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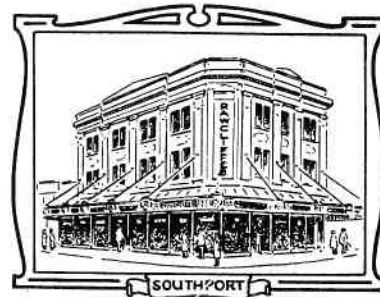
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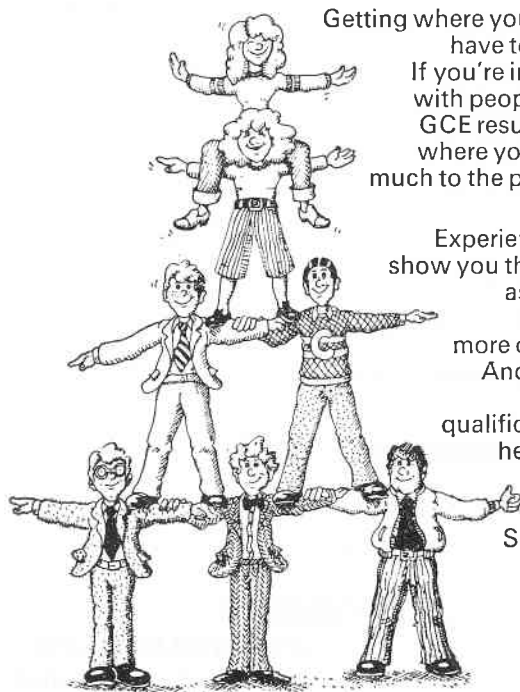
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SCHOOL NOTES

This year, for the first time since it was founded, King George V School has not taken any boys into the school at the age of eleven and with a total of 745 boys on roll, it is smaller than it has been since 1964. At the same time the Sixth Form, which numbers 267, is larger than it has ever been before.

At Half Term we were sorry to lose Mrs. M. Howard, who has retired after being in charge of our kitchen for the last four years, and in her place we are pleased to welcome Mrs. J. Browne.

We also welcome Mr. S. Peach, who is teaching History and helping with Games, and who is the only new member of the teaching staff.

VALETE

We bid farewell to the following boys who left at the end of the last academic year.

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

1970-78

John Wolstenholme. (A) 8 CDDE. Senior Prefect. Secretary School Shooting Club. Bolton Tech. Civil Engineering.

1971-78

Christopher Appleby. (Ed) 6 Senior Prefect. 1st XI Cricket Colours.

Colin Arrowsmith. (G) 8 E. Hockey Colours. (Physics at Preston Poly).

David Ball. (R) 9 EE. (Preston Poly — Accountancy).

John Bean. (W) 5 E Senior Prefect. Christian Union Committee Member (Army).

Simon Brankin. (R) 8 BBDE (Maths at Liverpool University).

Charles Brearley. (M) 7 BCDD Junior Prefect (Marine Biology at Stirling).

Graham Brownhill (R) 6 BCD (Commerce — Liverpool University).

Colin Charters (R) 8 AE Employment. Poultry Inspector.

Laurie Davies (R) 7 DD (Geology — Portsmouth Poly).

Neil Dickinson (R) 7 DE (Southport Technical College)

John Edwards. (A) 9 DEEE Senior Prefect. House Captain. School Colours Rugby. (Swansea University Zool.).

Graham Etchells (Hon) 8 EE (Electronic and Electrical Engineering at Liverpool Poly).

Peter Evans (S) 8 CDDE Junior Prefect (Law at Newcastle Poly).

Christopher Farrow (Hon) 6 EDD Senior Prefect. Cross Country Colours. (French at Goldsmiths Coll. London).

David Farrow. (Le) 6 C. (Midland Bank).

Christopher Gamble (A) 8 EEEE Senior Prefect. House Vice-Captain. School Rugby 2nd XV. (Chelsea Coll. Microbiology).

Bryce Glover (Lu) 8 A 1 BBC Senior Prefect, House Vice-Captain. Vice-Chairman Debating Society. L'Pool University (Law).

Stephen Greenhalgh (Hol) 7

Mark Hallewell (M) 7 CD (Banking)

John Harrison (Hon) 8 BBDE Senior Prefect. House Captain. (Law at Newcastle).

Andrew Heath (W) 9 BBBCE Junior Prefect. House Swimming Captain. (Microbiology at Sheffield University).

Steven Hill (Hol) 9 EEE Junior Prefect (English. London Polytechnic).

Alec Hodge. (Le) 7 BCDDE Senior Prefect, House Captain, Captain 1st XI Cricket. (Accountancy University College Cardiff).

Trevor Holmes (Lu) 5 DEE Liverpool College of H.E. English and History.

Malcolm Hunter (Ed) 9 ABBD London School of Economics (Bus Studies)

Glen Irving (Le) 7 A 2 BBBDD Physics at UMIST

John Kelly (Hol) 8 EEE Senior Prefect, House Captain, Librarian, Cross Country Colours. (Banking — Barclays).

