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Summer Term ..... 11th April to 21st July, 1978

## SALVETE

We are pleased to welcome five new boys.

<b>Bishops Court, Freshfield</b>	WILLIAMS, A. P.
<b>Countess of Derby School, Netherton</b>	ROBINSON, I. K.
<b>Helston Comprehensive School, Cornwall</b>	BURGESS, S.
<b>Kingswood School</b>	WESTENDORP, G.
<b>Merchant Taylors School</b>	WATSON, D. J.

## VALETE

We bid farewell to the following boys who left during the last academic year.

After each boy's name is indicated the number of 'O' level subject he passed with grade C or above, any grades he was awarded at 'A' level, and any positions of distinction acquired while at school.

## 1970-77

BERESFORD, J. M. (G) 5 AABD. Senior Prefect. Admission to Manchester reading Law.  
BURTON, I. M. (R) 8 ABBC. Senior Prefect. Joint House Captain. Admission to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, reading Mathematics.  
DANIELS, R. (Hon) 6. Senior Prefect. 1st XV Colours.  
GILMOUR, C. S. (G) 9 A2A2ABB. Senior Prefect. Open Scholarship in Engineering to Peterhouse, Cambridge.  
MASON, J. P. (S) 9 A1A1AAA. Senior Prefect. Librarian. Cross Country Full Colours. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion Chairman. Photographic Society. Scholarship in Natural Sciences to Christ's College, Cambridge.  
MENTHA, S. N. (Lu) 9 ABBBE. Senior Prefect. Exhibition in Natural Sciences to Queen's College, Cambridge.  
MORTON, J. D. (G) 9 A2A2ABB. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit. Admission to Liverpool University reading Medicine.  
NISSENBAUM, I. I. (R) 9 A1AAAB. Senior Prefect. Joint House Captain. Exhibition in Engineering to Caius College, Cambridge.  
STRINGFELLOW, M. (W) 8 A2AAD. Senior Prefect. House Captain. Swimming Captain. Red Rose Committee. History Society Committee. Senior Christian Union. Admission to Durham University.  
THOMAS, M. I. (Ev) 10 A2AAB1B. Senior Prefect. R.L.S.S. Distinction Award. Admission to Christ's College, Cambridge to read Medical Sciences.

#### 1971-77

ASHBY, M. (Le) 2.  
EDGELLER, J. (W) 4. Rugby half colours. School UXV.  
GIBSON, K. (Lu) 5.  
HOWARD, G. (G) 3.  
JONES, C. I. (S) 3.  
JONES, G. (S) 3. Cricket full colours.  
MURPHY, D. (Le) 5.  
TURNER, J. W. K. (Lu) 4.

#### 1972-77

HEAP, R. (Ed) Junior Athletics Team.  
WINTER, T. (Ev) 4.

#### 1975-77

ROBINSON, J. E. (Ed) U12 XV, U12 XI.

#### 1976-77

McADIE, A. I. (W).

### SCHOOL NOTES

We were sorry to lose two members of staff at the end of the Easter term:

Mr. W. J. Cowburn, who came to KGV in January of 1968, and who was Housemaster of Evans' House for his last year here, left to be the Head of the Modern Language Department at Mansfield High School in Lancashire.

Mr. R. Platford, who joined the staff in September, 1974, left to take up a post as Head of the History Department, at St. Bedes Roman Catholic High School, Ormskirk.

As a result of their departure three temporary members of staff joined us for the Summer term: Mrs. Janet Crawshaw, who has taught French, and Mrs. Pauline Collier and Mrs. Antoinette Vidler, who have both taught History. At the same time two former part time members of staff, Mrs. Pat Robinson and Mrs. Brenda Partington, were appointed to full time posts.

At the end of this term we shall be sorry to have to bid farewell to five more members of staff:

Mr. L. W. Gates, who came for one year to teach Physics and Mathematics, is now joining the Mathematics Department of Gillingham Technical High School, in Kent.

Mr. S. M. D. Robertson, who has been a member of the Economics Department since 1974, is joining the staff of Burnley School.

Mr. M. A. Dear, who has been a member of the Modern Languages Department since 1973, is joining the staff of the Crypt School, Gloucester.

Mr. A. Cook, who has been at KGV since 1972, will be taking up a post as Head of the Physics Department at the St. Richard's R.C. High School in Skelmersdale.

Mr. D. E. Williams, who came to KGV as Director of Music in 1970, will be joining the staff of the Merchant Taylors' Foundation in Crosby. He will still be living in Southport and will still be the Organist of Holy Trinity Church and the Director of the Bach Society. It will, therefore, continue to be possible to enjoy the music which he produces so well. His loss is a particularly sad one to the school.

Several new members of staff will join us in September.

Mr. B. L. Hubbard, a graduate of Liverpool University and formerly a member of the staff of Liverpool Collegiate, School will be coming to teach both History and Geography.

Another recruit to the History Department is Mrs. Carole Hill, a graduate of Liverpool University, who is now working for her doctorate at Somerville College, Oxford.

Also from Oxford, and in this case from the Queen's College, is Mr. R. J. Dollery, who will join the Modern Languages Department.

Mrs. Frances Gould, a graduate of Bedford College, London, who has for the last few years been bringing up a family, will be coming to teach Physics, Miss Diane Woodward will be joining us from Edge Hill College of Education, to teach Mathematics.

### MASON MEMORIAL FUND

There were 11 applications for the Mason Scholarships this year, and one application for the Dixon Scholarship. These applications were all granted:

B. ANDERSON and I. POGSON, to visit Canada and the U.S.A.

M. SUDDABY, to walk across northern England.

M. P. R. BENEDYK, to stay in a kibbutz and tour Israel.

M. HUNTER, J. INGHAM, D. MANN and P. EVANS, to tour south-west England.

S. GOW and N. DAWSON, to tour the Isle of Skye.

J.M. WILSON, to undertake an exchange holiday in Paris.

I. ORMESHER, to undertake a Y.H.A. Mountaincraft course.

A total of £270 will be distributed.

### JOSEPH EDWARDS' MEMORIAL FUND

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## OLD BOYS' NEWS

- J. A. ANDREWS (W. 1943-49) has been appointed manager of the Midland Bank's Whitehaven branch.
- J. BOOTH (Le. 1964-70) gained his HND in Business Studies, and spent one year as sabbatical president of the Students Union at Salford College of Technology. He joined the Marketing Department of British Leyland (Truck & Bus Division).
- V. O. CALLAND (M. 1964-71) graduated as a doctor in June, 1976, and is at present working at Ormskirk & District General Hospital as House Officer and is Hospital Mess President.
- M. B. CALLER (Ev. 1967-73) has been awarded an entrance bursary by the Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple.
- D. W. CUTBILL (Ed. 1955-61) has qualified as a solicitor after getting his LL.B. at London University.
- P. DICKINSON (Ev. 1953-60) is now Litho Production & Research Manager at S.D. Graphics, St. Helens.
- R. A. DIX (M. 1959-65) is now executive engineer with Central Lancs. Development Corporation.
- J. A. FLEETWOOD (R. 1952-59) has been appointed assistant manager at Midland Bank's Bridge Street branch, Warrington.
- I. A. GREENHALGH (M. 1969-74) is now a police constable in the Lancashire Constabulary.
- F. H. HENTSCHEL (Le. 1932-35) is President of the Société Civile Immobilière.
- C. B. HOLMES (M. 1942-49) has been elected Head of Mechanical & Electrical Department of Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, Consulting Engineers.
- E. B. HUNT (Ev. 1954-61) is now a Systems Analyst in Edmonton, Canada.
- S. J. ILLINGWORTH (R. 1969-75) is now at the Merchant Navy College, Greenhithe, doing phase 1 OND Nautical Studies.
- W. K. JEWELL (Ed. 1953-61) is now operations captain of 19 Tank Transporter Squadron RCT, based at Bulford, Wilts.
- I. P. JUDGE (W. 1957-62) has been appointed assistant director to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford.
- R. T. JUMP (G. 1954-61) has been appointed "Engineering Services Manager" for the North Eastern Region of the Central Electricity Generating Board.
- G. B. KENDREW (Le. 1927-34) is a Methodist Minister in Lytham St. Annes circuit, having pastoral charge of Fairhaven Methodist Church. He is also Methodist Chaplain to Kirkham Open Prison and to Starr Hills Methodist Home for the Aged.
- A. LANSFIELD (M. 1964-70) has qualified as a solicitor of the Supreme Court.

