*
Goldthorpe, Hazel (7)*
Howes, Pamela (3)*
Jenkinson, Kathryn M (4)*

Kay, Barbara (6)
Marriott, Ann (7)*
Marsh, Vivienne L. (7)*
Roberts, Patricia S. (3)**
Shepherd, Andrea (4)**
Wall, Valerie (2)**
Wood, Margaret (4)*

Form 52

Radford, Peter J. (2)***
Tart, Geoffrey (7)*
Armstrong, Joyce (7)
Burrows, Susan (5)
Crabb, Denise A. (7)
Denton, Sandra (4)

Hillis, Joan (4)*
Line, Margaret (4)
Markham, June (6)*
Nowell, Susan (6)
Onions, Janet (7)

Osborne, Christine M. (7)
Potter, Marilyn Y. (5)*
Smith, Stella M. (7)
Tramosch Valerie (4)
Wilkinson, Pamela (4)

Form 53

Adams, John P. (8)
Binns, Ronald, (5)
Broadbent, John L. (6)
Cunningham, Stuart L. (6)
Foulstone, Michael P. (5)
Jackson, Graham (4)*
Lashmar Leslie D. (5)*

Robertson, Dugald (3)*
Saw, David M. (4)
Siddall, Roger D. (8)
Thorpe, P. Christopher (4)
Tunnicliffe, Robert M. (8)
Wake, J. Keith (5)

Ward, F. Stephen (7)
Woffinden, Douglas R. (6)*
Bedlington, Damaris M. (7)*
Boldy, Gillian (8)
Mussett, Paula J. (6)
White, Jennifer J. (7)

Form 54

Dalton, David I. (7)
Good, Richard J. (4)
Grant, Stuart W. (4)
Gray, Bryan M. (8)
Harding, Barry (5)

Martin, David P. (4)
Richardson, Quentin J. M. (6)*
Scrivener, Ian (4)*
Smith, Alan (5)
Usher, Kevin D. (6)

Atkinson, Margaret (4)
Chappell, Alison S. (8)
Jarvis, Linda M. (6)*
Middleton, Aileen (6)

Form 55

Elliott, David T. (4)
Gebbie, James (5)*
Gillis, Robert G. (4)*
Hardy, Stewart R. (6)*
Lidster, Franklyn (6)

Watts, Christopher L. (2)**
Braithwaite, Pamela J. (3)**
Dodds, Sandra (4)
Lawrence, Susan M. (7)*
McGrevy, Christine H. (4)

Palframan, Susan (4)*
Sherratt, Pamela (8)
Sidebottom Janet (5)
Vickerage, Jessie (6)

ORDINARY LEVEL**Form 6 Supplementary Certificates**

Armitage Robert I.
Boldy, Steven R.
Broughton, David J.
Burnham, Neil A.
Cameron, David
Cartwright, Brian
Clarke Stephen
Crowe, John
Dainty, Robert A.
Farrow, Keith R.
Fisher, Ian
Fisher, Phillip

Kerr, Robert B.B.
Kirk, Trevor S.
Lane, Dennis A.
Leach, John M.
Lenton, John A.
Lewis, Gwylim
Longley, Graham D.
Markham, John
Marshall, Terry E.
Mooney Christopher
Moreton, Peter
Morley, Roger M.

Rylett, Philip A.
Saynor, John C.
Scargill, Stephen L.
Smallwood, Barry
Smith, Leslie
Spencer, Anthony J.
Taylor, Michael
Teal, Michael J.
Twaife, Douglas
Walker, David
Watson, David M.
Welburn, Peter J.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Deeks Memorial Prize for English Literature:

R. Anne Shaw.

John Ritchie Memorial Prize for Science :

Alan D. Sherratt.

Pratt Memorial Prize : Bryan M. Gray

Black Memorial Prize for most distinguished contribution to School Sports :

Terence Roberts.
Christine A. Leeson.

Prendergast Memorial Prize for History :

Kevin B. Barnsley

Best Results at 'O' Level, 1969

Headmaster's Prize : Bryan M. Gray

Senior Mistress's Prize : Gillian Boldy.

The Winifred Cooper Award, 1969 to 1970 :

The Head Boy : John C. Smith

The Head Girl : Stephanie E. Richardson.

Prizes in the Sheffield University Herbert Hughes Memorial Competition for Students of Spanish :

David G. Charlesworth.
Karen Lang.

