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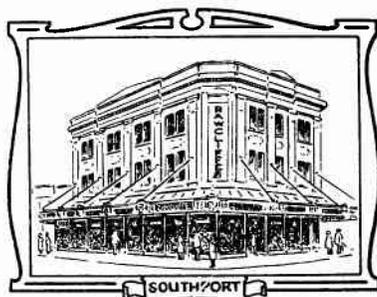
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## EDITORIAL

### SHOW ME A ROSE AND I'LL SHOW YOU THE DOOR

... And I say to you, students, teachers and gentlemen alike, what this school needs is a magazine—  
MAGAZINE: "a periodical publication containing miscellaneous articles by different writers"

and not the flea-bitten postage stamps, containing two plagiarized poems and sixty-two house reports, which we, and I stress 'you', have been churning out for a number of years. Do you not realise what our nation, nay, our very civilisation, owes to school magazines? If only Lord Civilisation of Clark had realised: it is the school magazines, not the Chartres Cathedrals of this world which are the landmarks in our development.

If we delve through the misty corridors of time, one fact emerges, distinct from all others: that institution which has had the greatest political, social and psychological influence upon our civilisation is undoubtedly that of the school magazine.

One day, many millions of years ago, before a third channel had even been conceived, even before the days of the horse-drawn pun, Urbok Gluk, an average caveman with an above average degree of illiteracy, sat musing in his Central European split-level cave, his fingers fluttering idly over back-numbers of 'The Reader's Digest', his inner soul harbouring a deep regret over the fact that printing had yet to be invented. Gluk was depressed: winter was drawing on fast and he was now forced to admit that the wholesale wall-painting trade simply did not attract the crowds in the way that it used to. Gluk was toying with the idea of changing his approach from bison to nudes when, at 1 o'clock, in skipped his 12 year-old son Pebble Bill. He was a puny, freckle-faced, ginger-haired, louse-ridden black sheep who took after his mother (who, in turn, took after the piano tuner whenever he came) and who had managed to survive a gruelling primary education as a result of a certain physical superiority (on the part of his acquaintances) and yet he was reasonably intelligent; and it was with some surprise and fear that Gluk noticed deep furrows across his son's brow. Suspecting foul play on the part of his neighbour who owned a plough (forgetting, for a moment, that these, too, had not yet been invented) Gluk inquired as to the origin of his son's dilemma. A frank, man-to-man discussion, punctuated only by the passing of the ice-age, soon revealed the child's

problem. Apparently his school, the equivalent of a modern nuclear battlefield with blackboards, was in upheaval—murder, theft, rape . . . where had they all gone? The parent-teacher association, aside from its principal aim of finding a suitable number of legitimate parents, was now anxious to channel the students' energies away from such blasphemies as study and peaceful recreation. Gluk soon began to appreciate that a compromise was necessary between a growing literacy and a declining licentiousness and he suggested that the students' violence be expressed through a literary form. Thus the school magazine, a genre which we have learned to hate, was born. What an epoch! Gluk was dimly aware of the universal significance of his idea; for some strange reason he neglected to inform his neighbour . . . little knowing that Golding was keeping his own record of events in the Gluk household!

From then on it was plain sailing for school magazines which were published universally. In 1498, Vasco da Gama rounded the Cape of Some Hope in his vessel. 'The Eton Armamentarium Menstruus'. Elgar's 'Wand of Youth', seen by only his closest associates, is said to have been inspired by the 'Kingswood Boys' Termly' (as were Wagner's 'Perversions in A Flat'). Earlier this year, a school magazine was for the first time put into orbit round the earth ('one giant sleep for mankind') and of course, indelibly recorded in the history books are those words, so moving, uttered by that gallant little Paris shopkeeper who, with no thought of personal safety, hurled himself from the barricade in the Place de la Republique crying "Remplissez les magasins, pour la France". If only we could, mon ami, if only we could.

The once glorious, omnipotent and available-in-weekly-parts British Empire relied heavily upon a flourishing school magazine industry; more than a thousand schools were established throughout the empire, merely to keep pace with the growing number of publications. Whipped slaves, a savoury delicacy much-favoured by many of the old colonials, and who were often seen to hang by the neck from old school ties in far-flung parts of the dominions, were often heard heard to utter as a patriotic, dying request: "Hey, get me dah latest edition of dah Leeds Grammar School Magazine, man". Such was the influence of this powerful medium.

Alas, there remains the specimen in question: a 'Red Rose' which, although it bloomed once, has finally succumbed to a literary greenfly—it is not dying, it is dead. Locking the journalistic skills once displayed by Humphrey Bogart, I myself have not been very proficient in resuscitating the magazine, but then, it is very difficult to cure a cancerous growth with five minutes of the patient's life remaining. Happy reading.

S. M. MANNING.

## MASON MEMORIAL FUND

The following scholarships have been awarded this year, the total amount of money being distributed is £410:

- G. DOLBEN, Easter vacation Language Course in Paris.
- S. M. HOSKER, Inter-School Christian Fellowship Work Camp in Tynedale.
- S. M. MANNING and D. M. SOMERSET, Cycling Tour of parts of France.
- M. D. G. FITTON and M. TOWNSON, Inter-School Christian Fellowship working party in the French Alps.
- P. MURLEY, Christian Education Movement Work Camp in West Lothian.
- P. M. PRICE, to compete in an international Fencing Tournament in Arlon, Belgium.
- N. P. CORNISH and G. S. LaCOURT to visit the Paris Air Show.
- S. G. BELL and C. J. HARMAN to visit the Netherlands for a Geographical study of the Polder Dam area.
- P. S. BLACK to make an exchange visit to live with a family in France.
- S. ROWSON to take a French Language course in Nice.
- S. J. RILEY and M. J. SAUNDERS to make a Natural History survey of parts of the Norfolk coast.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Congratulations to G. DOLBEN on winning one of the European Schools' Day Essay prizes, thus keeping up the reputation of the school as he is the thirteenth boy to win such a prize in the last thirteen years. He will be going to Zurich in July for ten days' holiday at the expense of the Council of Europe with other prize winners in this and other European countries.

Last Christmas Term the school was awarded the Saunders Trophy by the Liverpool and District Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society. This trophy is awarded to the school gaining the highest number of Resuscitation awards. Last term the school won the President's Trophy for the best non-Police Team in the Liverpool and District Branch's annual Life-Saving Competition.

In the 1973 National Mathematical Contest, A. E. R. Waddington was placed 53rd and invited to enter a further contest from which the British Mathematical Olympiad Team is selected. His achievement should be measured from the total entries of over 13,000 from 484 schools.

At the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting the annual elections were made as follows:

Chairman: Mr. A. V. Kersey  
Vice-Chairman: Mr. E. G. Melville  
Secretary: Mrs. V. F. Stevenson  
Treasurer: Mr. J. C. West  
Parents' representative on Governors' Board:  
Mr. J. R. Edwards.

The school is very grateful to Dr. Arnold Charnley, who is a Consultant Surgeon in Baltimore, U.S.A., for the gift of £80 to the Jubilee Fund. This money is the residual estate from his father's will. Mr. J. Charnley, was one of the original members of staff and died in 1951. This money is to be used for improvement of Long Rigg.

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### JOSEPH EDWARDS MEMORIAL FUND

A total of £61.75 was distributed to boys. Grants from this Fund are made on an entirely confidential basis on the recommendation of members of staff.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term ends ..... Friday, 20th July  
Autumn Term begins ..... Tuesday, 4th September  
Half Term ..... Monday, 29th October to  
Friday, 2nd November inclusive.  
Autumn Term ends ..... Wednesday, 19th December

### SALVETE

K. M. Bayley, I. D. Bland, C. J. Campbell, S. A. G. Gow,  
J. B. Lawrence, K. J. Lewis, R. S. Leyshon, M. P. Loughlin.

### VALETE

BERG, Michael A., U6S, M., 1966-73 (G.C.E. 06).  
DOLBEN, Gwyn, U6MSch., W., 1966-73 (G.C.E. A4, 05)  
Senior Prefect, House Secretary.  
FINDLATER, John D., U6MSch., Ev., 1966-73 (G.C.E. A4, 07)  
Senior Prefect, Joint House Captain 1972-73.  
FINDLATER, Robert I., U6MSch., Ev., 1966-73 (G.C.E. A4,  
06) Senior Prefect, Joint House Captain 1972-73.  
FOX, Bruce N., U6MSch., W., 1966-73 (G.C.E. A2, 07) Senior  
Prefect, House Almoner, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.  
HOSKER, John P., U6ScSch., Ev., 1966-73 (G.C.E. A5, 05)  
Junior Prefect.  
PIMLOTT, Brian J., U6W, W., 1966-73 (G.C.E. 03) Junior  
Prefect, 2nd XV.  
KAUFMAN, Alan, L6B, Ed., 1967-73 (G.C.E. 05), Advanced  
Resuscitation Award.  
TATE, Andrew J., L6B, Ed., 1967-73 (G.C.E. 07) R.L.S.S.  
Award of Merit, Advanced Resuscitation Award.  
WHITTLE, Steven J., L6M, Le., 1967-73 (G.C.E. 05), 1st XV  
full colours.  
WILLERTON, Andrew, L6M, R. 1967-73 (G.C.E. 03).  
DAVEY, Peter L., L6Sp., R., 1968-73 (G.C.E. 04).  
GRASSICK, Ian C., L6W., W., 1968-73 (G.C.E. 04).  
POWELL, Robert, L6B, Ed., 1968-73 (G.C.E. 05) Advanced  
Resuscitation Award.  
FORSHAW, Mark C., 4S, W., 1970-73, U13 and U14 Rugby,  
Preliminary Resuscitation Award.  
MARTIN, Philip A., 4B, G., 1970-73.  
BREARLEY, Charles A., 3B, M., 1971-73.  
FOSTER, Nicholas J., 3B, W., 1971-73.  
GARRITY, Christopher, 2S, Lu., 1971-73.  
BASTOW, Kevin P., 3M, G., 1972-73.  
TATE, Simon W., 2B, Ed., 1972-73.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### AMER'S HOUSE REPORT