- P. S. Le ROI (S. 1961-68) has been appointed assistant food and beverage manager at London's Hotel Inter-Continental.
- J. K. McNAUGHT (M. 1962-69) is now working as Interpretive Officer for the Lincolnshire Trust for Nature Conservation at their Gibraltar Point Nature Reserve, Skegness, Lincs.
- R. F. MOULD (W. 1951-58) has written a book "St. George's Church, Everton — The Iron Church" and has been awarded a Fellowship of the Institute of Physics.
- P. MURLEY (Hon. 1969-74) was a member of the British Suite attached to H.M. The Queen on Her Majesty's recent visit to Luxembourg and as a result was awarded the Luxembourg Order of Merit of Adolphe of Nassau (Civil) for services to H.R.H. The Grand Duke of Luxembourg.
- J. H. MURRAY (Le. 1962-68) has qualified as a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and has been appointed Chief Internal Auditor at Llandrindod Wells.
- G. A. PEARCE (G. 1947-55) has been promoted to Captain in the British Airways.
- M. J. PERRY (W. 1954-60) is now Manager's Assistant at Barclays Bank Ltd., Bradford.
- A. PICKERING (1931-37) has been awarded a Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.
- R. C. POOK (Le. 1968-71) is now teaching mathematics at Christ The King R.C. Comprehensive School, Southport.
- N. D. PULMAN (S. 1966-73) gained a II(1) Honours Degree at St. Catherines College, Cambridge, and has now gone on to University College, Durham, to take a Certificate of Education.
- M. S. RIGDEN (Ev. 1926-33) has been awarded the C.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.
- Dr. K. ROSTRON (Ev. 1926-33) has been awarded a Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.
- K. E. SACH (R. 1962-67) has gained a B.A. degree in Social Science with the Open University.
- R. SALKIE (G. 1964-70) has been elected to a Bye-fellowship at Queen's College, Cambridge, from October, 1977.
- B. SOURBUT (M. 1946-53) is now Senior Lecturer and Head of English Studies at the College of Ripon and York St. John.
- G. K. SCOTT (W. 1924-31) who is a Principal of a Department with Barclays Bank International Ltd. in London, has been appointed Manager of the Bank's branch on board the QE2.
- D. I. STRANG (W. 1967-73) has been awarded a Harmsworth Exhibition by the Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple.

- D. F. SUTTON (G. 1936-43) has been elected a co-operative Governor of the newly-formed Manchester College of Higher Education.
- S. TAYLOR (G. 1925-28) is a Managing Director of an Insurance Brokers.
- M. T. WALSH (Lu. 1969-76) has gained a First in Part 1 of the Cambridge Archaeology and Anthropology Tripos. He has also been elected to a College Scholarship.
- R. J. WOOD (Ed. 1953-60) is now a Company Director of Birchwood Hire Co., Southport.
- B. A. WOOTTON (W. 1965-71) is now working as a junior Systems Analyst for Perkins Diesels of Peterborough.
- Rev. B. WRIGHT (W. 1942-48) has been awarded a Queen's Silver Jubilee medal.

We regret to record the deaths of Michael John Riley (G. 1952-57), who was killed in a South African air tragedy on 30th March, 1977; of Alfred W. Haigh (Ed. 1922-28), who died in February, 1977; and of Peter Martin Price (R. 1969-75), who was killed in a motorway accident on 3rd June, 1977.

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### AMER'S HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Amer      House Captain: M. R. Jelley  
House Tutor: Mr. Dear

For the second year in succession the Seniors fought off all competition for a convincing win in the final of the Senior Fifteens'. This was accompanied by a splendid victory in the senior sevens' the following term. A lot of the credit should go to Jelley (capt.) for devoting a lot of time and effort to organising the teams.

The teams also included some school players: Jelley, Edwards, and Ball, and one new boy to the school, Robinson.

The Intermediates were not so successful with their Rugby matches but in the sevens managed to reach the semi-finals and Stitson (capt.) showed useful prospects for future senior teams.

The House was let down badly by the Juniors who failed to qualify. We hope to see a better effort next term!

Another splendid effort was put in by the Seniors by winning the cross country. Credit here should go to the Pogson brothers and Halsall, who were all in the top ten. Edwards came twenty-fourth but did not count towards the team score. Overall in the cross country the Seniors finished first, Intermediates tenth, and the Juniors sixth, giving a final position of third in relation to the rest of the school.

Cricket seems to be the weak part of the house with nothing to show for the season but a few bruises. The seniors, however, have the consolation of knowing they lost to the eventual winners.

In the basketball the house managed to reach the semi-finals only to lose.

A noteworthy achievement was made by Martin Halsall in his swimming by swimming for Liverpool and District Under Twenties, Lancashire Under Eighteens and Northern Counties Under Sixteens.

Overall, achievements in the house seem to be directed towards the winter events with the Seniors leading the way. Our thanks go to all the seniors who are leaving this term for all their help over the past year.

Chris Morgan.

### EDWARDS' HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Gale      House Captain: D. J. Edwards  
House Tutor: Mrs. Rimmer      Vice-Captain: G. S. Bailey

Edwards' successes so far this year reflect that our strength lies in all-round ability throughout the house rather than in a few individuals. Our three wins to date, the Swimming Gala, the Life Saving and the Rugby Sevens, have all been in competitions where a large proportion of the house was involved.

Our Juniors must take special credit for our win in the Swimming Gala and also for their performance in the Junior Chess competition, in which they had a good run but were defeated by the eventual winners, Woodham's.

The victory of the Under 19 team in the Athletics must serve as a great encouragement to the rest of the house to repeat last year's overall win in this year's coming competition. The achievement of second place in the Badminton League and in the Cross Country competition further indicates that the effort has been excellent throughout the year.

The tradition that the Lower Sixth does most of the hard work in organizing the house has been well maintained. Tate, Pendleton and Appleby all deserve special thanks for the time and effort they have put into running and encouraging teams.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Marsh as our House Tutor at Easter. He has given much to the house, especially in organizing cross-country and encouraging the teams from the touch-line. We wish him well as House Master of Evans' and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Rimmer in his place.

Finally, we must express once again our thanks to Mr. Gale for his advice and encouragement throughout the year.  
D. J. E.

### EVANS' HOUSE

House Master: Mr. H. T. Marsh  
House Tutor: Mr. H. H. Long  
House Captain: R. A. Caller

As another school year draws to an end the house reflects on a year which has seen only little sporting success but has seen a number of changes.

Once again our performance in the Rugby competitions were poor. Despite a well earned victory over Woodham's by the Juniors, the Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors all failed to reach the semi-finals.

Cross-country was equally poor, our overall position being 9th. No doubt with Mr. Marsh as our new House Master, the House will, hopefully, improve in this activity next year.

In the Swimming Gala our performances were somewhat better. Both Malcolm Thomas and Alan Thomas swam well and the tremendous effort that Thabet made should not go unmentioned.

As the year progressed results got better. The Badminton team finished top of Division Two and thus have earned the right to compete with the elite next year in Division One. Thanks here should go to Sweltenham who produced some excellent form.



The Table Tennis team finished second in the league and thanks are due to Andrews, Mottershead and Cobb.

In the Cricket Competition the Seniors were somewhat unlucky not to reach the final, eventually being defeated by Holland's in the last over of the semi-final. The Intermediates played well but just failed to reach the semi-finals and we still await the results of the Juniors.

In the Senior Sports the Under 17's came top due to a splendid effort by Mottershead and one or two of the Upper-Fifths. Unfortunately the Over-17's scored very few points.