Eades, Annetta Joy
Evans, Christine A.
Finch, Coral
George, Anne
Gower, Sharon R.
Haggarty, Gillian
Hargate, Carolyn A.
Hucknall, Denise
Ibbotson, Margaret
Key, Janet M.
Leaver, Glenys M.
Lee, Kathrin A.
Lees, Rosemary
Leeson, Christine A.
Massingham, Elaine
North, Joan
Parrish, Hilary E.
Roberts E. Jill
Scott, Jean A.
Sharpe, Lynn C.
Smalley, Elizabeth
Spink, Jennifer
Taylor, Ivy E.D.
Thompson, Patricia A.
Wake, Christine
Walters, Jane
Whittle, Shirley
Williams, Anne

Salford University.
Bradford University.
Manchester College of Music.
East Anglia University.
Guildhall School of Speech and Drama.
Scarborough College of Education.
Derby College of Education.
St. John's York, College of Education.
Bradford University
Brighton College of Education.
Thornbridge Hall College of Education.
Cambridge College of Technology.
Poulton-le-Fylde College of Education.
i. M. Marsh College of Education.
Sheffield Polytechnic
Newton Park College of Education.
Bradford University.
Furzedown College of Education.
Durham University.
Ealing College of Technology.
High Melton College of Education.
Derby College of Education.
Scarborough College of Education.
Avery Hill College of Education.
Padgate College of Education.
Crewe College of Education.
Avery Hill College of Education.
Chester College of Education.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS, 1969

Barnes, Stephen R.	Rotherham College of Art.
Barnsley, Kevin B.	Lancaster University.
Bennett, Stuart J.	Nottingham College of Technology.
Boldy, Steven R.	Selwyn College, Cambridge.
Clark, Ian E.	Bradford University.
Clarke, Stephen	Brunel University.
Crowe, John	Alsager College of Education.
Cusworth, Patrick W.	St. Mark's, Chelsea, College of Education.
Dennis, Stuart	Carnegie College of Education.
Dummer, Christopher J.	Bradford University.
Elliott, Andrew	Keele University.
Forbes, David	Selwyn College, Cambridge.
Fuller, Richard	Nottingham University.
Hargreaves, John R.	Manchester University.
Hawkins, Richard J.	Brighton College of Education.
Holmes, Alan	St. John's, York College of Education.
Jarvis, John A.	Cambridge College of Technology.
Lashmar, John D.	Leeds University.
Leach, John M.	Kent University.
Miller, John C.	Bradford University.
Oscroft, Max.	Alsager College of Education.
Parke, Harry	Salford University.
Roberts, Terence	Durham University.
Roskrow, Michael R.	Leeds College of Commerce.
Rylett, Philip A.	Leeds University.
Senior, Malcolm	Liverpool University
Sherratt, Arthur D.	Birmingham University.
Smallwood, Barry	Portsmouth College of Technology
Smith, David G.	Manchester University.
Smith, Stuart L.	St. Peter's College, Oxford,
Stead, David	Hull University.
Steer, Graham	London University.
Walters, Alan	Leeds College of Commerce
Warren, Graham	Keble College, Oxford.
Whittingham, David M.	Manchester University.
Wilkinson, Ian	Liverpool University.
Young, Michael A.	Warwick University.
Andrews M. Kathleen	Newcastle University.
Aston, Lynn	Leicester College of Education.
Brookes, Jean	Leicester University.
Berresford, Patricia	Leeds College of Commerce.
Bullen, Lynne	Durham University.
Candlin, Ann E.	St. John's, York, College of Education.
Clayton, Jean M.	Hull University.
Clayton, Susan J.	Durham University.
Cleary, Jeanette	Durham University.
Davies, Joan M.	Seaford College of Education.
Drummond, Janet	City of Leeds College of Education.

OTHER PUPILS ENTERING FULL-TIME TRAINING OR COURSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Fletcher, Neville S.	Mexborough Junior College.
Lloyd, George	Police Cadets.
Lord, Peter	Police Cadets.
Marsden A. Neil	Police Cadets.
Roper Ernest	Police Cadets.
Wilkinson, Paul D.	Mexborough Junior College.
Barker, Susan M.	Barnsley Technical College.
Barron, Sarah J.	Nursing Course.
Bettney, Lynn	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Denton, Sandra	Pre-Nursing Course.
Harrison, Gail	Mexborough Junior College.
Heaton, Linda C.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Hill, Susan I.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Hodson, Jane	Mexborough Junior College.
Jones, Susan M.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Line, Margaret	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Lupton, Patricia A.	Mexborough Junior College.
McGrevy, Christine H.	Pre-Nursing Course.
McKee, Helen	Pre-Nursing Course.
Middleton, Pauline M.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Munir Kaukab	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Poole Lynn, Susan	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Scott, Sandra A.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Scott Susan E.	Mexborough Schofield Technical College.
Shepherd, Andrea	Trainee Supervisor, Mentally Handicapped Children.
Warren, Elizabeth	Pre-Nursing Course.
Whitehead, Janette M.	Rotherham College of Technology.
Williams, Irene	Mexborough Junior College.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

PREFECTS - 1969/1970

COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 1969/1970

Chairman — Smith, J. C.

