

# The Wathonian

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# **EDITORIAL**

In an age when the question of unity is assuming an increasing importance in the fields of world politics and religion, we should do well to consider its implications to our own small community. Are we recognising and facing up to our problems? Are we sincerely doing our part, ineffectually grumbling, or actively aggravating matters?

Our greatest problem of unity has been our own amalgamation. All realized the obstacles, many had forebodings. Yet, although there is still much ground to be covered before we realize the ultimate ideal, we can claim a modicum of success in that there is already a definite and apparently painless mingling on both academic and social levels.

Outside this sphere, however, there is still much to be desired. Perhaps it is traditional that prefectorial authority must be opposed; apathy may be easier than co-operation, the letting down of the many by the few a community hazard. These things are not therefore to receive our passive acceptance. We each have a vital part to play : if we can only claim not to have let the side down, our boast is proud indeed.

The choice is offered to everyone-to unite or to destroy. The right is granted to us of voicing our opinions of even the oldest of the school's traditions, but in the pursuit of unity it must be used wisely. If only we could learn to judge with tolerance : survey the fact and consider not simply whether it seems good or bad to us, but its value to others too; then if criticisms are just, consider why the fact is as it is, and how best to remedy it, rather than lead a blind attack or some form of splinter-group. It is to our shame that we must inevitably find that our complaints could in the main be dismissed simply by some almost negligible action on the part of each individual : observing that " pointless " regulation could bring relief from a more serious one; buying that scorned school magazine will give it the finances necessary to improvement; only bother to support your team, and it may be spurred on to victory. This is unity on a small, practical level which we could so easily achieve if only we would make the effort. Here is room for the expression of the individual personality, for achievement, for strength, if we can first stamp out selfishness, exhibitionism and pettiness. Banish them from our midst, and when the world opens to us, we can face it as better, wiser citizens. Probably none of us will ever contribute to world unity, but we shall all have the satisfaction of knowing ourselves to be better equipped for life through having made this small offering to our community.



# Mr. PRENDERGAST

On October 12th the School learnt that Mr. Prendergast had suddenly collapsed and died during the weekend. Our thoughts turned in sympathy to Mrs. Prendergast and to her son Michael, who only a little over a year before had been our Deputy Head Boy.

We mourned the loss both of a personal friend and the staunch guardian of all that is best in the School's traditions.

Mr. Prendergast's connection with this school is unique. He was one of the original small band of just over seventy scholars who, under Mr. A. T. L. Grear as Headmaster in the Park Road buildings, set our standards and founded our customs. In the early copies of The Wathonian glimpses of his many-sided activities are to be found—his prowess at rugger, as a sprinter in the sports, as a debater and as a scholar. After graduating at Manchester University, he gained experience as a teacher in a variety of schools before returning to Wath in January 1949 as Assistant History Master. A year later he became Housemaster of Sparta, the House he had first joined as a boy. Eventually he became Senior History Master, and finally Senior Master. For many years he was also Careers Master, as well as House Manager for School plays and concerts. To each new rôle he brought qualities that assured success. He gave richly and generously of his time. Saturdays often found him refereeing or umpiring School games, dinner hours coaching someone in difficulties, and evenings either in preparation and marking or attending School functions.

Both as a teacher and as a man, Mr. Prendergast won respect and affection. In his classroom, humour seasoned scholarship, liveliness banished boredom, understanding supplanted coercion. Trouble was scotched at the source before it could spread and yet a wise tolerance prevailed—Mr. Prendergast's liking for an "honest rogue" made him prefer forbearance to severity—no-one ever doubted his fairness. Steadfast in his own troubles, he was most successful in encouraging the downhearted or diffident. Thanks to his patience and encouragement, many an unpromising Sixth Former has surpassed expectation in examinations, and—what is more important—developed confidence, understanding and a high sense of responsibility—their blosssoming was his reward and delight. The most approachable of masters, he became the recipient of innumerable confidences, solver of personal problems, and comforter in sorrows. Pupil and colleague alike, we were attracted by his balanced reasonableness (perhaps the fruits of the History he taught), but even more by his generosity of mind, his kindness and warm humanity. He was a very delightful companion whose wit and wisdom enlivened both classroom and common room and will not soon be forgotten.

"Still are thy pleasant voices, thy nightingales, awake;

For Death, he taketh all away, but them he cannot take."

# SCHOOL NOTES

As in any School year, we have this year witnessed many changes. The greatest has been our metamorphosis into a Comprehensive School. Skilful management has made this much less painful than many thought it would be. Wherever possible, the two sections of the School have been blended. The system of Assemblies has been altered, for instance, and now the former Park Road pupils attend Assembly in the main School Hall when they have their first lesson within striking distance of the main buildings. It is hoped that the integration process will proceed further in the coming year. One consequence of the amalgamation has been the increasing weight of work forced upon the Headmaster. This has, in part, been obviated by the recent appointment of Mr. White to be Headmaster of the scientists. We congratulate him on his appointment, and wish him every success in his new, onerous duties.

Our Senior Master, Mr. Prendergast, who was revered by staff and pupils alike, died in October, 1964, and at his funeral, in School and elsewhere in this magazine we have paid homage to his qualities as a teacher, Senior Master, and as a personality. Mr. Hilton, former Senior History Master, has taken over Mr. Prendergast's difficult mantle, and we wish him continuing success. Mr. Hammond left us at the end of the Summer Term, 1964, to take up a Senior post at Mexborough, where we hope his lively personality and his dramatic energies will endear him to the hearts of his new pupils and colleagues, as they did to us. We thank him for the extraordinary amount of work he did in establishing an excellent drama tradition at Wath. The difficult task of maintaining this standard has been taken over with great success by Mr. Deere and Mr. Manchester, who guided the Dramatic Society's production of "The Bald Prima Donna" and "Man of Destiny" and the staff's production of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle ".

We have also had to say goodbye to the following members of Staff who have left us throughout the year : Miss Banks, Miss Buckley, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Davies, Miss Farmer, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Jenkinson, Mr. Unwin, Mr. Whittington, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Fiddler, Mr. Clements (on secondment) and Mr. Lawson. We have welcomed in their places, Mrs. Fasian, Miss Lotts, Miss Dutton, Miss Garbutt, Miss Garfitt, Mlle. Gasquet, Mrs. Simmons and Miss Morton (former pupil).

Excellent and varied school excursions have been organised by the various departments, and an increasing number of pupils have taken part. The excursions have included theatre trips to places as far away as Stratford, Manchester and Nottingham, as well as to more local theatres, which provide us with a constant and welcome service. There have also been many geographical excursions, and the usual scientific forays.

It is necessary that we pay tribute to the excellent performances of Longley on the athletics field. He has proved himself to be one of the most outstanding Middle and Long Distance Runners that the School has ever been fortunate to have, and by his outspoken courage and outstanding example, has forged a more worthy place for athletics in the life of the School. Our thanks are due also to Felicity Owen (Head Girl) and Walker (Head Boy), who have guided a worthy body of prefects throughout the year with vigour and good humour. Longley (piano), Venables (piano) and Susan Lancashire (elocution) have passed examinations which entitle them to be Associates of the London College of Music. Susan Adams, Christina MacLeod, Janine Rankin and Kathleen Day have represented the South Yorkshire Hockey XI, and Dodson, Crowther and Bailey have played for the South Yorkshire Under 19 Rugby XV. We also congratulate Bradley on winning the North Midlands Division Schoolboys Cycling Championship.

We note with regret the decision of Mr. Atkinson to pass on the oversight of the magazine to other hands, and thank him for the excellent contribution he has made to School life by his work on it in the past, and further thank him for his help with this edition, particularly with the original contributions. Finally, we note that the Lower Sixth has decided to produce its own magazine—" Blast-Off" —which, despite its title, proved to be very sedate and maidenly, but nonetheless welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Our apologies to Leri Morton for our failure to record her success in the Manchester Guardian Schools Competition in 1963, which ought to have appeared in our last edition, and premature apologies for any omissions in this one. We would also like to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from other schools.

# **HOUSE NOTES**

ATHENS House Captains : S. de Stains, Spofforth. Games Captains : SENIOR—C. Heal, Hirst. JUNIOR—C. Berresford, Bishop.

Magazine Representatives : C. Heal, Burkill.

"Mixed" seems a very appropriate word for Athens' achievements during the past year. Athenian boys performed quite well in the Senior Cricket Matches, but the girls failed miserably in the Rounders, while our position in the Athletics Competition left much to be desired. So far this year, in Senior Rugby Matches we have not fared too badly, but this has been offset by the girls' performances in Hockey, only one win having been obtained by the Seniors and two by the Juniors. The picture, however, is not altogether black. In the Cross-Country we achieved third place, thanks mainly to the efforts of our Junior boys, and in the academic field, which is far from unimportant, we won the Work Cup once again.



# CARTHAGE

House Captains : Marlene Crossfield, B. Milnes.

Games Captains : Pat Redman, C. Ingamells.

Magazine Representatives :

Christine McArdle, Watkin.

So far, a year of mixed fortunes for Carthage has been marred by the apathy of certain elements of the House. The Senior boys blended into a successful and effective rugby team, winning two matches and drawing one, the only defeat being through our failure to raise a team. However, this is still a considerable improvement on previous years. Even more success came the way of the Senior girls, who won four and drew one of their hockey matches. Two of our members were selected to play for South Yorkshire teams, Kathleen Day for the second hockey team, and Crowther for the Under 19 rugby XV. It now remains to be seen whether or not the Juniors can restore the purple ribbon to the Winter Games Cup through their exploits on the games field.

Although providing the individual winner of the Cross-Country for the fourth successive year, lack of general interest resulted in our final placing of fourth in this event.

In the academic field, Carthage achieved a flying start in the Work Cup, being in the lead after the points for effort, but finishing fifth, thanks to our rather large brigade of six-days-a-week pupils. Carthage also furnished the School with its Head and Deputy Head Boys.

However, with renewed vigour and co-operation, we hope to improve in the future and to restore Carthage to its rightful position at the top.

# ROME



House Captains : Scott, Janine Rankin.Games Captains : Gill, Eileen McCabe.Junior Captains : Linda Savoury, Cutler.

Magazine Representatives: Nunn, Angela Noble.

Rome seems this year to have become, instead of the eternal city, the eternal second. The year started in true Roman style, with the House being placed second at the end of the first term in the Work Cup. Then came the Inter-House Cross-Country, in which a Roman did extremely well to come second in the Senior Event, and, when the overall positions were announced, Rome held second place. The Senior Boys have done extremely well to win all their Rugby matches, but the uninspiring performance of the Senior Girls' Hockey Team seems to point to the fact that in the Winter Games Cup we shall gain second place.

However, the latest available positions in both the Work Cup and Deeks Trophy Competition show that Rome is in first place in both cases. Is it possible that the turning point has been reached? Indeed it has, for with just a little extra effort from all concerned, Rome can once again be called the "eternal" city, or House at any rate, and not just the eternal second.

# SPARTA



House Captains : Jacqueline Dawson, Harrison. Vice-Captains : Susan Harlow, Ramsden. Games Captains : SENIORS—Barbara Stringfellow, Rothery. JUNIORS—Marilyn Crawshaw.

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Magazine Representatives: Diana Clayton, Uttley.

Lately, Sparta seems to have advanced from success to success, for which the leaders of the House especially deserve much of the praise.

The place where we really seem to excel is the sports field. The great team effort inherent in the Spartan House won the competition for us on Sports Day itself, as it also did in the Cross-Country. This year for the first time the Juniors had a chance to show their prowess in this event, and although neither of the individual winners was a Spartan, the standard of our runners in both parts of the competition was high enough for us to gain the trophy by a wide margin.

Our excellent efforts in Rounders and Cricket enabled us to win the Summer Games Cup last year, and we are at present hoping that our achievements in Hockey and Rugby will bring yet another success. The one fly in the ointment has been the Work Cup. Our performance in this competition has been mediocre and far below the general standard of the House. Spartans need to concentrate more on School Societies and less on detentions in future. However, in the Deeks Trophy we came a close second. Let us therefore hope that Sparta's determination and enthusiasm will enable her to maintain the high level of ability which has come to be expected from the House.

#### THEBES



Captains : M. Bramham, Reed.

Games Captains : C. MacLeod, Lawson.

Magazine Representatives : A. Dodson, Taylor.