Even if we didn't achieve the greatest of results in sporting activities we did introduce a unique House Points Scheme which kept a close watch on each boy's sporting contribution to the House. The idea of the scheme is to stimulate the desire of the boys to help the House. Although there were teething problems with the scheme, it has proved successful and the winners at the end of the first term were Anderson (Seniors), Marcus Rimmer (Intermediates) and Pickard (Juniors). This scheme has added a new dimension to the House and has been generally received with enthusiasm. Thanks here should be expressed to Duncan Chandler who diligently kept the records throughout the year.

Finally, the loss of Mr. Cowburn at Easter was a great blow to the House. His enthusiasm for House activities, whether sporting or academic, never faltered and we wish him well in his new post. However, Mr. Cowburn's place was filled by Mr. Marsh who obviously saw the light and decided to leave Edwards' and join the dizzy heights of Evans'. We wish him well in his new position and at the same time thank Mr. Long for his fine support in the House during the past year.

R. A. C.

### GREAR'S HOUSE

Mr. B. Mawer: House Master

Mrs. M. Sanderson: House Tutor

J. Barton: House Captain     M. Howarth: House Vice-Captain  
N. Wilkinson: Acting House Captain

September, 1976: Grear's House met under new management with great hopes of success and a desire to prove that trophies could still be won without the help of Mr. T. B. L. Davies.

In the cross-country competitions all the teams tried hard and even the seniors showed some spirit; this was reflected in the results.

This was a sound start on which to build further success. However, the swimming team perhaps failed to scale the heights achieved by teams of recent years and it was encouraging to see the Senior rugby team sweeping all opposition before them to reach the semi-finals. The basketball team also managed to reach this stage before being narrowly defeated amid great controversy and confusion as to whether the opposition had scored the winning point before or after the final whistle.

Later on, the chess team surprised even themselves by defeating Spencer's in the final to record the first trophy win of the year.

January '77: The Juniors showed what they were made of by reaching the final of their rugby competition, playing throughout with great enthusiasm. The Intermediates also did well to reach the semi-final.

This term also saw the commencement of the table-tennis tournament which ended much later in our second success of the year. Well done!

April, '77: The tempo was now more relaxed as the cricket competitions, never Grear's strong point, began. The Intermediates, however, again did well to reach the semi-final.

The Seniors put up another good performance in the Athletics and at this moment the rest of the house has yet to compete.

So the year which began a new era in the history of the house, and during which great spirit was rewarded with success, ends with the feeling that some things never change.

J. B.

### HOLLAND'S HOUSE

Mr. K. J. Ward: Housemaster

Mrs. J. Metcalfe: House Tutor

N. Crompton: House Captain

It has been a year of mixed fortunes and as yet has brought no great sporting success to a house team. This is in no way due to a lack of enthusiasm, since everyone has responded to practices and house matches.

We began the year as Senior Cross-Country champions and despite failing to hold this title we had an individual first place from N. Crompton, winning the competition, in a record time, for the third year in succession.

While Senior Rugby was a disaster, the Juniors showed promise before being eliminated in the semi-finals. Both G. Owens and D. White produced good performances.

Our swimming teams failed to keep up our usual high standard and, apart from fine displays by M. Bond and A. Poirette, we had little success.

The Senior cricket team, improving with each match, reached the final by beating the much fancied Evans' side, thanks to good all round fielding and some excellent batting by S. Sutcliffe. We were disappointing in the final and Leech's must be very thankful they caught us on an off day.

The Juniors must have set some sort of record, for, after dismissing Grear's for 11, they took the full 15 overs to win.

With the Junior and Intermediate Athletics still to come we are lying in a useful third position.

May we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Ward and Mrs. Metcalfe for their co-operation and never ceasing help, also to our House Captain N. Crompton and Vice-Captain K. Hesketh for their hard work and leadership throughout the year.

Peter Kelly.

### **HONEYBONE'S HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. D. Miley  
House Tutor: Mr. L. S. Metford  
House Captains: R. Wilcox, M. Regan

Badminton: For the first time since the house's entrance into the badminton competition, the team has managed to avoid immediate relegation from the first division. A fine tribute to Whiteside and team.

Basketball: On the last day of the winter term the basketball team convincingly captured our second trophy. The outstanding feature of the victory was the lack of opposition competent enough to give the house team a decent game.

Chess: The Senior Chess team had its usual unfortunate season, although it played with spirit in the face of predictable defeat. The Junior Chess team fared little better but team coach Bryan appears to have found a house chess player in Maguire.

Cricket: The Senior Cricket team fought well but was beaten by poor pitches and a lack of practice.

Cross Country: The cross country events of the winter term produced two fine individual performances: firstly Norris who came second in the Junior run and secondly Farrow who came close to breaking the old school record in a fine second place run that would probably have won any other year.

Rugby: Creditable performances were put in by all teams. The Senior team encouragingly led by Porter could not make up for the loss of Wilcox, especially in the game against Grear's.

Table-Tennis: Table Tennis is the sort of game in which the aim is not so much to win but to enjoy playing and it was in this spirit that the house team played.

Praise must go (once again) to the house Basketball team. Thanks must go to all members of all teams in whatever capacity they played for at least putting in the effort to represent the house. Finally a deserving mention must be given to all those Lower 6th boys who sacrificed their own time to coach the Junior and Intermediate sides.

M. W. F.

### **LEECH'S HOUSE**

House Master: E. T. Johnson  
House Tutor: A. Clowes  
House Captain: A. Hodge  
Vice-Captains: D. Hitchen, A. Randles

In retrospect, our performance in both scholastic and athletic fields has been rather pleasing (well, that's our opinion, anyway!).

The Juniors have reached the final of the cricket and will provide good material for the Intermediates who have had a most successful season in both rugby and cricket, narrowly losing in the rugby, but hoping for a victory in the cricket.

The 'we don't like rugby' seniors made up for a disappointing performance in the cross-country by gliding through the first round of the cricket, walking through the second and winning a striking victory in the final.

The swimming? Well, there's always next year!

Finally, with Leech's looking firm favourites in the Jubilee Cup, it looks like a fitting end to a successful season.

T. G. N. and D.F.

### **LUNN'S HOUSE**

Housemaster: Mr. P. J. Comfort  
House Tutor: Mr. R. A. Stichbury  
House Captain: K. A. Boardman

This has once again been another year of ups and downs in the house. We again excelled ourselves in cross-country in the usual tradition of the house coming first overall, following our position of second last year.

Our Seniors continued their habit of making a speedy exit from the rugby scene, which has to be the general story in the rugby competition for the house this year. The Seniors did, however, make a fight of it in the sevens where they somehow reached the semi-finals to be just unfortunately beaten by Edwards (26:0).

When it came to the basketball competition our relatively small team was lost for height in the face of our tall opponents. We will have to grow a bit during the summer if we want to progress further next year.

After being relegated from Division I in badminton last year, we have bounced back, being unbeaten throughout. Let's hope we can stay up this time.

Our misfortune arose this year when the cricket season arrived. Our progress to the semi-finals was halted by some fluke of a draw in which Spencer's won, in spite of a brilliant display of all-round cricket which demolished Rogers'!

The House has started well in the new competition of table-tennis, finishing second in our league, and there is potential for the future, especially from our young hopeful, Gardner.

A final mention must be given to the swimmers of the house who finished a creditable fifth in the gala. It has not been the best year in the history of Lunn's House, but the other eleven can be sure that we'll be fighting them hard again next year.

K. Halsall.

### **MASON'S HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. R. Clarke  
House Tutor: M. T. J. Bruce  
House Captain: M. White  
Vice-Captain: N. L. H. Jones

This could have been the year when Mason's put themselves back at the top. Unfortunately it wasn't. The cross-country teams ended up in sixth position with our only claim to fame being Cropper who came first in the juniors. Mason's kept up their tradition of being non-swimmers and we achieved little in the Gala despite sparkling performances by the two Birtles brothers.

On paper the Senior rugby team looked quite a formidable side. Names like White, Roberts, Taylor, Hurren and Jones should have been enough to secure a place in the finals. With the loss of Hurren and Jones through injury we ended up being beaten by Pike and Metcalfe in the semi-finals. The intermediates, however, achieved better results, winning both the XV's and the VII's and congratulations must go to Birtles and Kreen who both played well.