Secretary — Susan Farmery

Treasurer — Sykes, P.

Stephanie E. M. Richardson, Judith Gill, Sandra I. Woodhouse,
Janet Whitaker, Vivienne L. Marsh.

Charlesworth, D. G., Goldsby-West, K., Richardson, Q. J. M.,
and Tunnicliffe, R. M.

The S.F.S., now in its second year, has met with greater popularity among all sections of the Sixth Form than it did last year.

A more enthusiastic committee has been elected, and their efforts have produced a more efficiently run centre. Nevertheless, these have been daunted by a small minority who insist on making matters more difficult for everyone else.

It was decided at the inaugural committee meeting that a duty rota for the purpose of serving refreshments should be drawn up. With regard to the funds, this has proved most profitable, as can be seen from the accounts, which have, this year, been kept up to date. Unfortunately we have not had full access to the facilities at the centre owing to the apparent opposition from the new youth leader.

This year, we have been unable to use the record player, and therefore the money spent on four new L.P's at the beginning of the term was an unnecessary expense. The mysterious disappearance of all the records during the Christmas House Parties proved conclusively that our money had been completely wasted.

Although the Sixth Form do not claim to be perfect, care is taken to ensure that the centre is left as it is found. Nevertheless, for the second year in succession, varying degrees of damage, not done by the Sixth, have been attributed to them. They do hope to be credited at least with the virtue of honesty, for any mishaps occurring in their presence are immediately admitted and dealt with appropriately.

As previously indicated, the Society has had a most profitable year financially, (tactfully disregarding the outstanding milk bill incurred over the last two years!), and during the summer term some form of entertainment will be arranged in an attempt to utilise the surplus cash.

It only remains for us to wish the present Lower Sixth every success in the forthcoming year in the hope that they will overcome the problems which have arisen during the past year.

Head Boy: Smith, J.

Head Girl: Stephanie Richardson

Deputy Head Boy:

Deputy Head Girl:

Charlesworth, D.

Judith Gill.

Prefects:

Bolton, R.
Coupland, S.
Dragovic, I.
Frodsham, P.
Hargreaves, N.
Hawley, B.
Hill, A.
Hebbs, A.
Kelso, A.
Longley, G.
Sykes, P.

Prefects:

Gail Aird.
Mary Atkinson.
Gillian Carle.
Jane France.
Katrina Gough.
Lesley Hargreaves.
Karen Lang.
Lynn Marshall.
Susan Morris.
Jacqueline Revill.
Ann Shaw.
Rosemary Stott.
Lesley Sugars.
Lesley Whitfield.
Sandra Woodhouse.
Pamela Woodruff.

Sub-Prefects

Bailey, P.
Caddick, R.
Dainty, R.
Fisher, I.
Haigh, J.
Hall, K.
Hall, M.
Hatfield, G.
Kerr, R.
Lenton, J.
Moreton, P.
Moore, G.
Morley, R.
Moseley, S.
Nugent, J.
Rimington, N.
Spencer, A.
Staniforth, G.
Swallow, A.
Teal, M.
Teasdale, J.
Turton, M.
Twaite, D.
Welburn, P.
Whiting, D.
Windle, J.

Sub-Prefects

Janet Allen.
Carol Beaney.
Anne Croft.
Susan Corbishley.
Gillian Cox.
Janet Dixon.
Karen Earnshaw.
Hilary France.
Janet Horsley.
Vivienne Horsley.
Linda Randerson.
Mollie Rich.
Susan Sennett.
Pauline Shutt.
Linda Taylor.
Aarti Thanki.
Janet Whitaker.
Christine Wilson.
Elizabeth Winstanley.