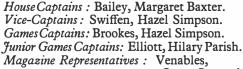
This year there was no excuse for not competing on an equal footing with other houses, and I should like to say that once up to full strength, the Thebans were invincible. Though this is what I would like to say, it is not strictly accurate. The Senior Cross-Country raised the hopes of all Thebans, for we were placed second overall, and Lees and Whitlam were well to the fore. Since the Juniors were unable to emulate these feats we slipped to fifth position in the final ratings.

In their Rugby Matches the boys won one, drew one and lost three, whilst the girls' Hockey results read : won two and drew one, with one match unplayed.

Thebes is very proud to have had chosen from the ranks of its Sixth Form the present Head Girl and a number of prefects and subprefects, and Thebans of all Forms deserve praise for their support of School societies and functions. This enthusiasm was shown to the full at the House Party, the highlight of which was undoubtedly the impression by certain of the Staff and Sixth Form of the Rolling Stones as a forfeit in a carefully fixed game.

It is to be hoped that the merit shown by Thebans will gain its just reward in the year to come.

# TROY



Susan Lancashire.

This year, important changes of staff have taken place and the House has been considerably enlarged by pupils at Park Road. At the same time a new zest for work has swept through the House. Although none of the school silverware has been decorated by the Trojan yellow ribbon, there has been no decline in Trojan effort or enthusiasm. On the contrary, through concerted effort, Troy has increased its placings in almost every competition, but has never quite managed to capture a cup. In both winter games seasons the Junior Boys produced outstanding results at Rugby, but as the other sections of the House were not quite up to their brilliant standard, the trophy was lost. In summer games, the girls enjoyed moderate success, but our Cricket Teams did not manage to obtain the maximum points they deserved. The Cross-Country Cup was not to be ours, but in the new Junior section Trojans secured first and second places.

Trojans have always played an active part in School Societies and this has enabled us to maintain a constant high position in the various Deeks Trophy competitions, but never actually to win it, even though at the halfway stage of the Christmas term, we thought we were poised for victory. For many years Troy quietly passed over her placings in the Work Cup, but now at last we are making considerable headway in this field and are hopefully looking forward to this year's results.

The Trojan party was an even greater success than usual. A good number of Trojans were lured along by the promise of "entertainment" from something called a "beat-group". Whatever it was, it failed to appear. This had no adverse effect on our enjoyment of the party, however, and some of us secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

# TROPHY AWARDS

Work Cup: Easter: Athens Summer: ROME Christmas: Athens Sports : SPARTA Cross-Country : SPARTA Winter Games : ROME Summer Games : SPARTA Deeks Trophy : ROME

# SPEECH DAY, 1964

In opening Speech Day, held this year on March 13th, the Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. J. H. Oxer, M.A., compared the changes taking place in our School today with the changes effected in the educational life of the community by Thomas Wombwell, some 300 years ago, and hoped that they would be as successful.

Surveying the past year, Dr. Saffell said that there had been little change affecting the daily lives of the pupils. The academic programmes were the same, and there were still more than thirty societies. He was particularly pleased by the success of the Russian Study Group, and congratulated the choir and orchestra on their performances throughout the year. The Headmaster then expressed his appreciation of the Staff's efforts in arranging the usual French exchange and a trip to Italy for this year. The Sixth Form of 1963 was slightly smaller than that of 1962, with 88 members in the Upper Sixth, of whom 80 secured 'A' Level Certificates with an average of 2.6 subjects per pupil. This would have put the School about halfway up a table of the public schools, which was very creditable considering the ratio of teachers to pupils in the public schools. Dr. Saffell congratulated Green and Barbara Maxwell on their academic achievements, and thanked the prefects for their valuable help.

Turning to the 'O' Level, the Headmaster spoke about the scheme by which some pupils go direct from the Fourth Form to the Sixth. This naturally took the cream of the Fifth Form, but the results of last year's Fifth had been particularly disappointing. Neither had the Fourth Form been as successful as before, for although there had been the same number of passes, there had been more failures. However, those who were successful justified the scheme, and he did not intend to modify it in any way. The November G.C.E. results had to some extent counteracted the June disappointments, for the School had gained 156 passes, at well above the national average.

Dr. Saffell then turned to the changes in prospect, such as the new C.S.E. examination, and the raising of the school-leaving age to sixteen, but warned that these changes would not cure all evils. On the question of university entrance, he said that in his opinion, despite all the controversy, all who deserved a university education were able to obtain one.

Dr. Saffell's next subject was the change which had occurred in Wath itself—namely the amalgamation of the Grammar and Park Road Secondary Schools. The scheme had met with stiff resistance, which had resulted in a slight concession in that the same number of children as before were to be admitted from outside Wath. The Headmaster expected no lowering of standards, and stressed that no selected pupil would retain his place if a non-selected pupil had a better claim. He warned us that great patience was necessary if the many obstacles were to be overcome, and concluded his report by thanking his colleagues for making our last year as a Grammar School so successful both academically and socially.

The company was then entertained by the Senior Choir and soloists, and the awards and certificates were presented by Mrs. H. P. Forder.

The guest speaker, Mr. H. P. Forder, the Master Cutler, spoke of the year 1975, and referred to the great technological, and more important, the social changes which would take place between now and then. He encouraged us to develop the ability to think for ourselves as only by so doing would we succeed.

The Head Boy, Oldfield, proposed the vote of thanks, and was seconded by Gwen Parish, the Head Girl, who also successfully requested the traditional day's holiday, as well as an additional day to mark Green's success.

Cowen, of U6C, presented the Master Cutler with a painting, and Mrs. Forder and Miss Clegg received bouquets. The proceedings then closed with the singing of Blake's "Jerusalem". During the three evenings which constituted Open Day 1964 exhibitions were staged and displays held representative of all aspects of school life.

On the first evening the entire programme was formed by the various exhibitions, ranging from that of the Amateur Wireless Club in the Science Block Laboratory, through those staged by the departments of Geography, Art, History, French, English, German and Metalwork, to those of the Stamp Club and the Scouts. In addition to this cross section of school activities, old pupils found interest in back numbers of the School Magazine on display in the Hall Vestibule; and everyone found something to their taste in the newly instituted exhibition of miscellaneous publications by H.M. Stationery Office.

These exhibitions were also open on the second and third evenings, which were begun by a highly energetic and skilful demonstration of Girls' Physical Education, maintaining the high standard of continuity and perfection of previous years. This was followed on the second evening by an entertaining performance of "Passion, Poison and Petrifaction" — a brief tragedy for Barns and Booths by G. B. Shaw by members of Form U6E; and then by a rendering of two pieces from Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" by the choir, and of Saint-Saens' "Le Carnaval Des Animaux" by the orchestra and soloists.

For those who attended on the third evening this enjoyable and well-rehearsed musical performance was augmented by the Junior Choir, who delighted the ear with "The Frog", "On Wings of Song" and "The Traction Engine"; vocal soloists, who included Margaret Darby, Prudence Shaw, Susan Dook, Shepherd and Dooke; and instrumental soloists, who included Green, Mitchell, Forster and Longley.

Afterwards, the Modern Dramatic Society's arresting performance of "The Thistle in Donkey Field "—Richard Tydeman's vegetable parable with distinct animal connections—allowed the audience to exercise their imaginations and transport themselves into the control room of Thistle Number One in Donkey Field, and provided a dramatic conclusion to our Open Day activities.

LERI MORTON, Form U6.

# CAROL CONCERT

The evening performance of this year's Carol Concert had to be cancelled because of the bad weather. Despite this disappointment, all concerned in the concert put in just as much enthusiasm and derived just as much enjoyment from the hastily-arranged performances on the two following mornings for the School and any parents who were able to attend. Readings were given by Rosemary Stott, of Form 15, Newbound from the Park Road section of the School, Miss Garfitt and Mr. Chappell (Staff), and Felicity Owen and Walker (Head Girl and Head Boy). Those which should have been read by parents or School Governors were taken by the Deputy Head Boy and Girl—Longley and Leri Morton.

Mr. Davies with the Senior Choir and Mr. Hutchinson with the Junior Choir produced an interesting and varied programme. Senior soloists were Susan Dook, Margaret Darby and Hargate, and for the Juniors, White, Rosemary Stott and Margaret Bennet, who deserve special mention for the high standard which they achieved. Throughout the first section of the programme the accompanist was K. Dawson, 6B.

After playing the carols with the choir, the orchestra was featured at the beginning of the second half to perform "Le Carnaval des Animaux" by Saint-Saens, all the soloists fully deserving the special applause which they received.

Finally, choir and orchestra combined to present parts of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" with solos by Susan Dook and Hargate. As the audience rose to leave the Hall, the orchestra burst "unexpectedly" into "The Dam Busters' March", and the hearty encores for this reflected the appreciation of the audience for the efforts of the whole company.

# STAFF PLAY, 1964

"Gone are the days of gallant knights, and fair distressed damsels"—or so I thought, until I saw this year's Staff Flay. "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" was to my mind the very climax to a long period of excellent productions. It showed to the full the genius of both players and producer, Mr. Deere, who so very successfully has filled Mr. Hammond's position, and obviously intends to retain the old Wath tradition of good drama.

The introduction of seven new faces, and in particular those of Mr. Manchester and Miss Garfitt, brought a new light to the whole of the proceedings. Not to be outdone, Mr. Appleyard saw that all on our side stage came up to standard. I think that all who took part deserve great credit, particularly those who risked comment next day by assuming various physical, and in one case mental deformities. The "army" deserves a special mention—I now know why Napoleon thought an army marched on its stomach, although I didn't think he meant it literally. Mr. Davies, too, deserves extra credit, for not only did he break away from his usual type of part, but he showed us that all those Friday morning practices were useful after all.

In closing, I should just like to repeat my congratulations to all concerned, including the members of the orchestra who provided the music, and to ask the Staff to do as well next year, so that we can say, like this year : "This was their greatest hour."

IAN DE STAINS, L6.

This year's production consisted of two plays, "The Man of Destiny" by Shaw, and "The Bald Prima Donna" by Ionesco. The gigantic task of producing the plays was adopted this year by Mr. Deere and Mr. Manchester.

As our store of properties was gradually gathered together, we began to have doubts about the sanity of the producers, who were continually seen in company with plates of "grot", chamber pots, fire warnings, dog collars and cricket pads. They managed to convince us that these would serve some useful purpose eventually, and so we settled down to weeks of hard play and some work in rehearsal.

The opening night was disaster night, when a page was missed out, the doorbell refused to work, the lighting went haywire and props were mislaid. Luckily the remaining three nights ran very smoothly and a huge sigh of relief could be heard backstage as the final curtain rang down.

The casts were :

The Man of Destiny : Susan Lancashire, Ian de Stains, Ian Walker, Bernard Haigh, Harold Chadwick, Susan Swift.

The Bald Prima Donna : Anne Young, Felicity Owen, Lynn Sugars, Martin Happs, Robert Venables, Paul Furniss.

The hardworking backstage helpers were : P. Butler, S. Rock, C. Taylor, D. Harrison, D. Hargreaves, I. Massey, A. Dodson, A. Jarvis, J. Campbell, J. Hollingsworth.

# FRENCH EXCHANGE, 1964

Once again a party from Wath Grammar School took part in the Yorkshire—Lille exchange scheme. The French visitors were met in the early morning at Sheffield Midland Station, by about twenty of our pupils.

Of their three weeks stay, a week was spent at school, during which the French pupils had the opportunity of participating in various entertainments including two school socials and a Spanish/German party. Two trips were also organised, one to the Parkgate Iron and Steel Works, and another, on 25th July, to see "Henry IV" at Stratford, both of which proved to be very interesting.

Soon it was the turn of the French to play host to the English, and after a tedious train journey to Dover, we made a calm crossing to Calais, then on by train to Lille, when the party split up to go their to various destinations—Mauberge, Sedan, Aulnoye, Orchies and Boulogne.

We soon found the French way of life to be very different from the English, except for the one similarity of "Beatlemania". We disliked the lack of carpets and coal-fires, the poor sanitation and drains, the bad roads and uncomfortable trains. However, the marvellous weather (reaching temperatures of  $104^{\circ}$ F.), the variety of good French food, the wine, and the excellent hospitality were adequate compensations.

Finally, on 28th August, after a slight delay, we arrived back in England, tired and with aching limbs, but cheered by the good weather which welcomed us.

PAULINE SMITH and JENNIFER CALVERT, 6A.