Despite the captaincy and playing of Aughton, the badminton team finished up being relegated to the second division. The table tennis team succeeded in getting through to the finals under the keen leadership of Daniels and Mr. Clarke but were beaten. The senior cricket came and went and despite getting sixteen into the senior athletic finals we failed to achieve any fame.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Clark and Mr. Bruce for their hard work in running the house. I am only sorry that we could not mirror their efforts and achieve a little more. There's always next year, I suppose. N. L. H. Jones

### **ROGERS' HOUSE**

House Master: Mr. Clough.  
House Tutor: Mr. Freem  
House Captain: M. E. Rothwell  
House Vice-Captain: R. J. Martin

This term has followed the usual trend of hard work but little spectacular success. Perhaps fittingly it was to the Juniors that the laurels of glory fell when their Junior Sevens team smashed all aside to win in the final. The basketball team, with Holmes playing a prominent part, also reached the final where they were narrowly beaten. The Senior cricket team reached the semi-finals, by the luck of the draw, but we then withdrew in favour of Spencer's, who had a better claim.

Alas the other teams have had none of the same success and even spectacular failure at times. But never mind—there's always next year.

### **SPENCER'S HOUSE**

Housemaster: Mr. S. B. Rimmer  
House Tutor: Mr. J. R. Wohlers  
Joint House Captains: D. Proctor, D. M. Pike

On the rugby field the house has enjoyed further success, with the Seniors and Juniors both reaching the final of their respective competitions. In a keenly contested game the Seniors were defeated by a strong Amer's side, while the Juniors, ably led by Pickard and Farr, outplayed Grear's to win their final. The junior section is good at sport and strong academically and this augurs well for the future prospects of the house. In the seven-a-side competitions none of the sides enjoyed the same degree of success, only the Juniors reaching the semi-final stage.

The illustrious Spencer's badminton team, led by Peter Foster, quickly disposed of all opposition to win the first division again. Only the strict handicapping system prevented the team from winning the knock-out competition.

In the swimming gala it was only absence due to illness of certain key competitors which prevented us from carrying off both swimming cups for the second year running. As it was, we had to content ourselves with second place in both. We occupied the same position in newly introduced table tennis competition.

The chess team, noted in recent years for its consistent run of success, once again reached the final, only to be defeated by Grear's, and in the cross-country competition the Juniors ran well to finish in first place, our first runner home being Birchall.

The cricket competitions, as well as the athletics, are currently in progress. Last year we reached all three cricket finals. This year the Intermediates are already there and the Juniors have reached the semi-final stage with every chance of going further.

It must be noted that Spencer's house has won the Jubilee Cup for the best all round house in three out of the last four years, last year's success being the largest winning margin ever recorded.

Our sincere congratulations go to John Mason for having won a scholarship to read engineering at Cambridge and we extend our best wishes to all our 'O' and 'A' level candidates this summer. Thanks go to Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Wohlers for the help and guidance they have given in the running of the house and thanks also go to several members of the sixth form for their supervision of Junior and Intermediate teams.

D. P., D. M. P.

### WOODHAM'S HOUSE

House Master: Mr. G. Berry

House Tutor: Mr. A. Cook

House Captain: R. I. Stevenson

House Vice-Captain: B. Taylor

For the first time in three or four years, Woodham's have not won just one event, but two.

The House won the Badminton K.O. by beating Amer's 2-1. Congratulations to Bland, Warren, P. Wright and D. Heath. In the League we finished in the middle of our group. However, next year should see us promoted.

In the Swimming, the House came seventh overall and it was perfectly evident (from those who competed) that, with the willingness shown, Woodham's has the potential to restore itself to its former sporting status. Fine performances were put in by: A. Porter, A. Lee and the 5th Year squad of Warren, C. Wood, Richardson and Ogden. Again too much swimming was left to too few to do. Lower Sixth, take note!

In the Table Tennis we finished about third in our group. Perhaps next year we may even have a full team for every match!

Basketball was really a non-event in that we won one match and lost the other. Consequently, we went no further.

As for the Senior Rugby, our only consolation was to have lost to Mason's only 8-0 after an extremely spirited performance by the team. The Juniors and Intermediates also managed to follow the Senior's example, suitably terminating all that needs to be said about the Rugby.

However, we have a number of good players in the U5th and L6th who showed ability in the matches. Consequently, I would be very surprised if we do not win the Senior Rugby and/or the 7-a-side Trophy in the next two years.

The best thing to say about the Cross-Country is that the Intermediates put up a fine performance to finish second.

In the Cricket, the Seniors lost to Holland's by 1 run but hammered Mason's by dismissing the side for only 10 runs. All credit must go to Taylor and Richardson for superb bowling and to Richardson again for a fine batting performance.

The Intermediates failed dismally against Grear's having beaten Edwards'. However, they may still reach the semi-final.

In the Athletics heats things did not go as well as we could have expected. But, there's always next year!

Our other conquest was winning the Junior Chess. Congratulations to Wilkinson (Capt.), Jackson and Simister. The Seniors and Intermediates performed well in some matches and poorly in others to be reasonably placed in the end.

A special word of thanks must go to Bruce Taylor for working so hard in taking practices in Rugby and Cricket, and to Rose, who also helped.

Finally, a word of thanks to all those in the Senior Sixth who helped in coaching. A little more effort from "the others" would have done a great deal of good in encouraging the enthusiastic boys in the house, especially the Juniors.

If all the house members had a fraction of the Juniors' naive, unsophisticated eagerness and pride for representing the House, we might not have been in the doldrums for the past few years. However, I wish the House all the very best of luck and success for next year.

R. I. S.

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## SILVER JUBILEE

To commemorate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, King George V School organized two special events—the Silver Jubilee Competition and the Silver Jubilee Gala.

### THE SILVER JUBILEE GALA

The final events of the Jubilee Competition were held on Thursday, 14th July, and to add to the entertainment a Parents' XI played the boys at cricket and several stalls and sideshows were set up by the parents to raise funds for Prince Charles' Silver Jubilee Appeal.

Perhaps the most popular competition was the "Rogues Gallery" in which childhood photographs of members of staff had to be identified.

The evening was rounded off with a Jubilee Disco and a total of £114.77 was sent to the Appeal Fund.

### SILVER JUBILEE COMPETITION

At the beginning of the Summer term the Staff challenged the School to a competition of sporting events as a celebration of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Apart from the sports normally played in school there were a couple of novelty events—baseball and target golf—which took place on the last Thursday of term and concluded the competition. Rugby Conversions: Monday, 4th April—School won 20-15.

Points: School 4, Staff 3.

Hockey: Friday, 1st April—School won 4-0.

Points: School 30, Staff 10.

Badminton: Friday, 20th May—School won 5-3.

Points: School 20, Staff 10.

Basketball: Tuesday, 7th May—School won 24-9.

Points: School 20, Staff 10.

Chess: 9th to 20th May—School won 3 to 1 draw.

Points: School 18, Staff 9.

Table Tennis: Wednesday, 18th May—School won 6-0.

Points: School 20, Staff 9.

Squash: Thursday, 19th May—Staff won 3-1.

Points: School 7, Staff 17.

Athletics: Thursday, 14th July—Staff won

Points: Staff 24, School 18.

Baseball: Thursday, 14th July—Staff won 76-75

Points: Staff 30, School 10.

Target Golf: Thursday, 14th July—Staff won 245-90.

Points: Staff 25, School 9.

**Total Points: School 156, Staff 146.**

## K.G.V. TROPHIES

In July 1975 twelve of the School Cups were stolen from the premises—the Taylor Cup (athletics), the Pariser Cup (athletics), the Bradburne Cup (swimming), the Ingham Cup (swimming), the Lancashire Cup (life-saving), the Ross Cup (swimming), the Hepburn Cup (athletics), the Rimmer Cup, the Choral Cup, and the Jubilee Cup.

As a result of this loss, the school inter house sporting competitions have been reorganized and three of the sporting trophies have been replaced—the Badminton Cup, the Ross Cup, the Ayland Cup (life-saving). This has ensured that all aspects of the school's competitive sporting activities have appropriate cups or shields for the victors.