This year started off with the swimming and cross-country. Our performances had never been brilliant in cross country but suddenly we sparkled with a very creditable performance in the Intermediate's race. The next event in the school calendar was the swimming, in which we have always done well. For the first time this year we had to enter with the large houses e.g. Edwards and Mason's. However despite having no seniors we were placed second, a tremendous team performance led by Ellis, Eyes and Bennet. After our success in the swimming we were well "geared up" for the rugby. Once again the rugby sides looked very useful, especially the Intermediates, with such powerful players as Haslam and Ellis plus the finesse of Bennet and the captaincy of Kay. However we were very unlucky to draw Mason's in our group and after an easy win over Leech's we lost a hard-fought game with Mason's, twenty points to ten. The Juniors also met with some stiff opposition in their group and they lost to the eventual winners. The Summer Term has started off with the cricket and the Intermediates played some fine games. We started off with a difficult match against Woodham's but after losing one or two wickets we easily made the runs. The next game was against Evans. This was a match highlighted by a brilliant innings from Kay, who scored 46, including 1 six. However, in the semi-final we faced the power of Mason's again and the target of scoring 111 runs in 20 overs was just too high for our hard-hitting batsmen. This year has been a good year for Amer's but next year we hope to add to our Junior Cricket Shield trophy.

J.M.D.B.

### EDWARD'S HOUSE REPORT

This year has seen a period of transition for the all-powerful Edward's. The house still showed that its prowess at basketball and life-saving has not diminished but success on the rugby field has been less forthcoming. The senior rugby team won two of their matches but a defeat by Evans cost them a final appearance. The junior team had little success but the Intermediates did very well under Bailey before meeting Mason's. In the sevens competition a scratch seven did very well in reaching the final before losing to Evans by a single try.

On the cricket scene the Intermediates were the most successful reaching the semi-final but unfortunately the seniors were again very disappointing, losing in an exciting match to Spencer's.

The performances at Badminton and Chess, while everyone tried their hardest did not reach the previous high standard, but nevertheless gave hope for improvement in the future. This year the athletics is in the capable hands of Cornish, who will, we hope, once again bring success to the house.

One cannot, however, fault the effort that is being made in many circles, and the performances of the Intermediates in particular give rise to a lot of optimism for the future!

P.S.R. and R.J.M.

### EVAN'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. H. Long Vice Captain: A. D. Ritchie  
House Tutor: Mr. W. J. Cowburn Secretary: C. C. Wooding  
House Captain: C. A. Kersey Almoner: M. Abrams

During the last school year the House has enjoyed a fair amount of success. The most notable performances came from the badminton team, who, under the leadership of Hepworth, won both competitions and the Senior rugby team who as expected retained the fifteen and seven-a-side trophies. The Junior and Intermediate teams also deserve a mention for effort and perseverance though neither side succeeded in either competition.

The house gained some success in the Cross-Country and K. G. Reed must be commended for his hard work in coaching and not always over enthusiastic group of Sixth Formers to second place. In contrast with this the Junior and Intermediate teams failed to reach our expectations.

The life saving competition resulted in several members of the House winning awards, including four Awards of Merit, a worthy accomplishment and just reward for the hard work of E. Marland.

In the collection of tinfoil the House has been able to maintain a substantial lead at the top of the table every week. At the end of the Lent Term the House had collected over 100 lbs. of tinfoil, one third of the total amount amassed by all the Houses. This result gives the House good reason to be proud of itself and it is hoped that the House can continue to lead the field.

As regards the Inter-House Chess, there seemed to be a great reluctance on the part of many to offer their services, but despite this setback M. Caller was able to captain the team to fourth place.

Another fine performance was in the Basketball Competition with the team only losing to Edward's in the final.

Unfortunately none of the House Cricket teams has been able to win honours as all three teams have suffered defeats.

Finally the House wishes to thank Mr. Long and Mr. Cowburn for their invaluable support and encouragement over the year.

C.A.K. and C.C.W.

## GREAR'S HOUSE REPORT

House Captain: R. Kirkham

Vice-Captain: P. Darwin

Officials: A. Evans, I. Harris, N. Joce

This was to have been a glowing report of House victories and of silverware piled high. But, alas, such dreams are for fools and past captains of Edward's. The silverware is now spread around the various Houses in varying proportions, yet some did come our way. What we did win was truly deserved with a tremendous effort coming from our swimmers, for Grear's apparently contains a large number of boys who are more at home in the water. Of the three major swimming trophies coming our way, the most gratifying was the cup for relays. Cynics would point out that this could be because the House-captain kept well away from the water! A. Holmes did a fine job with the swimming. We hope he will be able to push the House to repeat this next November.

The Senior Chess team reached the final under Darwin, but owing to some confusion we still do not know who won the cup. The juniors did enough, too, to suggest that next year we will win that, too.

In the rugby competitions, the seniors tried hard under Berry and Kirkham's leadership but Lady Luck looked the other way. The Intermediates, I'm afraid, didn't appear to try too hard, despite Parkinson's immense efforts. In the Juniors, we have a great deal of hope for the future as they reached the semi-final in the full competition and the final in the sevens competition, only to be beaten after a superb game by Metcalfe (alias Spencer's).

This term we have the cricket and athletics, and expect to do justice to ourselves in the athletics at least, for we have done exceedingly well on the track and in the relays over the last few years.

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of the House and trust that they will make the most of their time by participating in all school and House activities. For, as in most walks of life, "The most one puts into an activity, the more one gains from it."

Finally, we would like to thank Messrs. Davies and Mawer for their moral and vociferous, not to say ferocious support, for with a little help from them and a great deal of drive from ourselves I am sure Grear's can rule the roost in most activities next year.

M.R.H. and R.J.K.

## HOLLANDS HOUSE REPORT

This last year has been an exciting and very successful year for us. Firstly, we were able to enter a rugby team in the School house competition at intermediate level for the first time, and progressed well, reaching as far as the semi-finals. The Junior team, not being as successful as the intermediate team, will improve their ability with more attention from the elder boys next year.

We also entered an intermediate as well as a junior cricket team this season. The intermediate team were not very successful, being beaten in the first two games. However we are proud of the junior team, captained by Mark Pulham, in getting to the finals against Lunns. Keeness and good fielding are what got us there.

Cross-country has always been one of our specialities, and the record was kept up by two of our runners being placed in the top ten. The swimming team did not do as well as was expected, although it did not lack in enthusiasm. The badminton team has an excellent record in the handi-capped knock-out competition, considering we have no players above intermediate level. Chess teams have not had exciting results, although once more enthusiasm is not lacking.

Mr. Ward would particularly like to thank Moorhouse for his excellent captaincy of the intermediate rugby team and all those who have supported the house during the year. It will be up to all boys now moving into the senior end of the school to begin to shoulder the responsibility of running house activities themselves as do the other houses. We are now beginning to make a real impact on the school and we undoubtedly have the potential to make Holland's House a force to be reckoned with in years to come.

## HONEYBONES HOUSE REPORT

The badminton team fought very well, despite losing most matches. Nevertheless it must be remembered that we were in "Division 1". I hope to see them back up there next time!

Unfortunately the chess team didn't do very well—no excuses—but just keep plugging away and you might win a game sometime.

The real highlight of the year was to see our intermediates win the cross-country trophy. With four runners in the first ten places this was a magnificent result. Unfortunately the juniors couldn't make it a double.

In the swimming, despite not doing very well we notched upon our highest total. Congratulations.

Next came another highlight. The rugby contest posed a great challenge and our intermediates took it up. We beat three very good teams only to lose in the final to Mason's (again)—18 : 10. But we put up a good fight and it was an enjoyable game.

The cricket season wasn't a great success, but we fought Edward's well and beat Leech's easily, despite poor wicketkeeping giving them a third of their total.

All the same, this year has been a great success for us with two major triumphs.

Well done!

A.M.H.

### LEECH'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. E. T. Johnson

House Tutor: Mr. J. C. Campbell

Captain: B. Skerry

Vice-Captain: G. Owen

Secretary: S. M. Manning

This year sees the departure of two of the Leech's 'all-time greats': namely Mr. Campbell and myself. In recent years I have performed my duties as house secretary honestly, sedulously and with a certain gay abandon (which did not escape comment from the cruder members of the house). Many is the time I have brutally ignored pleas from other houses to pull them out of rough spots and all for the sake of the house of ill-repute which I love so dearly. My talents, often unappreciated owing to undue modesty on my part, must now seek pastures new as I embark upon a three-year course: "How to be a Succa to Ucca".

Also, deserving a limited amount of praise is Mr. Campbell, 'the old Pretender'—that 'wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie', who lays claim to having shared a bath with Peter Lorimer (or something to do with Leeds United!) and who has won many friends as a result of his Edinburgh Tattoo. Described by many as the house's bulwark, Mr. Campbell was, nevertheless, a quiet man who retained the respect of the house with tact, patience, a sober and a never-ending supply of Johnny Walker. Mr. Campbell is moving to Grimethorpe (which I think speaks for itself) where he shall be carrying out some field work, including a short spell as one of the Kerrygold workers. We wish him all the best in his new post and trust that he will continue to nurture plans both for a rebellion against the English swine and for a remake of "The Power and the Glory".