## SCHOOL TRIP TO ITALY

The first party, consisting of about fifty people, congregated at Doncaster Station on the morning of August 5th, Having lunched at Victoria Station, we caught the boat train to Folkestone and crossed the Channel in the steamer *Cote d'Azur*. We had little sleep during the journey through France and Switzerland, even those of us in couchettes had breakfast at 5 a.m. and lunch at 8 a.m. Travelling through Switzerland was a wonderful experience, the sight of the mountains, lakes, and tiny chalets more than making up for the rest of the tiring journey. We changed trains for Rome at Milan, and by the time we reached Rome, we had been travelling so long that the platforms were moving while we were standing still.

As we gathered to await our train to Naples, we were all very tired, as it was about 1 a.m. We saw a train coming into the station and even before it had stopped, Italians were jumping up, clambering through the windows and landing head-first in the compartments. It made no difference whether the compartment was reserved or not. As it happened, it was our train, and we ended up travelling in an old carriage with wooden seats and brown brocade curtains. This took us to Naples where we boarded a coach which took us to our hotel, "Cappuccini" in Piano di Sorrento. We finally arrived at 4.30 a.m.

The first day we went to the beach and we were surprised to find the sand black and very hot, but this did not stop us enjoying the warm sea. We were also pleasantly surprised to find that we enjoyed Italian food, though macaroni at almost every meal became a little tiring. We made frequent visits to the nearby town of Sorrento, where we bought our gifts and mementos. We also visited Capri, Naples, Mt. Vesuvius, a cameo factory and the Pompeii excavations. Part of our holiday was a two-day stay in Rome, which was marvellous. We stayed at a large hotel, "Domus Pacis" on the outskirts of the city, and visited all the famous sights of Rome. We found the catacombs very frightening, because we could reach into holes in the walls of the narrow passages and touch the skeletons of Christians killed in the amphitheatre. The journey home was not half as exciting as the outward one, but it was a good ending to a wonderful and memorable holiday.

Under the supervision of the late Mr. Prendergast and his wife, and Messrs. Fisher, Hainsworth, Kirby and Ward, the second party got off to a flying start by boarding the wrong tube train across London. The less said about the Channel crossing the better. We travelled by train to Milan, from there to Rome, and then to Naples, and on by coach to Piano di Sorrento. On our arrival our tiredness was forgotten and after a late breakfast we began to explore the town. Twenty minutes and two hundred feet of sheer cliff later, we decided to spend the rest of our holiday on the dark volcanic sands of the beach.

In the hotel that night our attempts to eat our first dish of spaghetti caused great amusement. One of the waiters decided to give a lesson on spaghetti-eating to one of the less successful members of the party. He proceeded to wind the entire contents of the plate around a fork and put it in the mouth of his unsuspecting pupil.

The party was taken on many excursions, including a souvenirseeking trip to Sorrento and visits to Pompeii, Vesuvius and a cameo factory. Pompeii was very interesting and round every corner one expected to see a toga-clad Roman. Unfortunately, camera-clad Americans had to suffice. This visit proved most embarrassing for Mr. Fisher, for having threatened the party with numerous punishments if they were not back at the coach by 5 o'clock, he promptly lost himself, Mrs. Prendergast and two other members of the party. They all arrived rather sheepishly half an hour late to be greeted with jeers from the rest of the party.

Vesuvius was rather disappointing, and many muttered comments of "Manvers muck stack" were heard. The excursion, however, was livened up when some members of the party were trapped on the rope railway for a few minutes when it stopped.

The visit to Capri was perhaps the highlight of the holiday, though the rough sea caused the cancellation of the visit to the Blue Grotto and the indisposition of many of the party.

Our stay in Piano soon came to an end, and we set off for Rome. During the two days we spent there we were taken on a midnight coach trip around the city, tasted some of the world's best ice-cream, and visited almost all the famous monuments. Some of the more energetic members of the party even climbed to the top of St. Peter's Dome. For all of us, Rome will remain an unforgettable city.

We set off early on Saturday morning to catch the train to Milan, where we arrived over an hour late. We had to make a mad dash across the platform to fight our way onto the train, and having lost our reservations we spent the rest of the journey to Calais squashed 13 or 14 into a compartment.

We had all been given a small bottle of local wine in the packed lunch, and the younger members of the party were first beginning to form ideas of taking it home to Dad, when the party leaders stepped in and kindly offered to dispose of it for them. We arrived at Calais several hours later, and boarded the boat for Folkestone and from Folkestone—home.

# **MOCK ELECTION**

To anyone entering the vestibule at the beginning of October, it must have been obvious that the School was the centre of a strongly contested political election, for this was the area allotted for display to the four candidates in the Sixth Form Mock Election. Most of the posters were extremely well produced, and some quite humorous, though not always intentionally so.

The four candidates represented the Labour, Conservative and National Socialist parties, and an independent organisation for Parliamentary Reform. The absence of a Liberal candidate was surprising, considering that Hinchliffe won the seat for that party in the election of 1959 with a majority of 67.

Each candidate was allowed one meeting during the dinner hour, though one party ingeniously overcame this restriction with a plan to secure the support of the girls in the Science Sixth. The dinner-time meetings were well attended and extremely lively, though the greatest test for the candidates came on the afternoon of the election when they all appeared in the Hall to answer questions on various aspects of their policies.

The result of the Election was as follows :

A. Jarvis-Independent for Parliamentary Reform					86
Nunn—Conservative					73
Marsden—Labour					48
Venables—National Soc	ialist				37

J. CROWTHER and J. WILSON, 6E.

# SOCIETY REPORTS

As usual, 1964 saw THE CHOIR perform in three major events in the School Calendar—Speech Day in March, Open Day in July, and the Carol Service at Christmas.

At the first we were represented by the Senior Choir who sang five Nursery Rhymes by H. Walford Davies, and by B. Shepherd, U6B, who, accompanied by J. Longley, A.L.C.M., sang "To Music" by Schubert.

On the first evening of Open Day the full Choir entertained many parents and friends of the School with two pieces from Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" — "To the Hills and the Vales" and "Come Away, Fellow Sailors".

On the following evening we were represented by the Junior Choir and soloists of various ages. The Choir, accompanied by Elaine Ormandy, 3F, rendered "The Frog" by Newton, "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn, and "The Traction Engine" by Marchant. The soloists included Margaret Darby, P. Dook, Prudence Shaw, Susan Dook and B. Shepherd. The possibility of complete cancellation of the Carol Service was obviated when we were allowed to present our programme to members of the old Grammar School on one morning, and to members of our Secondary Stream from Park Road the next. Since members of the latter part of the School had worked as hard as anyone else in the Choir, this arrangement was particularly appreciated by us all.

After our usual rendering of carols, the full Choir continued with two pieces from Mendelssohn's "Elijah "—" Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" and "Be Not Afraid". Hargate sang "Lord God of Abraham" and Susan Dook sang "If with all your Heart."

Our performances in 1964, as always, have been a great success. We hope that future successes will in no way be tarnished by the just perceptible lack of support from pupils and parents from which such school activities are suffering at present.

In recent years, THE ORCHESTRA has played an increasingly important part in the social side of school life. The increase in number, the greater interest taken by members, and the improvement of their playing ability must indeed be encouraging to Mr. Davies. In recent Associated Board examinations the following members of the Orchestra were successful in gaining certificates : P. Dyson (merit), I. Mitchell, Ann Parsons; K. Dawson, M. Bell, K. Booth, I. de Stains; P. Spofforth (merit), Alison Jarvis (merit), S. Smith, Christine McArdle; J. Forster (distinction), Elaine Ormandy (distinction), Mitchell (distinction).

Our first concert was given on Open Day, in July, when, under Mr. Davies' baton, Elaine Ormandy (piano) joined us as soloist in Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals". This performance, of a standard never before achieved, was enthusiastically applauded by an appreciative audience. The evening's events concluded with the singing of Parry's "Jerusalem", accompanied by the orchestra. The following day a chamber music recital was given, in which I. Mitchell (clarinet), and J. Forster (violin) performed instrumental solos, accompanied by Elaine Ormandy.

On Speech, Day I. Mitchell (clarinet) and Elaine Ormandy (piano) played a movement from a sonata by Brahms. The other musical item in the programme was a "Minuet for Flute and Guitar" played by P. Dyson and G. Hill. This year, for the first time in the history of Speech Days in the School, a section of the orchestra will be accompanying the Choir.

At the Carol Concert the major event of the year for the Choir and Orchestra, the Orchestra and Soloists again performed "The Carnival of the Animals", in addition to accompanying the Choir in the usual nine carols. The Chorus, "Be not afraid" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah", given by the Choir and Orchestra, made a fitting close to the programme.

I am sure all members will join with me in wishing the Orchestra continued success in the future.

It was not until March 1964 that THE MODERN DRAMATIC SOCIETY had an opportunity to concentrate on producing another play. We had the idea of performing several short sketches with a musical interlude, and began to publicise our forthcoming production as taking place at West Melton on 25th April. It was more difficult than it seemed. A week before the performance the costumes and stagesets were virtually non-existent, but somehow we pulled through. The audience, consisting of parents, teachers and friends, appreciated our efforts and particularly the Society's catering ability in the interval, when we hastily changed from our costumes, mashed the tea, served it and hurriedly changed for the following act.

Our Open Day production of "Thistle in Donkey Field" by Richard Tydeman had a message—whether the audience "got" it or not we do not know, but they seemed to like it.

On a particular night in November in Lower 10, we lit candles, told ghost stories and generally celebrated "Halloween", much to the astonishment of any passing staff.

Recently we have been thinking seriously of producing another programme for West Melton, which we hope will again be well attended.

Towards the end of 1963 a DRAMA CLUB was formed at Park Road. At the first meeting we discussed a scene on racial hatred. Week after week we elaborated on this until we had produced a finished play. This we performed before the School in the Park Road Hall.

Our next productions were "The Man who wouldn't go to Heaven", and "Hewers of Coal". The first was about a man who did not believe in Heaven—a comedy with a serious meaning. "Hewers of Coal" was a play about loneliness in the pits in the early part of the century. Recently we have read a Russian folk play called "The Nosebag". In addition to our regular meetings, we have visited the theatre from time to time, and all our members have enjoyed working in the Drama Club.

THE THEATRE GROUP, formed just over a year ago, has tried to make as many visits as possible to the Civic Theatre at Rotherham. Our idea is to stimulate interest in the "live" theatre, and we have accordingly tried to see as great a variety of plays as possible. Many of the plays we have seen have been performed by the Rotherham Repertory Company—an amateur group, and all have shown an extremely high standard. Outstanding among the plays we have seen are "The Man who came to Dinner", "Poison Pen", "Richard II", "Macbeth" and "Tom Sawyer".

In spite of the great loss suffered by THE JUNIOR SCRIPTURE UNION when Miss Buckley left School last July, the first meeting of the new school year was attended by an encouraging number of keen Juniors. Under the joint leadership of Joan Cutts and Lynn Sugars, meetings have been held every Wednesday in term time, although there has been a conspicuous lack of male support. Our meetings, until recently, were of two types. Two in every three went under the name of "Bible Studies", but were by no means as dull as the title might suggest, for everyone took part in the discussions and frequent arguments. The other type of meeting, although referred to as an "Open Meeting", was rarely attended by non-members, although all Juniors were invited. These meetings usually consisted of a story, followed by a quiz or some other competition, often devised by two or three of our more inventive members.

For the future, a wider, more varied range of meetings has been planned with the help of the Northern Regional Secretary of the Scripture Union, Miss Shaw, who, in spite of her formidable title, was most pleasant and helpful when she visited the leaders in February. The plan is to include some three or four meetings per term featuring film shows or guest speakers.

The year has proved to be very active for the S.C.M. We have had many speakers and visits, and this has brought about good, interesting discussions. The highlight of the year was the S.C.M. Conference held at our School. It was well attended by representatives from the Mexborough and Swinton schools, and was well received by all. On the whole, it proved to be very successful.

Another function which brought widespread support was the visit to the Sheffield Synagogue. As most of us had never been to a synagogue before, this opened new vistas and proved to be very enlightening and informative. Other activities have varied from a talk on Christian Science to an Anglican-Methodist discussion, which, as expected, turned into an argument.