Andrew Kinniburgh (G) 8 DDD Zoology Newcastle

David Lisle (G) 9 A (Southport College of Art)

David Mann (S) 8 CDDE Senior Prefect. R.L.S.S. Bronze. (Management Science and Economics Lancaster Univ.)

Timothy Marsland (W) 7 AA 1 BBB (Engineering at Selwyn College, Cambridge)

Jeremy Metcalfe (S) 9 A2 BB2 Senior Prefect, House Captain, 1st XV Colours, Athletics, Cricket. (Law at London School of Economics).

Kevin Mulraney. (Hol) 9 ABB Junior Prefect. (Law at Cardiff University).

Robert Oakley. (Lu) 7 CDDD Senior Prefect. House Vice-Captain, 1st XV Vice-Captain, Full Colours Rugby, Cricket, member 1st XI Cricket. (French at Sheffield University).

Julian Pawson (W) 8 Captain House Table-Tennis. (I.O. Man Ferry Service).

Michael Pound (Ed) 7 ABCE 2nd XI Cricket (Business Studies at London School of Economics).

Steven Rimmer (Ev) 8 ABBD Senior Prefect, House Vice-Captain, Cross Country Colours. (History at Liverpool University).

Simon Roberts (M) 6 CCE Senior Prefect, 1st XV, Chairman of Senior History Society, Secretary of Geographical Soc. (English Studies at Sheffield Polytechnic).

Geoffrey Saunders (W) 10 ACCE Senior Prefect, Captain House Cross Country. (Pharmacy at Bradford University).

John Skinner (A) 8 AEE (Geography/Geology at Derby Lonsdale College)

Philip Terrett (Lu) 5 BBE Sec. Photographic Society, Press Sec. of Debating Soc. (Business Studies at Huddersfield Polytechnic).

Michael Whalen (A) 9 BBDD (Accountancy at Liverpool Polytechnic).

Nigel Wilkinson (G) 9 ABE Head of School, House Captain, Captain of Rugby, Lancs U19 Rugby. (Sandhurst).

Kenneth Wood (W) 9 BDDE Senior Prefect, House Vice-Captain, 2nd XV, Games Committee (Treasurer) Captain House Basketball. (Astronomy at London Univ.).

Terence Wood (Ev) 9 BCE Junior Prefect. (Bus. Management and Administrative Studies at Aston University).

1972-78

Robert Anderson (Ed) 9 BDE School Chess Team. House Chess Captain. (Architecture at Liverpool University).

Michael Appleton (G) 4 Southport Technical College.

Mark Brooke (Hon) 9 AABC Senior Prefect (Medicine at Leeds University).

Peter Chu (M) 8 BEEE (Computer Degree at Lanchester Polytechnic).

Allan Dearnley-Davison (Hol) 7 DDE (Traffic Control at Henley Coll.).

Jonathan Dawson (A) 8 BCD School Cross Country Team. School Cross Country Colours. (Banking).

Jonathan Dean (Le) 8 DDEE Junior Prefect. (Midland Bank)

Raymond Dove (Lu) 9 CDE Senior Prefect, House Captain, Librarian, Cross Country Team. (Business Studies at Preston Polytechnic).

Hugh Dunlop (Hol) 6 DDEE (Polymer Science at UMIST)

Paul Edwards (Ev) 9 DDEE Junior Prefect, Hockey Colours. (Employment).

Michael Evans (Lu) 6 DEE School Cross Country Team (Insurance).

Roderick Greenfield (Hol) 9 AAA 2 AA (Accountancy)

Kevin Halsall (Lu) 10 DE School 1st Hockey, House Secretary. (Civil Service).

Michael Hayden (R) 7 ABDEE Senior Prefect, House Captain, Librarian, Colours 1st XV. (Electronics and Elec. Eng. at Birmingham University).

Jeffrey Ingram (Ed) 9 DDEE Senior Prefect. School Cross Country Team. (Civil Service).

Mark Lewis (S) 8 (Employment).

Angus Moors (Hon) 6 Southport Technical College.

Timothy North (Le) 6 BB 1 CE Junior Prefect, Librarian, Cross Country Half Colours (America)

David Patrick (Le) 9 CCDD Senior Prefect. (Applied Physics at Hull University).

Jonathan Seal. (G) 8 BE Senior Prefect Bronze Medallion Life Saving. (Navy — Dartmouth).

Mark Smith (A) 9 AEE (Employment).
 Kevin Watkins (W) 6 1st XV (Nat. West. Bank).
 Neil Whiteside (Hon) 8 A 2 BBEE. Junior Prefect, Cross Country Colours. (Accountancy at UMIST).
 Philip Willis (W) 8 BC Junior Prefect, House Swimming Captain. (Architecture at Liverpool Poltechnic).
 Richard Wojcikiewicz. (Lu) 8 BBCCE Senior Prefect. (Bio-Chemistry at Manchester University).

