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### **CAPT. RALPH THOMSON**

Capt. Ralph J. Thomson, who died at his home in Southport on Wednesday, 27th November, was one of the few remaining members of the staff of the Southport Boys' Secondary at the Woodlands. He was appointed in 1924 and he remained on the staff of King George V School until his retirement in 1954. He was Housemaster of Leech's house from 1930 to 1952, and Head of the Modern Languages department from 1950.

Born in 1889, he was a graduate of the universities of London and Grenoble, and had earlier teaching experience at Kingswood School, Bath. He served in France during the first World War, losing his left arm, and in 1939 he returned to the Army, serving as an Intelligence officer throughout the war years.

He was the author of several books written under the pen-name "Raoul", including a book of travels in the Black Forest, "Two's Company", and a novel, "Fortune Spins Auburn".

Capt. Thomson will be remembered with affection as a man of kindly and lively personality by many generations of King George V School boys and by friends in various spheres outside the school.

G. P. W.

### **MR. H. SMITH**

With Mr. Smith's retirement this term the school loses one of its most senior members of staff. He was trained at Loughborough College, and after early teaching experience and service during the war as a Flight-Sergeant staff instructor in the Royal Air Force School of Physical Training he was appointed to take charge of Physical Education at King George V School in April, 1947. He held this post for ten years and was then seconded for a year to attend a mathematics course at Didsbury College of Education. He returned as a member of the Mathematics department in September, 1958, and he became Mason's housemaster in 1966.

Once they had seen beneath his outwardly stern exterior, newly qualified teachers soon knew where to turn when problems arose about work or pupils; he always had time, and would willingly spend it passing on valuable advice based on his long experience. He gave help and enthusiastic support to any new developments in the Mathematics department. He adapted to the so-called "modern" mathematics, at the same time retaining the traditional virtues of accuracy, neatness, explanation and frequent practice of examples to hammer home the important points. His insistence on standards — in work, behaviour and appearance — has never wavered, and the majority of boys who have known him over the years appreciate him just as much as his colleagues do.

Throughout his career Mr. Smith has taken a great interest in Rugby football, and many players have profited from his vigorous and expert coaching while they were at school. He played for Waterloo Rugby Club for twelve seasons and in his last season was Vice-Captain under the England captain, Jack Heaton. He organised schools' Rugby at Waterloo and was a referee in the Liverpool and District Referees Society for nine years, taking several county championship games in his capacity as senior referee. He also assisted in Athletics coaching at school and introduced house competitions for junior and senior trophies in Gymnastics and Boxing. For some years he organised a school Boxing Club.

Mr. Smith will be missed, especially by the boys in Mason's house, who will remember him for his sympathetic understanding as well as for his firmly maintained standards, and by those whom he taught. We wish him well in his retirement and hope he will often return to visit us.

J. R. W.  
G. P. W.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term Ends — Friday, 18th JULY 1975  
Autumn Term Begins — Tuesday, 2nd SEPTEMBER 1975.  
Half Term — Monday/Friday, 20/24 OCTOBER 1975 (inclu.)  
Autumn Term Ends. — Friday, 19 DECEMBER 1975.

## SALVETE

A. H. J. Brough, P. A. Crook, C. S. Foster, N. C. Fowler,  
J. T. Hall, M. S. Hanks, D. A. G. Holmes, S. Jones, G. P.  
Kessler, M. J. Richards, M. W. Richardson, G. A. Riley,  
A. M. Salthouse, G. L. Tate, G. D. Withey.

## VALETE

DAVIES, M.G. U6MSch. S. 1968-74 G.C.E. (A4, 04) Open  
Exhibition in Modern Languages to Sidney Sussex  
College, Cambridge. Senior School Prefect. House Vice  
Captain.  
FARROW, S. C. U6MSch. Le. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5, 06) Senior  
School Prefect  
FITCHETT, C. S. U6ScSch. M. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5, 03)  
Senior School Prefect. School Chess Captain.  
FITTON, M. D. G. U6MSch. G. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A4, 06)  
Senior School Prefect. Editor "Red Rose", Senior  
Librarian. House Secretary. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.  
HALL, T. J. U6MSch. Ev. 1968-74 G.C.E. (A3, 04) Senior  
School Prefect.  
McDONALD, R. V. U6MSch. M. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A4, 05).  
Open Scholarship in History at Lincoln College, Oxford.  
Senior School Prefect. House Captain.  
MOONEY, P. U6ScSch. G. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5 02). Senior  
School Prefect. Cricket Half Colours.  
MOOR, P. A. C. U6MSch. W. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A4, 05) Senior  
School Prefect. Secretary of Europa. School Chess  
Captain (Colours). Cricket Full Colours.  
NISSENBAUM, S. H. U6ScSch. R. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5, 06)  
Senior School Prefect.  
PATRICK, T. J. U6MSch. Le. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A4, 06) Senior  
School Prefect.  
RIDING, D. J. U6ScSch. R. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5, 06). Open  
Exhibition in Natural Science at Christ's College, Cam-  
bridge. Senior School Prefect.  
TOWNSON, M. E. U6MSch. G. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A3, 07). Sen-  
ior School Prefect. House Swimming Captain. R.L.S.S.  
Award of Merit.  
WHITELEY, F. N. U6MSch. M. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A4, 05). Sen-  
ior School Prefect. Hockey Full Colours. Cricket Full  
Colours.