This term has not been so successful as last because of lack of support, but at least the S.C.M. has been active. Visitors have ranged from the Vicar of Bolton to the Succentor of Sheffield Cathedral, and we do hope for widespread support in the future. The most wellreceived event this term proved to be the "Feed the Minds" Campaign. Visits have already been arranged to Mirfield and Horbury in May, and in July for a short stay at the former.

The programme of THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY has consisted mainly of films, most of which were very good, including "Wild Highlands" and "National Parks", which gave us an insight into the areas of the country where natural scenery and wild life are being maintained. "Seal Island" and "Water Birds" were two films by Walt Disney, which proved to be amusing as well as instructive. The film, "The Alder Wood Wasp and its Insect Enemies" can only be described as superb, and was fully appreciated by everyone.

The fourth annual fungus foray proved to be as successful as the previous ones, partly owing to the favourable weather. A party of Society members visited the favourite fungus haunt of Newmillerdam during the October break. After collecting many interesting species, we went on to Silkstone. It was the first time we had visited this area, and we were very fortunate in finding many new species, which were taken back to school, labelled, and arranged for display. The membership this year has been very good and there has been a regular attendance at all meetings. The Natural History Society Library, which is due to be opened in the near future, should prove to be a valuable addition to the Society.

FOURTH-FIFTH CLUB. The year began well with an enthusiastically supported games and dance evening. It is obvious that this year's fourth-fifth formers prefer this sort of activity to discussions and debates which have been popular in the past. With the exception of a reasonably well-attended balloon debate other attempts at arranging discussions have not been supported. Instead, the Club has organised inter-form hockey matches, with the fifth form boys eventually beating the fourth form girls in an exciting final; trips to the City Hall for "beat" shows, and a successful Christmas social.

Recently a party was taken around the Steel, Peech and Tozer works and another party visited the Park Gate factory at the end of May.

Also planned for the future are inter-form netball and football matches.

THE GARDENING CLUB has had a fairly successful year, the highlight of which was the Annual Competition for the best garden. The competition was judged in two sections. The first prize for the large Science Block gardens was won by Lynne Bullen, Anne George and Ann Samuels. The second prize was shared by Jean Brookes, Sheila Andrews, Diane Bacon and May Cook. Corns and Senior were highly commended for their vegetable garden. Other members were congratulated for taking over neglected gardens. The prize for the smaller P.S. Block gardens was awarded to Sarah Barron. Miss Clegg and Miss Rawson were thanked for judging the competition and presented with a bouquet of flowers each.

Potatoes, broad beans and turnips were successfully obtained from vegetable gardens and a good crop of blackcurrants from the fruit garden. New members would be very welcome to take over the small P.S. Blcock gardens and further improve the exterior of the School.

THE RADIO CLUB last year had its most successful Open Day to date. Operating under the call sign G3RNF, Mr. Billington, using his own transmitter and receiver, contacted sixty-eight other amateur stations in England, Wales and Scotland, during the three evenings we were on the air. It was also heartening to see the number of people who struggled over in the poor weather to our lonely outpost. This year the Radio Club is delving into the realms of radio astronomy, and this is proving an extremely interesting subject. THE ASTRONOMY CLUB for Third and Fourth Form boys and girls meets on Tuesdays at 4 p.m., in the Park Road Woodwork Room. We are making our own telescope and stand. When complete, the stand will be a strong tripod with an equitorial mounting. The telescope itself is a postal tube with simple lenses, which we hope to improve eventually. Although the telescope will be simple in design, it should be quite powerful and give good views of the moon and the nearer planets.

A great deal of progress has been made by THE STAMP CLUB this year, and it seems that the members are now genuinely interested in the functions of the Club and are not using it merely as an excuse to stay indoors during cold weather.

The last major event was the Open Day Exhibition. Most of the members worked extremely hard and the result was a very impressive display of well arranged and well chosen stamps. The exhibits shown by Moyes, Stanniforth and Coulbeck were particularly outstanding.

A senior member of the Club, Coulbeck, gave an interesting and informative talk based on his collection of Space Stamps. At the beginning of last term, Marjorie Baines gave an introductory talk dealing with stamp collecting in general. Over the last few months various competitions and quizzes have been held and prizes were distributed at some of these. At Christmas we arranged a small, but interesting, display of Christmas stamps and our most recent meetings have been stamp auctions. After the first one, which proved rather chaotic, they have been quite successful.

The Stamp Club is now back on its feet again after a serious decline in membership. There is, however, a marked lack of female attendance, therefore, if we do have any female philatelists or would-be philatelists amongst us they will be welcome at our meetings, which are held in Upper 14 at 1 p.m. on Fridays.

THE PARK ROAD HISTORY SOCIETY meets in the Park Road Annexe every Thursday from four to five p.m. The Society was formed just under two years ago to satisfy a genuine interest in History expressed by certain members of the School. We have concentrated on two things in our meetings : on making our own investigations into historical events and personalities; and, on visiting anything of historical interest in the locality. The Spring Term this year has been characterised by lively activity. We attended a lecture at the Rockingham Institute on "The History of Wath and District", and on March 9th, members of the Society joined Form 27 in a visit to Kirkstall Abbey, where part of the ruins are made into a museum. On Saturday, March 13th, members explored the ruins of Monk Bretton Priory, and found this to be an interesting and informative visit. We are pleased that our older members who now attend the old Grammar School, still come to our meetings and encourage our younger members.

THE DISCUSSION GROUP has shown, throughout the year, much enterprise and imagination. The many notable discussions have included opinions on "Youth and Education", expressed in the style of television's "Dig This Rhubarb"; recollections of members, including Mr. Manchester's, occult experiences; and Mr. Leadley speaking on modern art, when we were all allowed to give free reign to our creative talents.

We have seen Cleopatra as interpreted by Shakespeare, Shaw and Elizabeth Taylor in the film, and also Osborne's play, "Luther". A visit has been made to Rotherham Magistrates' Court, and a small party visited the House of Commons while in session, and a West-end theatre.

In a year of elections, politics have naturally been a sphere of major activity. Besides strong representation of the main parties, opinions have revealed the existence among Group Members of Communists, Anarchists, Empire Loyalists, National Socialists, assorted Fascists and Independents. The highlight of the Autumn Term's activities was perhaps the Mock Election, universal suffrage being granted to the Sixth Form. The Independent Reformist candidate was victorious.

The "other" Election, which the macrocosm of Britain as a whole considered more significant, was not neglected. We were privileged to hear Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Bligh in their respective capacities as Labour and Conservative candidates for the local parliamentary constituency. Also, there have been discussions led by Mr. Hinchliffe on "The First Hundred Days", by Mr. Mehta on "India" and by Messrs. Ward and Deere on the "Nuclear Deterrent".

To Mrs. Jones, who left last summer, we express our thanks and best wishes. The Group continues under the able guidance of Mr. Lund.

# ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE DESK

It is the envy of the form With its hoard of treasure— A battered pack of playing cards, A dice for hours of pleasure, Conkers, sweets, and chewing gum— A schoolboy's dream divine; It is the teacher's desk, of course. I wish that it was mine !

# BENNETT, Form 30.

# THE FATAL ERROR

Absently-mindedly she arranged articles in front of her, her mind on her work. Then suddenly the room became deathly quiet. Looking up, she saw the gleaming eyes all looking at her. Menace seemed to charge the atmosphere and now there were stealthy movements towards her. She shrank back. The room had become a cage, a trap. But why? She racked her brains—and then she saw the outstretched hands reaching towards her, the bared teeth with the animal-like snarls. Many of the hands were clutching what appeared to be shiny penciltype weapons and others were like reaching claws.

Then suddenly she knew.

She had made the fatal error.

She had put her ink-bottle on her desk !

ROBERTA O'DONOGHUE, Form 21.

# OLD MOORE OF THE FOURTH FORM PRESENTS HIS PREDICTIONS FOR 1965

Britain will face another balance of payments crisis in the early part of the year.

Conservative leaders will blame this on the new Labour Government.

Labour leaders will say they inherited the crisis from the Conservatives.

A new pop group will become the rage. They will set a new fashion by shaving all their hair off.

The summer weather will consist of sunshine and showers.

The Loch Ness Monster will be seen again just before the holiday season starts.

The G.C.E. exams. will be harder than ever. At least that will be the view of those taking the exams.

The editor of the school magazine will throw even more articles than ever in the waste paper basket.

Finally, I prophesy that this article will be one that goes into the waste paper basket.

I. MILSOM, 44.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Old Moore Milsom's predictions were handed to the editor early in November, 1964.

# THE GUNMAN

He stood there, talking quietly to his confederates, I could see he was looking at us. I told myself to take it easy, he wasn't going to come this way, but I knew I was only fooling myself.

He left his friends and started to walk towards us. As he came he pulled out his gun, I could see the wicked glint of sunlight on blue steel. I broke out into a cold sweat. I wanted to scream, to shout, to run away, but I controlled myself. I was up to my neck in this, and nothing I could do would alter that fact.

He was smiling now, smiling as if he was actually going to enjoy what he was about to do. My mouth felt dry, I licked my lips and swallowed nervously several times. It would not be long now, I knew that. I was suddenly tense, he had started to raise the gun.

He was still smiling, a slow, languid smile. The pistol was steady in his hand, his finger tightening steadily. Crack ! And I was sprinting away toward the finishing line at the end of the hundred-yard track.

GERALD HEWITSON, Form 46.

# THE KILLER

Not even when the dew has fallen And the birds appear with showery feet And music, such as comes from rain— Not even then can I forget The rabbit in its hours of pain; Where lying in a deathless trap, He cries all through the stiffened night, Until his cruel murderer comes, To kill him in the morning light. MARION YOUNG, Form 13.

# THE EAGLES

Long ago, in days gone by When I was but a little child,

I stood on craggy mountains high,

And listened to the screeches wild Of eagles, circling in the sky;

Full often I would see them fly Back and forth and round and round; I stood and watched them from the ground.

And now I watch them as before,

But grown in sense as well as years,

I wonder at the unwritten law

Which keeps them free from mortal fears; My heart for them is full of awe,

And, watching from the sandy shore,

I envy them all free as air,

For earthbound, I can only stare.

SUSAN ADAMS, Form 53.

# THE HUNTER AND HIS DOG

Round and round they went, keenly eyeing each other. The hunter became impatient and suddenly darted at his victim. Too late, he saw his path was checked, by an obstacle unseen in the excitement. The next moment he fell headlong to the ground.

With a sigh he slowly picked himself up and looked around for his prize. There was not a moving thing in sight. Softly he whistled his dog to seek out the troublemaker. After some minutes the bewildered dog grasped his master's intentions and began searching. A loud bark made the master look up from attending his bruises, just in time to see a blue streak whizz past him. Swiftly he hurled himself at it and came down to earth with a heavy crash !

When his mother came in to see what was happening, a proud boy was firmly holding an angry budgerigar, while a solemn-eyed dog looked on, slowly wagging its tail.

ELAINE MASSINGHAM, Form 32.

# THOUGHTS, AFTER DARK

All through the day You have no time to think : Then night comes. At night, you are alone In the darkness with your thoughts. As you lie in bed staring into the gloom, Things pass through your mind, Like a stream flowing downhill. Before your eyes, like a moving picture, Pass days, weeks, months. But soon you feel sleepy and, Like a landscape seen from a moving train, All is gone; You are asleep.

# MARY MACHIN, Form L6A.

#### TIME

The clouds drift by

Heedless of time,

Old Bob's still stooping by the stile; The ripe corn sways As it always does. Is this Time?

A solitary bee visits a flower Humming as it goes;

A dog barks in the distance; And as the cows are driven home The church clock strikes six.

Is this Time?

The dark green grass has just been mown, A child comes out to play. A worm wriggles back into his little hole. And amongst the oak tree leaves A songbird sings an enchanted song.

Is this Time?

A car rattles down the dusty lane Destroying everything in its path.
New houses spring up everywhere, Great factories are built.
No longer is there quiet country bliss,
No longer will the cows be driven home Or church clocks strike six. This is Time.

GENEVRA THREADGOLD, Form 31.

# THE CAT

A dog will often steal a bone, But conscience lets him not alone, And by his tail his guilt is known. But cats consider theft a game, And, howsoever you may blame, Refuse the slightest sign of shame. When food mysteriously goes, The chances are that pussy knows More than she leads you to suppose.