DEGREE SUCCESSES

John S. Andrews, B.Sc. Durham.
Alec M. Beaumont, B.Sc. Durham.
David Beeden, B.Sc. Exeter.
Graham Bird, B.Sc. 1st Class Honours in Chemical
Engineering, Bradford.
Anthony Chamberlin, B.Sc. Birmingham.
Sheila de Stains, B.A. York.
Susan A. Grammer, B.Sc. Sheffield.
Geoffrey Hebbs, B.Sc. Sheffield.
Margaret Kelly, B.A. Portsmouth.
James T. Latham, B.Sc. Cardiff.
Barry Leaver, B.Sc. Nottingham.
John Longley, B.Ed. Leeds.
Ian Mitchell, G.R.S.M. London Royal School of Music.
Sandra Outram, B.A. London.
Diane Palframan, B.Sc. Durham.
Carolyn Revill, H.N.D. (Business Studies) Stockport
College of Technology.
Peter D. Robinson, B.Sc. Leeds.
Kenneth Walker, B.A. London.
John Wilson, B.Sc. Manchester.
Michael L. Woffinden, B.Sc. Nottingham.
Michael Dodson, Upper 2nd Honours in Chemical
Engineering at Imperial College, London University.

MARRIAGES

Robin L. Story to Margaret Kelly.
John Mellard to Anne Spurr.
James C. Guild to Jennifer J. Calvert (W.G.S.).
Thomas R. Palframan to Joan Cutts (W.G.S.).

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale (Valerie Oughton) - a daughter.

NEWS OF OLD WATHONIANS

Robert Venables (1959 - 1965) at Merton College, Oxford, has been awarded the Chancellor's Prize for Latin Prose and a Harmsworth Major Exhibition.

Michael Venables (1965 - 1968) was a member of the Comex II Expedition to India in 1969.

Veronica James is teaching at Thetford, Norfolk.

Pauline Boulton is teaching at Highgate J. M. I.

Reverend Gordon Bates is now Vicar of Huyton Parish Church in Lancashire.

Mr. Ernest Bates has been appointed manager of the new Swimming Baths at Oxley Park, Stocksbridge.

Mr. John Oldfield B.A., Dip. Ed. has taken up a teaching appointment in Germany.

Miss Dena A. Hardy has taken a post in Johannesburg.

Mr. John Chappell has been appointed General Manager of Foseco Argentina in Buenos Aires.

Mrs. Mary Thompson (nee Hardy) and her family are in Malta.

Mr. Alan Dobson is in charge of the teaching of Spanish at Wolverhampton Polytechnic.

Mr. Malcolm Hooper is now a Reader in Sunderland Technical College.

The Discussion Group this year can boast of little success. Poor attendances by the Lower Sixth during last year's group activities have repeated themselves this year in the low attendances for the group as a whole. In spite of this, the meetings have been consistently supported by a small core of enthusiasts who made up in quality what the group lacked in quantity.

In an attempt to boost the interest in the group, it was decided, at the beginning of the year, to change the day on which the meetings were held, and also to hold the meetings fortnightly rather than weekly. In doing so it was hoped that the group's activities would continue for as much of the academic year as possible. Improved attendances were continually expected, but they never materialised. This was the major factor which led to the decline in interest of those who did attend, and the ceasing of activities after Christmas.

The meetings took the form of discussions on the subjects of capital punishment and the abolition of hanging; a very controversial talk and subsequent heated discussion on "Communication" by Mr. Clarke, and a confrontation between the U.S.A. and the U.K., when Janet Hull was invited to speak on certain aspects of her country and way of life. It is to her credit that she steadfastly defended her homeland against a barrage of adverse criticism levelled at the U.S.A. by the other members of the group.

It is a rather ominous sign that no Lower Sixth or potential Third Year Sixth have attended this year's activities. Prospects for the continuation of the Discussion Group next year do not look bright. The reasons for the decline in popularity must stem directly from a lack of enthusiasm over the basic idea of discussion among Sixth Formers concerning the burning and important issues of the day.

Unless initiative comes from next year's Sixth, it looks as though the activities of the group will die, which is a great pity, because, despite its shortcomings, it gave an unrivalled opportunity for Sixth Formers to get together and simply talk. This is surely part of a good Sixth Form education, and as such, it fully deserves to be continued and the activities of the group revived.

PETER MORETON
Form VIF.

During the past year the Stamp Club has included both old and new ideas.

Discussions have been popular, and have covered many aspects of collecting, including buying and selling, mounting and arrangement, history, design, printing and items of philatelic news.

Several talks have also been given by members. Drury gave two talks, one based on his own collection, and the other on space stamps and the history of space exploration; Fisher gave a talk on the Olympic Games in stamps. Other talks were given on French art stamps and France in stamps by Mr. Ward.

Our new idea incorporated in this year's activities was the showing of film strips. These included two showing the basic methods of stamp collecting and one on art in stamps.

Other activities have included the usual variety of quizzes and forums.

The welcome increase in the number of female philatelists last year has not continued, and once again the club is suffering from an almost traditional lack of girl members. Any philatelists, either male or female, are welcome to attend meetings which are held every Friday at 1.15 p.m. in Lower 12.