WOOD, J. R. U6ScSch. R. 1968-74 (G.C.E. A5, 06). Senior  
School Prefect. House Vice-Captain.  
BALL, A. R. L6W. S. 1969-74. (G.C.E. 07). Athletics Half  
Colours. Rugby half colours.  
BOWERS, J. A. U6ScSch. Le. 1969-74 (G.C.E. A5, 06) Senior  
School Prefect.  
CROMPTON, C. S. L6S Lu: 1969-74 (G.C.E. 05). R.L.S.S.  
Award of Merit.  
HASLAM, P. M. L6B. A. 1969-75 (G.C.E. 04)  
MANTLE, S. W. U6M. G. 1969-74 (G.C.E. 08)  
PEARSON, M. R. U6ScSch. R. 1969-74 (G.C.E. A5, 05).  
Open Exhibition in Mathematics to Corpus Christi Coll-  
ege, Oxford. Junior School Prefect.  
WADDINGTON, A. E. R. U6ScSch. Le. 1969-74 (G.C.E. A5,  
06). Open Exhibition in Natural Science to Christ's  
College, Cambridge. Senior School Prefect.  
GASCOIGNE, A. P. L6S. M. 1970-74 (G.C.E. 04) School  
Basket Ball Captain. House Swimming Captain.  
MacDONALD, D. W. L6W. W. 1970-74 (G.C.E. 05)

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### SCHOOL NOTES

We were sorry to lose from the staff at Easter Mr. M. E. Greenhalgh who has given us such useful service in the Biology Department for nearly five years. In particular his extensive knowledge of Field Studies has been invaluable in the setting up of courses at Long Rigg. We wish him every success in the post of Head of the Biology Department at Leigh Grammar School.

We were also sorry to lose the services of Mr. A. G. Jones who has given us valuable service in the Art and Woodwork Departments during the last four years. Mr. Jones also carries our best wishes in his new post as Head of the Craft Department at Warrington.

We congratulate the following members of the school who gained Open Awards at Oxford and Cambridge last November:

M. R. PEARSON, Open Exhibition in Mathematics to Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

D. J. RIDING, Open Exhibition in Natural Science to Christ's College, Cambridge.

M. G. DAVIES, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

R. V. McDONALD, Open Scholarship in History at Lincoln College, Oxford.

A. E. R. WADDINGTON, Open Exhibition in Natural Science to Christ's College, Cambridge.

This number of five awards equals the best previous performances by the school at Oxford and Cambridge. In two previous years, 1955 and 1969, we also won five awards.

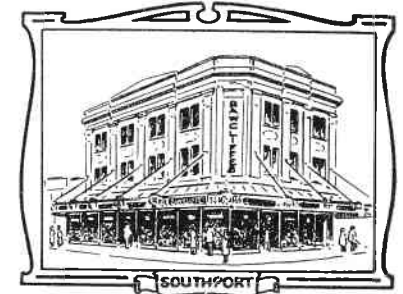
With the re-organisation of the School Governors under the new Sefton Local Authority the Parents' Association are entitled to two representatives. At the meeting held in May Mrs. L. M. Greenhalgh was elected as an additional representative to join Mr. J. R. Edwards on the Governing Body. The school staff are also entitled to a member on the Governing Body under the new constitution and Mr. P. J. Richardson was elected by the staff as their representative.

Once again King George V School has been awarded the Lord Leverhulme Shield by the Liverpool and District Royal Life Saving Society. This trophy is awarded to the Boys' Secondary School which gains the highest number of points for all awards gained during the year, expressed as a percentage of the school roll in September of the same year. The school has won this trophy twelve times in the last twenty years.

Through the good offices of an Old Boy the school has been presented with the ornamental key used by Lord Derby for the opening of the school building on 16th October 1926. The key concerned is a gilded master key with an enamelled coat of arms of Southport embedded in a metallic scroll at the top end.