Thanks go to Mr. Johnson who has just completed his first year as housemaster. Having been kicked out of Evans, the man with the fastest slide-rule in the North-West was drafted to the Leech's war sector where he is able to continue work on his thesis: 'Torture: Its Place in 20th Century Education' (he is renowned for his extensive collection of Karlsffiona).

Mention must be made of Brian Skerry, who somehow managed to find time to carry out his duties as captain, and of all those who helped with sport.

And then there was sport . . . the Leech's 'Master Plan' proceeds favourably. We remained admirably inconspicuous in rugby, cricket, swimming, basketball and chess, all in preparation for the year when we will take the other houses (not to mention ourselves) by surprise.

And so we look forward to next year: a laugh, a song and a million practices.

S. M. MANNING.

### LUNN'S HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. P. J. Comfort

House Tutor: Mr. P. Savage

In September our thin ranks were swelled to 40, enabling us to field full junior and intermediate teams. Past failures were put aside and our efforts on the sports field have met with some degree of success, though as yet we have no need of a trophy cupboard.

Our eager juniors began by struggling around "the triangle", their toil being rewarded with 3rd place, which makes a welcome-change. On the rugby field they showed even more promise, and were unfortunately beaten in the final. Now they have reached the cricket final which we expect them to win.

The intermediates failed to follow their comrades' example, though they were unlucky in some events. In the swimming especially there were some good individual performances but most are lacking in webbed feet. We are confident that their academic progress is sufficient to offset this.

Athletics are now being awaited in which Olympic standards are being sought for.

Finally credit is deserved by Messrs. Comfort and Savage who withstood the extremes of British weather in order to cheer us on.

M. T. WALSH.

### MASONS HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. H. Smith

House Tutor: Mr. Clark

House Captain: Nelson

The year that brought much hope for this house quickly turned sour in the face of Autumn defeats. The Seniors were quickly knocked out of the Rugby despite the skills of Ashton and McDonald, whilst their comrades in the Cross Country failed to follow Street's lead. The junior and intermediate competitors in this event sadly disappeared without trace but the gloom that occupied Room 19 was exorcised by the Christmas spirits.

The New Year brought a new lease of life to the house, which was enhanced by a change of leadership. The difficult task of succeeding Mr. Radcliffe was entrusted to Mr. Clarke. Having been with the house for over three years the work of Mr. Radcliffe had become unnoticed by the house for, like Mr. Smith, he kept himself in the background of house activities to allow house members to take the glory. Mr. Clark however adopted his new role with pride and surprised the house by establishing himself so quickly.

At the time of this change, the captaincy of the house was also to become vacant, for Street left at Christmas, and the new appointment was Nelson.

These enforced changes however brought dividends in the Spring Term. Ashton and Greenhalgh coached the Intermediates to success in the fifteens and sevens whilst Fletcher, by guiding his delicate frame between the members of opposing packs, radiated confidence on the field. The Juniors, however, failed to respond to McDonald's training.

Throughout the winter term the lesser known activities of basketball, badminton and chess were all taking place. The basketball competition proved fruitless but Greenhalgh's badminton team attained second place, being well supported by Whiteley who plays for Southport. Nelson's chess team, despite brilliant performances from Ashton (jnr.) were cheated of victory by the cancellation of the final because of bad management of the competition.

The Summer Term brought the dark clouds of examinations which masked the great progress made by the house in the Cricket competitions. The intermediates, led by Fletcher, are in the Final of their competition, and, no doubt, will repeat their success gained in the Rugby. The Seniors are also in the final of their competition and, with seven school team players in the side, are very optimistic. Nelson has been well supported by his batsmen, Greenhalgh, Fairclough, Whiteley and Rimmer, with good performances by the bowlers (Greenhalgh took five wickets against Rogers, L. Barton took six wickets, including a hat trick, against Leech's and R. Barton took four wickets in each match). Only the juniors failed to reach the final, being beaten in the penultimate round. However this defeat was honourable and Aughton and Ashton deserve recognition.

The house would like to thank all its members, especially the U.6 for the successful year it has had. Our thanks must be extended again to Mr. Radcliffe and Street as well as to Mr. Clark and Nelson for their work this year, but a special "Thank You" is reserved for Mr. Smith as a token of appreciation for his efforts.

L.R.B.

## ROGERS HOUSE REPORT

Housemaster: Mr. J. Clough    House Tutor: Mr. A. G. Jones  
House Captain: A. C. Lymath  
House Officials: P. J. Morris, P. Broude, C. R. Harding,  
M. Pearson, D. Riding, F. Charters.

The House has not had very much success in its sporting activities this year although effort has not been lacking especially on the part of the organisers.

The second and third formers did well in winning the Junior Boys Cross Country Cup but unfortunately this was the only trophy we won this year. The Senior XV reached the final of the rugby but were beaten by an unmentionable side an unmentionable amount. It is, however, quite an achievement that five of the Roger's Senior XV players have played in the school First XV. Broude and Charters were in charge of the intermediate and junior rugby respectively but even under their expert guidance the teams did not have much success.

In the lifesaving Rogers obtained a few awards but this was **obviously** because we got so many last year that there was nobody left to take any of the awards. In the Badminton knock-out Cup we managed to reach the semi-final but not any further. We won a couple of races in the swimming gala and came either second or third in the others entered. This was a very commendable effort on behalf of the four members of the swimming team.

Pearson and Harding took charge of the Junior and Intermediate cricket teams but neither team had much success. The Intermediates won one match and lost one, but the Juniors unfortunately lost both their matches.

The House thanks Mr. Clough and Mr. Jones for all their efforts in the running of the House. Let us hope that perhaps next year their efforts, and those of the House, will be rewarded with more success.

## SPENCER'S HOUSE REPORT

Housemaster: Mr. S. B. Rimmer  
House Tutor: Mr. S. Wohlers  
House Captain: N. D. Pulman  
Vice-Captain: N. R. George

Spencer's House—that glowing reminder of everything that is best in the youth of Southport—once again attempted to demonstrate the multivarious skills and talents of its members at all manner of sports from the traditional rugby and cricket to the more obscure pursuits such as sparrow-

mumbling and shuggy-shew. Despite the loss of the inimitable J. C. Mellor—legend in his own time—rugby and cricket player extraordinair—the house survived and new leaders were discovered from the steaming jungles of South Tottenham who bravely attempted to secure possession of those treasured trophies to remind future generations that there is actually a Spencer's tradition

The senior rugby side, ably led by Hilton successively attempted to destroy the might of Evans, Edward's and Mason's and although putting up a good fight, always got the results they deserved. Two minutes into the second half of the last game the captain, anxious to restore the broken side's lost prestige, turned into a werewolf and frantically rushed around the field emitting high-pitched screeches and blood-curdling cries at five minute intervals before he was carried to the changing rooms in a delirious condition, babbling about green fields and blue skies, like the dying Falstaff and the times when defeat was unknown. The Intermediates also found that rugby was not to their liking, losing their two games, but emerging as losing finalists in the 7-a-side competition in which Ball and Metcalfe T. were notable for their performances. The Juniors, with their wealth of experience, provided a series of lectures entitled "How to win the 15-a-side and 7-a-side competitions without really trying", in which Metcalfe T. took a leading role, though it was generally a team effort which led to their successes.

The cricket season saw the re-appearance of the old troopers in the seniors, who, fired by a sudden, rare and unexpected spark of enthusiasm coupled with their native skills defeated Gear's and Edward's to secure a place in the final. A suggestion of teamwork was apparent in a side which consisted largely of erratic individuals whose performances could be either destructive or simply weak depending upon a variety of external factors, i.e. the weather, how they feel, etc. The team was captained by Mark Somerset and John Arlott reminds me that Howard Walmesley deserves the "Man of the Match" award for his performance against Edwards in which to hit 44 and took 3 valuable wickets in one over. The magic spell of the willow had its effect on the Intermediates who also reached the final with fine spells of bowling from Warren and Austin who also showed his ability with the bat, though everyone in the side performed well. The Juniors were a little unfortunate in that they lost the semi-final while the captain, Pike, was away at Long Rigg, and the display was somewhat indifferent as the fielding was poor and only Jones bowled near to form.

The cross-country competition revealed the strengths and weaknesses of the house. Although capable of producing individuals, a team effort was sadly lacking. Pulman won the Senior Race with ease for the third year running while Ball won the Intermediate Race and Maxwell came sixth in the Junior Race. All suggestions that the two winners ran fast due to fear of their pursuers are emphatically denied.

Swimming, traditionally a house strong point, was supervised by Price and Suffolk and the results obtained in the Gala were as good as expected. The Juniors won the Chess Competition and the Seniors reached the Basketball semi-final. Athletics qualifications and Sports Day remain and it is hoped that the successes of the past years will be repeated.

Thanks to Mr. Rimmer and Mr. Wohlers for their encouragement and enthusiasm throughout the year. Congratulations to N. D. Pulman for gaining an Open Exhibition in Geography at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge and to J. C. Mellor who is to study History at Lincoln College, Oxford.

N. R. G.

## THE WOODHAM'S LEGEND

### Chapter XLVII 1972-73

House Master: Mr. Berry

House Tutor: Mr. Stainton

House Captain: D. Strang

Picture a rocky mound overlooking the Senior cross country course. On it stands Mr. Stainton, the wind blowing in his hair and the orchestra playing 'Land of Hope and Glory' to a rising crescendo. Woodham's, inspired by Mr. Stainton had won the senior cross country. The intermediates had not done well but a good team performance had won the senior competition.