1973-78

Ian Bland (W) 9 CDE Senior Prefect, House Captain, 3rd XV, House Badminton Captain. (Harwell — HNC, Chemistry at Oxford Poly).
 Colin Campbell (S) 6 D (Employment).
 Kevin Henderson (Le) 5 1st XI Cricket (Family Business)
 John Lawrence (Lu) 6 (Police Force).
 David Lea (Hon) 6 (Southport Technical College).
 David Lyon (Ed) 3 (Southport Technical College).
 Michael Mahoney (M) 2 (Southport Technical College).
 Antony Rodwell (G) (Southport Technical College).
 Steven Salt (Le) 4 Junior Rugby Colours. (Barrow Sixth Form College).
 Mark Teale (S) 4 Athletics (Southport Technical College).
 Graeme Vine (S) 7 (Sixth Form College, Durham).

1974-78

Graham Hurren (M) 8 ACE Senior Prefect, 1st XV, 1st XI Cricket, Cross-Country Team, Vice-Chairman of Social Committee (Geography & Oceanography at Swansea)
 Gregory Kessler (Ed) 3 (Southport Technical College).
 Peter Marshall (G) 9 AABC Junior Prefect. (Physics at Kings College, London).
 Kevin Milton (M) 8 ADEE Senior Prefect, House Vice-Captain, Captain of Hockey, Treasurer of Photographic Society). (Law at Preston Polytechnic).
 John Ormandy (R) 5 (Trainee Quantity Surveyor).
 David Stratford (Hon) 3 (Southport Technical College).
 Mohamed Thabet (Ev) 3 (Southport Technical College).

1975-78

Stephen Cobb (Ev) 2 (Southport Technical College).
 Clifford Davies-Coleman. (M) 3 DDE Junior Prefect, Chairman of Senior Debating Soc., Chairman of Photographic Soc., Secretary of Senior History Soc. (Law at Manchester Polytechnic).
 Philip Gower. (Lu) 9 CC 2 School 1st Hockey team. (Social Ethics at Lancaster).
 Neil Hitchinson (Lu) 4 (Southport Technical College).
 David Holmes (W) Apprentice Mechanic.
 Gary Tate (Ed) 7 EE Senior Prefect. House Captain. (Professional Organist).
 Damian White (Hol) Junior Rugby Colours U14. (Left the District).
 Steven Wright (W) 1 (Army).

1976-78

Michael Ashcroft (Ed)
 Adrian Dangerfield (Hon) 5 E (Southport Technical College)
 Paul Eaves (Hon) 9 AABD Junior Prefect. (Bio-chemistry at Andrew Hall (Hon) 9 D (Police Force). York University).
 Adrian Kneen (M) 3 2nd XV, School Athletics team (intermediates) (Southport Technical College).
 Philip Mazur (Hon) 8 BDE (Law at Lampeter University).
 Christopher Morgan (A) 11 BBC School Hockey 1st XI Vice-Captain, School Hockey Colours. (Electronics and Electrical Engineering at Loughborough University).
 Stephen Murdoch (A) 3 (Southport Technical College)
 Nicholas Powell (Ed) 2 (Apprentice Electrician).
 Paul Robertson (A) 6 EEE Senior Prefect, School Colours Rugby 1st XV (Employment — Timber Industry).
 Simon Wilkinson (Hol) (Left the District)

1977-78

Charles Cole (Ed) Employment Southport Theatre.
 Craig Morrison (A) Employment Family Business.
 Mark Pennington (Le) Left the District.

SALVETE

We are pleased to welcome 30 new boys from 14 different schools.

Ainsdale Secondary:

Michael Gurr, Craig Harding, Steven Heyes, Neil Parkinson, Mark Sutcliffe, Mark Wickens.

Ashington High School:

Martin Losasso.

Bingley Grammar School:

Nicholas Carter.

Birkdale High School:

John Greaves.

Edgecliffe Comprehensive:

Stephen Bond.

Hutton Grammar School:

Graham Boardman.

Liverpool College:

Michael Corr.

Merchant Taylors':

Julian Abraham.

Pocklington School:

Christopher Hayward, Nicholas Hayward.

Scarisbrick Hall:

Andrew Coughlan, John Walters, Timothy Wilson.

Stanley High School:

Richard Beswick, Jacek Brant, Iain Gregory, Mark Leatherbarrow, Craig Nuttall, Mark Parker, Martin Platt.

St. Michael's College, Tenbury:

Nicholas Burkinshaw.

Sunnymede:

Piers Arnold, Richard White.

Wintringham School: Philip Bonney, Robin Bonney.

Lent Term, 1979: IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, 9th January — Friday, 6th April.
'O' level trial examinations: January 10th — 18th.
'A' level trial examinations: February 16th — 22nd.
Half Term: Monday, 26th February — Friday, 2nd March.

Summer Term, 1979:

Tuesday, 24th April — Friday, 20th July.
Half Term: Monday, 28th May — Friday, 1st June.

Autumn Term, 1979:

Tuesday, 4th September — Friday, 21st December.
Half Term: Monday, 29th October — Friday, 2nd Nov
Grace Day: Monday, 3rd December.

1st XI CRICKET REPORT

This was a talented team whose performance improved as the season progressed. As often happens in Cricket, individual performances were inconsistent, but several players "came good" in each game.