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Once again we had a good number of applications for Mason Awards and the following were successful:

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 M. FULLWOOD AND S. FULLWOOD for a Family Tree Research.  
 A. H. GOODMAN AND S. H. MARCUS to work on a Kibbutz.  
 H. SHEARER for an exchange holiday.  
 D. KRAMER for a walking tour in Europe.  
 A. R. RYMER for a cruise on "Captain Scott".  
 M. STRINGFELLOW for an exchange holiday.  
 W. FLETCHER AND J. BLACKMAN for walking the Pennine Way.  
 R. GREENWOOD AND A. R. REECE to go to Elin Youth Camp.  
 P. A. E. CHADWICK, N. M. FAIRCLOUGH, D. HOLLIDAY and N. PICKERING for a tour of Europe.  
 S. P. CUTCLIFFE for a Lancashire Schools Cricket coaching course.

A total amount of £315.00 will be distributed.

### JOSEPH EDWARDS' MEMORIAL FUND

We were able to distribute £60 to boys from this Fund this year. The awards from the Edwards' Fund are made entirely confidentially by recommendations from members of staff.

### JUBILEE FUND

The Jubilee Fund's accounts are published in this issue of the Red Rose and continue to show the Fund to be in a healthy state. We have been able to complete various improvements at the hostel which have been waiting for some time. The fire escape has now been installed, the lining of the games room completed and some new equipment purchased for the kitchen. The kitchen has also been redecorated and we are hoping to have the exterior of the hostel repainted in the near future.

As the accounts show we have received a generous donation of over £700 from the Parents' Association as a result of their recent Grand Draw and this forms the first part of our fund for the purchase of a new mini-bus in the fairly near future. Courses at the hostel continue to be as popular as ever.

In March, with the help of interested H.M.s we held a week-end conference at Long Rigg to which all schools who have similar hostels in the North West of England were invited. A great deal of valuable interchange of information took place and our representatives had the opportunity of visiting other hostels. The general impression formed at this conference was that Long Rigg, in its equipment and facilities is unequalled and also that we appear to be making fuller use of our hostel than other schools.

- M. J. BIRCH (W. 1964-71) has taken a post with Marconi Space and Defence Systems at Stanmore, London.  
 REV. J. M. M. DALBY (Ed. 1950-56) has left Birmingham to take up an appointment with the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry in London and is also acting as curate of All Hallows, Tottenham.  
 R. A. DIX (M. 1959-65) has been appointed Senior Assistant Engineer of the Highways Section of Sefton Metropolitan District Council.  
 B. EVERETT (M. 1929-34) who is Head of the Sefton Motor Taxation Department, is now also Court Prosecutor for Taxation Offences in the Southport area.  
 D. N. EVERETT (M. 1965-72) has for the last three years held a post with the Royal Insurance Group, Commercial Department.  
 P. S. EVERETT (M. 1958-65), who joined a Blackburn firm as an export sales representative travelling to South America, the Indian sub-continent and Eastern Europe. He is also taking part in the British Speleological Expedition to New Guinea this year.  
 J. E. FIELD (W. 1972-74) is now at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.  
 T. E. FLEETWOOD (Ed. 1969-74) is now an articled clerk with Kirkham & Hooper Co., Chartered Accountants, of Southport.  
 C. H. HALE (Ed. 1963-71) gained his B.Sc. in Pharmacy from the Liverpool School of Pharmacy in 1974 and is starting a degree course in Ophthalmic Optics at Manchester University this year.  
 C. HERSHON (S. 1948-55) gained his Ph.D. at Sheffield University in 1973 and is now Head of the Languages Faculty, Widnes Junior College.  
 G. I. HOWARD (S. 1968-70) has a post as Information Scientist at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Hitchin.  
 V. H. ISON (G. 1968-74), who has been a pupil at the College of Art, Southport, is to start a course for B.A. Hons. in Graphic Design at Newport Polytechnic.  
 DR. R. D. JOHNSTONE (Ed. 1959-66) has a post as Registrar in anaesthetics at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.  
 R. JUBB (S. 1963-70) has been successful in gaining his B.A. (Hons.) Business Studies C1.11 (i) from Trent Polytechnic.