The next obstacle in the path of Woodham's 1972-73 was senior rugby, the source of some interesting dinner-time discussion about Woodham's, virtually having the 1st XV three-quarters line, with woeful comment from Mr. "Watch their scrum half—he's good" Bryan. However, the actual games proved harder, the team led by Wilks losing to Rogers, but gaining revenge against Grears.

And so to swimming under the auspices of House Captain Strang. Congratulations go to Wood, Heath and Chester for good performances in the gala.

But we consoled ourselves; Woodhamites are an academic lot, which leads us to Chess under 'Dudley' Moor. The seniors did win more than they lost, and the juniors did well in reaching the final.

The junior rugby season came and went with defeats at the hands of Evans and Holland's, as did the intermediates season at the hands of Lunn's and Edward's.

In Badminton we were faced with the problem of finding a completely new team. Undaunted, the team under Halsall's captaincy did well to come third.

With the crisp click of ball against bat, the cricket season arrived on the pleasant pastures of K.G.V. The seniors played Leech's and lost. However credit must go to Rymer for taking the difficult job of captaincy and Barnett for a good performance. The intermediates, after losing to Amers slaughtered Evans by ninety-six runs. The score card now framed and hung in the archives of Woodhamite glory shows good performances from Captain Rinch, Taylor and Hodgson. The juniors, despite expert tuition by a person whose modesty prevents me from revealing, lost to Holland's and Honeybones.

As Woodham's houseroom empties for the last time it only remains to congratulate Dolben and for gaining entry to Cambridge, and look forward to Chapter XLVIII.

R. BRADLEY.



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## THE JUBILEE CUP

The Jubilee Cup was presented to the school in 1935 by Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Blundellsands in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of the reign of King George V. It has been used since that year as the trophy to be won by the house excelling in all school activities, games, work and school societies.

The winners of the Jubilee Cup since its donation have been as follows:

1935 Gear's	1948 Edwards'	1961 Mason's
1936 Gear's	1949 Woodham's	1962 Mason's
1937 Spencer's	1950 Gear's	1963 Mason's
1938 Edwards'	1951 Gear's	1964 Spencer's
1939 Evans'	1952 Woodham's	1965 Spencer's
1940 Spencer's	1953 Mason's	1966 Spencer's
1941 Edwards'	1954 Gear's	1967 Rogers'
1942 Evans'	1955 Gear's	1968 Edwards'
1943 Evans'	1956 Mason's	1969 Edwards'
1944 Rogers'	1957 Leech's	1970 Edwards'
1945 Edwards'	1958 Leech's	1971 Edwards'
1946 Edwards'	1959 Gear's	1972 Edwards'
1947 Rogers'	1960 Rogers'	

Total: Edwards' 10, Gear's 7, Spencer's 5, Mason's 4, Rogers' 4, Evans' 3, Leech's 2, Woodham's 2.

The method of allotting points towards the cup has never been fully explained to the school. However recent changes have been made after consultation with the Housemasters and the Games Committee. The full system of awarding points for future years is given below.

- (1) Work. The numbers of First Quarters gained by the boys in each House to be added, allowance being made for differing numbers of boys. These totals to be scaled 0-20.
- (2) House Games. Points to be awarded on the following scale to those Houses who do best.
 

Rugby (senior, intermediate and junior)	8, 6, 4, 2 each
Rugby (7-a-side), (S, I, J)	2, 1 each
Cricket (S, I, J)	8, 6, 4, 2 each
Athletics Sports	6, 4, 2, 1
Points	6, 4, 2, 1
Swimming Gala	6, 4, 2, 1
Life Saving	6, 4, 2, 1
Badminton	3, 2, 1
Cross Country (S, I, J)	3, 2, 1 each
Chess (S, J)	2, 1 each
Basketball	2, 1

- (3) **School Games Organisation.**  
Points to be awarded for excellent work as sports secretaries and for outstanding captaincy of teams.  
Rugby, Cricket, Athletics  
Hockey, Cross Country, Swimming,  
Life Saving 3, 2, 1 each  
Badminton, Chess, Basketball 2, 1 each
- (4) **School Societies**  
Points for these activities should be awarded at the discretion of the master in charge of the activity up to the maximum shown below. He may reduce the points or decide that they ought not to be awarded in particular years.  
Music 3, 2, 1  
Dramatic & Debating 3, 2, 1  
Other major societies  
e.g. Scientific, Photographic, Fencing  
Film, C.U. Debating, Red Rose 2, 1  
New societies or small societies  
involving less than 30 boys 1 point
- (5) **Occasional Activities**  
In particular years opportunities for service arise which may not recur e.g. Adventure Playground at Presfield School. Points up to 3, 2, 1 may be awarded according to the size of the project.

### SCHOOL RUGBY

An indifferent season with regard to the 1st XV has been offset by some very promising play and encouraging results from the 2nd XV and Under 15 XV. The 1st XV's season will be dealt with later by T.B.L.D. so rather than dwell on such matters, I shall look to the coming season, as I hope all senior rugby players are doing. From this year's present 1st and 2nd XV's it is expected that twenty-six should return for next season. This, coupled with the influx from this year's Under 15 side should bode well for next season, as well as increasing the competition for places in the senior teams.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank P. Rigby, J. Deeley (1st XV) and M. Halsall (2nd XV) for their help with, and encouragement of, their respective teams. This has gone no small way to improving attitudes in the senior school towards the game. I trust that similar improvements in performance will occur next season.

With regard to the Junior teams, the Under 14 XV, after a disappointing start to the season, fulfilled some of their previous promise and should do well next year. Unfortunately the U.13 XV realised our worst fears and suffered some

resounding defeats. They did, however, show some spirit towards the end of the season, so I hope for some improvement next season. It is pleasant to record that the Under 12 XV looked extremely promising in the few fixtures they had, and as well as having some potentially promising players, appear to be strong in numerical depth.

### 1st XV

Congratulations to the following who gained representative honours:—

- J. Deeley: Lancashire 19 group, N. of England Trial.  
N. Pickering: Lancashire 15 group, Merseyside U.15 XV.  
K. Rich: Merseyside U.15 XV.  
I. Robinson: Merseyside U.14 XV.

In choosing this review, I take the opportunity to wish success to next year's teams and hope that all boys will give as much support to my successor. I finish with a question from the South African, Isaac Von Helden.

"The best way to enjoy any sport is to set yourself that nearly unattainable target. There is no greater enemy of efficiency than the attitude which says 'This is good enough. We have done it enough. We have always done it this way. Why change?'

Perfection in technical accomplishments should come from the belief that you can only begin to think about rugby when you have mastered the basic skills and mechanical details to such a degree that you don't have to think about them any more and you don't have to be hesitant about them. Understanding and perfection of the skills of running, passing, handling and positional support leads to spontaneity and instinctiveness within the framework of a team.

If you have this sort of approach and attitude in the game you will do well.

J.C.C.

### 1st XV — 1972-73 SEASON

Performances of two seasons ago were fairly dismal. Then last year we saw a slight improvement in fortunes and this season this improvement was more than maintained. This was achieved, too, with a much younger squad of players who always gave of their best. This season, too, not only was the senior squad younger but also much larger in number. One result of this is that the vast majority of the first and second teams returns next year to be reinforced by a keen and useful-looking Colts side. Much of this keenness stems from the respective captains of the fifteens with P. S. Rigby, in particular, of the 1st XV, proving an excellent example both in practice and in match play. Not everything

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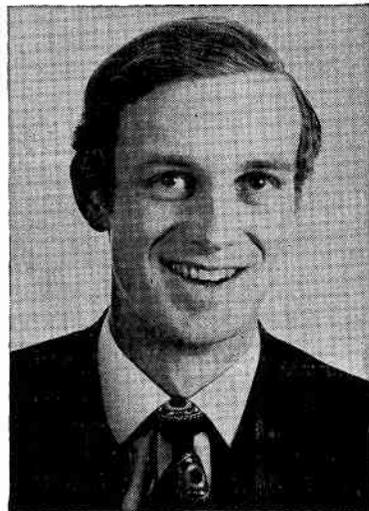
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however was rosy in the garden. Too many games were lost in the first place and these were often due to a lack of conviction in their own ability. However I hope that this will be put right as the players mature.

The forward play was often quite good; the rucking and mauling improved considerably. The main weakness in the forward play was half-hearted scrummaging and backing up. In the backs the main weakness was a lack of incisive tackling early on in a game, thus allowing opponents to get settled. But this again should be remedied, partly with practice.

The characters of the fifteen:—

**P. S. Rigby (Captain and full-back)**

Without question one of the best full-backs in Lancashire. Sound in the tackle, he also initiates attacks well. He scored numerous tries, not least a real captain's effort against the Old Boys.

**J. J. Deeley (Vice-Captain and No. 8)**

He always played with authority and vigour. Good in the line-out and in the loose. Plays in the 2nd row for Lancashire; yet he is still learning and should have another good season next year.

**G. Afford (Prop)**

Big and strong; particularly useful in passing movements and excellent at the back of the line-out. A weakness was that he was not consistent. He often took over the task of leading the pack.

**C. Kersey (Hooker)**

A wonderfully aggressive hooker now, but he needs to learn to be a little more canny about his general play.

**A. Lymath (Prop)**

A big strong forward who always played hard and tried hard.