The original Jubilee Cup was presented to the school in 1935 to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the reign of King George V. It is the most important trophy of all as it is presented annually to the house excelling in all school activities (academic work, games, school societies) and therefore it has also been replaced.

The present school competitions with their respective trophies and the 1976/77 winners are as follows:-

Senior Rugby Shield—Amer's.

Intermediate Rugby (The Lord Shield)—Mason's.

Junior Rugby Shield—Spencer's.

Sevens Competition (Hardaker Cup)—Edward's.

Basketball (The Lord Cup)—Honeybone's.

Badminton—Spencer's.

Table Tennis—Grear's.

Lifesaving (The Ayland Cup)—Edwards'.

Swimming (The Bell Cup)—Edwards'.

Swimming (The Ross Cup)—Edwards'.

Junior Chess Cup—Woodham's.

Senior Chess Cup—Grear's.

Senior Cricket Shield—Leech's.

Intermediate Cricket (The Barnes Shield)—Leech's.

Junior Cricket Shield—Leech's.

Individual Cricket Competition (The Michael Read Bat)—

R. Oakley July, 1976

Senior Cross Country Cup—Amer's.

Intermediate Cross Country Cup—Lunn's.

Junior Cross Country Cup—Spencer's.

Athletics (The Mawdesley Shield)—Edwards' July, 1976.

The Jubilee Cup—Spencer's 1975/76.

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## SPORTS REPORT

### • HOCKEY REPORT 1976/77 SEASON

#### First XI

The results obtained by the first team for this season have been disappointing, with only one win from eight matches. Many of the fixtures were cancelled due to bad weather which caused a lack of match practice and this, together with the inexperience of a comparatively young side, was a reason for the results.

The team was:-

**Chandler (Goalkeeper):** Played consistently well until injury forced him to miss the last two matches.

**Rothwell (Left Back):** Vice-Captain who played all season with a broken stick, but still managed to be an important part of the defence.

**Martin (Right Back):** Captained the side throughout the season, showing skill and determination in defence.

**Potts (Left Half):** A competent player when given the chance. He also had to retire from the team due to injury.

**Milton (Centre Half):** A strong tackler who played a key part in starting many of the attacking moves.

**Halsall (Right Half):** Although inexperienced, he could control the ball well and will be an asset to next year's side.

**Rose (Left Wing):** Played in a difficult position and improved as the season progressed.

**Andersen (Inside Left):** Tended to dribble the ball rather too often. He proved determined when attacking.

**Monk (Centre Forward):** Gained in confidence and proved that he could score goals. He should do well next season.

**Foster (Inside Right):** His characteristic way of hitting the ball deterred many opponents.

**Morton (Right Wing):** Made the position his own by showing that his skill and speed could frequently beat defenders.

#### Record

P	W	D	L	F	A
8	1	1	6	7	20

#### 2nd XI

The team remained undefeated in its four matches, many players showing that they could do well next season. Congratulations must go to Ross for scoring seven goals and to Cope who only let four in.

#### Record

P	W	D	L	F	A
4	4	0	0	16	4

Both teams would like to thank Messrs. Amer and Comfort for their time and enthusiasm throughout the season. Thanks are also due to Bill, of the Biology Lab. for the use of his gardening tools; to the ground-staff for the immaculate pitch and goal area/swimming pool; to those in the Prefects' Room for their encouragement and to those vandals who stole the goal posts.



## RUGBY REPORT 1976/77 SEASON

### First XV

Playing record:-

P	W	D	L
22	8	0	14

The following boys formed the bulk of the squad:-

- J. M. D. Ball (Captain and Hooker):** There haven't been many rugby players of schoolboy level who have ended up "punch-drunk"—but the way this lad plays he could be one of the few. An extremely capable and technically sound hooker. Great organiser and led the team by example. Quiet words of encouragement to other players mean nothing to John and his verbal castigations and exhortations will be missed next season. He proved to be the "head-case" that every pack of forwards needs. His dedication and keenness was unquestionable. Good luck with the home brewing, John.
- R. Wilcox (Vice-Captain, Full Back):** Unfortunately was injured in the third game of the season and didn't play again which was a great pity because he would have been one of the "stars" of the side.
- J. Beresford (Vice-Captain, Centre):** A real "Jekyll and Hyde" character. Was sometimes brilliant, other times a most frustrating player to watch. Took over responsibility of looking after the backs and eventually created some moves to baffle the opposition as well as his own team. An excellent tackler on his day, as a certain Hutton G.S. centre will testify.
- D. Turnbull (Full Back):** Joined the team at a very tender age but proved to be an exceptional catcher, kicker and tackler—the three qualities it is essential for a full-back to have.
- D. Edwards (Wing):** Had very much a mixed season. If only he would use his considerable size and speed and stop mucking about once he has the ball, he could go a long way in rugby.
- D. Mottershead (Wing):** After an early question of loyalty between Liverpool F.C. and K.G.V Rugby he became an established member of the side, whose strong running improved throughout the season. He should—and will have a good season next year.
- J. Metcalfe (Centre/Wing):** An extremely sharp, penetrative runner. His "over-enthusiasm" sometimes landed him in trouble with certain referees. If the dedication remains next season, he will go far.
- N. Webster (Centre/Fly-Half):** Came straight from the Under-15 team. Early loss of confidence affected his play. An excellent ball player who must concentrate on playing fly-half next season. Good tactical kicker.
- R. Oakley (Fly-Half):** What he lacked in size and strength he made up for through his determined attitude to the game.

**J. Barton (Scrum-Half):** A mobile, gritty scrum-half. His passing could be improved but always gave of his best, willing to mix it with forwards twice his size.

**J. "What does that Mean" Edwards (Prop):** It can safely be said that no schoolboy prop in Lancashire has had the better of "Eddy" in a game. It was a joy to see him lift his opposing prop four feet off the ground. His mauling and general strength and ability to stay on his feet make him the cornerstone for next year's pack. Could well push for county honours next year. Organiser of penalties whose speed of thinking (?) fooled the opposition.

**R. Daniels (Prop):** Until Danny left to join the other sailors at sea, K.G.V had one of the best front-rows in Lancs. He had the satisfaction of outscrummaging an England schoolboy prop. A bit injury prone but a great lad to have in your side.

**J. Pendleton (Prop/Flanker):** Another grafter who works extremely hard in the rucks and mauls. Scored one of the best tries of the season after running the whole length of the pitch to back up the ball carrier.

**M. White (2nd Row):** A law unto himself. When he wanted to he could be indispensable to the team.

**M. Jelley (2nd Row):** Consistently last to arrive at rucks and mauls but when he did get there he used his weight to full effect.

**S. Porter (Flanker):** On loan from Wigan. Proved to be one of the successes of the season. Always quick and hard in the tackle—if only he would turn up for practices.

**D. Pike (Flanker):** The fittest member of the side, always first to arrive at rucks and mauls but better technique and strength would help his game. An excellent long goal kicker.

**B. Roberts (Flanker):** Thinnest legs in the side. Always keen and willing—his determination often rubbed off onto other players. Should be an asset next season.

**N. Wilkinson (No. 8):** The most improved player of the season. Started off tamely but finished the season full of confidence and aggression. Must try to stay on his feet more when running with the ball. Could well make Lancashire next year.

**G. Hurren (Hooker):** Mention must be made of this player who was 2nd team captain until he suffered a serious neck injury. His cheerfulness and dedication are illustrated by the fact that, hopefully, he is well on the way to a full recovery.

C. Wood and R. Stott also played.

The following awards were made at the Dinner and Dance:-

Most Improved Player: N. Wilkinson.

Captain's Prize and Outstanding Service: J. N. D. Ball.

R. A. S./J. N. D. B.

## Under 15

					Points
P	W	L	D	For	Against
17	11	5	1	271	148

At first the team took some time to settle, wasting scoring opportunities through lateral running and unwillingness to part with the ball and often the opposition was allowed through because of half-hearted tackling.