- R. T. JUMP (G. 1954-61) has been appointed Engineering Manager, Fiddlers Ferry Power Station, Warrington.
- R. A. S. KAY (Ev. 1945-53) is Chairman and Managing Director of Home Automation Ltd., and is a Councillor for the Borough of Broxborne, Herts.
- N. P. E. KNOWLES (Le. 1963-71) has been successful in gaining his, B.A. (Hons.) Government and Sociology C1.11 (ii) from the University of Essex.
- A. J. LAWSON (S. 1956-61) has recently qualified as a certified accountant and has been appointed Senior Accountancy Assistant with the Yorkshire Water Authority.
- J. D. PICKARD (Ev. 1958-64) was appointed Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1974 and is visiting Research Fellow in Neurosurgery at the University of Pennsylvania.
- A. PLATT (Le. 1951-59) has gone into practice as an Architect in London and has been appointed an Honorary Steward at Westminster Abbey.
- F. A. POLLARD (M. 1920-24), who emigrated to Australia after leaving school, has now retired and lives at New Lambton, Australia.
- R. RIMMER (W. 1944-51), who has been with Pilkington Bros. since coming down from the University, has just been appointed Market Planning Manager with the Company's flat glass division.
- P. SLATER (R. 1922-28), who retired recently from the post of senior partner at Lithgow Nelson & Co., Chartered Accountants, has joined the Board of Directors of Broadbents of Southport Ltd.
- J. V. SMITH (G. 1955-62) is a lecturer in Education at Aberdeen College of Education.
- M. B. STUBINGTON (Ed. 1962-69), who went to R. M. A. Sandhurst, after leaving school, was mentioned in despatches earlier this year.
- T. P. WHITEHEAD (R. 1959-65) is assistant to the Managing Director of Bullough Ltd.
- R. T. WILSON (R. 1969-70) has been successful in gaining his B.Sc., C1.11 (i) Computer Sciences at Teeside Polytechnic.
- R. V. WRIGHT (W. 1953-58) is principal officer of the Consumer Protection Department of the West Midlands County Council.

We regret to announce the deaths of Sydney Lewis (Le. 1926-33) on 3rd January, 1975, and Arthur Pennington (G. 1928-35) who died on 30th October, 1974

## THE CHESS REPORT

The Chess Team enjoyed yet another good season, last season. Staying after school repeatedly and expounding hours of mental energy over a chess board, we won the sticker, which is now proudly displayed in the trophy cabinet at the bottom right hand corner. This year we annihilated all opposition to reach the final of the "Sunday Times" knock-out competition, when we met habitual winners, Bolton. We lost by the narrowest possible margin ( $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ ) when a 3 - 3 draw would have given us the match on age count.

The Wright Shield quest was disappointing after last year's success, mainly due to not enough matches being organised. Nevertheless, we scored a resounding  $5\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$  victory over Merchant Taylors.

Of the team itself, newly appointed captain, N. R. Davies (7/9) needs practise in minibus navigation. Board two, K. A. Moore ( $5\frac{1}{2}/9$ ) was often heard muttering about his left earhole, but played well after drinking sarsparella. On board three, D. Moon (2/6) played well but occasionally the pieces mysteriously changed places. On board four, M. Walmsley ( $1\frac{1}{2}/4$ ) played well for his size while on board five, P. Heighway ( $5\frac{1}{2}/7$ ) played solid accurate chess in his first season for the team. Doubtless he will be a very useful player in the future.

Also in his first season for the team was board six, B. Adler (5/8). He has discovered an equation for playing "perfect" chess. Other players were: M. Suddaby (2/3) who played well but hasn't quite settled down to the climate; D. Roberts (0/3) who played consistently and J. Mason (1/3) who could be a valuable team member with practice.

Mr. A. R. Allen is thanked by the team for driving the minibus to its destination quickly. Thanks also to the canteen staff who prepared teas for the team at short notice. Congratulations to whoever wins the school chess competition.

N. R. D.      K. A. M.



## SPRING CONCERT

The Spring Concert was given in the last week of Lent term before a full and appreciative audience, who obviously enjoyed the variety of items. The orchestra sounding richer than of late with its stronger 'cello line began the proceedings with a confident performance of "Purcell's" Trumpet Tune followed by convincing renderings of Corelli and Brahms, and the Madrigal Group included in their contribution a departure from their normal style in the shape of a jazzed-up version of Bach's "Wake, O wake," rhythmically assisted by Colin Mason on bass and Michael Davis on drums.

Kenneth Vickers gave an impressive account of "Variations on the Ash Grove" with some polished articulation on his cornet, and, like Mark Suddaby in his violin solo, played with coolness and apparent confidence so important for setting an audience at ease. Ian Williams and Philip Berg too gave an enjoyable and sound performance of Warlocks' 'Capriol Suite', before the first half was brought to a close by the complete first year forms in their vigorous presentation of 'Swinging Samson' in which both narrative and vocal sections were admirably clear and the performers' enthusiasm was quickly conveyed to the audience.