IAN FISHER
Form VIF

CRICKET REPORT

1970

1st XI.

Despite the lack of experienced players in school, this year's 1st XI has proved itself to be a competent side. It was captained by Hargreaves, who, as usual, showed himself to be an able and talented batsman; he was well supported by Barlow, Kelso and Hepworth, all these three making high scores in the course of the season. The bowling honours were shared mainly by Kelso and Boreham, although Hargreaves and Charlesworth turned in some creditable performances. Again Barnsley gave some excellent displays behind the stumps, on most occasions being helped by some fine fielding. At the end of the season three members of the side (Hargreaves, Kelso and Barnsley) were chosen to represent the South Yorkshire Schools team.

RESULTS

- v Mexborough
Wath 63-5 (Hargreaves 45)
Mexborough 28 all out (Boreham 0-8, Masden 3-9)
Wath won by 35 runs.
- v Swinton
Wath 75-3 (Hargreaves 60)
Swinton 35 all out (Kelso 5-24)
Wath won by 40 runs.
- v Ecclesfield
Wath 23-7.
Ecclesfield 25-3 (Kelso 2-4)
Wath lost by 7 wickets.
- v Old Wathonians
Wath 73-3 (Kelso 24 not out, Hepworth 17 not out)
Old Waths 72-6 (Hargreaves 2-14)
Wath won by 1 run.
- v Swinton
Wath 88 (Barlow 22, Kelso 28)
Swinton 77 (Hargreaves 3-18, Kelso 3-12)
Wath won by 11 runs
- v Wombwell
Wombwell 58 (Hargreaves 3-21)
Wath 41
Wath lost by 17 runs.
- v Aston Woodhouse
Aston Woodhouse 97 (Kelso 4-17, Hargreaves 2-19)
Wath 76 (Hargreaves 27, Kelso 20)
Wath lost by 21 runs.
- v Adwick High
Wath 93 (Barlow 14, Hepworth 13)
Adwick 72-5 (Kelso 3-13)
Match Drawn.



The Schools junior teams had quite successful seasons although results were not outstanding. However players such as Goddard, Logan, Corns and Price from the Under-15's and Berresford, Kenworthy, Fairman and Barlow P. from the Under -14's all showed themselves to be players of great promise for the future.

FOR JACK SPRAT

.... (YET!)

The popular splendours of "The Mikado" apart, this has so far been a very lean year for school drama, an understandable but essentially unacceptable state of affairs. I am well aware, for instance, of problems that have been with us for years concerning drama especially of the general unwillingness to participate of rakes in the middle and senior school, a fact that always complicates the difficulty of finding a play in the first place, and one can hardly expect a diminutive First Former to play Romeo to a strapping Fifth or Sixth Form Juliet! This particular problem is something of an old friend by now, and can fairly easily be circumvented by the use of members of staff in key roles where necessary, but other factors have contributed to the cancellation of the usual Autumn Term production.

No sooner had we finally settled on S. I. Hsiung's "Lady Precious Stream" as the end in view than lack of rehearsal time, then a 'flu' epidemic, and finally the proximity of the time-and-soul-devouring "Mikado" put paid to all our plans. Now, with those Japanese choral antics over (and brilliant they were, too), our Sixth Form actors are leaving school, and "Lady Precious Stream" has had to be shelved. Ave atque vale!

I hope the year will end with a bang, however. I hope that you will support (possibly will have supported, since there is uncertainty about the publication date of this magazine) an entertainment scheduled for July 15, 16, 17 that has been devised by myself about the person and times of Queen Victoria. Jack Sprat may finally get his lean.

GEORGE MANCHESTER

The mine is all quiet,
Silence reigns.
Not even the sound of the faraway trains.
The men are at home sitting by the warm
fire,
But even of this comfort they will soon tire.

The mine is all quiet,
Save for one noise,
The sound of a picket telling the boys,
To go home at once if they want to keep fit,
There'll be no more work here yet for a bit.

The mine is all quiet,
The strike goes on.
The hardships are starting, the money is gone.
The less-paid men are feeling the strains,
But they stick with the Union who should
have the brains.

The mine is all quiet,
No end in sight.
Both Coal Board and Union believe they are
right.
The Union men saying, "We'll never give
way".
But it's those whom they strike for who are
losing their pay.

KAY JOBLING.

Form 50.

ATHENS.

The wind is rushing through the trees,
It is not just a gentle breeze.
It is a wild wind, a whirling wind,
Bustling on like a mighty king!
Making the trees bend and sway,
In its roaring, powerful way!

KATHRYN LOWE.