The notable exception to this charge was Everett, who tackled devastatingly throughout the season, setting an example quickly followed by Paul Maddock and Mark Dransfield and eventually spreading to tighten up the whole defence. One of the memories of the season was Paul Merone's unorthodox bringing down of opponents twice his size.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Captain Merone and pack leader Jonathan Elliott, the team soon became an efficient unit.

The secret of success was willingness to play together and rely on natural ability and inventiveness rather than heavily rehearsed movements.

We were much indebted to the "reserve" players in our very small squad and in this connection Clenahan, Sinclair and Greenhalgh are to be particularly commended, not only for the able way they stepped into the breach on so many occasions, but also for their enthusiastic support both home and away and we must also appreciate the quality, if not the quantity, of parental support. Incidentally, our sincere thanks to the mothers who prepared and served the meal when Tettenhall College visited us.

Highlights of the season were:-

- First-ever wins against Hutton, Ormskirk, and Cowley.
- The game at Arnold School—probably the most exciting—even though it ended in a 10-0 defeat.
- The draw against an extremely heavy Christ the King side.
- The perpetual motion of "Bugsy" Everett.
- The scoring feat of David Hodgson (115 pts.).
- The determined running of Paul Maddock.
- The height of Jonathan Elliott, John Mercer, David Marshall, and Mark Day in the line.
- "Sid" Kneen continually proving that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

To sum up, a good all-round team effort. We have here the nucleus of an exciting 1st XV in a year or two.

## Under 13 XV

Record: \*

P	W	L	F	A
12	9	3	262	79

- 1 K.G.V. 18, Lancaster R.G.S. 4.
- 2 Blackpool Collegiate 6, K.G.V. 8.
- 3 Arnold School 12, K.G.V. 4.
- 4 K.G.V. 14, Hutton G.S. 8.
- 5 K.G.V. 28, West Derby C.S. 0.
- 6 Ormskirk G.S. 4, K.G.V. 14.
- 7 Kirkham G.S. 4, K.G.V. 18.
- 8 Christ the King 0, K.G.V. 74.
- 9 Balshaw's School 3, K.G.V. 30.
- 10 K.G.V. 46, St. Joseph's 0.
- 11 St. Mary's 28, K.G.V. 0.
- 12 K.G.V. 8, Cowley 10.

Appearances: Allott 12, Baker 4, Cartlidge (Capt.) 12, Cook 1, Cropper 5, Cullen 11, Farr 12, Fawley 1, Greenhalgh 12, Kershaw 9, McLean 1, Olive 10, Owens 12, Pickard, H. 12, Pickard, J. 12, Robinson 5, Skinner 11, Stewart 7, Sturgeon 11, Taylor 2, Wanklyn 5, Webster 2, White 11.

S. B. R.

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## LIFE-SAVING

This year's results are excellent. It is encouraging to note the high number of awards taken by the intermediates and juniors. The first year boys did particularly well and deserve praise for their commendable efforts.

Once again we won the Lord Leverhulme Shield. This trophy is awarded to the School gaining the highest aggregate of points for Life-Saving examinations.

Award	Number
Distinction	6
Award of Merit	6
Teacher	2
Student Teacher	3
Bronze Cross	1
Bronze	25
Intermediate	34
Elementary	46
Advanced Resuscitation	6
Preliminary Resuscitation	123
Water Safety	123

E. S. G.

## SWIMMING

Captain: M. Halsall

This year has seen a revival of the School Swimming team, and although they have only had two fixtures, they have been fairly successful. The team won the Southport Secondary Schools' Gala and were only just defeated by Hutton Grammar School.

It is hoped that the fixture list will be extended next year and all interested swimmers, particularly in the Middle School, will be very welcome.

M. S.

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## A GASTRONOMIC ALLEGORY

or

## THE K.G.V. CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

Seniors: Played 16, Won 9

Juniors: Played 4, Won 2.

An excellent season with grateful thanks to Mr. Marsh who once again successfully managed the team.

There now follows the Jimmy Hill interview with the team captain, Nigel Edward Alfred Crompton.

J.H. (scratching chin): Nigel, I believe that parallels can be drawn between the eating habits of the team and their running ability.

NIGE: This is, in fact, true. This parallel was highlighted at the Rossall relay race where we were 9th out of 12. After the race we were each faced with two platefuls of chips, six sausage, masses of beans, gallons of tea and cake. In true team spirit we attacked our platters.

Chris Farrow was first served, and quickly cornered his sausages and kept on pecking at them, destroying one after the other; rather like he quickly makes for the front of a pack of runners, and cuts in well to finish about second.

P. Kelly was then seen to round on his pile of beans, and solidly chewed his way through until the cake came. Not a fast runner/eater but possesses excellent stamina and generally improved his position throughout the term.

Further up the table sat Geoff Bailey "a tiger in a lamb's skin". Eyeing up his chips, not unlike the way he regards a pack of runners, he proceeded to demolish his meal, finishing a close second, as he did on many runs. A valuable run.

Across from him sat N. Whiteside, a quiet but aggressive runner, who silently but efficiently put away his meal, just as he quietly, but efficiently moved up the field.

Beside me sat J. Pogson, an utter looney who attacked each chip as he does a run—differently. An excellent runner, one of the better ones in the team, whose performance was marred by a catarrhal infection.

J.H. (very vigorously scratching chin): But what about yourself? I hear you had more chips than anyone else, and it has been said that you devour runners like these chips. You never did finish that plate off did you?

NIGE: The best book on humility ever written. I wrote it.

J.H. (Totally engrossed with chin, almost unaware of interview): What about the rest of the team not at Rossall?

NIGE: Ah yes, the team was always selected from a very keen bunch of younger lads, who will form an excellent team next year. J. Ingram was a notable runner, always out in

front. He has good prospects next year. A. Pogson and M. Halsall were always there, battling together against stronger, older lads, and coming out very well. J. Lawrence was always with the bunch and his raucous Geordie voice terrorised many a runner; plus T. North, who ran well but inconsistently, and Evans, who will both be in the team next year.

Oh! I almost forgot. Last and not least, a K.G.V.C.C.T. apparition who attended that fateful dinner. On top of the table was a prostrate ten-foot white rabbit, Wally, who drank milk out of a wooden straw. He wins every run and was designated team mascot after he was first seen by someone who had just been noisily ill after a run.

N. C./I. P.

### WAKEFIELD MYSTERY PLAYS

For the first time in its history, KGV's School play took place outside school and outside term. At the invitation of the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, KGV Drama joined forces with Trinity to present a modern production of a medieval play about the Crucifixion and the events leading up to it. It was presented in Holy Trinity Primary School Hall on the Friday and Saturday at the end of the Easter holiday.

The technical problems involved in setting up temporary spotlights, together with electric keyboards and taped sound effects proved to be enormous and were not solved without considerable time, effort and ingenuity from Mr. Allen, the lighting manager, with his dedicated team, consisting of Messrs. Marshall, Counsell and Skinner, plus Steven Hill who was in charge of sound and who also devised as well as played the various musical effects used in the production.

The play proved very strenuous for all the actors involved, especially as the central character is supposed to be nailed to a cross, improvised out of a P.E. climbing frame, for the last twenty minutes or so. Tim Winter, who actually became an old boy during the course of rehearsals (cause and effect?) completed a considerable career in school plays with a performance all the more impressive because it was the most demanding he has played. Also the director had less time to spend giving him direction than in any previous play.

Once again, many of the actors were performing for the first time, particularly worth mentioning being Chris Farrow as John the Baptist, Mark Brooke and Mike Pound as two torturers; these three should have been discovered years ago. Stewart Walton and Daniel Pollick established a splendid double act as High Priests, and Neil Dickinson, now an old hand at the game, nearly brought the house down at times as Pilate.

Actors who promise well for the future include the aforementioned Pollick, together with Daniel Metcalfe and David Crawford, this last proving to be a particularly bloodthirsty junior torturer. We also had a good team of 1st year boys who acted as a sinister-looking bunch of disciples, two of whom, Steven Pearson and David Noble, actually succeeded in playing angels!

It was, altogether, a rewarding but extremely demanding project which produced some fascinating results. It should, however, not be attempted more than once in a lifetime, since even English teachers are human.