After the interval the accent on variety was continued with competent performances from the Recorder ensemble and brass group, a spirited interpretation of the final movement of Beethoven's first piano sonata by Philip Berg, and 2 modern folksongs supported ably by David Andrews on guitar. Gordon Jacobs' modern setting of "John Gilpin," sung by the school choir with Martin Price narrating, earned the applause it received, the more so as the choir had learnt the (often difficult) work in just half a term.

Congratulations to all who participated would be incomplete without mention of Mr. Jones' improved stage and Mr. Allen's effective lighting.

## LUNN'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Comfort

House Tutor: Mr. Stitchbury

House Captain: M. T. Walsh

This was yet another year of ups and downs in the continued saga of Lunn's House. For a change, however, I think this time there were more ups than there were downs. For instance, who needs to be reminded that it was Lunn's who came first in the school cross-country competition? We also did very well in the badminton. We finished second and thus gained promotion. Our chess team achieved great success in the Senior competition, but unfortunately were only just beaten in the final (0-6).

As for the swimming, well, we should have won that. However, we had to be content with second place, due to a disqualification by no less than the House-Master of the winning team.

I wish I could say that we had come to glory in the rugby and cricket matches.

Nevertheless the Juniors and Intermediates have some useful results to show for their efforts.

As usual, the Seniors (the laughing stock of the House) were left to fight it out against really stiff opposition and, on the whole we were pathetic, although we weren't quite as pathetic in the athletics.

Next year sees the inclusion of upper sixth formers to this formidable Junior house. No doubt we will again completely dominate the sporting scene, continually showing up all the other houses, finishing the year in a flourish of glory.

S. R. Potter

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## HOLLAND'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Ward  
House Tutor: Mr. Bruce  
House Captain: C. Bowden

This year has been the best year in the history of the House (which is now six years old), mainly due to greater senior participation. The House's first success was the Senior Cross-Country which we won, with the two Cromptons, Slowman, and I Halsall achieving high places. The Seniors also had a convincing win in the Athletics coming top overall. We wait to see whether the Intermediates and Juniors can hold this top place.

The other main success of the year was in the Intermediate Cricket Competition which still remains to be finished, but at the present time we have reached the final and have high hopes of victory. We also reached the final of the Junior Inter-House Chess competition. In the other Inter-House competitions we have met with mixed results though none has been outstanding as the fore mentioned.

Thanks are due to all the Seniors who have organised teams throughout the year, whether they have been successful or not.

A. J. P., I. D. C.

## EDWARDS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. Gale  
House Tutor: Mr. Marsh  
House Captain: J. Seddon

It has been an encouraging year. Apart from a 'below par' performance in the Senior Rugby Competition (can't blame D. Ainsworth's affinity to the clavicle crack'), results at all levels have been creditable. The young badminton team deserves praise as do the Senior Athletics' teams.

Once again the response to Life-Saving activities was excellent. Winning the competition in a year when the school broke records in this field is no mean achievement. J. R. Leyshon and P. Carney were outstanding in winning the individual competition and are to be congratulated on their excellence as instructors.

Much credit for the success of the House this year must go to the Lower VIth. They have been unstinting in their efforts and their responsible attitude has set a fine example for others to follow.

## ROGERS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. J. Clough  
House Tutor: Mr. A. S. Freem  
House Captain: G. Charters

In keeping with general trends this report contains the usual tale of misfortune associated with Rogers' House. We failed in Rugby, Swimming, Badminton and Chess. However we did gain a second place in the Intermediate Cross Country. The highlights of the year came in the Basketball which we shared with Grears', a small but well earned trophy. This is the only sporting success the House has had yet in 1975.

This year the Juniors have tried hard in all sports but were outclassed and could never give a good performance when needed. There is still the Cricket to come for the Juniors and increased effort could bring the desired result. The Senior Cricket has already been completed and we turned our hand to attempting to beat Masons. It wasn't for not trying but our score of 9 was eventually well within the reach of the competent Masons batsmen. Thanks here go to Charters for running the team and Illingworth, Burton and Nissebaum for scoring the runs that weren't byes.

Thanks are also due to all members of the 6th Form who put in hours after school with younger members of the House in order to maintain some sort of standard for our sporting activities. Their time and effort was however never fully rewarded.

Not for the first time in our history the House is going through a trough of "effort but little achievement". Perhaps next year with increased endeavour Rogers' may come out of the shadows and become one of the more respected Houses within the school.

The House was sorry to see Mr. Jones leave this year and we all thank him for his tireless enthusiasm and wish him well in his new post. The House welcomes Mr. Freem as new House Tutor.  
S.J.S.

## SPENCER'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. S. B. Rimmer

House Tutor: Mr. J. R. Wohlers

House Captain: C. M. Roberts.