Form 25.

THEBES.

THE SEA AT NIGHT

As darkness falls, the beautiful sun casts
down its orange rays onto a motionless sea.
On the bow of the ship, people watch silently
and see that there is nothing so wonderful
as seeing the sun set - letting the moon rise
to light up the sky.

DIANE TOLLEY

Form 45.

CARTHAGE.

BLUE

The beautiful blue of the cerulean skies,
The translucent blue of a baby's eyes.
The turquoise blue of a lady's dress,
Blue is the colour that I like the best.

The brilliant blue of the robes of a king,
The gauzy blue of a blue-bottle's wing,
The sapphire blue of a stone in a ring,
Blue is the colour of ethereal things.

Blue is a colour which holds a fast power,
Blue is a colour of a beautiful flower.
Blue is the colour which shines so bright,
Blue is the colour of wondrous light!

KATHRYN LOWE

Form 25.

THEBES.

AFTER DEATH

What is there after death?
Darkness and nothing - or a better life,
the life of spirits?
Is there anything, or is it a blank in
the mind?
Does Life end in Death - or does it
continue after Death?
No one knows and no one will ever know;
until Eternity

AILEEN MIDDLETON

Form L VI D.

ATHENS.

SUNSET ON A WINTER LANDSCAPE

The sun left a rosy glow in the snow-thick-
ened sky,
As if covered by an opaque sheet.
It made the sky faint as though faded,
And made the sun a pink fire in the West.

The sun sent a path of red through the
snowy fields,
As though some fiery giant had passed and
left a flaming trail.
It tinged the trees and walls, and made a
pink light
Stream through the cold air and the windows
of houses.

P. PAINTER

Form 42.

SPARTA.

DEATH WITNESSED FOR THE FIRST TIME

It was all over in less than sixty seconds.
Those in front only had eyes for the child
playing by the side of the road. I hadn't
even seen him. All I could see was the tiny
bird, busily pecking at the crumbs in the
middle of the road. Too busy even to notice
the car coming. We were only travelling
slowly, because of the child there.

Those first ten or twenty seconds seemed
like an eternity. I could see the bird. I did
not think that it would fly away; and yet -
somewhere in the back of my mind, there
was hope, belief even, that it would fly
away. There must have been, for if not, why
did I wait until the last minute, the last
crucial second, before shouting to the driver
to stop?!

We were too late. I turned my head, to
see the bird. It lay on its back, lifeless, in the
middle of the road. . . .

PAT BAINES

Form 50

CARTHAGE

I think the Editor wanted me to write something political, but as this is written on the eve of a General Election, perhaps most of us would like a rest from conventional campaign chatter. The usual issues in a British Election have been rehearsed repeatedly by the politicians; this is not to say that housing and the cost of living are not important; they are, but they have the stage most of the time, and need not be discussed here. In the background to the 1970 General Election is the fact that 1970 is also Conservation Year. I doubt whether Conservation will command many column inches of reported speech or many moments on the television party politicals. Both major parties are aware of the question, and have given it some thought during the lifetime of the 1966 Parliament; the Government have gone so far as to appoint a Secretary of State for Environment, and the Opposition has been developing its own ideas on the theme of "The Quality of Life". But I suspect that in the General Election excitement little more than lip service will be paid to the issue. So let it be mentioned here.

We have been fouling our own nest for centuries, but now the situation is getting worse because the spoliation is on a bigger scale than ever before. More people have developed better methods of taking more out of the earth than they put back; hence the fear of shortage in all things, made all the more unbearable by all rising expectations of better standards. The test is that if they are made available in the short term, we risk putting a rod in pickle for the more distant future. We have to decide whether to "live now, pay later", or to conserve our resources and carefully plan their use.

It is a wider problem than simply producing enough food and mining sufficient minerals. It is the quality of the environment which is endangered, the careless disposal of waste; in fact, we are dealing with a vicious circle, in which the very act of providing the necessities of modern life produces fresh problems. Thus, as oil consumption rises, so the oil slicks multiply; as the motor cars file off the production line, more roads are required which push over treasured buildings and distort landscapes. If we drink more water, we drown more valleys. As our power to improve our world increases, so our power to disfigure it rises also; the chemicals developed to improve a process or create a medicine can, if care is not taken, also poison a river. We are in a cleft stick.