**J. Berry (Flanker)**

Probably the most consistent performer in the side. Always in the thick of things, he should be one of the strengths of next year's side.

**R. Marshall (2nd Row)**

A young forward of fine physique who learned a lot this year. Good in the line-out and handles well. With increasing confidence he could be a good player next season.

**R. Harding (2nd Row)**

He took a little time to settle down in the team but he plays hard and is quick over the ground. Handling practice needed! A lot will depend on these last two next season.

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### G. Charters (Flanker)

Another young player; he moved around the scrum a lot but finished up on the side. A good handler, he is always looking for the ball. Plays with plenty of heart.

### M. Greenhalgh (Scrum-half)

Played in several positions but finished as scrum-half where he displays much courage. Adept at initiating moves with the back-row.

### A. Ritchie (Stand off)

Came into the side just before Christmas to plug a weakness in the side. He handled the ball well and when fully settled in to the side proved capable of opening opposing defences.

### A. Wilks (Centre)

Fast and powerful in attack, though most hesitant in defence. Suffers from lack of confidence but this will improve with time.

### B. Armstrong (Centre)

Another centre of good physique. He handles well and tackles hard. He should have a good future in the school team.

### P. Broude (R.Wing)

Started off as prop but moved to the wing with considerable success, for he runs powerfully. His handling is improving slowly!

### C. Price (L.Wing)

A complete stranger to the game at the start of the season. He has shown much games ability and pace. Needs to go more determinedly for the corner, before cutting in.

The following also played with much promise and narrowly missed their colours:— N. Fairclough (13 games) at flanker where his skill and uncompromising attitude will surely prove useful in the future. J. McInerney (6) who at scrum-half has much potential, but needs to be a little more positive on the field and realise that the action always revolves around the scrum-half. D. Ainsworth (8) also played with a great deal of promise while P. Rigby experimented in the centre or at stand-off. S. Whittle (13) played in roughly half the games from Christmas and scored many points until he left shortly before the end of the season.

D. McLeod (8) appeared either on the wing, centre or flank, J. Humphreys (2) in the pack, I. Morton (2) at scrum-half and N. Pickering (1) in the centre. All the above players return next year and some the year after. P. Mantin (10) and P. Mellor (7) were regular members until they left at Christmas.

## 2nd XV

It is pleasant to record that the 2nd XV have had a successful season, winning nine of their thirteen matches. Defeats came at the hands of Cowley (twice) Blackpool G.S. and St. John Rigby. The outstanding feature of the side was their team spirit and work rate. What they lacked in technical know-how and skill they more than made up for in enthusiasm.

The season began with the two hardest fixtures, and resulted in defeats at Blackpool after a close, hard-fought struggle and a trouncing at Cowley. From then on a run of victories emphasised the growing confidence of the team. A surprise reversal at St. John Rigby only served to increase the determination of the side, and Whittle, Ashton and Bell were regular try-scorers.

By Christmas a number of players won promotion to the 1st XV—Harding, who had been outstanding in the loose, Ritchie at stand-off, and Whittle in the centre. McNerney took over the captaincy and responded well to the responsibility, eventually gaining a first team place. Highlights of the second team included a fine win at Kirkham, which together with the success against Arnold School and the close return game against Cowley must rate as the team's best performances.

It was a strong, successful team that met Cowley for the return fixture at the end of the season. Although the experience of Humphreys was missed in the front row, Chester proved an able substitute. The team gave everything they could with McDonald, Caunce and McLeod all to the fore. After an extremely hard game 3-16 rather flattered the opposition.

Perhaps the outstanding personality of the side was our own "Ronnie Rugby" M. Halsall. Although not the fastest of players, he led by example, having taken upon himself the mantle of the "senior professional". Indeed, thinking back to the last match of the season against West Derby, at times his play was rather too professional.

Next season should see the fiercest of competition for places, with a strong nucleus of this year's team returning and a fresh influx from this year's promising Under XV's contending for places. The aim next season must be to build on the present enthusiasm, basic skills and mastering the mechanical details.

The following were regular 2nd XV members:

Upper Sixth: Ashton, Greenhalgh, Evans.

Lower Sixth: Bell, Morton, Caine, Humphreys, McDonald, Halsall, Culshaw, McIntosh, McNerney.

Upper Fifth: McLeod, McNorton, Caunce, Ainsworth, Killip, Fairclough, Chester.

With regard to Second Fifteen selection—there is no truth in the rumour that a major requirement is a Scottish name!

J.C.C./M. Halsall.

## U.15 RUGBY 1972-73

### Playing Record

	P.	W.	L.	Points	
				F.	A.
	16	10	6	310	126
v. Blackpool				(H)	58—0
v. Cowley				(H)	10—8
v. Heversham				(H)	53—0
v. Hutton				(A)	16—21
v. John Rigby				(H)	33—10
v. Broxbourne (Herts.)				(H)	0—6
v. Arnold				(A)	0—18
v. Cardinal Allen				(H)	10—0
v. King Edward VII, Lytham				(A)	9—4
v. Manchester G.S.				(A)	16—8
v. Balshaws				(H)	44—0
v. St. Edwards				(A)	0—24
v. Stonyhurst				(A)	0—24
v. St. Mary's, Crosby				(H)	16—0
v. Bolton School Colts				(H)	30—6
v. Cowley				(A)	6—7

With a large squad of potential team members, the side was never completely settled as there were so many players of the same standard, all deserving to play. The team was never fully convincing in defence, particularly the backs who could never concentrate for the whole of a game. In attack they were sometimes stereotyped, being unprepared to attempt the original when the standard moves were breaking down.

This apart, the players obviously enjoyed their rugby and always gave 100%. Basic techniques improved throughout the season, and once on top of the opposition they could be lethal. The pack worked tremendously hard and were always willing to work at their game; the backs did not improve to the same extent but techniques in defence were quickly learnt and applied. The team was a team, always playing for each other—the spirit was never lacking and these players will help form a strong senior squad next season.

### Honours

Congratulations are due to Pickering who played for Lancashire and Merseyside, mainly in the unaccustomed position of full-back; and who reached the final North of England trial match.

Also to Rich who played for Merseyside regularly.

Fletcher and Matthews also reached the final Merseyside trial.

### **Seven-a-Side**

The season opened in September with the Blackpool sevens, and the seven, comprising Fletcher, Gascoigne, Rich, Pickering, Matthews, Mardon and Hill were far too good for the opposition, easily beating West Park by 30—4 in the final.

Disappointment followed at Ormskirk (best forgotten) and Stonyhurst (although the team managed to draw with the eventual winners).

The best performance was reserved for the Merseyside Sevens where a team comprising Ball, Mawdsley, Fletcher, Parkinson, Pickering, Rich, Hill and Mardon played extremely well to reach the semi-finals where they narrowly lost to Fisher More.

### **Players**

#### **Tomkinson (Full Back) 'Tom-tit'**

Guaranteed to be the smallest player on the field, his rise did not stop him tackling bravely; he was always safe and his ability to attack, mainly through the opposition's legs, often helped the team; 1 try (Colours).

#### **Hill (Wing) 'Sypho'**

The fastest player in the team, his speed often helped to win games. If he had caught more than 20% of the passes given him, he would have scored more than the nine tries he did score (Colours).

#### **Mardon (Centre/Wing) 'Spot'**

He played very well at the start of the season, but became erratic later; like many in the team, the presence or absence of spectators affected his game; 42 points (Colours).

#### **Matthews (Centre)**

Never completely reliable, his play was sometimes a disappointment, although he played extremely well at Cowley; he has enough ability to walk into a senior side next season; 63 points (Colours).

#### **Bowden (Wing)**

Never had faith in his own ability; very quick and a real trier. He never let the team down, despite being reserve on numerous occasions; 3 tries (Colours).

#### **Rimmer (Centre/Wing) 'Antler Head'**

A brave player who tackles hard; liable to carry the ball in one hand, his technique needs improvement; 1 try (Colours).

#### **Halsall (Wing)**

A very enthusiastic team member; when he got his chance, he showed himself to be quick and elusive; 1 try (Colours).

### **Pickering (Fly-half)**

A law unto himself; brilliant in attack and very brave in defence. He must learn that discretion is sometimes the better part of valour and play safe, particularly in his own try area. A huge sidestep and high knee-action made one of the opposition liken him to a 'a b—— great Kangaroo'; 9 tries (Colours).

### **Parkinson (Scrum-half) 'Big Mouth'**

Eventually he realised the position was his own, and his general play rose with his confidence; he reserved his best for Cowley; 1 try (Colours).

### **Hickson (Fly-half)**

A valuable squad member, he never fully got the chance his play deserved. Saved the game against Lytham by brilliant kicking in the last 10 mins. (Colours).

### **Moorhouse (Prop) 'Blockhead'**

The most improved forward over the year, particularly in scrum and line; often thought a detour more interesting than running straight (Colours).

### **Seddon (Prop) 'Joe 90'**

He found his form in November, and played his usual hard, honest game from then on; virtually won the game against Cardinal Allen; 1 try (Colours).

### **Gascoigne (Hooker) 'Hackney'**

A sound hooker who once or twice allowed himself to become dominated—no doubt a kick in the right place will remind him of this next season; 1 try (Colours).

### **Ellis (Second Row) 'Red neck'**

Another sound player; he never allowed his presence to be sufficiently felt on field, although one of the St. Edwards forwards might disagree; 1 try (Colours).

### **Rich (Second Row) 'Centre'**

Converted to centre in late season, he proved just how versatile he could be, opening up new possibilities for the backs. His main strength was in the pack, where aggression and determination helped the team greatly—a good team player; 4 tries (Colours).