The year began with a question mark which has been answered with determination and effort from all sections of the House bringing forth trophies and near misses. In the Autumn term the Seniors showed how team work could defeat the most experienced individual players and scored hard earned victories over Gear's, Rogers' and Edwards'. The team, captained by Ball, reached the final, and only after losing 3 players through injury in the early stages of the game was overcome by Mason's, despite some really courageous play. Continuing in this vein of all round effort, Spencer's gained second place (overall) in the Cross-Country competition — a very pleasing result. The Swimming Gala however brought disappointment although some individuals were outstanding. The term was completed suitably when Foster led the badminton team to promotion (and later to the final of the Knockout Trophy) and the Seniors won the Chess Cup.

The Spring term allowed the Intermediates to prove themselves which they did in magnificent style winning both the fifteens and seven-a-side competitions. The Juniors reached the semi-finals of the seven-a-sides as did the Seniors giving us a half share in the overall Sevens Trophy.

The final term has proved rather disappointing so far but whether it was the sudden heat wave or the threat of exams both the Seniors and Intermediates flopped in the cricket semi-finals despite being in winning positions. Our hopes now lie in the Juniors who have shown great promise throughout the year. The Senior Athletics results also left something to be desired but again the Intermediates and Juniors are very strong in this field and great hopes lie with them.

The success of this year has been due to the time and energy given by so many House members and I would like to thank in particular Martin Clarke, Ian Connerty, Steve Proctor, Brian Goldie and Tim Metcalfe for their contributions and of course Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Wohlers who once again have stood by the House through thick and thin.

And as for next year's question mark, I say that it has already been firmly answered.

M. R.

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## EVANS' HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. H. Long.

House Tutor: Mr. W. Cowburn

House Captain: R. W. Marshall

Vice-Captain: K. Langridge.

The past year has seen the House gaining some victories and some successes. All sections of the House have had their moments with brain and skill often proving more rewarding than brawn.

For a number of years we have had little success in the Chess competition, but this year, under the able guidance of Bickerton, the Juniors and Intermediates combined to win this competition. We congratulate the teams and all who assisted and hope that we have now established a pattern for future years.

Some individual contributions to the School activities are often forgotten because they are non-competitive. In this department we must mention the time and energy that Winter spent in preparing and presenting his part in the School play. It is also necessary to make honourable mention of the members of the House who have contributed to the Musical occasions through their singing or playing of an instrument.

Both the Juniors and Intermediates reached the final stages of the Rugby competition and though defeated they showed a good spirit. The Juniors in particular deserve special mention for their tremendous effort and very plucky performance in the final. Day and Mottershead, both School players, with continued application will prove very useful members of the House teams in future years.

Following on our run of success in the Badminton competition, the Seniors won without any difficulty for the third consecutive year. This was largely achieved through the good performances of Goggin P. and Marshall. In the Basketball competition the Seniors just failed in the semi-final with the score finishing at 17 - 16.

Some very good work went into the Swimming and Life Saving. In the Gala we were a little bit unlucky through disqualifications but in the Life Saving the House was placed second. Thomas and Melville showed enthusiasm and ability in both these departments, not only in the House but also with the School teams.

At the time of writing this report the Intermediates have reached the final of the Cricket and could win this competition. We anticipate good performances by the Juniors and Intermediates in the Athletics.

Although the year got off to a poor start with indifferent Cross-country results, we feel that much effort has been put into the competitive side of the House system and that members of the House, though sometimes pressed into service, have given their support to the Seniors who have done a very good job in organising practices and arranging teams, sometimes with only the minimum of boys of the right age in the group.

We are proud that once again we have been able to provide the School with a School Captain and feel that Ross Marshall has tried to perform this difficult duty well.

We hope that all who have taken G.C.E. examinations will have good results and that those who gain admission to University or other forms of Further Education will enjoy the experience. To those who will be returning next year — have a good holiday and we look forward to a successful year in 1975-76.

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Rugby

Soccer

Cricket

Tennis

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ance by the team resulted in the House gaining the Cricket cup. The Intermediate Cricket team however lost their second match to a very strong side.

In the Athletics the House came second overall, and we are fortunate in having James, McCleod, West, White and Fairclough, who are all members of the school athletics team. There are good prospects for the Intermediates next year.

In the Cross-Country, we were treated to excellent runs by Hurren, Greenhalgh, Parker and W. Birtles. This gave the Seniors second position, and the House, overall, third position.

Badminton. Had a good season despite the loss of Whiteley. We came second in the league and won the Knockout Cup.

In the Swimming and Life saving individuals did well — West and Desborough for instance, and the Birtles brothers, who won their respective events — although as a team our performance was not so excellent.