It is to draw public attention to the problem that 1970 was designated Conservation Year, and already there is evidence that in Britain the message has been received and partly understood. M.P's have saved two Yorkshire valleys from inundation within the space of a few months, and this has focussed attention on desalination of sea water as an alternative supply of water. Of course, this latter method is more expensive, and pinpoints the cold fact that we shall

have to pay to keep our countryside and coastline just as we pay to keep up our urban parklands. Compared with the long term saving, this would be a small price indeed, but in the management of our affairs the long view is always hard to take. Some people would argue that Britain is conservationist enough already; that we dote on old buildings with as much relish as we care for pets, so that ultimately our island will become an off shore museum, quaint but backward. Certainly, we take great care over decisions relating to new roads, shopping precincts and the like, and compulsory purchase is usually employed very sparingly. Only in the case of London's motorway box system has annoyance risen to a campaign of indignation against the bulldozing giant of modernisation, and even here the battle between motor car and suburbia is scarcely over conservation. Somewhere between the conflicting interests of the Georgian and Victorian Societies, and several Ministries, we seem to arrive at a compromise from which both sides gain satisfaction.

However, our aim is not confined to preserving the occasional stately home; the power we have to change the character of the landscape makes vigilance over a wide field all the more necessary. Something has already been done; the smoke control measures of the mid-fifties have combatted air pollution, and made feasible the cleaning up of urban areas long hidden under a cloak of filth and eaten away by poisonous acids. Landscaping of spoil heaps is now a reality, and demonstrates that it is not only in the traditionally picturesque areas that repair to the environment is necessary. We are not merely concerned with what people travel by car and coach to see, but also with where they live for most of the year. The battle for the coastline has beaten off the worst challenge, that of uncontrolled caravanning, by limitation and intelligent siting, which has restored some of the beauty of our own Flamborough Head.

But there is much still to do. If salmon have re-entered the Thames, there are countless other rivers they would shun; untreated sewage finds its way into the sea, and nobody seems to be disturbed at the growing barricade of signs which litter the highway. Tough measures are needed. Steeper fines and a more comprehensive code of law is needed to deal with spoilers; vehicles may have to be banned from certain ancient cities; I have stewed in an Oxford traffic jam for long enough to realise what needs to be done, and Lord Esher has already suggested a splendid scheme to squeeze the traffic out of old York and inject residents once again - York becomes a live city again and not just an ecclesiastical curio, dying of weariness, strangled by motors.

I might have got the emphasis wrong; perhaps my idea of Conservation is wrong, but I am willing to bet that this issue should and will occupy the new Parliament of 1970 more than it has concerned any other.

ROBERT GODBER.

GEOGRAPHY

FIELD COURSE 1970

As the 1970 field course was not a residential one, it was held on March 23rd and 24th, and on April 6th, 7th and 9th during the Easter vacation. The party of forty-five pupils was admirably controlled by the much-famed staff of the Geography Department, consisting of Mr. Cox and Miss Grant (expert geomorphologists?!), Mr. Garford (of rubbish tip fame), and last but not least, Mr. Hinchliffe, Councillor extraordinary.

The course covered every aspect of geography in the area of the Dearne Valley, social and economic, as well as physical. The students went firstly to a local colliery; the boys visited Manvers Main Colliery and the girls Wath Main Colliery. The Coal Board deserves sincere thanks for the girls' reception at the colliery; the guides were enthusiastic in answering our never-ending stream of questions, and spared us no technicalities. It was a very worth while experience.

On the second day we studied a magnesian limestone escarpment, which involved a trek beside and over it, setting out from Conisbrough Station and ending the day at the village of Cadeby. The view from the summit of the escarpment is to be recommended as being both of geographical value and of extreme beauty; description cannot do it justice. Once in Cadeby the party split up into smaller units, each group attempting a survey of one particular village; Hickleton, Hooton Pagnall, High Melton, Barn-

brough or Cadeby itself. It is amazing how many people told us in reply to our questions, "Me no speke English," or "Sorry, I can't tell you what the village was like in 1900, we only moved in yesterday." However, by not allowing ourselves to be disheartened by such a response, we achieved some good results by the end of the afternoon.

Hoping for more success, we eagerly awaited the third day, which brought a transect from Ingbirchworth to Cawthorne. Points of particular interest were Gunthwaite Hall Barn, built in 1590, which is unusual because no nails but only wooden pegs were used in its construction, and also an old water wheel which was still in use up to sixteen years ago. Finally on to Cannon Hall Quarry, because one party, namely the Lower Sixth group, managed to get lost, not at all impossible, you may think, when a member of staff is map-reading!

However, on to day four, which began with a visit to Zechariah Hinchliffe's textile mill at Denby Dale (no relationship our illustrious councillor assured us!), and then a transect from High Hoyland to Woolley Edge in the afternoon, passing by the now famous Bretton Hall and under the new extension of the M1 Motorway to Leeds.