### **Mawdsley (Flanker) 'Rie-Face'**

Another physical player; often got the red mist before the eyes and charged like a marauding bull; quick round the field, his support work was excellent; 4 tries (colours).

### **Ball (Flanker/No. 8) 'Robbin the Gobbin'**

An inspiration to the pack at getting to where the ball was, his back-up play was outstanding and he tightened his defence; 49 points (Colours).

### Fletcher (No. 8) 'Fishface'

He made a great contribution to the team, as player and pack-leader. He led by example, refusing to give up; his spirit and good humour went a long way in determining the spirit of the team, his enthusiasm carried the team along with him. Never to be forgotten in a lost cause at St. Edward's running flat out for the line uphill in thick mud, like a man in wellies running through treacle; 3 tries (Colours)—likeable despite being a Burnley supporter.

### Metcalfe (Flanker)

Another good team player, he never let them down when he got a chance and always turned up despite being reserve most weeks (Colours).

Others who contributed to the team were Kay, Greenhalgh, Daglish, Ambrose and Haslam.

### Try-of-the-Season

Select the three best tries in the correct order from the list below and hand in to J.R.W. at the Staff-Room by September 6th—open to all the school; a prize for the first correct one opened.

- (a) **Tomkinson v. Heversham**—ran through the whole of the opposition from 30 yards out after catching a flick-ahead.
- (b) **Hill v. Hutton**—an attack from a strike against the head in our own 25, a break by Matthews to draw the opposition wings and then to Hill who sprinted 70 yards.
- (c) **Seddon v. Cardinal Allen**—no score with 20 minutes to go, he won the ball at a maul and crashed over from 10 yards out.
- (d) **Pickering v. Lytham**—another match-winner from near half-way, made by Hickson's pass.
- (e) **Rich v. St. Edwards**—made by a superb break by Ellis with Rich in support to receive the pass which beat the full-back.
- (f) **Ball v. Bolton**—made by Pickering from within his own 25, carried on by Rich and then to Ball backing-up.
- (g) **Matthews v. Cowley**—tackled his opposite number, took the ball and made the full-back look silly (about 40 yards).

I would like to express my own thanks to the team and its supporters, to T.B.L.D. and to all referees.

J.R.W.

### UNDER 14 RUGBY

The season began with two very indifferent displays. Lacking in fitness, teamwork and enthusiasm, shunning tackles and leaving great gaps in defence the team deservedly sustained defeats at the hands of both Blackpool and Cowley.

Spurred on by reminders of their best performances in the previous season and working hard in training all these glaring weaknesses were quickly corrected and very soon the team's confidence began to reappear. Breaking new ground by travelling to Heversham and needing a morale booster in its third game the side proceeded to annihilate the opposition. The strong forwards, eager for possession, took command, giving plenty of ball to the strong-running back division who swept aside the Heversham defence and the game was won by 46—6.

For its fourth match the School played host to Hutton. To add to the flavour of a derby game we learned that the opposition had remained unbeaten in over two years but that they came fearing the reputation of our boys, guised as an Under 13 team. Unfortunately the game provided little good rugby with two well matched sides producing a virtual stalemate and Hutton, by dint of determined defence and helped by poor K.G.V. handling in the back division, emerged victorious by 14—8.

In the following games the team hit top form. John Rigby, unbeaten in two years and never having conceded more than twelve points, were thrashed by 46—12, destroyed by the speed and efficiency of our forwards and the good service provided by our increasingly effective half-back pair. Further victories were recorded against Arnold School 22—10, K.E.S., Lytham 56—4, and Manchester G.S. 8—6, but a narrow defeat at Cardinal Allen was totally unjust.

The 56—4 victory over K.E.S. was probably the most satisfying and efficient display of the season. Travelling to Lytham the team was determined to gain revenge for its defeat in the game at Under 13 level in the previous season. Our early onslaught—over 20 points in the first few minutes—completely demoralized the opposition and we emerged easy winners.

In the Easter term inclement weather and the non-arrival of the St. Edward's team resulted in the cancellation of our first three fixtures. The three fixtures, against Ormskirk, St. Joseph's and St. Edward's had brought convincing wins for the team at Under 13 level and there was great disappointment when these games were put off. Understandably, momentum was lost and when, towards mid-term, the team eventually played at Stonyhurst, a close game produced a 0—13 result.

In the remaining games the team's points tally was improved by the following scores:— St. Mary's 52—3, Cowley 3—12, Birkdale 18—0, Meols Cop 42—0.

The final record stood at:—

P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
14	8	6	313	158

At the very end of the season we entered a team in the Merseyside Sevens Competition at Widnes. The players who took part acquitted themselves admirably, winning two games in convincing style before losing in the semi-final to Fisher Moore School.

Although the season was marred by occasional disappointments the memories that remain are of many splendid performances by a team seeking to entertain with fast open rugby, of great improvements in the playing standards of most of the players, and of the team spirit. I wish them every success as an Under 15 team in the coming season.

S. B. RIMMER.

### UNDER 13 XV RUGBY REPORT

On the whole a disappointing season, the side only winning three of its matches. They easily beat Balshaw's G.S. and Heversham G.S. but had to play harder to defeat Manchester G.S.

The team was well led by Ashton who was a keen and reliable captain. Many of the problems stemmed from the fact that the team on average was smaller and lighter than opponents.

The three-quarters were at times good in attack but the tackling was suspect except for Metcalfe the fly-half who was the most promising player in the team. Forward play improved at the end of the season particularly the set scrummaging. In the loose however their play was scrappy and disorganised.

Apart from Metcalfe and Ashton, Barton, Parkinson, Pike and Oakley played exceptionally well on occasions and with added weight and height could develop.

T.J.B.

### UNDER 12 RUGBY

In spite of their few fixtures the Under 12 XV have shown much promise. Of their three fixtures, two were won and one lost. Their defeat came at the hands of Manchester G.S. in the first term when they showed their lack of experience. In the second term they matured quickly and their willingness to learn was rewarded by an excellent victory against Blackpool G.S. Indeed the 'B' team recorded a similar success in their fixture against the same school. It could be wrong, at such an early stage to single out individuals, but Motteshead proved an able captain, although he will probably find back-row is more to his liking as he progresses to more senior level. He and Webster performed adequately at half-back, whilst Wood, for his tackling alone was the pick of the backs. Of the forwards Cook and Halsall D. were always to the fore in the loose, and Halsall M. looks to have the makings of a useful hooker.

By the end of the season the following boys were in contention for places in the team Watkins, Halsall, Rushworth, Davies, Halsall, Cook, Openshaw, Webster, Mottershead, Shallcross, Wood, Rimmer, Sykes, Dudley, Greenhalgh, Monk, Warren, Hams, Heap.

J.C.C.

### BADMINTON REPORT, 1972-73

The major event of this season's activities was the winning of the Red Rose competition by the junior under sixteen team. Marshall, Cattrall, Whiteley and Halsall (our young hope for the future) put up a good show and walked through to be this year's Lancashire champions. They are all playing in the senior team, although they are juniors, and should make up a good senior team next year.

The senior Red Rose team however, did not show the same skills in the competition they could have done with these four playing instead. The first round was struggled through, but only to come up to a dead end in the second round, being thrashed by our old enemies, Bolton Grammar School.

However, revenge came when we took a strong team there in March to play a friendly game and gave them a surprise.

I would like to thank all the boys who have played regularly if not brilliantly, and hope to have a successful season next year.

B. HEPWORTH (Capt.)

### UNDER 15 BASKETBALL

Sad to relate, the Under 15 side were unable to make it a hat-trick of victories in the Southport Schools' Under 15 League. After a promising start and victories against Stanley Meols Cop and Scarisbrick Hall, the team let slip a six-point lead in the last sixty seconds against Christchurch and were left needing to beat Christ the King School if they were to force a play off. Playing away from home, on a full-size court they never really came to grips with the opposition and defeat left them well out of the running for honours.

The team never really played with any authority and lacked the confidence and at times ability to take players on individually. Defensively they were quite sound but showed little flair on the offence. Rich was the pick of the players whilst Pickering and Matthews were sound defensively. Others to play were:— Mardon, Rymer, Halsall, P., Fletcher, Ellis, Gascoigne, Henderson.

J.C.C.

## SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: N. D. Pulman

Secretary: J. M. Gunns

The successes of the school cross country team (as in so many previous years) failed to reach the heights which had been hoped for. The year saw only 3 victories—in the matches against West Park G.S., Ormskirk and Clitheroe R.G.S.—of which the win over West Park was the school's best performance this year. The other two victories came within a period of 24 hours against rather weak teams.

The Senior Team were unlucky to lose Street, Mell and Holt after Christmas which meant a mat of only 4 runners completed the whole season. The newer members of the team tried hard but unfortunately, as the Inter-House competition showed, many of the best runners in the school were occupied each Wednesday on the Rugby fields. Thus we can only hope that next season people such as Croome and Armstrong will participate in the cross-country team to support the more experienced runners of this season and a number of promising juniors.

Finally the team would like to thank Mr. Stainton and Mr. Marsh for their much needed support and encouragement throughout the year.

## FENCING TEAM REPORT

This term, although overshadowed by various exams, is traditionally the quiet one for us. However, we are happy to say that we have finally got fencing going on a junior as well as senior competition basis. The junior team, captained by Abrams, put up a creditable performance against Southport Over 21's, and have a good chance in the Lancs. Team Championships on July 7th. To summarise the year's performances:—

Charters minor: A steady, keen slogger. Always performs to the best of his ability, and an invaluable source of calm in an unstable sport.