The latter half of the season was distinguished by the sound batting of Mark Williams and Hayden Preece accompanied by the fine bowling of John Pickard.

CRICKET COLOURS

Re-awarded:	A. Hodge, R. Oakley, D. Mottershead	
Awards:	K. Henderson	D. Hill
	C. Appleby	G. Eastmond
	H. Preece	J. Pickard
	W. Birtles	N. Webster
	M. Williams	

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2nd XI CRICKET REPORT

This year, the 2nd XI was captained by G. C. Eastmond. The squad were all eager to crush the opposition to defeat by a multitude of runs. However, despite this keenness, only four matches were played, with mixed success.

The season commenced at Hutton, where King George V had a heartening victory. Next, Merchant Taylors' were the opposition, and they only just managed to hold on for a draw with their last man being hit about the body by Mike Pound's express deliveries. Our last match against a school was at home to Cowley, where the batting failed us after we had been set a reachable target.

Finally, we came to the showdown against the parents, who were sustained by a number of old boys. King George V lost by one wicket in the final over of the match when a wide was called.

The following boys played in the side:

Eastmond, Cope, Wilkinson, Venables, Warrack, Pound, Birtles, Hurren, Monk, Griffiths, Cotterall, Threlfall, Sutton, Harding, Howe, Wincer and Singleton.

RESULTS

1. K.G.V. 104 (Birtles 33, Wilkinson 21, Venables 11)
Hutton 85 (Eastmond 4-14, Venables 4-22, Warrack 2-20) K.G.V. won by 19 runs.
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2. K.G.V. 95 (Eastmond 23, Warrack 14, Wilkinson 14, Cope 11).
Merchant Taylors' 80-9 (Venables 3-21, Pound 2-23)
Match Drawn.
3. Cowley 95 (Eastmond 5-35, Venables 3-20).
K.G.V. 75 (Eastmond 18, Sutton 13, Threlfall 12).
Cowley won by 20 runs.
4. K.G.V. 125-7 declared (Warrack 23 n.o., Cope 24, Wilkinson 17, Eastmond 12).
Parents 126-9 (Singleton 5-33, Warrack 3-25).
Parents won by 1 wicket.

Finally, the team would like to thank all members of staff who have given up their time to umpire our matches, and particularly Mr. Rimmer for his hard work in an effort to make us into cricketers.

1st XV RUGBY REPORT

Record to the end of October.

Played 5, Won 5, Points For 101, Points Against 34.

The first team has enjoyed one of its best ever starts to a season. The standard of rugby played has been extremely high — and enjoyable to watch. Our forwards are a hard, well-drilled unit and I doubt if there is as good a pack in Lancashire. The two props, D. M. Edwards and I. Singleton, are the cornerstones of what is proving to be a powerful front five. Mike Corr, the hooker, joined us from Liverpool College and has been a godsend to us. Mike Vernon and John Elliot in the second row, while perhaps not being the fastest forwards on the pitch, are combining well to provide the necessary push in the scrums and possession at line-outs.

The back-row of Carl Fletcher, Andy Maxwell and Mark Day is working superbly as a unit. The mobility and height of Fletcher and Day compliment the considerable physical presence of Andy Maxwell.

David Turnbull at full-back has scored forty-five of the side's points, mainly through his accurate kicking. The rest of the backs — Chris Wood, Bill Birtles, Neil Webster, "Bugs" Everett, "Hoggy" Hodgson and "Dolly" Dalton are doing their bit by tackling well and creating positions whence the tries come.

A tour to France is being arranged at the time of going to press, and every member of the team can be well pleased with the way things are going — bring on Cowley!

Results:

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| 1. v Blackpool Collegiate (a) | won 10- 9 |
| 2. v Hutton G. S. (a) | won 15- 4 |
| 3. v Liverpool College (a) | won 27-15 |
| 4. v Whitby Comprehensive (a) | won 33- 0 |
| 5. v St. Mary's, Crosby (h) | won 16- 6 |

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GOLF REPORT

The season began in March with the Aer Lingus competition at Wilpshire near Blackburn. The weather, as usual, was impossible and the scores of our intrepid players, K. Barrett, J. Hepworth and N. Thomson reinforced this view. The team finished in a reasonable position — rather disappointing but better than last year.

In May we went down to Stowe with the Headmaster and Mr. Abram in the hope of avenging last year's defeats and to placate Mr. Abram after the episode at Wilpshire. For once the weather was perfect and the team of six (K. Barrett, J. Hepworth, N. Thomson, R. Stott, I. Warren and D. Trotmann) played well to beat Stowe 6½ - 5½. At last Mr. Abram was jubilant and attributed the success to brilliant leadership in the face of stern opposition. (Who could argue with that?). With that famous victory under our belts we relaxed on the Sunday to only manage a half (1½ - 1½) with Stowe Golf Club but left the magnificent school with happy memories.

At the end of the Summer Term it was decided to play the Old Boys, so in warm sunshine we set off to maintain our unbeaten record and promptly lost 4½ - 5½.