Thursday came all too quickly. The morning was spent at the Stairfoot Brickworks, which is more interesting on the inside than one would imagine from its outward appearance. For the afternoon a walk from Wombwell to Barnsley had been arranged, so planned that we passed as many different industries as possible en route, including Beatson and Clarke, Wood Brothers and the Barnsley Brewery.

And so the 1970 field course came to an end. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the geography students, of thanking the staff for making it a memorable event.

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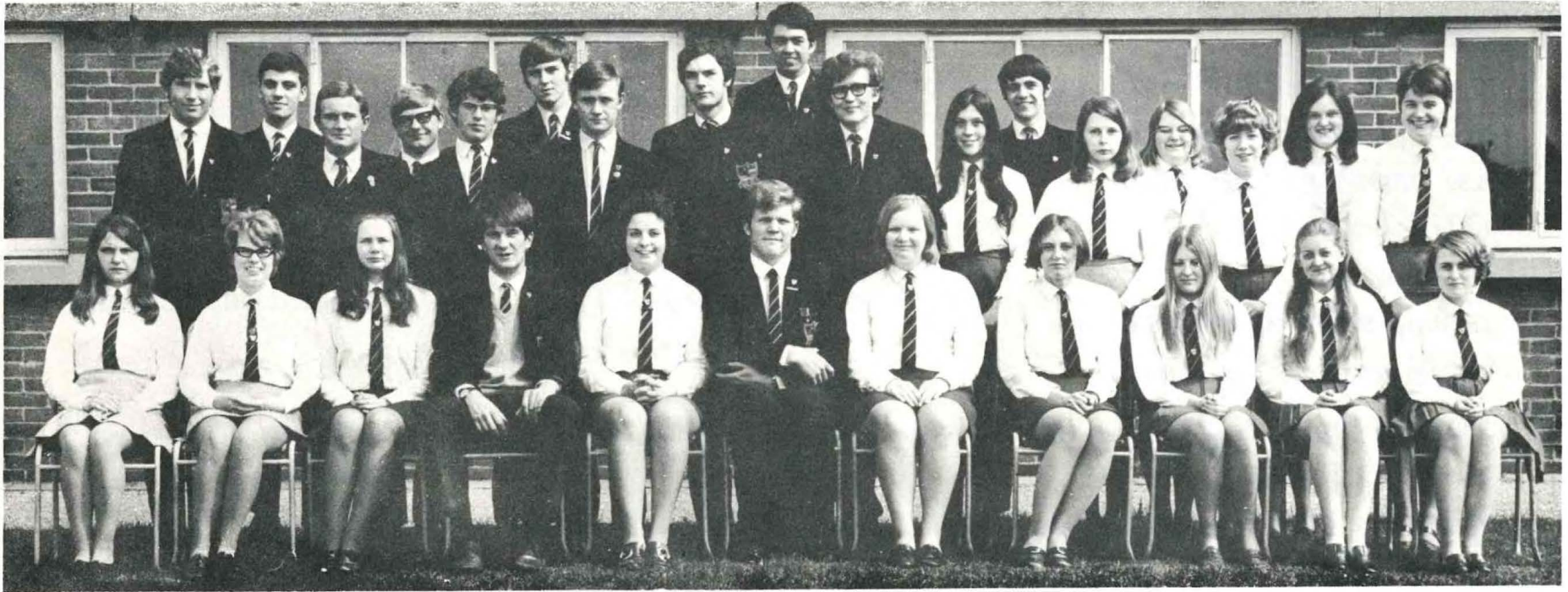
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The 1970 Re-Union was held on March 21st. It was a very enjoyable function, even though not as many Old Scholars as usual attended. We were pleased to see several members of the VIth Form there, and hope that they will come next year and bring their friends. The Re-Union is always arranged for the Saturday before Good Friday, so we do hope that more Old Scholars will make a note of the date. It is hoped that next year a Guest Speaker will be invited.

The Autumn Dinner (in addition to, not in place of, the Re-Union) was badly attended, but Members of the Association have asked for one to be arranged again this year. All Members of the Association will be notified when the date is fixed.

We were very proud that this year, for the first time, an Old Boy of the School was Guest Speaker at Speech Day. It was the Director-General of the B.B.C., Charles J. Curran, M.A.

Old Scholars will be sorry to know that the Reverend A. T. L. Grear and Mr. Cooper have not been well recently. Mr. Grear has suffered as the result of three falls earlier in the year, but assures us that he has now recovered. Mr. Cooper has been very ill all the Winter, but is now making steady progress. Flowers have been sent to them both with the best wishes of the Old Wathonians.

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