K. J. Ward.

### SPRING CONCERT '77

This year's Spring Concert, held on 4th April, was by all accounts, a particularly good display of the school's talent from all years.

The programme included a great variety of styles ranging from a very fine performance by the Choir of Handel's "Zadok the Priest" to the equally good tuba solo of Andrew Liley.

There is, every Spring, a performance from the first year of a musical tale. This year was no exception with the first year giving a very good account with the "Rooster Rag" by Michael Hurd. This light-hearted piece was well-complemented by the precise playing of the Recorder Ensemble, with the help of Duncan McKenzie, and singing of the Madrigal Group.

This year has of course been Jubilee Year and to celebrate this the Choir produced Handel's "Zadok the Priest" which was considered by many to be the high-light of the performance and a superb opening to the second half. This anthem was originally used at the coronation of George II and also at that of our present Queen. The Choir also ended the concert with a good performance of "The Rhyming Shopman" by Thomas Pitfield. Thanks must go to Colin Mason as the baritone soloist.

As usual, there were other soloists who all performed extremely well. Mark Suddaby played even better than on previous occasions and produced two varied pieces. Thanks must also go to Colin Pierce with a lively trumpet solo, to Ralph Keeley on the piano, and to the recorder ensemble.

Lastly I would like to remind Andrew Liley of the cliff-hanger on his last note. May his E flats continue to resonate . . . .

## SAINT PAUL

One of the most active parts of the Music Society is the Choir, who not only perform in the School Concerts but this year also performed in two other concerts outside school.

The first, on March 22nd, was held at the Arts Centre. It was a Jubilee performance in which many of the Junior and Secondary Schools in Southport took part by acting or performing musically.

K.G. V was involved in one section in which the Choir with Birkdale Secondary again performed Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and two other songs called "Songs of Courage" all of which were well received by the audience.

During the summer term, there are no School Concerts so instead of allowing the Choir to relax completely, the Choir joins the Southport Bach Society to produce a larger and consequently more able choir.

This year the concert was of the rarely heard "Saint Paul" by Mendelssohn. This Oratorio was given the "works" in Holy Trinity Church and, with the able help of the Organist Noel Evans and of several excellent soloists, the two Choirs produced a very fine performance.

All this activity has only occurred because of the effort and hard work of Mr. Williams. I would finally, on behalf of all members of the Music Society, like to thank Mr. Williams for all that he has done over the past seven years and wish him luck and good fortune in the future.

C.J.C.

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## K.G.V. DUTCH INVASION, EASTER 1977

Anybody who happened to be walking down Scarisbrick New Road at mid-day on Thursday, 14th April, would doubtless have been surprised to see a motley crowd assembling outside the school gates. Close inspection of this throng would have revealed that it was not the local gang of "boot boys", but a party of intrepid travellers from K.G.V. about to embark for Holland for a school holiday. This party consisted of four teachers (Messrs. Basford, Comfort, Dear and Platford), three prefects and thirty-seven boys from the 3rd, 4th and 15th forms.

Having packed the coach and said goodbye to parents and friends, we set off for Hull, where we arrived after an uneventful journey with an hour to spare before we had to report to the passenger terminal. There was a long wait before we passed through the customs and finally boarded our ship, the "Norstar". We were shown to our couchettes, which were small but reasonably comfortable, and then had a very good meal before the boat set sail. During the evening everybody explored the ship and lost money on the innumerable gambling machines. When we went to bed, we were kept awake for some time by the constant drone of the engines; to make matters worse, it was a fairly rough crossing (although they did eventually put the stabilisers out!) and we lost an hour since Dutch time is ahead of ours.

Thus it was a bleary-eyed party which was roused at six o'clock the following morning. The crossing had been slow and it was two hours later than expected when we finally docked at Europoort, Rotterdam. We were made even later by the fact that we were the last party to be called off the boat. Therefore we abandoned our plans for the morning and drove straight to our hotel in Noordwijk-aan-Zee, which turned out to be very good. Great hilarity was caused by the fact that certain members of the party had to share a double bed, but apart from that the rooms were very comfortable and clean, and the food was excellent. We spent the afternoon wandering round Noordwijk, a small and pleasant resort overlooking the North Sea. In the evening, which was enlivened by the presence of a party of girls from Luton, most people stayed in the hotel and had an early night to make up for the previous night.

The following morning after breakfast, we went to Delft, where we visited the show-room of the famous Royal Delft Potteries. Here there was a very impressive exhibition of pottery, all beautifully hand-made and painted, together with demonstrations of the pottery actually being made. We then went into the town centre, where we wandered around admiring the beautiful buildings and canals and savouring the historic atmosphere of Delft. Next we drove to the Hague, where we visited the Dutch Houses of Parliament. First we



were shown a film about the history of the buildings, then given a guided tour round the Dutch equivalent of the House of Commons and the Knights' Hall, used only for state openings of parliament. This was particularly impressive, with a magnificent timber room, stained-glass windows and a huge hand-made carpet. We then went to Madurodam, the famous model town, which was very good, if somewhat crowded. The attention to detail on some of the model buildings was incredible and we particularly liked the models of famous Dutch buildings.

The next day, which was a Sunday, we drove north, stopping for an hour at Keukenhof to see the magnificent display of beautiful flowers and trees. The blaze of colour from the tulips, crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths and many other flowers, together with the soft green tones of the trees, was really breath-taking. We then drove on through Haarlem up to Afsluitdijk, the huge dyke which the Dutch have built to enclose what was formerly the Zuider Zee into a fresh-water lake, IJsselmeer. The scale of the dyke is very impressive; it literally stretches as far as the eye can see. We had our lunch in the middle of the dyke and then drove south towards Amsterdam. We stopped to visit a cheese factory at a farm near Edam, where we were told and shown all the gory details of cheese-making. We then went to Volendam, which was very picturesque but very commercialised and full of tourists. Across the bay we could see the island of Marken where we visited a beautiful old fishing village, which was very quiet and peaceful. Around the bay were small wooden cottages, all painted green and white. All the inhabitants were dressed in traditional Dutch costume. We drove back to Noordwijk through Amsterdam, where we got lost several times. In the evening, everybody participated in a "treasure hunt" around Noordwijk arranged by the sixth-formers. This was won by King and Everett, who were duly awarded 5 guilders each. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed it (?)

The next day was Amsterdam day. We went first to Van Moppes diamond factory, where we were shown the intricacies of cutting, shaping, faceting and setting diamonds, but we decided not to buy any souvenirs after being shown a diamond costing £30,000. We then went to the Rijksmuseum, where there is a marvellous collection of paintings, particularly Rembrandts. The most impressive of all was Rembrandt's famous "Night Watch" with its magnificent contrasts between light and shade. After lunch, we went on a boat round the canals of Amsterdam, which was a very good way of savouring the distinctive atmosphere of the city. We were shown and told about all the notable buildings which we passed. We then drove back to Noordwijk, stopping for an hour at Schiphol Airport, which is huge, modern and efficient.

On Tuesday morning we packed our things and then spent an hour buying souvenirs and gifts in Noordwijk. We then drove to Amsterdam to visit a clog factory, which we had not had time for the previous day. We were given a demonstration of how clogs are made, from a block of wood to the finished product. Then we went to Rotterdam, where we had our lunch and visited Euromast, the huge 600ft. tower which dominates the Rotterdam sky-line. We went up to the half-way observation platform and then up to the very top on a rotating lift. This afforded a magnificent view of the city and the modern complex of Europoort. During the afternoon, we visited the Delta scheme, which is a system of dams by which the Dutch have enclosed the Rhine delta to prevent flooding. We looked round one of the dykes and went to an exhibition showing how and why the scheme has developed. Then we made our way to Europoort, where we boarded the ship. This time there were no delays and the crossing was much quieter.

The next morning, we were quickly off the boat when the customs opened at 8 o'clock, and armed with our duty free goods we were soon on the road back to Southport. We eventually arrived back at school at about noon, where we said goodbye to our coach driver, Ron, who had been very friendly. The holiday was an undisputed success and thanks must go to Mr. Basford and the other teachers who arranged it so efficiently.