On 7th September, the Stowe team arrived to do battle on Hillside and were quite nicely thrashed (7 - 1). This crushing victory finished the season on a high note and with many of the school team having their handicaps cut during the summer and half term holidays the prospects are bright for next year. Finally, on behalf of all the team I would like to thank Mr. Abram for the organisation and hard work he has put into the fixtures and for not mentioning Wilpshire too often.

K.B.

HOCKEY REPORT

We have enjoyed a highly successful season. Out of the eight fixtures arranged this term, only one has been cancelled, and of the rest we have won one against Greenbank High School (hoorah!) and drawn three. We also gained a very respectable draw against Newman College who last season annihilated the team 6-0. With the retirement of Mr. Amer from school hockey, organisation has to be left to the team.

We are grateful to him for his support in the past. We would like to thank Mr. Comfort as well, who has given up his time to umpire our matches both at home and away, and to Pete Thomas for coaching the team after school whenever possible.

Our top scorer for this term is Monk 5, closely followed by Roberts 3, Horrocks 2 and Guidi 1.

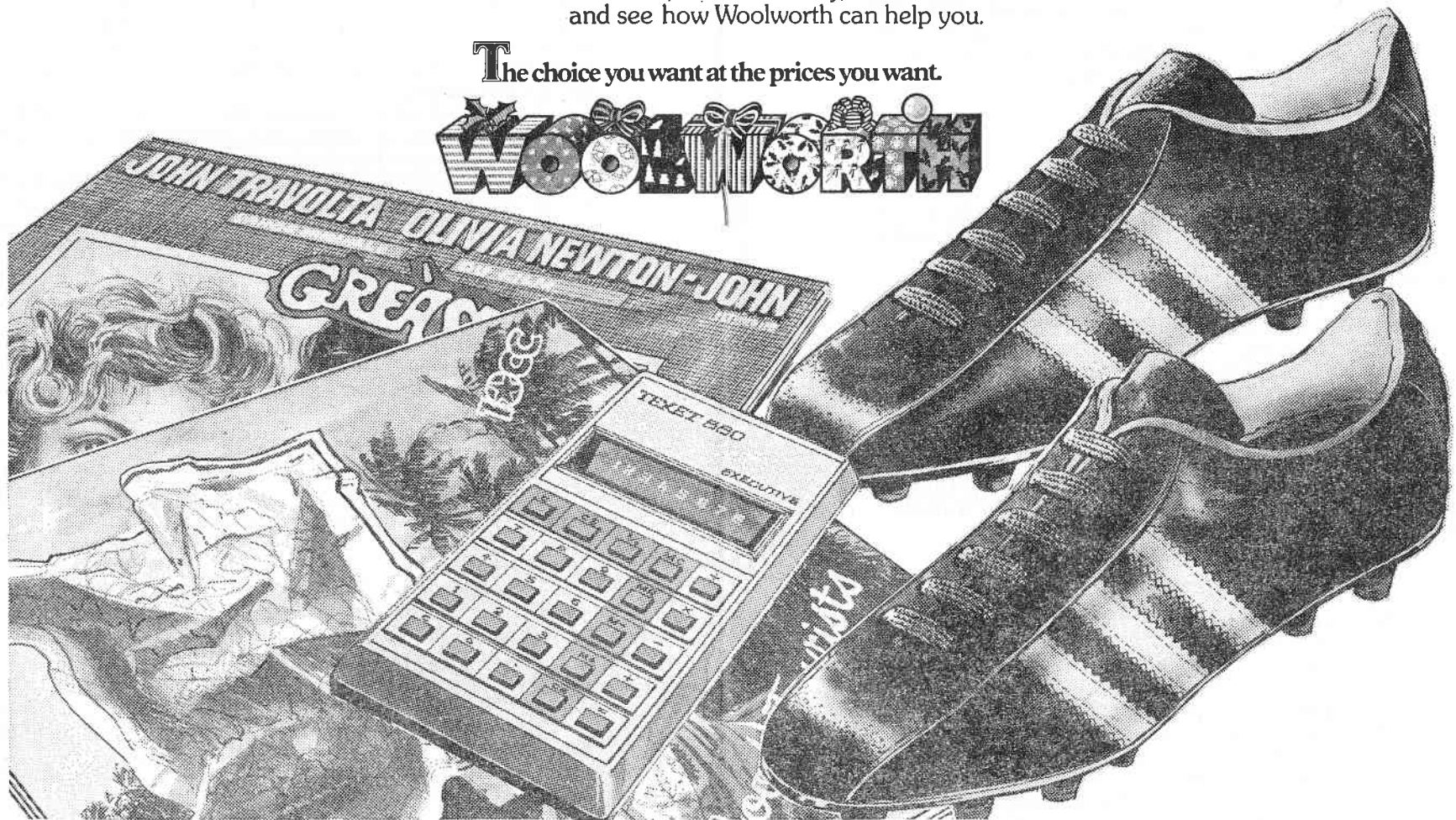
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SWIMMING GALA

The Swimming Gala provided a pleasant and enjoyable evening. The standard was good and the races were closely contested. No fewer than ten records were broken. Another pleasing feature was the excellent attitude of the competitors who deserve congratulations for their demeanour and effort.