# LYNN HAMPSON, Form 15.

# THE GREAT DIG

During recent excavations at a building site at Rawmarsh, the Massey-Ferguson trench digger was preparing foundations on a site where, hundreds of years ago, a pottery once stood. When the digger reached a depth of about three feet it uncovered some ancient pottery which was firmly embedded in solid clay. Local experts were called in and gave their opinions. We started talking to one of the experts and this is what he told us :

Pottery had previously been discovered at various other sites in Rawmarsh, but this find was thought to be much older as it dated from about 1100 A.D. The finds consisted of what appeared to be water jugs of various types, one of which was believed to have been made for Roche Abbey. The jug had three handles. Two monks would hold one handle each and a rope would be tied to the other handle and put round the monks' necks.

Unfortunately most of the pottery had been damaged by the digger, but those objects which had escaped had been preserved by the clay.

While we were watching, two almost perfect specimens of onehandled vases which the experts said had been made by hand, were uncovered and successfully obtained and many large pieces which could be fixed together were all placed in separate boxes and taken away.

We were told that a three-handled vase had been nearly uncovered when darkness fell, and, rather than risk leaving it all night, they tried to uncover it quickly and broke it into three pieces. Another threehandled vase was also broken.

I do not know all that was obtained from this dig, but on the whole, I think that it was very successful.

LYNNE BULLEN, 3.3

# INSOMNIA

In hundreds of thousands, counting sheep, And still I find I cannot sleep ! I crawl over every inch of the bed, From side to side, from foot to head. I toss and turn and roll and moan, Wriggle, twist, sigh and moan. I hold my own with the sheets in a fight— It's certain I'll get no sleep tonight. Why must I spend such nights as this ? Oh, to sleep in peaceful bliss !

# JEAN LONGBOTTOM, Form 44.

# THE RINGING CHAMBER AT WATH PARISH CHURCH

The Ringing Chamber is half-way up the tower of Wath Parish Church. It is reached by a dark spiral staircase with stone steps which are worn by the feet of ringers over the centuries.

The chamber in which the members ring is decorated with tablets which commemorate the most important peals which have been rung in the tower. The largest of these tablets commemorates a peal rung by six men in 1816, lasting eight hours twenty-seven minutes. These men were fed by hand as they rang this peal. Another of these tablets commemorates a peal which was rung at the funeral of a Churchwarden. There are many other tablets also.

There are eight bells in the tower. The eight ropes with which the bells are rung pass from the belfry through the clock chamber and into the ringing chamber.

Wooden benches are around the side of the chamber. On the limewashed stone walls of the chamber are coat hooks, some of which have been snapped off by a rope which was out of control. In the north wall of the tower is the only window of the chamber.

J. A. JARVIS, 30.

# MY THOUGHTS

When the days grow short And there's frost in the air, When swallows have gone And the trees are bare, I let my thoughts return with glee To the happy days I spent by the sea. Down on the beach I used to dash Into the sea with a mighty splash ! In playing cricket on the sands, Or rowing boats with skilful hands, Then the days were long and full, But now they are too short and dull.

F. BARBER, Form 11.

Ten past seven in the morning—standing on the edge of the empty baths. How cold and deep and clear the water was. I could see the lines of the tiles on the bottom, distorted by the water, snaky and moving all the time. I dipped my toe in that cold liquid and watched the ever-widening ripples, until the whole surface of the water was broken up by little wavelets.

Then I moved nearer the edge, gripped the concrete with my toes. and pushed off into space. I flew through the air and sliced into the water. Opening my eyes, I saw the bottom, murky, wavering, but silent. I kept my fingers straight, then, skimming the tiles, I turned them upwards. My feet touched the bottom and I bent my knees and pushed. I shot up and as I surfaced, the cold air closed around my head. Brrr ! I went under again, it was so refreshing. The water was cool, containing very little chlorine, not enough to make it smell funny or make my eyes sting. I swam to the side, and with effort pulled myself out. My wet hair stuck close to my face. Then I climbed up to the top stage and jumped. My feet hit the surface with a great splash, then the water enveloped me and my feet touched the bottom. I shot up to the surface and started swimming. The water lapped idly round my chin, gently slapping my face. I continued lazily swimming about, enjoying the cool wetness of everything around me, and feeling that the bath belonged to me alone that morning.

DIANNE BACON, Form II. 1963-4.

# NEIGHBOURS

Neighbours are the people next door, and the people next door to the people next door. Perhaps, more important, they are also us. Neighbours, like relatives, are inflicted upon us, rather than chosen, and the extent to which they affect our lives depends upon ourselves and also the area in which we live....

Neighbours can generally be divided into three classes. Firstly, the under-neighbourly neighbour. This is the one who lives next door but never speaks, never takes part in local activities; never asks or offers to help, and indeed is a neighbour in name only.

Secondly, the over-neighbourly neighbour. This neighbour spends most of her life in your house, drinking tea and telling the village news. She is always "popping" in to borrow a packet of tea or some sugar. In fact, this neighbour really becomes one of the family, and therefore not a neighbour at all.

Thirdly, the good neighbour. The good neighbour is the person who will stand by your side in trouble and share your pleasures. The person who you can see as much of or as little of as you wish and who will be there to help you. This neighbour is a true friend on whom you can rely.

Whether our neighbours are of the first, second or third type depends largely upon ourselves since it is our attitude towards them that classifies them. We must obviously either love our neighbour, tolerate our neighbour or ignore our neighbour.

CAROL HODSOLL, Form II. 1963-4.

'Twas a bitter night, And the wind blew high. There shone no light In a pitch-dark sky. The rain in sheets Came pattering down, And performed strange feats In the puddles brown. The old owl looked out From his tree-top home. No vermin about. 'Twas no use to roam The wood in search Of a mouse or two. Then a mighty lurch Shook his birch tree through. With a creak and a groan The birch tree fell. And the owl was alone In the woodland dell, His feathers ruffled By wind and rain. His thoughts were baffled, His hopes were vain. In the morning light, When the wind had dropped, The furious fight Of the elements stopped. A mournful howl Echoed through the dell,

To serve the owl As his funeral knell.

ROSEMARY STOTT, Form 15.

# THE STORM

I see the ship rise and dip, 'Mid foam and spray, dance and sway. Here comes the storm, hear the sea warn, How the winds mock, to see the ship rock. All through the night, the storm shows his might But as dawn does rise, so storm subsides. The sea grows calm, no need for alarm, The sun comes high, and bright is the sky. But where is the ship that did rise and dip ? She has met her grave below the wave. DIANNE BACON, Form 31. Control-line flying is, split up into several groups, but the most exciting and difficult is I think, control-line combat. This nearly explains itself by the name "combat". Combat means to fight, and this is exactly what happens.

The model aeroplanes used are small, light and fast. The three engines which I think best for combat are the Oliver Tiger (this is a high-powered competition bred engine. It is made by only two brothers, the Olivers, and they can only produce about 12 per week.), the P.A.W.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cc. or the P.A.W. Combat Special ( $3\frac{1}{2}$  cc.), and the E.T.A 15  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cc.

The idea of combat is to cut the crepe streamer off your opponent's model. Two to four can all combat at once, with a streamer fastened to the back of each model. The lines which are used to control each model are three-strand, fifty foot lines.

Each flyer has, say, five minutes flying time in which he has to cut off his opponent's streamer with his propellor in order to win.

BRIAN STURMAN, Form 46.

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS

At first there is excitement, dreaming and the novelty of filling in little white forms which probe into your background and personal interests. No real thought is given to their significance until one grey morning a little brown envelope shoots through the letter box to inform you that an interview has been arranged. It is then that the sickening churning of the stomach begins and the thought of all those modern authors you were going to read and never got round to, the composers you meant to listen to but never did, and all the newspaper articles you skipped because the obituaries were more interesting. This is it and all too soon you are seated on a train heading towards the greatest ordeal yet.

Eventually you find yourself standing before those iron gates (not pearly, but just as forbidding as those on Judgement Day) and suddenly you have an impulse to turn and run in the opposite direction. However, an inner force compels you to go on, along the drive and into the gaping jaws of this ominous building.

Your name is called and your legs just succeed in carrying you through the door. Then you stop dead in your tracks, for facing you are two normal-looking gentlemen and not the green-faced, long-bearded monsters you were expecting. Stunned by this and astonished at the way no-one bothers much about Ionesco, Bach, or the new Labour Government, you find yourself telling them about your interests.

The interview over, you float through the door and smile benignly at the other victims, hoping and praying that you will be accepted into what, in your opinion, is the most pleasant and desirable Training College in the whole of England.

HAZEL SIMPSON, 6A.

The English class system is, supposedly, on the decline, yet a new "class" has appeared. This has not been an accidental, but a deliberate action on the part of those who no longer qualify for membership. The lapse of their membership is, alas, unavoidable and is, by many, deeply mourned. The new class has become the target of new industries, catering solely for an ever-widening market, especially in gramophone records and fashions in clothes. Market researchers conduct surveys into everything-from eating habits to which kind of shoe polish is favoured by the new class. A great deal of entertainment and advertising has been redirected to hit directly at the new affluent society, for they are the people of Today and Tomorrow, but not of Yesterday. Never before has there been such an emphasis on their higher education, political, academic and social. They are being taught how to live in the modern world, not merely to exist but to take an active interest in current affairs. Public opinion has branded them, forced this new class to appear, and criticism has given certain sections of it good and bad reputations, but they are known collectively as Teenagers.

IEAN HOLLINGSWORTH.

# "MISS" — AN IMPRESSION OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION

The first time you enter a classroom to teach you enter another world. You are immediately bombarded by such questions as :

"Can I give the rulers out, please Miss?"

"Can I, Miss?"

" Can I?"

and : "Can we give the books out, Miss; they did it last time?" These are followed by others, such as :

" Can I fetch the window-pole and open a window?"

"Please, Miss, I haven't got a pen."

"Please, Miss, shall I start a new page?"

" May I borrow a ruler and pencil, Miss?"

First you long for a nice cool drink, and then to be able to sit down and rest your aching feet.

At the worst possible moment someone spills his ink and while your back is turned supervising mopping-up operations, several of the rest take the opportunity to produce their pea-shooters. You collect these to add to the collection in your drawer, which grows as the days pass.

After yanking several reluctant individuals to the front so that they may dispose of their chewing-gum in the waste paper basket, you settle down to mark. You wonder if Welshmen enjoy living in "Wails " or find it comfortable inside "Whales"; and how there come to be " gails " along the coast of Southern Chile and " desserts " in Northern Chile, not to mention how " pants " can be pruned in spring.

By the end of the day you're ready for a rest, but though you may have longed for one in the middle of the day, you are bound to realise that after all it is far more rewarding to take a boisterous class, which is alive to the world around, than a dull and silent "model" class if such a thing could possibly exist.

ANON.

#### CRICKET



First XI

The First XI had an unlucky season in respect of injuries, weather and declarations, but the season was still greatly enjoyed. The team was basically the same as in 1963, but success was not as forthcoming. The record was : Played 13, won 5, drawn 6, lost 1, and 1 match was abandoned.

The fielding was again up to the high standard of the previous year, with a good example coming from the captain, Bennett. The batting was dependable and skilful with Rothery and Guild being the most consistent and Bailey having the highest score of 46 against

Thorne. The bowling was again top class, with Crowther, Ingamells (4–27 in the match against Hemsworth) and Reed bowling our opponents out for less than 70 no less than seven times. Full colours were re-awarded to Bennett and Shepherd, and awarded to Bailey, Bradley, Cousins, Crowther, Guild, Ingamells and Rothery. Half colours were awarded to Reed and Swiffen.

SECOND XI

The Second XI, under the captaincy of Ibberson, had one of its most successful seasons for some years and quite a few of the team played for the First XI during the season. The team was inexperienced, but lacked little in enthusiasm with Ibberson, Burgin, Dodson, Spofforth, Haigh and Parkin having notable performances. The record was : played 9, won 4, drawn 1, lost 4.

#### UNDER 15 XI

This year Under 15 fixtures were played again after a lapse of one year. The team, captained by Shepherd, D., did not have such a successful season as might have been expected from the talent in the team. This was perhaps due to lack of practice. Also, a better standard of cricket attire was desirable for some of the team. Shepherd and Austwick bowled well and Roddis and Gray did well with the bat. The record was : played 8, won 3, drawn 4, lost 1.

#### UNDER 14 XI

1964 was a successful year for the team, which was well captained by Wright. Attendance at practices was excellent and this had some definite bearing on the results. Wright was an excellent all-rounder and Ellis, Scott and Waller also did well. The excellent record was : played 8, won 6, drawn 1, lost 1.