Turning to Chess, the Senior and Junior teams came second in both groups, mainly due to Teale and Ormester.

On behalf of all the House, I must thank both Mr. Smith and Mr. Clark for their applied interest and enthusiasm, in making this House the House it is. We will be sorry to see Mr. Smith leave, at the end of a long and we hope, rewarding career at this school.

In all sports we have been pleased with the effort and determination shown by the House members. P. A. C.

### LEECH'S HOUSE REPORT

1974/75 season

Housemaster — Mr. E. T. Johnson

House Tutor — Mr. A. C. Clowes

House Captain — M. Catrall

The year got off to a bad start — Mr. Johnson our able and most willing House master had still not mastered the "arrive to House Meetings on time" routine and his right hand man Mr. Clowes, was not really into "the being Mr. Johnson's right hand man" scene. Help was desperately needed and this came in the form of the Lower Sixth who not only ran the House for the rest of the year but also had the privilege of standing in front of the House in times of need i.e. House Meetings.

It was Butcher, the pride of the Lower Sixth, and House Captain Catrall who reached the Senior XV through two line victories over Evans' and Woodham's but finally, lost out to the eventual winners, Mason's. In the Sevens we actually

reached the semi-finals but due to a distinct lack of players and support and the intervention of the fire alarm we were defeated. On the subject of rugby we have some sort of Intermediate side who tried hard and lost both games and then there were the Juniors who just tried hard! But there was a surprise in store for us — the Juniors won their seven competition with a fine victory over Grear's and on that point ended our impressive list of victories.

We are now in the gym where the badminton team was unbeaten and finished third in League Division One. Catrall would like to thank his team mates — Jones, Sawyer, Killip and Dean. These players, with the addition of West and Black, also graced the basketball competition, where they were beaten by Evans' but Catrall did hammer Lunn's!

I have no information concerning the progress of our swimming and Life Saving teams, although I have heard rumours that we did not cause any major upsets in either events.

The summer term proved to be a hectic one. The Intermediate cricket, ably supervised by West, was as usual unremarkable, although, thanks to some fine batting from Clayton they managed to notch up a single victory. (On behalf of West I would like to take the opportunity of wishing Sumner and Ashly the best of luck in skiving next year's practices.

Our successes did not end here. Thanks to the absence of Marcus the Senior cricket side made some progress and astounded us all by reaching the final (where, sadly, they lost to Mason's).

But the highlight of the year must have been the Chess team. Through no fault of their own they earned the unique achievement of actually not winning a game courtesy of some "line" coaching by Melvin Wood. Things can only improve!

Now only the honours list remains. Our thanks to Catrall for being the only Upper Sixth ever to attend House Meeting, Butcher for spurring on the Juniors and Intermediates and to McKenzie for getting his hair cut and organising the House readings. In addition a special mention must be given to Salter for giving me his athletics report three weeks to late.

Finally our thanks to Mr. Clowes and Mr. Johnson who both arrived early to House Meetings last Thursday!

E. K. B.

## HONEYBONE'S HOUSE REPORT

Housemaster — Mr. Miley.

House Tutor — Mr. Metford

House Captain — R. Mawdesley

Overall, this was a very disappointing year in which so much was promised and unfortunately so little realised.

Chess, never our strongest department, was a shambles, although we won three boards out of twelve, a slight improvement.

Badminton was only average this season as we didn't have a full strength team in any game.

Cross-country was not a disgrace and none of our teams finished last.

Despite giving away six inches per man in the basketball and a few personal fouls per man, we gave Rogers' a fright and the game ended with two close scores.

Rugby was a complete washout this season, when we were without Hill for the first time. The slump occurred throughout the House affecting the Juniors and Intermediates.

Cricket was rewarding for the seniors; we beat Rogers' and scored a mighty thirty one runs against Mason's, as well as being privileged to witness the funniest dismissal ever.

After such a tale of woe, out of the ashes of defeat has risen one good performance. The U12 and U17 Athletics teams produced some splendid results and if only the U19 relay team hadn't dropped the baton we might have won the tournament. Nevertheless third place and a score of seventy points should not be sneezed at. Now we have set the standard I hope the Juniors and Intermediates will follow and salvage some of their pride.

A. M. H.

## GREAR'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master — Mr. T. B. L. Davies

House Tutor — Mr. B. Mawer

House Captain — P. Chadwick

Ours is the House of Grear  
Whose members know nothing of fear.

'Twas in such style

That we won a pile

Of cups in the previous year.

We started this year with a band

Of lads who would leave the land.

They took to the water,

The others cried "Slaughter"

And the Relay Cup was in our hand.