Gears maintained their supremacy of last year and came out as comfortable winners over Edwards in second place and Hollands in third.

CHESS CLUB REPORT

Committee:

G. Eastmond C. Kerr I. Skipsey
J. Suddeby P. Tiplady

This year, many significant changes have taken place within the Chess Club. First Room 17 having been condemned (we did a better job than at first thought!), the warriors of the chequered board emerged for battle in room 15, well 14, and occasionally 13.

Secondly, there appears to be a distinct absence of first years in our ranks. Despite this fact, there is a flourishing membership of 78 players.

Thirdly, the bearded wonder, alias Mr. Allen, has left us to try his hand at Junior School Teaching. We wish him well, and welcome a new regime of Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Cochrane.

Fourthly, great consternation was evident in the ranks of prospective members when it was announced that the membership fee was to be raised to 20p, an increase of 5p, and the first for at least 6 years. Questions were raised about whether this "astronomical" rise had been put before the Government's price committee. The answer is that the chess club was considered a special case and the price rise was passed in order that we would not lose too much of our real income value on account of inflation.

Finally, we wish all our members a Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will be filled with a multitude of ecstatic cries of "checkmate".

Now, to avoid that ultimate fate, I resign!

STOCKPILER

Two teams have been entered in both the National and Merseyside Competitions for 1978/79. The first decision day was in October and the final valuation will be in March, 1979. I wish the U6 and L6 teams the best of luck, and they will need it with the falling Financial Times Index. The game should not be taken too seriously and I hope both teams enjoy making their decisions and participating in the game.

After the November decisions, Team A is fifth and Team B sixth out of twenty teams in the local Merseyside League Table. No team has a valuation above £20,000. T. J. B.

WARGAMES REPORT

With the kind help of Messrs. Peach and Collier, the new Wargames Club started, as scheduled in Room 15, at the beginning of this term and is now establishing itself as one of K.G.V.'s most popular clubs, despite its past failures.

For the first two weeks after the opening of the club, Room 15 was bustling with activity, but to the relief of everyone, things gradually began to calm down and we managed to organise several campaigns. The first campaign was an attempt to simulate life in the "Wild West", all the players having outlaws, who worked together to raise some easy money. While this was going on, two keen s.p.i. wargamers did quietly sit down (the wild-west participants were permanently standing up and shouting) and play out the Waterloo campaign. The end result was a marginal victory for the Allies despite almost the whole Prussian army being destroyed and all its leaders killed (including Blucher himself, who, despite being confident of giving birth to an elephant, was killed before doing so). The third, and final campaign, perhaps the most successful due to more players being involved, was based on J. R. R. Tolkien's highly acclaimed novel "The Lord of the Rings". The game was greatly enhanced by the work of one enthusiastic wargamer who made a 20 square foot copy of Tolkien's map of Middle Earth. This campaign was enjoyed by all participants.

Overall, this term has been a very successful one for K.G.V.'s Wargames Society and it is hoped that the Club's activities have been enjoyed by all concerned. Next term, we look forward to having more campaigns, including a competition to find K.G.V.'s wargamer of 1978/79, a wargamer who will have to deal efficiently with not only the troubles of the wild west but also the evil monsters that dwell within the depths of a dungeon!

Finally, thanks to all the pupils who have helped with the running of the society, M. Joss in particular.

Paul Wilkinson.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Natural History Society had a very good first year and plans on having an excellent second year. We have already been to Tregaron (Central Wales), Leighton Moss, (Carnforth), Martin Mere, Marshside and Formby Point. We have had lectures on "Saving Whales" by P. Carty and "Touring Nature's Cities" by Dr. Skinner in the last term.

Next year, we are planning a trip to the Solway Firth (Scotland), the Wirral and the Goose Mosses. We hope to see lectures on "Saving Whales" with Greenpeace. "Birds of the Fair Isle" by D. Bickerton and "Photography" by Roy France.

If anyone is interested in joining the Society, he should see Dr. Skinner or a member of the committee.

S.J.L., N.H., M.R., M.R.

DRAMA SOCIETY REPORT

It was a brisk October morning when fifteen smartly dressed young men boarded the school mini-bus bound for the National Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon. Although temporarily held up at Birmingham (thanks to motor show traffic) it was approximately 12-15 p.m. when the same fifteen descended (fell!) from the bus to catch their first glimpse of the theatre. (One bright soul actually thought that it was the local bus station!).

The afternoon performance of "Anthony and Cleopatra" was, at 3 hours 30 minutes, expected by most to drag a little — not so. Excellent performances by both Glenda Jackson (as Cleopatra) and Alan Howard (as Mark Anthony) held the audience's attention throughout the duration, although by its conclusion everyone was ready to quench his thirst and remedy fast rising malnutrition. An enjoyable dinner at a local hotel (the Arden) successfully prevented any deaths by starvation and by 7-30 p.m. it was fourteen somewhat heavier K.G.V. pupils plus one who made their way back to the theatre.