Wolston: Lacks technique, but is effective in terms of physical force. Could develop extremely well.

Abrams: Effective and a good leader, but he must also improve his technique. Should guarantee good fencing after the 'old faithfuls' have left.

Williams: The surprise development of the year. He has outstanding potential and a natural aptitude, but must correct certain faults of style.

Saunders major: Tends to be underestimated at times. Keen if unorthodox in his approach, but limited in style.

Gidney major: Lacks dedication and therefore tends to waste an undoubted talent. Nevertheless an extremely useful person.

Thornborough minor: Determined, with a classic style, and a helpful approach. Has met with due success, yet could do with faster reactions.

Price: Has the advantage of speed, yet lacks refinement in his technique. The September Tournament in Belgium may help.

Our thanks are due to all members of staff who have helped since the tragic death of the coach, Mr. Finch, and go especially to Mr. Gale for his invaluable support and encouragement.

P.M.P.

## K.G.V. HOCKEY 1973

The first term's results for this season have been, decidedly mediocre with wins proving somewhat illusive and draws rather too frequent for comfort. The defeat rate was not particularly disastrous though but "unfortunate" results against Calday and Arnold did little to help the goal average. Without a doubt the team missed captain Worsely who was unable to play the last section of the fixtures as a result of a wrist injury. His vocal support during this period was very much appreciated by the team; even if the umpires weren't of the same view!

Our trip to the Sefton tournament was rather bleak, the excursion seemed fated from the start when one of the party missed the coach through oversleeping. We fared even worse than at the Warrington competition where we did at least reach the semi-finals even if it was by the skin of our teeth.

The second team, not the slightest amount perturbed by the first team's record, had a good season. Led by tactical genius J. Bond they had an unbeaten record that extended well into the school year. Perhaps their best result was against Calday where they emerged the victors. This was, apparently, a superb display of hockey and great determination.

Next year's ride could be a fairly good one if they adopt a conscientious attitude and keep in reasonable fitness over the summer—Don't break your necks playing something silly like cricket—we might need you next year! The promise shown by Upper Fifth boys, particularly Catterall and Martin is very pleasing and it will be of great benefit to all to have them available for all next year's games. All that remains is to thank the Upper Sixth for their much appreciated contributions on and off the pitch and wish them "Happy Hockey" for many seasons to come. Many thanks to all the members of staff for their help during the seasons.

1st XV	Won 6	Drawn 4	Lost 8
2nd XV	Won 9	Drawn 1	Lost 4

S. J. WAINWRIGHT.

## THE PREFECTS REPORT

The Prefects Report, let us be honest, exists for two main reasons: firstly, to provide a detailed, sincere and enlightening account of events which occurred behind a certain well-known door during the year; secondly, to satisfy the somewhat naive sense of humour of those future leaders of society known as Prefects who take great delight in caricaturing each other (the ancient Lancastrian art of 'skitting').

Quite a lot of detailed, sincere and enlightening things did happen in that little intellectual grove underneath a variegated halo of beer mats; unfortunately, I cannot remember one of them. And now, let us progress to the more interesting section:—

**NICK PULMAN:** won fame as the first Head Boy who lacked a head and who could not really lay claim to being a boy. However: successful in unearthing enough dinner-times for official wet prefects.

**PETER RIGBY:** So quiet we often did not know he was there. Despite limited space, he was able to re-enact all goals scored by Southport on their road to the championship, assisted by Bobs Ritchie, Garth Blundell and one fire-place. Choice goals are to be presented by the Everyman Company in their production of 'When the Oranges, With Just A Hint of Blue, Go Marching In'.

**LES BARTON:** 'The window to watch'. Spent much of the year conducting experiments in cross-ventilation trousers. Made one appearance with Anthony Quayle in 'Strange Report'.

**SIMON NELSON (Pts. 4—17):** Official 'Guardian' mutilator. Took up more space during the year than he is doing here.

**NEIL "S" LEVEL' GEORGE:** Chauffeur to students of English Literature. Drank chocolate. Fear of assassination led him to purchase bullet-proof glasses. Read 'Othello' but only on Wednesday dinner time.

**JOHN MOREY:** Creator of many amusing intellectual/historical diversions including 'Kick The Jesuits'. Pen-friend of Patrick Moore (claims he is not affected). Openly declared he would die for John Cleese. His anti-semitic tendencies faded away gradually with the diminution of his brain.

**PAUL 'ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH' DARWIN:** was undecided as to where to continue his further education. Abandoned thoughts of Merton College, Oxford; now has his sights set on Barrow Technical College (has a friend who knows a brother-in-law of one of the janitors).

**GARTH BLUNDELL:** tragic victim of mistaken identity—was used for three months as a dartboard. However, he is now recuperating and is developing a deep and lasting relationship with a Yale key.

**BRIAN SKERRY:** making progress with his latest work: 'Teach Yourself Boredom'. Efforts are being made to have him stuffed and replaced by a computer.

**GORDON 'THE GARDEN IMPLEMENT' AFFORD:** resigned as chairman of the Sixth Form Council; plans to return to his former post at the North-West School of Speech and Drama.

**CRAIG 'ZATOPEK THE POLO MAESTRO' KAMIKERSEY:** 'Playboy of the Western reference library'. The boy who has everything, but only to the girl who has nothing. Cross-country enthusiast; ran to school via Preston each morning to improve his performance—he finished no higher in the Inter-House cross-country match and it didn't exactly work wonders for his performance. Greatest stumbling block was his head to anyone who walked into the Prefects Room).

**'HONEST' COL. HILTON (formerly 'KARATE COL'):** Directed the dinnertime betting with cries of "Push, key, bell and with a dog?". Is thought to have been the never-captured dark stranger who lurked around the grounds of Dalton Hall; Manchester in January.

**STEPHEN MANNING:** Jewish goon who sat in the corner revolting everyone with his mushroom soup. Often seen wearing a lunatic fringe. Has opened the Manning-George Museum for University Rejections.

**JOHN SYKES:** Who?

**PHIL 'SON OF A PREACHER' MORRIS:** believes blood is vicar than water. Hopes to study Durham at the University of Theology.

**DAVE STRANG:** Currently writing a study guide pamphlet entitled 'Och, It's So Easy'. Intends to read Gaelic Pornography at the University of Och Aye. Was absent for a while during the year owing to an operation on the Grampians.

MIKE 'GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES' SOMERSET: plans to study geographical features at Yeovil Geographical Features College. A realist who refused to travel to Marseilles by unicycle. Practicing alcoholic. Stand-in for Malcolm McDowell in 'A Clockwork Camper'.

BOB KIRKHAM: Committed suicide after Blackburn failed to win promotion . . . two months before other Prefects realised. Often seen wandering aimlessly around the corridors whistling 'Come Fly With Me'. Strong pigeon-fancier; also strongly fancied by many pigeons. Known to his friends as Genus Psittacus.

STEVE RILEY: hopes to disprove the maxim 'Nobody runs for ever'. I think he has ginger hair but I can't really remember what he looks like.

PAUL HAMPSON: stood proudly on the mantelpiece for most of the year. In May, Leeds and Sunderland fought keenly for him; to the victors go the spoils . . . they chose the mantelpiece. Chosen by Alan Hardaker as 'The Man Most Likely To . . .'

'NODDY' BLUNDELL: no relation to Garth Blundell, although their innocent eyes did meet once or twice. First name unknown. Provided a moving target for darts players.

BONY TONY LYMATH: BBC 2 rejected his proposal for the quiz game 'Mawl My Cuff'. A peace-loving Family man. Ambition: to be accepted for what he is.

BOBS RITCHIE: the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth. Known to his friends as 'Hey, you with the gap!' Was once auditioned for a role in 'Whistle Down 'The Wind', but part went to Hayley Mills.

The young celebrity who was revered 'The Room' over as 'The Best-Loved Bootlicker From Berwick to Bourne-mouth' will be presented with a silver spittoon at the end of term; unfortunately, we are unable to publish his name owing to circumstances beyond our control.

Others were present in 'The Room' but obviously did not try hard enough to make themselves suitably conspicuous.

OFFICIAL GUEST: Chandler (still in sofa).

A booklet entitled 'Veni, Vidi, Vomitus' providing information concerning the Prefects Dinner, is available from Garth Blundell: price 30p plus a stamped addressed gin bottle.

S. M. MANNING.

## REPORT OF THE COMMON ROOM COMMITTEE

T. E. Fleetwood (Chairman) J. S. M. Seddon (Treasurer)  
G. S. La Court (Secretary) B. Culshaw (Vice-Chairman)  
M. D. Stott R. V. McDonald (Deputy Treasurer)  
S. J. Wainwright D. Hogg

A. R. Holmes

The Common Room was opened on 4th June and immediately several new schemes were launched. A new dart board was bought and a darts competition was started. The kitchen area has been opened for selling of coke, crisps and other refreshments. Preparations are underway for even more price cutting, with special offers to users of the common room! This service is available all day, every day and prices are lower than anywhere else in the area.

Any profits made will be ploughed back into the system and we ask you to help by joining all fund raising schemes. A raffle will soon be held; prizes will be announced in due course.

During the summer vacation, the interior of the Common Room will be redecorated and we hope to install some additional attractions. It will be especially important to keep the Common Room clean and tidy. You can help by sticking to the Duty rota and by using the rubbish bins. For the protection of all the sixth form, the committee has decided that any wilful damage will rate as a very serious offence and the penalty will be severe.