#### TENNIS

First Couple : Megan Revitt, Lynn Noble. Second Couple : Gwen Parish, Linda Ward. 3rd Couple : Anne Foster, Valerie Johnson.

The Tennis team this year has been very successful, having had a full list of fixtures, and losing only two of its ten matches. Practices were held practically every dinner hour, when much hard work was put into making the team as strong as possible. This was reflected in the results, the school suffering only two narrow defeats by Ecclesfield and Mexborough. The climax of the season was the staff match, when the school proved its superiority by beating the staff, and thus continuing the pattern of previous years. Full colours were awarded to Megan Revitt and Lynn Noble.



Although this has not been a notable year for the School Rugby teams, the First XV, ably led by Walker, has been outstanding among the schools of the district. The Second XV has been a consistent team, with the emphasis on forward play and has been well captained by Burgin. The Under 15 XV, on whose shoulders a great deal will rest next year, when the yast

a great deal will rest next year, when the vast majority of the present First XV will have left, has not been an outstanding team. They have, however, been consistent, and Hawke and Scott have represented the South Yorkshire Schools in the Under 15 Section. The Under 14 XV, captained by Elliot, has shown great promise, and has won the majority of its matches. However, the Under 13 XV, captained by Hargreaves, has not had a good season, losing more matches than they have won.

Mainly because the First Team retained many of last year's players, its performances this year have been outstandingly better than last year. Most pleasing was the return of the cohesion and team spirit which was lacking last year. The mainstay of the team is the pack, which must be one of the best in the whole of Yorkshire. Despite criticism in the local press of "unnecessary dirty play", which it was alleged was spoiling the standard of school rugby in the district, the First team pack has merely played its usual hard game throughout, and has therefore often been instrumental in winning the match.

As has now become the tradition, the First team is unefeated at home, and eagerly awaits their encounter with the staff. Much improved performances from the three-quarters have been a welcome feature of the season, but as yet no three-quarter has shown the consistent ability to create an opening. Bailey, Crowther and Dodson have played for the South Yorkshire Under 19 XV, and Sizer and Walker have been chosen as reserves.



Ist XV RUGBY. Left to Right standing:- Swiffen, Fisher, Mitchell, Ingamells, Harrison, Guild, Hirst, Sizer, Rothery. (Capt.), Bailey (Vice-Capt.), Dawson. Seated: Young, Crowther, Walker Ground: Dodson, Brookes

#### HOCKEY



Second XI has been chosen from :

Ann Parsons, Sandra Johnson, Hazel Simpson<sup>\*</sup>, Susan Johnson, Pauline Boulton, Edina Cole, Susan Harlow, Geraldine Athey, Linda Johnson<sup>\*</sup>, Susan Grammar, Barbara Sides, Gillian Miller, Margaret Bramham.

\* Half-Colours

The latter hilf of the 1963-64 season was quite successful, the 1st XI losing one match to Maltby Grammar School. Our only other defeat was against the Staff, which we hope to avenge this year.

This year, the 1st Senior XI has won 6 matches, lost 4 and drawn 3; and the 2nd Senior XI has won 4, lost 4 and drawn 1 match. The Junior teams were, however, most successful, the 1st Under 15 team winning 12 matches and losing only 1, and the 2nd Under 15 team winning 5 of their 6 matches. Unfortunately, 9 matches were cancelled because of bad weather conditions.

The highlight of the season was the Hemsworth Hockey Rally, which was played through snow and sleet. Both teams achieved praiseworthy results, the lst XI being narrowly defeated by a short-corner in the semi-final of the winners' sections, and the Under 15 team winning the cup for the Runners-up section.



1st XI HOCKEY. Left to Right Back row: C. MacLeod\*, M. Baxter+, S. Adams\*, C. Berresford, A. Chappell, S. Walker. Front row: F. Owen+, J. Dawson\* (Capt.), Diane Rice, J. Rankin\* (Vice-Capt.), Kathleen Day\*.



Boys.

#### ATHLETICS

The School Sports were held on Friday, 15th May, and for the second successive year Sparta emerged as victors with 271 points. A close fight ensued for second place, which was taken by Carthage with 198 points, followed by Troy 192, Rome 190, whilst Thebes, 172, and Athens, 151, were left to bring up the rear.

The hot, humid conditions appeared to have brought out the best in our athletes and nine new records were established.

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Senior :	Mile	Longley (Carthage)	4 min. 49.2 secs.
	Iavelin	Marsden (Carthage)	137 ft. 11 ins.
Middle :	440 yards		56.8 secs.
	880 yards	Payne (Rome)	2 min. 20.4 secs.
	Mile	Payne (Rome)	5 min. 17.2 secs.
Junior :	100 yards	Cutler (Rome)	11.4 secs.
-	Hurdles :	Ferriday (Carthage)	14.6 secs.
Form 1 :	80 yards	Kerr (Carthage)	10.0 secs.
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Girls.	** 11		12.0
Middle :	Hurdles	M. Crawshaw (Sparta)	13.0 secs.
Iunior :	Rounders Ball J. Walters (Sparta)		163 ft. 6 ins.
Form 1 :	80 yards	E. Winstanley (Rome)	10.4 secs.

After the Inter-House Sports, two fixtures for the boys were arranged. The first, on Friday, 29th May, was a triangular competition held at Dinnington High School. The third school participating was Doncaster Technical Grammar School, whom we were to meet in the Inter-School Sports. After winning the first four track events it was soon realized that Wath was the superior team and the only interesting feature was the width of our winning margin—over 55 points from Doncaster.

A week later we were hosts to Barnsley Grammar School and hoped to avenge a heavy defeat suffered the previous season at Barnsley. Co petition was always keen, and the enthusiasm of our boys helped them to produce some fine performances. Thus victory was ours (by a ten point margin) and hopes were high for success in the Inter-School Sports held a few weeks later.

#### SOCCER

This season has not been a very successful one so far for the Middle School Football Team. However, since the number of boys to select from has increased, the standard of the team's play has improved. At the beginning of the season we found ourselves without a goal-keeper, and had to borrow P. Hobson from the Intermediate Team, and he proved himself more than useful. Another interesting feature has been the goal-scoring of N. Spencer, the small leftwinger. Because of his size, he was under estimated by many defences, much to their cost. He has scored seven goals this season, including one hat-trick.

Played 10, lost 5, drawn 2, won 3.

So far this season the Junior team has played 7 matches, has won 1, drawn 1 and lost 5, and has scored 3 goals and conceded 19. This is disappointing after a good start to the season, beating Conisborough and drawing with Thurnscoe in the first three matches. The team has suffered only one heavy defeat, when we lost 8—1 at Darfield. Apart from this, defeats have been by small margins. Moreover, the team is a young one, about half being in their first year. This experience and the encouraging results of the Under 13's should mean a better season next year.

#### THE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

The Sports were held on Thursday, 9th July, at Doncaster Technical Grammar School, where no less than 4,000 enthusiastic supporters from the six schools gathered to see their representatives compete in both track and field events. Competition was always keen, but a blustery wind across the field spoiled the quality of many performances and broken records were few and far between. Despite these conditions, our Junior Boys broke the relay record and Grice broke the Junior Boys High Jump record by clearing 4 ft. 11 ins. Despite the fine efforts of our boys, we were unable to bring home a shield. Perhaps if the girls (notably the Seniors) had taken this meeting a little more seriously, success would have been ours.

Despite this handicap, our Juniors lost to Swinton by only four points; the Middle Section in which we were third was won by Don Valley, and the Seniors were again a close second to Maltby.

The meeting ended with the presentation of shields by the Mayor of Doncaster—Councillor S. C. Holbrook.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

The School has been represented by : Longley, Lees, Payne, Hargate, Hebbs, Miller, Whitlam, Mitchell, Hickling, Donoghue, Nunn and Gardner.

The Senior Inter-House Cross-Country was held this year on February 17th. Longley of Carthage had his fourth successive victory in the race, and Payne (Rome) and Lees (Thebes) were second and third. Sparta, through excellent team-running, was the winning House, followed by Thebes, Rome, Troy, Carthage, and Athens in that order.

Sparta's younger members emulated their elders when on March 4th, in the Junior event, they were a good way ahead of their nearest rivals. Whitehouse and Fenton, both of Troy, occupied the first two places, with Roskrow (Sparta) third. The combined totals left Sparta as clear winner, with Rome, Athens, Carthage, Thebes and Troy behind her.

The School team's first match of the season was on October 10th, at Bakewell against Lady Manners School. Longley, being unfamiliar with the course, stayed with the Bakewell leaders until the finish was in sight, and then accelerated away. The rest of the team kept well together to give us victory by 31 points to 56. In the return match at Wath on March 20th, however, illness caused us to field a weakened team, and although Longley and Hargate were first and second, Bakewell won by the narrow margin of 29 points to 26.

On November 21st, the team ran at Maltby. Lacking several "stars", we did well to lose by only 30 points to 25 against a strong team. Revenge was gained on March 13th at Wath, when a much more powerful team won by 25 points to 52, Longley being first to finish, with Payne and Hargate tying for second place.

A match was held at Mexborough Grammar School on November 28th-Longley and Payne came in together, well ahead of the rest of the field, and Wath almost completely monopolised the first ten places. The result was a convincing win by 24 points to 54, and the performance was repeated at Wath on March 6th. Longley, Payne and Hebbs finished together in first place, and we won by 24 to 56. By virtue of the fact that we had been undefeated whenever we had fielded a reasonably strong team, we had high hopes of success in the Inter-School Cross-Country, held at Don Valley on March 30th. We could not, however, have expected the success which we did have. Four Wath runners were in the first six to finish. Longley, despite a leg injury, maintained his unbeaten record, Lees was third, Payne fifth, and Hargate sixth. Hebbs and Miller also ran well, finishing nineteenth and twenty-first in a field of fortyeight. Our final total was 55 points. Don Valley was second with 77, and Mattby third with 98.



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM. Left to Right. Back row : Miller, Hebbs, Whitlam, Mitchell Front row : Hargate, Payne, Longley, Lees

# PARK ROAD NETBALL

After a season out of the Don and Dearne Netball League, it was decided to enter again for the 1964-65 season to give the girls some form of competitive sport. There was no difficulty in raising a Senior Team but the Juniors presented more problems since those girls who were eligible for the team had played very little netball during their school lives. However, the following girls were chosen to represent the school.

SENIORS : Anne Ball, Shirley Bradley, Janet Elkin, Denise Moore, Susan Dunnill, Zena James, Linda Winstanley, Susan Ragsdale.

JUNIORS : Pat Kirwan, Lynn White, Glenda Hartley, Sheila Foulstone, Jennifer Winder, Lynn Nota, Eileen Power, Janet McLean.

Unfortunately the teams have had little success this season, the Seniors losing all except one match which they drew with Dearnside, and the Juniors losing all their matches. After Christmas, the Junior side was withdrawn from the League so that more concentrated effort could be given to the Seniors. Only one match has been played this term, when we again lost to Thurnscoe. With three more matches to be played we hope for greater success. Despite its failings, the Senior side has continued to turn out to practices and has played good, clean netball.

We would like to mention the Social which was held last November, the proceeds of which were used to buy new white aertex netball blouses. If we cannot win a match, we can at least turn out looking clean and smart in our new uniform. This season has not been successful, but it has been greatly enjoyed by all who have taken part.

# TABLE TENNIS

This year the Table Tennis Club has at last been able to concentrate on the game itself, as we are no longer preoccupied with the financial worries which threatened us for most of last year.

Our first activity was a knockout tournament which provided many surprises, the biggest of which was the defeat of the firm favourite, Mr. A. Smith, by Young.

Four games have been played against teams from the Mexborough Divisional Table Tennis League. One was against Bolton Youth Club in which we were humbled by a ten sets to love defeat. The other three matches have been against teams from the Parkgate Methodist Youth Club, the school being victorious in all three, with scores of six sets to four, nine to one, while in the third match, our opponents conceded the match after losing six of the first seven sets.

It is hoped that we shall have more fixtures next year and that some of the games may be played at school so that we are no longer solely dependent on the hospitality of our opponents. We would be grateful if any organisation willing to play us would contact Mr. A. Smith or J. Wilson at school.