Although a little late in starting (the floor used in "Anthony and Cleopatra" was taken up and a marvellous autumn set constructed) the performance of "Love's Labours Lost" was perhaps the more enjoyable of the two due to its light comedy and clever wit along with a good performance by Michael Horden.

It was a tired group who arrived back in Southport in the early hours of the following morning, each delivered to his respective house by Mr. Johnson, to whom thanks are due for driving the mini-bus — a sleepy end to a truly memorable day.

Another production was similarly enjoyed by a small group again led by Mr. Johnson, who ventured out on May 6th (Cup Final Day!) to the Manchester University Theatre

for a production of Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by the resident Contact Theatre Company. The play, a comedy based on the events which might have happened off-stage during Shakespeare's "Hamlet" (each exit from "Hamlet" becomes an entrance in "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern"), was well presented by the company and nicely directed in a theatre where the audience was seated on two sides — an interesting situation creating some directional problems to be ironed out in order to obtain the smooth performance which resulted.

"Hamlet" (Shakespeare's version) was also seen during the year including a well appreciated and truly professional performance by Christopher Neame (of "Colditz" and "Secret Army" fame).

J. Cotterall.

CANOE CLUB

Canoeing on the Marine Lake is easy; it's getting changed from soaking clothes in a Force 8 Gale at -2°C that's difficult! Practice over, we set out for Chester and the River Dee with six boats on top of the mini-bus. High spring tides had brought mud (and sewage) up the river which made it tricky to get into the canoes. A certain sixth former who shall be nameless (Skinner) enjoyed the dubious pleasure of making part of the journey inverted! In all we paddled about 5 miles and played polo. Crockatt was lucky to return after placing himself in the paths of numerous pleasure craft.

This term a party of eight descended the rapids and weirs of the River Ribble, a distance of 12 miles. No-one really got wet until Youlton did a backward flip while getting out. Travelling home damp and tired with a muddy canoe on your shoulder was the perfect end to a hard day? Perhaps we ought to sit on the roof rack and put the canoes inside!

Our thanks must go to Mr. Freem, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Clowes who gave up their time so that we could spend a day messing about in boats.

W. Youlton, D. Crockatt, A. Grant.

"BENEATH THE PENNINES" — K.G.V. STYLE

This half-term, a party from K.G.V. set out on a caving expedition to Easegill Caverns near Kirkby Lonsdale in Cumbria. The party consisted of Sixth-formers led by Mr. Freem, Mr. Fairburn, Mr. Comfort and three members of the Viking Caving Club: Andy, J.C. (alias Rasputin) and "Batman". The party was further graced by the presence of Mrs. Mawer — (Mr. Mawer stayed at home to do the washing, cleaning and make the dinner!).

We arrived at 10-15 a.m. at an isolated outpost that the Caving Club owned high on Casterton Fell. We promptly changed into our "bin-liners" and boots. After engorging ourselves with sandwiches and Mars bars we made our way over the soggy moorland towards an entrance to the system. The entrance known as County Pot is situated on a dry valley floor. We split into two parties, to stagger entrance into the cave, and after the first 5-6 minutes in the cave we encountered our first pitch — that is to say, a vertical drop negotiated using ladders — this one was about 15 to 20 feet high. At the bottom of this the cave became less tortuous and narrow until we reached the Junction called "Oxford Circus". Here many passages branched off and our party, led by Andy — one of the Viking Cavers, took the wrong one and as we were behind Mr. Freem's party, our mistake went unnoticed. However, we pressed on and soon it became quite obvious that the roof was getting lower. The passage had begun in a normal upright manner, after a while we were on "all fours" only to be reduced to a flat-out crawl later on. At this point with your chin in the water — (yes, the passage was also wet), and the splashes from the person's boots in front of you in your face, Mrs. Mawer was heard to make some wry comment on the state of the passage and Mr. Fairburn was heard to mumble something to the effect that it had not been as low as this when he came down before — perhaps there had been an earthquake!

However, the crawl soon ended and we could stand up again. We found ourselves in a chamber called "Molluscian Hall". It was here that our leader decided we had come up the wrong passage and promptly lit another cigarette. We decided to back-track or crawl as the case was, to Oxford Circus. Half-way back, however, we met Mr. Freem who had come looking for us.

When we finally navigated the correct passage we came to the obstacle so aptly named "Poetic Justice". It is a 15 foot high chimney approximately 2 feet wide. The scramble up this was made more difficult by the lack of footholds and it was here, partly due to the difficulty in negotiating "Poetic" and partly due to the previous arduous detour that three members of our party decided it was as far as they would go and they made their way out of the system after having been underground for about 4-5 hours.

After the very tiring climb up "Poetic Justice" there stretched before us a demanding crawl and 15 foot pitch down into "T-Piece Passage". The party continued the journey, by way of a wet crawl to "Eureka Junction" — aptly named being the point at which the main cave system is reached. Here the cave becomes larger, and after climbing over a rather good boulder choke, we stopped for a lunch of Mars bars at "Stop Pot".