The rain fell and the winds they blowed

As we put on our pumps for the road,  
But our running alas  
Is better on grass  
And our legs gave way under t'load.  
With Paul John's skill — not being dodgers  
We made Basketball opponents look like codgers  
So we went in the Gym,  
Hoping to win  
But shared the trophy with Rogers'  
Badminton is not our game.  
In fact its always been the same;  
Not even Brian Clough  
Would be enough  
To raise our team to fame.  
At Rugby our Juniors looked good —  
(it's there enshrined, the blood).  
The Fifteens duly won  
But in Sevens were done  
By spoiling out there in the mud.  
If read any more you dare,  
We'll pass on to the Cricket square,  
The Seniors were bad,  
The Intermediates were sad,  
And our honour the Juniors may bear.  
At Athletics we hoped to do well.  
Like Red Rum we train to excel.  
As our Athletics perform  
Exceeding their norm.  
Our supporters will cheer them like —  
Gear's are noted for everything right  
As everyone tries with his might  
We're superb every day  
At work and at play  
But our versifying's not so very bright.  
And now it's time to end the year.  
The Jubilee Cup we still bear.  
At work we're as strong  
And I might be proved wrong  
But I'm predicting a repeat for the Grear.

P. C.

R. W. T. Presents:—

### THE AMER'S HOUSE REPORT

Hon. House-master — Mr. Amer

Hon. House-tutor — Mr. Dear

House Captain — Ellis

#### Robin Day interviews ...G. P. Gumby

R.D. (adjusting bow-tie) Mr. Gumby shall we start with the big event of the school year?

G. P. G. (calling for doctor in cupboard) Must be the swimming. We got 1st place. Everyone excelled.

R.D. (still adjusting bow-tie) And perhaps a mention of any sad moment?

G. P. G. (emptying Victoria Baths water out of wellies) Mmm . . . . We were sad to see our first House Tutor, Mr. Greenhalgh leave for another post, possibly due to the effects of a biology pupil.

R. D. (adjusting G. P. G.) Other successes?

G. P. G. (adjusting G. P. G.) As you can imagine we reached the Senior Cricket semi-finals under 'one of the men'; J. Ball's expert leadership. Lower school did not fare too well.

In the Cross-country Ellis followed S. Potter's example of hitching lifts and the Junior lads put the Seniors to shame. M. Crook attended three successive House Meetings. Great. The Badminton semi-finals were reached and more finals success came with the Senior Rugby 7's. Senior Athletics went off with a bang and it is hoped for better Junior results.

A. Bennett had his hair cut!

R. D. M. Harrison also had his hair cut. Altogether a very successful year, with a promising future-maybe!?!

G. P. G. Thanks to Carol the Mascot; Bennett's brave barber; Mr. Greenhalgh, Mr. Dear and Mr. Amer who, armed only with a hockey stick, good humour, patience and his galoshes, encouraged and led the House for another year.

I. L. and J. S. P.

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Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1975

	1975	1974
INCOME		
Covenants & Subscriptions .....	534	452
Income Tax refunded during the year .....	201	429
Donations .....	29	83
Bank Interest Received .....	61	31
Dividends Received .....	24	8
	<hr/> 849	<hr/> 1003
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Insurance .....	49	25
Sundry Expenses .....	21	3
Repairs, Renewals, Maintenance of Property & Equipment .....	127	127
Accountancy .....	26	42
Depreciation: Equipment .....	75	79
Mini Bus .....	199	200
	<hr/> 592	<hr/> 476
	<hr/> £257	<hr/> £527

# Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1975

## CAPITAL EMPLOYED

### FIXED ASSETS

Long Rigg, Sedbergh, Yorks. (at cost)	3904			
Additions during the year	972	4876		3904
Equipment purchased for the House at cost)	735		735	
LESS Aggregate Depreciation	510	225	435	300
Mini Bus (at cost)	1117		1117	
Less Aggregate Depreciation	1116	1	917	200
		5102		4404

## INVESTMENT

£1200 4% British Transport Stock 1972/77 (1974 £600)		1018		509
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## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash at Bank	930		972	
Cash in Hand			1	
	930		973	

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	99		53	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		831		920
		£6951		£5833

## FINANCED BY:

### Accumulated Fund:

Balance as at 1st April, 1974	5733		5206	
ADD Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year	257	5990	527	5733

## MINI-BUS REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance as at 1st April, 1974	100			
Private Donation	100		100	
Funds Received from Parents Association	761	961		100
		£6951		£5833

We consider the annexed Accounts and Balance Sheet to be drawn up in accordance with the books and information and explanations given to us.

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