M. K. Suddaby.

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## **SENIOR HISTORY SOCIETY**

At noon on the 24th August 79 A.D. the most famous volcanic eruption in history took place in southern Italy. Earthquakes shook and split the ground, buildings tottered and a storm of ash and dust rained down. Panic stricken crowds attempted to escape in the eerie mid-day darkness and within hours the bustling town of Pompeii, and the luxury resort of Herculaneum, lay buried and silent. For 1,500 years the twin-cities lay undisturbed under 15 feet of debris—their life arrested like some abruptly frozen film. Then in 1710 a peasant digging a new well unearthed valuable fragments of marble and the long process of excavating the remains and reconstructing the life of these towns began.

It was to see something of the archaeological discoveries which have been made since the 18th century that the S.H.S. made a week-end visit to London in December. The "Pompeii A.D. 79 Exhibition" at the Royal Academy concentrated on the everyday life of the wealthy classes and revealed a lot about their homes, interests, entertainments and beliefs. To visit the Exhibition was to be reminded both of the similarity of their lives to ours and of the tremendous differences. The design of their houses, their tastes in interior decoration and garden layouts, the issues which dominated their municipal politics would not be out of place in the 20th century. Yet this was also a society with few mechanical aids, no large industry, thousands of slaves, and in which the average life of a woman was 24 and a man 30. Although the tragedy of Pompeii was a boon to historians it was impossible not to be saddened by some of the exhibits, such as the pathetic family group who died holding hands and whose bodies became fossilised into stone during the ensuing centuries. But such maudlin thought were soon dispelled by the richness and colour of so many other exhibits in this unique collection.

The visit to London also allowed the Society time to take several long but fascinating walks through the City of London and to view not only the famous places but also to explore Wren Churches, the sites of Tyburn and Newgate and to rediscover the London of Pepys and Dickens. Amazingly no one got lost, the hotel was excellent and for once Jelley had some original jokes!

During the rest of the half-year the S.H.S. again ran the Sixth Form "Mastermind" and had two excellent lectures—one by Major Fleming on "Napoleonic Warfare" and the other by Mr. G. Rogers (ex K.G.V. Staff) about his research on the development of the Lancashire coastal towns. The latter was held in conjunction with the Geographers and will, we hope, be the first of many joint meetings.

The year ended most enjoyably with the S.H.S. Dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, thoughtfully organised by R. Caller.

S.H.S. Committee



### KING GEORGE V SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the commencement of this school year, we were pleased to welcome Mr. David Arnold as our new President. Since then he has proved to be a most enthusiastic member, and we thank both him and Mrs. Arnold for their whole-hearted support at our various functions.

Many of you will know that the origins of our Association were in the location and creation of the school hostel, near Sedbergh, now known as Long Rigg, this property, together with the (second) school minibus, is still owned by the Association. The cost of their upkeep and of the many improvements made at the hostel is provided by means of the income from covenants through the School Jubilee Fund, and from our various social and other fund-raising activities.

During the last twelve months these have followed very much our usual blend, and have included the following events:

July 14

An evening meeting to welcome the parents of new boys to the school.

October 4

Our Annual Cheese and Wine Evening at the Southport and Birkdale Cricket Club.

December 8

The Annual Dinner Dance, on this occasion at a different venue, the Prince of Wales Hotel.

April 2

A new event, in the form of a Folk Evening at the school.

May 11

A dual event, our Annual Spring Buffet Dance at the Dixieland Showbar, this time incorporating the announcement of prize-winners in our Grand Draw.

Many of these regular activities had modest beginnings but because of their popularity and the support they have received, have become annual events, and highlights of the local social calendar in their own rights.

On 6th April, a very special event was held, the Parents' Association was proud to join with the Old Boys' Association in presenting to the school a portrait of our former President, Mr. Geoffrey Dixon which now hangs in the School Library. He has stated that the founding of the Parents Association was one of the happiest achievements of his career, and our immeasurable thanks are due to him for all his guidance and support over the years. We wish him and Mrs. Dixon a long and happy retirement.

Our thanks are also due to the many parents and their friends who continue to support our efforts, and to the teaching, secretarial and ancillary staff at the school for their invaluable assistance. We seek to extend our active membership at all times, and despite whatever changes may be forthcoming, we look to the future with confidence for our continuing success.

J. C. WEST Chairman.

### HELP US TO HELP YOU

We still need more good out-grown sports gear and items of school uniform. During the last six months there has been some response but there were many more enquiries than clothes available to satisfy the demand. However, a small profit of £4.00 was paid into the School Funds by the Parents' Association.

With your help we could increase this sum and so help to swell the funds and at the same time benefit members of the school.

If you have any items you would like to pass on for resale or are enquiring about something you would like to buy, please get in touch with Mrs. M. Proctor, 33 Osborne Road, Ainsdale. Telephone 76397.

### SENIOR PREFECTS' REPORT

Mel Bush in association with the 3rd Year sixth would like to present the Jubilee Prefects' Report:

1. Russ "Honey Monster" Caller: Promised to borrow money for reinforced joists in the Prefects' Room. Rolls well in The wet — Tell 'em about your Tummy Mummy.

Who loves you Stavrus!

2. Mike "Wheels" White: Part of the contract for the Mason's House captaincy requires that the holder never stays in the Prefects' Room for more than eight minutes at one time.
3. Mesdames et Messieurs, je voudrais présenter pour votre plaisir (à numéro trois) la grande Ballon (de Jonny).

Last seen riding around the Prefects' Room on his bicycle (with stabalizers), singing "arrivearderci Roma."

4. Ian "Peanuts" Pogson:  
At 12:34. Your life's worth more — with Sharron. Who else?

Gzzzz Nuts zzz Bikes zzz Horses zzz

5. Geoff "Bill" Bailey: The Senior Prefects would humbly like to thank Broadbents for exploiting the first human brillo.

Regards to mum for liquid refreshments.

6. Barry "adam's-apple" Andersen: Has a summer job as a mountie/lumberjack. May pass his exams if he arrives on time.

Get your moped flogged Baz!

7. Richard Bainbridge Wilcox: To be continued next year.
8. Dave "Big black" Edwards/Grumps: (Half colours)  
"When will you ever leave?"  
That Full colours blazer really does things for him  
— No 'phone calls please.
9. John "Man at C & A" Beresford: Nice lad, unfortunately his vocabulary has become limited to rugby and dart banter.
10. David "Jackanory" Bickerton: Once upon a time ...  
yawn! ....
11. Keith Boardman: See John Barton.
12. Kiery "Pub-Darts" Hesketh: Ambition to drop out of university.
13. David "Gronzo" Martin: Congratulations on New York landing rights — we have the technology to rebuild his nose, beep, beep.
14. John Barton: See Keith Boardman.
15. David "I've got no strings" Proctor: Yes, you too could have a body like mine for just five pear drops a day.
16. Nige "Mad-Monk" Crompton: Is to the Prefects' Room, what a flea is to a dog. Also leader of The Senior Prefect Choral Society.
17. Stu "Chewey" Gale: Is Stu's neck chewier than a block of flats?  
KGV's answer to Burt Reynolds.
18. Ron "Baden-Powell" Gerrard: Aiming for a proficiency badge in maturity—Does any odd jobs for a shilling.
19. Martin "nimble" Jelley: Has high hopes of joining The Royal Ballet company.  
The only elephant ever to be seen wearing glasses (and carrying a sandwich box).
20. Rob "Paddington" Oakley: We told him he shouldn't have stolen that pygmy's Gold Label.
21. Dennis "Gannet" Pike: What's in your butties lads?
22. Robert "Duck-billed platy-boots" Stevenson:  
Got beyond a yoke at times.
23. Nigel "Get some in" Gidney: The only chap who can cross the Prefects' Room using only two planks and a barrel.
24. Bruce "... " Taylor: The 3rd World should be alright for a few years owing to Bruce's contribution to The Swear Box.

The rest of The Prefects are all taking up a career in Chartered Accountancy and are consequently too boring to mention.

Thank-you and Good-night.

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