A Middle School club was started last November and has had a regular attendance of members. It is held twice a week—Monday and Wednesday—from 4 to 5 o'clock. Admission is 3d. a night, and we have two tables and new nets. The club meets in the Park Road Hall, where we have occasional tournaments.

#### ROUNDERS

First Team : A. Teasdale (*Captain*), K. Day, W. Law, L. Johnson, M. Baxter, H. Waller, E. Cole, J. Rankin (*Vice-Captain*), J. Oscroft.

Last season was one of unprecedented success for the School Rounders teams, in that no matches were lost, and only one match was drawn. The First and Under 15 teams had a full list of fixtures, and succeeded in beating all their close opponents of the previous season. Special mention must be made of the enormous scores attained in several of the Under 15 team matches, their opponents twice being beaten by a margin of nearly twenty rounders. The Second team and Second Under 15 team, although not having as many matches, were none the less successful.

Practices were well attended, especially by members of the First teams, and by the end of the season the initial apathy of the Second teams had been overcome and team spirit reached a height of keenness never before achieved. We hope that the high standard of play evident in many of last season's matches will be achieved throughout the coming season.

Colours were awarded to : J. Rankin, W. Law, K. Day, M. Baxter, L. Johnson, E. Cole.

# OLD WATHONIANS' ASSOCIATION

The Re-union was held on Saturday, March 21st. 1964, when Miss Killock was the guest speaker and told us of the many activities she enjoys during her retirement at Cambridge. So varied and exciting was her life, that many of us looked forward with more anticipation to our own retirement. Indeed, "retirement" seems to be the last word which could be applied to Miss Killock's life. It was good to see and hear her again, and learn of her obvious enjoyment of her life in Cambridge. The Re-union this year will be held on Saturday, April 10th, when C. K. Phillips will be the guest speaker. We hope that there will be a large gathering of Old Wathonians to make the occasion a success.

In January 1964, we were pleased to welcome Miss Clegg, our new Senior Mistress, as a committee member. She has already been helpful in many ways, for which we are very grateful, and we trust that she will enjoy being with us.

In October, Old Wathonians, as well as present pupils and staff, were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Prendergast, and our thoughts and sympathy went out to Mrs. Prendergast and their son, Michael. We hope that they gained a little comfort from the knowledge that his work for the School and the Old Wathonians was greatly appreciated and that we all miss him very much. .The Association was represented at his funeral by members of the committee and other old scholars. A Sixth Form History Prize is to be presented annually as a memorial to Mr. Prendergast. A fund for this has already been started, and any old scholars who would like to be associated with the memorial are invited to send subscriptions to the School or to any member of the committee. It would be appreciated if Old Wathonians would make the existence of this fund known as widely as possible, as it is difficult to contact all those who may be interested.

Mr. Hilton, the new Senior Master, has been welcomed on to the committee.

The Dance which was arranged last September in place of the Dinner-Dance was cancelled because of lack of support.

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

Subscriptions are payable at the Re-union, or may be sent to the Secretary.

The annual subscription is 1/6, or 4/- to include the following year's Magazine. Life membership is 30/-, or 25/- if paid by the first re-union after leaving school.

## NEWS OF OLD WATHONIANS

Mr. Harry Mack is a physicist with the Geotechnical Corporation. His headquarters are in Dallas.

Mr. W. Hammond has been appointed Senior English Master at Mexborough Grammar School, after teaching English at Wath Grammar School for seven years.

Mr. E. E. Clarke has been appointed the first Manager of the Knottingley Branch of the Yorkshire Bank.

Mr and Mrs. D. Robinson left for Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, both to teach at the Aga Khan Grammar School.

Mr. Brian Sanderson has gone to Africa to be a mill operator in a diamond mine. He is married and has a son.

Dr. Jack Harrop, Ph.D., B.Sc., has been appointed Lecturer in Civil Engineering at Sheffield University.

Miss Wendy Booth has a teaching post at Thurnscoe Junior Boys' School and has been accepted as a member of the Micklegate Singers in York.

Mr. John Michael Waddington flies helicopters for United Airways.

Mr. O. Varney has been appointed Chief Accountancy Assistant to the Rotherham Rural Council.

The Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Erickson (Joan Parkin) are now in China. They have three sons and two daughters. They hope to be home on furlough in 1966.

Peter Robin Boon has passed out of his course in the R.A.F. with the rank of Junior Technician.

Dr. Clarence Kidson has been appointed to the new chair of Physical Geography at the University College of Wales, Aberystwith.

Alvin Oades retired from the R.C.A.F. in November, 1964. Margaret Oades is married and lives in Leeds.

R. Wolsey is Head of Callington Grammar School, Cornwall.

Rev. Gordon Bates has been appointed full-time Youth Chaplain in the Liverpool Diocese and a Chaplain of Liverpool Cathedral. He is married and has two daughters.

M. Owen is teaching in the U.S.A.

E. A. Dunn has staged his first exhibition, at the Redfern Gallery, Piccadilly, meeting with great success and high acclaim from the country's best-known art critics.

M. Macrae has taken a Degree at Glasgow and is now in London.

Dr. John S. Butterworth, Ph.D. (Manchester) has been appointed as Research Associate of the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island, New York.

Kenneth Buxton, Ph.D., M.A.(Cantab and Oxon), has been appointed Professor of Biochemistry at Newcastle University, when he returns from Harvard-Easter, 1966.

## DEGREE SUCCESSES OF PAST PUPILS

J. Hammond : B.A. (1st) in Pathology at Cambridge.

M. Holden : B.Sc. (Ord.) in Biochemistry at Liverpool. J. Roebuck : B.A. (2.1) in History at Cardiff. J. Short : B.Econ. (2.2) at Bradford C.A.T.

- B. Parkin : B.Sc.Tech. (2.1) in Mechanical Engineering at Manchester Technical College.
- B. Broadbent : B.Sc. Tech. (2.1) in Textile Chemistry at Manchester Technical College. College. J. Hinchliffe : B.A. (2.1) in Spanish at Nottingham. R. Smith : B.A. (2.2) in Spanish at Newcastle. R. Mellar : B.Sc. (2.1) in Chemistry at Nottingham. D. Payne : B.Sc. Tech. (2.1) in Metallurgy at Manchester Technical College. B. Wood : B.Sc. (2.2) in Chemistry at Bristol. J. Pearce : B.Sc. (2.1) in Biochemistry at Liverpool. A. Dobson : B.A. (2.1) in Spanish at Manchester. R. Pugh : B.Sc. (2.2) in Industrial Chemistry at Loughborough. M. Ibbotson : B.Sc. (2.2) in Civil Engineering at Leeds. C. Martin : B.A. (2.2) in History at Exeter.

- W. G. Davis : Dip.Tech. in Applied Pharmacology at Chelsea College of Science and Technology.
- K. Jones : Dip.Tech. in Applied Pharmacology at Chelsea College of Science and Technology.
- I. Hyde : B.A. (Ord.) at Nottingham.
- J. Phillips : B.A. (2.2) in Spanish at Birmingham.

- A. Baldwin : B.Eng. (Ord.) Div. 1 at Sheffield.
   R. Greivcock : B.A. (Hons.) in Spanish at Birmingham.
   R. Smith : B.A.(Hons.) in Spanish-Latin-American Studies at Newcastle.
- A. Kirkham: First-Class Honours, Natural Science Moderations, at Trinity College, Oxford.
- J. Stott : First-Class Honours, Natural Sciences Tripos Part 1, at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- A. Hoyle : First-Class Honours, Modern Languages Tripos Part 1, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

#### OTHER SUCCESSES

- A. Kirkham : Major Scholarship at Trinity College, Oxford, awarded at the end of the first year.
- J. Jackson: An Award at Loughborough College of Advanced Technology as the student making the most outstanding academic progress.

#### MARRIAGES

John W. Swinburne (W.G.S.) to Ruth Senior (W.G.S.) Howard Peter Lacy to Sheila Wainwright (W.G.S.)

Flying Officer Malcolm Greenhow (W.G.S.) to Irene Janet Thurlwell.

Malcolm A. Wood (W.G.S.) to Merle Parrish (W.G.S.) Barrie Broadbent, B.Sc. (W.G.S.) to Susan M. Pears (W.G.S.) Derek Payne, B.Sc. (W.G.S.) to Susan M. Jow (W.G.S.)

Robin Glynn Richardson to Edwina Irene Bennett (W.G.S.)

John Stephen Butterworth (W.G.S.) to Ann Keyworth.

#### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Haigh (Mary Taylor)—a son. Mr. and Mrs. M. Hooper (Mary Wilkinson)—a second son.

## DEATHS

We record with regret the deaths of :

Mr. Prendergast.

Miss Anne Christine Foster.

Mr. Leslie Gill.

Mrs. Gardner (former cook and caretaker).

#### PREFECTS

Head Boy: Walker. Deputy Head Boy: Longley. Bailey, Butler, Crowther, Dodson, Harrison, Hebbs, Massey, Milnes, Rothery, Scott, Spofforth.

Head Girl : Felicity Owen. Deputy Head Girl Leri Morton. Jennifer Calvert, Jaqueline Dawson, Ann Dodson, Susan Ingham, Alison Jarvis, Carol King, Susan Lancashire, Janine Rankin, Hazel Simpson, Margaret Smalley.

#### SUB-PREFECTS

Boys: Adams, Andrews, Barthorpe, Booth, Brooks, Carter, Child, Dawson, Fisher, Guild, Haigh, Hargate, Hirst, Howe, Hulley, Ingamells, \*Mitchell, Nunn, Pears, Reed, Rock, Salmon, Snowdon, Swiffen, Taylor, Venables, Watkin, Wells, Wilson, Wood, Young, Pearson, De Stains, Burgin. Girls: Jennifer Andrews, \*Margaret Baxter, \*Margaret Branham, Jane Campbell, Anne Chappell, Diana Clayton, Rosalind Clegg, Marlene Crossfield,

Susan Crossland, Kathleen Day, Sheila de Stains, Barbara Elvin, Jacqueline Evans, Ruth Fairley, Annette Haigh, Susan Harlow, Christine Heal, Jean Hollingsworth, Christine McArdle, Gillian Miller, Angela Noble, Diane Palframan, Margaret Plumb, Maureen Robertshaw, Julie Rodwell, Carol Rudd, Janis Ryder, Ann Smeaton, Pauline Smith, Enid Taylor, Jacqueline Willcock, Pamela Wraith.

\* Promoted to full Prefects since the beginning of the year.

'A' Level :

- U.6A—Adams, D. (3), Grimshaw, T. (3), Howe, R. (3), Milnes, B. (4), Oldfield, J. M. (3), Ratcliffe, J. H. (1), Smith, I. (3\*), Watkin, K. R. (2), Wood, M. (3), Jane E. Campbell (3\*), Christine A. Cartledge (4), Diana P. Clayton (3), Ann Dodson (4), Margaret Forster (2), Alison K. Jarvis (4\*\*\*\*), Joan S. Kirk(3\*), Joan Lakin (3), Susan C. Lancashire (3), Betty Littlewood (4\*\*\*), Susan K. McCue (3), Angela M. Noble (2), Cynthia Oughton (1), Barbara Robinson (3), Margaret Robinson (3), Ann C. South (4), Enid Taylor (2), Sandra E. M. Wilkinson (2), Barbara Woodyatt (4), Pamela A. Wraith (2).
- U.6B—Edwards, J. H. (2), Ibberson, D. M. (3\*), Lawrence, R. P. (4), Longley, J. B. (1), Meggitt, F. W. (3\*), Patrick, D. R. (2\*), Pearson, N. (1), Samuels, A. (1), Shepherd, B. (1), Weston, M. (2), Ann Aston (2), Anne Foster (1), Susan M. Jacob (1), Valerie Johnson (1), Ann Kay (1), Lesley Mace (1), Jennifer M. Mellor (3), Anne Moorhouse (3), Janine Rankin (2), Megan V. Revitt (2), Olwyn Robinson (3), Prudence M. Shaw (3), Linda Ward (1\*).
- U.6C—Berry, K. J. (1), Cowen, R. (2), Wilson, G. (3), Joan Christian (2), Joan Ellis (3), Geraldine Godley (3), Helen L. Hudson (3\*\*), Carol King (3), Valerie A. Lee (2), Leri Morton (4\*), Sandra J. Outram (3), Gwen Parish (2), Brenda M. Parkin (1), Gillian Young (1).
- U.6D—Auckland, P. W. (2), Butterworth, A. G. (3), Cousins, P. A. (1), Crowther, T. R. (3\*), Dodson, M. G. (3), Fisher, E. (3), Harrison, D. S. (4), Lloyd, J. L. (3), Massey, I. D. (3\*), Ramsden, J. H. (3), Rothery, D. E. (1), Scott, P. A. (4), Snowden, M. (3), Story, L. R. (2), Dorothy Abson (4), Lesley D. Beardshall (3), Felicity A. Owen (4\*), Janis M. Ryder (3).
- U.6E—Butler, P. A. (2), Dainty, D. R. (3), Goodwin, D. M. (3), Haigh, B. (2), Hodgson, J. R. (4\*), Skeldon, N. (3), Spofforth, I. C. (1), Walton, A. (2), Jennifer M. Andrews (3\*), Jacqueline M. Cusworth (4), Jacqueline Dawson (3\*), Jacqueline Evans (1), Ruth Fairley (3), Anthea J. Hale (3\*\*), Christine L. Heal (1), Susan M. Ingham (2), Lynn Noble (3), June Oscroft (2), Judith M. Willetts (1).
- U.6F—Bennett, R. W. (1), Farmary, P. R. (3), Hebbs, G. (3), Jones, R. (1), Love, R. (3), Nadin, K. (1), Parkin, M. (3), Powell, A. J. (3), Roskrow, P. M. T. (2), Walker, I. B. (2), Wroe, C. C. (3), Carol Woolley (1). An asterisk indicates that an 'A' grade has been obtained.