Then following the stream along "Thackery's Passage" — richly decorated with some very beautiful crystal growths, we were left with two 15 foot climbs into "Easter Grotto" — our destination. This marvellous sight has to be seen to be believed. Tier upon tier of unspoilt stalagmite and stalactite growths untouched over their thousands of years of formation — a truly remarkable sight.

If there is ever an anti-climax in this wonderful sport, it must be the point at which one decides to turn back. Returning by basically the same route, I think that the party was happy to break surface after this exciting and exhausting trip.

Many thanks to Messrs. Freem, Fairburn and Comfort for all their help and guidance, without which the trip would not have been possible.

B. Klaassen, P. J. Miles.

BUSINESS GAME REPORT

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In week 1 we made a small loss but the other two companies made larger losses.

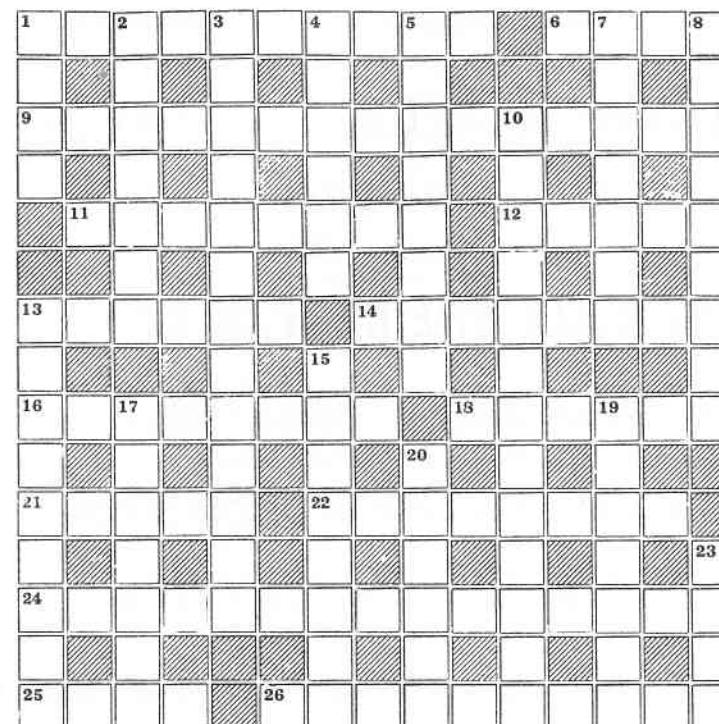
In week 2 we made a profit of £ $\frac{1}{4}$ million but during the board meeting for week 3 Alderson produced a plan which would have meant that we wouldn't sell anything (though we didn't know this at the time). Eventually we discarded his plan but we were left with little time to produce an alternative plan. Because of this we did not invest enough money in new factories.

Anyway, despite Alderson we made a profit of £ $\frac{1}{2}$ million.

THE BUSINESS GAME 1978-79

K.G.V. won its first round in the Institute of Chartered Accountants Business Game defeating its opponents Cheltenham College and Aldenham School. Special thanks go to Hannaby, Collinge and Alderson (U6 Schol.) who 'retire' from the Board this term. Anyone willing to take up their places should contact Mr. Collier.

M. Poirette (L6A), P. Tiplady (U6M)



ACROSS

1. Odd antic, i.e. arranging consecration (10)
6. Friend participating in rhythmic humming (4)
9. Race from Liverpool to Hull, for instance (5, 7, 3)
11. Gypsy playing soccer in Ireland (8)
12. Very small numbers between twelve and twenty? (5)
13. Prompt without breaking step (2, 4)
14. Beverage fits the bill (3, 2, 3)
16. Bouncy breed of dog (8)
18. Holds back second-rate garden tools (6)
21. Cider ingredient goes very soft in beer (5)
22. Concerning edition 500, published for the second time (8)
24. I'd miss ranch rent cooking festive fare. (9, 6)
25. Average distress signal gains nothing (2-2)
26. Concerned to bury decrepit steed (10)

DOWN

1. Contents of solid ice cubes (4)
2. Exit of skydiver, perhaps a hippy (4-3)
3. Gems or comets distributed by barrow-boys (13)
4. Cancer, for example, is a subject which involves radiation initially (6)
5. Admitting possession is on the increase (6, 2)
7. Reap benefits of a hair shirt, lacking one (7)
8. Rich man may be song composer (5-4)
10. Unfortunate reverse is holding cartoonist going back (13)
13. Examples of batsmen at the crease (9)
15. Jester was 'moping mum' at the Tower (8)
17. Loud noises occurring at the end of term (7)
19. Look up container for fishing year (4-3)
20. Its use may be as a handkerchief (6)
23. Brought up food, we hear (4)

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C.J.W.

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11. Bohemian
12. Teeny
13. In time
14. Cup of tea
16. Springer
18. Brakes
21. Apple
22. Re ssued
24. Christmas dinner
25. So-So
26. Interested

DOWN

1. Dice
 2. Drop-Out
 3. Costermongers
 4. Tropic
 5. Owning up
 7. Harvest
 8. Money-bags
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 13. Instances
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