## 'O' Level

Fifth Form results include subjects obtained in the Fourth Form.

- 5A—Foulstone, I. (6), Holmes, S. B. (4), Miller, A. R. (7), Taylor, K. (6), Waterhouse, T. (5), Marjorie Baines (5), Pamela Beattie (4), M. Ruth Campbell (6), Patria S. Crossley (2), Linda M. Farquhar (3), Veronica James (5), Angela Jenkins (5), Susan M. Johnson (6), Mary F. Machin (4), Christina M. MacLeod (6), R. Jean Payling (8), Diane Rice (5), Gillian Shepherd (7), Linda J. Stamper (5), Patricia Thompson (7), Susan Walker (6), Susan M. Wood (5).
- 5B—Bisby, S. J. (2), Bradley, P. (7), Clow, L. J. (5), Dudill, P. J. (5), Harrison, A. L. (5), Hickling, H. M. (5), Hobson, S. R. (6), Summerfield, C. (2), Whyke, J. A. (6), Woffinden, D. A. (1), Worrell, D. (5), Pauline G. Boulton (6), Lynda K. Burdin (8), Margaret Currigan (5), Grace Dobson (6), Susan A. Frith (4), Dena A. Hardy (6), Lorraine O'Donoghue (4), Barbara Porter (5), Jacqueline Robinson (4), Barbara C. Stringfellow (7), Betty Uttley (5), Pamela Waller (4), Susan G. Ward (4), Joan K. Wilde (5), Jean Woffinden (6).

- 5C—Aulkland, D. I. (4), Backhouse, E. S. (2), Barnett, C. (6), Cooper, N. (3), Dook, P. D. (5), Hanby, P. (2), Johnson, D. S. (3), Key, B. M. (5), Rodgers, D. L. (6), Rowland, J. C. (2), Pauline A. Beaumont (4), Irene M. Bisby (1), Margaret I. Butters (6), C. Elizabeth Cooper (6), Sheila A. Crofts (9), Susan M. Dook (4), Patricia France (5), Susan A. Grammer (8), Carole B. Knowles (4), Judith M. Leeson (6), Janet McCanaan (2), Margaret Smith (4).
- 5D—Adams, P. R. (6), Baker, G. (6), Banks, R. (5), Barton, M. A. (6), Beaumont, G. (3), Godridge, T. A. (7), Leaver, B. (3), Naylor, R. D. (6), Norton, N. H. (7), Payling, T. L. (7), Roberts, G. (3), Roberts, P. (2), Whitehouse, C. (5), Anne Hargreaves (7), Anne Parsons (6), Carolyn M. Revill (9), Jacqueline Smith (3).
- 5E—Austwick, J. R. (6), Beedan, D. (7), Brooke, P. (4), Carle, P. G. (2), Gill, S. (6), Hall, M. (7), Hill, G. (5), Hodgson, J. K. (3), Ibberson, P. (4), Latham, T. (1), Williams, B. (5), Woodward, D. A. (4), Margaret Hepworth (6), Christine Nunn (6), Susan O'Rourke (5).
- 5F—Bell, S. G. (2), Bellamy, S. A. (6), Chadwick, H. (5), Fieldhouse, J. (7), Fisher, J. (5), Fletcher, C. J. (2), Kay, M. (4), Lawson, S. J. (4), Mills, G. (2), Nicholls, B. (1), Oxspring, B. A. (3), Rollins, A. J. (4), Sherburn, S. (1), Sizer, D. E. (3), Terry, B. (5), Willetts, G. (5), Pat A. Bramley (1), Shirley D. Burns (6), Robina Crabtree (4), Jennifer Lawson (1), Frances Stone (4).
- 4A—Arkley, R. P. (1), Dyson, P. E. (2), Furniss, P. (2), Harris, J. (6), Howe, J. (3), Shepherd, G. (4), Ward, S. P. (3), Watson, P. M. (5), Whitlam, D. (1), Jean Ashworth (6), Gillian Beevers, (8), Jennifer Burrows (5), Angela Colclough (2), Marie Davies (2), Diane M. Dawson (7), Janet Downing (3), Jill L. Hart (3), Lorna E. Hudson (3), Moira Hudson (3), June Hutchinson (4), A. Christine Landers (8), Christine A. Langley (8), Elaine Perry (4), Annette Senior (8), Lynn Sugars (9), Linda Vaughan (3), J. Pamela Wake (7), Helen A. Waller (3), Anne Williams (5), Anne Young (6).
- 4B—Chipp, T. (1), Happs, M. E. (5), Harper, A. M. (1), Harper, J. R. (2), Hockey, A. W. (2), Lees, P. (1), Sliwa, R. (1), Janet Beale (4), Yvonne A. Greavson (1), Sandra Knight (1), Pat A. Liptrot (2), Gail Pugh (4), Christine Speight (3), Lorna A. Threadgold (3), Mary Tinker (1), Susan M. Wainwright (1), Margaret Wraith (2), Jennifer J. Young (6).
- 4C—Brown, C. (1), Pat Cawthrow (1), Carol A. Holland (2).
- 4D—Bell, M. (4), Bentham, C. G. (7), Braithwaite, K. (2), Chisholm, G. E. E<sup>(2)</sup>, Coldron, M. J. (1), De Stains I. (6), Evans, R. G. (2), Gray, R. M. (3), Hargreaves, D. (8), Hayes, M. (3), Hector, D. (1), Ibberson, P. N. (5), Latham, J. (6), Nutton, N. M. (1), Robertson, N. (2), Stokes, R. (4), Williamson, J. (6), Susan Adams (5), Joan Cutts (7), Jacqueline Hawken (4), Susan M. Hebbs (7), S. Mary Heptenstall (3), Shirley Johnson (2), Valerie C. Knaggs (7), Anne Martin (4), Lesley E. Watson (5).
- 4E—Dixon, G. B. (1), Gardner, M. F. (3), Goddard, G. E. (1), Kirk, E. J. (2), Mitchell, I. (1), Morton, K. C. (1), Munden, P. (1), Roddis, P. (1), Thompson, S. A. (1), Turner, D. S. (1), Wroe, D. T. A. (4), Shirley N. Brown (1), Barbara E. Sides (5).
- 4F—Reynolds, P. (1), Varney, S. (1), Merle Finch (1), Beryl S. Flint (1), Lesley Lane (1), Judith Lees (1).

#### **PRIZES AND AWARDS FOR 1964**

Deeks' Memorial Prize for English Literature : Alison K. Jarvis, U6A; Joan S. Kirk, U.6A.

John Ritchie Memorial Prize for Science : Ian D. Massey, U.6D.

Pratt Memorial Prize : John Lloyd, U.6D.

Black Memorial Prize : Most distinguished contribution to school sports— Robert W. Bennett, U.6F.

Prendergast Memorial Prize for History: Alison K. Jarvis, U.6A.

Best Results at 'O' Level, 1964 : Mrs. Mellor's Prize—Lynn Sugars, 4A. Headmaster's Prize—David Hargreaves, 4D.

The Winifred Cooper Award, 1964-65 : The Head Boy—Ian B. Walker. The Head Girl—Felicity A. Owen.

Open Scholarship to Selwyn College, Cambridge : J. N. Green, U.6A.

Open Exhibition to St. Anne's College, Oxford for 1965 :

Alison K. Jarvis, U.6A.

Hispanic Council Competition, 1964 : Senior—John N. Green, U.6A (2nd Prize).

## PROCEEDING TO UNIVERSITIES :

SELWYN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE: J. N. Green. CARDIFF: Anthea J. Hale, Lynn Noble. HULL: T. Grimshaw. EXETER: Helen L. Hudson. LANCASTER: Margaret Robinson. LEEDS: Carol Brown (1963), M. Parkin. LIVERPOOL: Dorothy Abson, Christine A. Cartledge, J. R. Hodgson, P. M. Ibberson, Betty Littlewood, D. R. Patrick, Prudence M. Shaw, R. Story. KEELE: B. Shepherd. MANCHESTER: T. Crowther, Joan Lakin, R. P. Lawrence, J. Lloyd, F. W. Meggitt. MANCHESTER COLLEGE OF TECH-NOLOGY: C. C. Wroe. NEWCASTLE: I. Smith. NOTTINGHAM: Ann C. South. ROYAL FREE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: Jacqueline M. Cusworth.

## AND TO COLLEGES OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY :

BRADFORD : Lesley Beardshall, D. Dainty, P. R. Farmery, P. M. Goodwin, R. Love, N. Skeldon, J. Wainwright (1963). LEICESTER COLLEGE OF ART : R. Cowen. LIVERPOOL : Pamela A. Wraith. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE OF COMMERCE : P. Holroyd (1962), J. M. Oldfield. LIVERPOOL COLLEGE OF LAW : C. H. Everatt (1963). LOUGHBOROUGH : P. Auckland. KINSSTON-ON-THAMES : Valerie Johnson. MANCHESTER COLLEGE OF ART : JOAN Ellis, Sandra J. Outram. MANCHESTER COLLEGE OF COMMERCE : Susan M. Jacobs, Valerie A. Lee. MID. ESSEX : Susan K. MCCue. PORTSMOUTH : J. H. Edwards, M. Wiston. SALFORD : Jennifer M. Mellor. SHEFFIELD : Gillian White. WEST HAM : P. M. T. Roskrow.

## AND TO TRAINING COLLEGES :

ALSAGER: Patricia Heywood. ANSTEY: Anne Foster. BARRY: Ann Kaye.
BEDFORD: Margaret Forster. BINGLEY: Anne Moorhouse. BRIGHTON:
Susan Marsden. CARNEGIE: R. W. Bennett. CHELSEA: Gwen Parish.
COVENTRY: Ann Aston. DIDSBURY: Barbara Robinson. DONCASTER:
Carol Abrams. HEREFORD: Brenda M. Parkin. HERTFORD: Megan
Revitt. I. M. MARSH: June Oscroft, Linda Ward. LEEDS: R. Jones;
LINCOLN: Avril J. Teasdale. NOTTINGHAM: Geraldine Godley. MATLOCK:
Carol Wooley. MCMILLAN: Margaret Mellar. ORMSKIRK: J. H. Ratcliffe. SALTLEY: J. Dainty. SCARBOROUGH: Gillian Young. SHENSTONE:
Lesley Mace. STAFFORD: Joan Christian. PONTELAND: Barbara Woodyatt;
YORK: Joan S. Kirk.

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PREFECTS 1964-5. Left to Right
Back row: Scott, Bailey, Spofforth, Rothery, Dobson, Milnes. Centre 1. Hebbs, Crowther, Harrison, Mitchell.
Centre 2. Massey, M. Baxter, A. Jarvis, M. Bramham, S. Lancashire, J. Rankin M. Smalley, A. Dodson, H. Simpson.
Front: J. Calvert, Longley (Deputy Head Boy), F. Owen (Head Girl), Walker (Head Boy), J. Dawson (Deputy Head Girl), Butler.

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