We ask for your co-operation in all matters, especially in our ambitious programme of re-equipping the Common Room. If our plans go ahead this is likely to be one of the most prosperous years that the sixth form will ever enjoy.

We gratefully acknowledge the help of those people who have so far helped in the cleaning of the Common Room and ask the others to keep to their rota times. Each person will only "do" about four nights a year.

Because of numbers of people in the sixth form, Common Room facilities are only available to the U.6th.

G. S. LA COURT,

Secretary to  
your Committee.

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: P. Whitworth Treasurer: D. Strang  
Secretary: J. Sephton

Committee Members: M. Kendrick and E. Marland  
For myself and M.K. the term has revolved about two objectives:— firstly to print the play photographs; and secondly to supply excuses as to why the primary objective has not been achieved. Although at the time of writing we

have not been successful in the first objective we have been in the second case. The most truthful excuse being "the paper has not arrived yet", which it did not for about a month, while the most inventive was probably "The Red Rose took two of the numbered proofs for printing purposes (see last term's Red Rose) so we were not quite sure which pictures you ordered". By now though most of the prints are finished and most of you should have them by now.

As to the rest of the society, the darkroom has been in use more frequently than has previously been the case in recent years, but the society is short of members. At the moment we have only about 25 members whereas I can remember the days when we had 70 to 80 members, so if you have a camera why not join next term? After all the fees are reasonable, and the benefits tremendous. Finally on behalf of the committee members who are due to leave at the end of this term I would like to wish the Society all the best in the future.

J.S.

### THE CHRISTIAN UNION

This year the seniors had six meetings altogether. Now if you got past such a boring opening line as that why are reading this report? Are you at all interested in life, God or Jesus Christ? Are you absolutely sure that all our meetings are dead boring? We challenge anybody just to come to the meetings so that we can know what you think and you can find out just what we believe and how we have found peace and happiness in Jesus Christ. We have speakers, tapes and filmstrips and loads of time to just talk and discuss. Now if you have read all this report you are the sort of person who should come to our meetings. Why not?

M. TOWNSON.

### SIXTH FORM FILM SOCIETY

This year we have had our most successful season for many years, financially at least. Our final film, "The Graduate" attracted a large audience and the film went down well, despite its being a cinemascope print with the ends lopped off.

This was just one of the problems encountered this year. Our second film, "Fahrenheit 451" was screened on BBC-2 the same night, but we still mustered a fair number of spectators with black and white T.V. sets. Our foreign film "Throne of Blood", a Japanese version of "Macbeth", was screened three weeks before, also on BBC-2. We had hoped to keep secret the fact that the film was Japanese to forestall prejudice, but were foiled in the attempt by the mass media.

The film after Christmas should have been Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane", but this was changed owing to another scheduled T.V. screening. Our unusual British film, "Privilege" starring pop star Paul Jones was shown instead. This was a futuristic fantasy about the ways pop hysteria could be exploited by a reactionary government to dominate rebellious teenagers and suppress militancy. This is one of a vast number of more or less unusual films that are never screened publicly here owing to the conservatism of the major cinema circuits.

It is therefore the duty and functions of film societies to give people a chance to see these worthwhile films that otherwise lie on distributors' shelves for years. Hence it is always part of our policy to introduce people to a wider range of films than they could be otherwise likely to see, while trying also to suit as many popular tastes as we can in a short programme.

Next year's films promise to be as varied as this year's, though these have yet to be finalised at the time of going to press. Naturally the reactions of members to these, as well as positive suggestions for future years are essential if the committee is to choose programmes that are worthwhile.

Finally, Mr. Ward would like to express his appreciation to one of the best committees the society has had, who conducted a very efficient sales drive of tickets at the start of the year and here been similarly efficient over arrangements for all the shows this year. Particularly hard working and dedicated have been Harry Herbert and Rodney Golightly who have put in a good deal of time and effort to make things run smoothly. We must not forget the similar operation carried out at the High School by Miss McArthur, together with Mandy Ball and her committee. The Film Society is a truly joint venture and that alone would justify its continued existence.

### SPRING CONCERT

The third Spring concert took place in April, and, as in the previous two, the audience was increased in size by the inclusion of a project performance involving the complete first year forms. This was Gordon Jacob's "Animal Magic", which offered scope for singing, choral recitation and percussion instruments. Apart from the main work, Vivaldi's "Gloria" sung by the school choir, the remainder of the programme comprised items by soloists and ensembles. The String Trio produced among other things the first performance of a work written for them by Colin Mason (U.Vth), a parody on Haydn to begin with, culminating in a more zothic approach, while the Brass Group coped well with Purcell's Funeral Music. The Madrigal Group included appropriately

"April is in my mistress' face" in their contribution, and despite the obvious lack of bass instruments in the orchestra, the latter gave a confident account of "Schwanda the Bagpiper" which opened the concert in a familiar way.

Brass instruments were well represented by Colin Pierce, Kenneth Vickers and Jeremy Metcalfe in their good ensemble playing of Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary", and by the usual professionalism we have come to expect from Bruce Fox, playing the Poulenc "Elegie" for horn. Mark Suddaby gave a musicianly performance of Dvorak's Sonatina (Finale) for violin, and the presentation of a work for flute and strings (Martin Benedyk, flute) was an interesting departure. As one member of the audience remarked, variety added much to the success of a well performed concert.

### SCHOOL CHOIR

School musical activity was also in evidence in the summer term, when the school choir joined with the Southport Bach Society in the final concert of the Trinity Festival held annually in Holy Trinity Church in June. Their contribution was the Bach "Magnificat" in which choirs and orchestra combined to give an exciting programme universally enjoyed.

### A BRIEF ENCOUNTER by C. S. Hilton

The scene is Watford Junction where Lucinda Esterhazy-Rothschild, a happily married ex-prison wardress, sits in the station cafeteria sipping a Brown Ale. A young man resembling Trevor Howard enters, purchases a cup of B.R. tea and introduces himself.

YOUNG MAN: Would it upset you if I sat down here? My name is Smith.

LUCINDA: I'm sorry but I am a happily married mother of three.

SMITH: Don't worry, I'm not prejudiced and furthermore, Lucinda darling, I love you!

LUCINDA: How did you know my name?

SMITH: It's written all over your face, my petal.

LUCINDA: Oh dear, even plastic surgery can't get rid of it. (At this point an elderly station porter in a 'Gay Liberation Front' sweater enters).

PORTER (Bruce to his friends): Hello boys!

(Exit the sixteen male extras who have up to now been drowning both the dialogue and themselves)

Well I must say! I only wanted—(His eye catches SMITH'S who turns pale).

Ronald! As I live and . . .

SMITH (to Lucinda) Ignore him darling, he's just someone I knew in the W.R.A.C.'s.

LUCINDA: Are you sure you're not hiding anything from me Ronald?

PORTER: You two timing beast! You promised to be true to me in Tripoli and now look!

(The Porter seizes Smith by the lapels of his Aubergine frock-coat)

You'll get no more British Rail cutlery off me, you swine! (He then runs off-stage in tears)

LUCINDA: It's—It's alright (She looks tenderly at Smith) I'll send you some cutlery when I get home.

SMITH: You have a home?

LUCINDA: Not without you there, my darling.

SMITH: I can't, my husband, the hut, the bike, the kids . . .

LUCINDA: But we would be together.

SMITH: Yes, there is that as well.

(There is the sound of a train in the distance)

LUCINDA: It's my train.

SMITH: You own a train as well?

LUCINDA (Finishing her Ale): Fly with me to a new life on my estate.

SMITH: I—I can't. This tea has started to eat away the steel mug.

(Suddenly Inspector Friskit of the Railway police enters carrying a knotted communication cord).

FRISKIT: O.K. Remain perfectly still you lot!! Which one of you is Smith?

SMITH: I am sir.

FRISKIT (Banging the knotted cord on the nearest breakable object): Right! I'll stand no more nonsense from you lot. I warn you I've worked on the Football Special where they eat people like you for breakfast.

SMITH: But I—

FRISKIT: Be it on your own heads then! (Friskit blows his police whistle).

LUCINDA: I must run for my train.

FRISKIT (To Lucinda): Not so fast! So you thought you could outsmart Ernie Friskit. You look the criminal type, though the female disguise is realistic.

(Four Policemen enter and lead Lucinda away. At the door she turns to SMITH who has drunk his tea and is now suffering a cardiac arrest)

LUCINDA: Never mind Ronald. Perhaps we shall meet again one day in that great station in the sky.

THE END

## "GODSPELL"

I was recently lucky enough to attend a Press showing of the new film version of 'Godspell', and have taken this opportunity to review it. Basically the film puts over, by means of music and mime, the tremendous Christian message of love and hope for mankind, and of personal meaning to life. Beyond this is it theologically unsound in places; I would not recommend the hyper-critical to dissect it too closely. However, the basic point is certainly put across by the obvious joy in life during the early part of the film.

Christ Himself is at first glance a watery figure, but as the film progresses the tremendous inner power of the man is hinted at, and one is left with the impression of a compassionate giant at the end. The performance is extremely subtle, and many points can easily be missed. The rest of the cast, all 'unknowns', avoid stereotyping only because each means a personification of several characters from the Gospel—for instance, John the Baptist is also at different times Peter, Judas and Pontius Pilate. Throughout the film elements of each make themselves visible in the past.

In conclusion then, the film itself is interesting and at times intensely moving. The cast is adequate, with one or two outstanding performances. The technique used is highly successful in that it caters for a wide range of points to arise from the film material. However, when one is prepared to seriously consider the film's message, superficial viewing is futile—it is too easy to laugh at the methods used. Only if one is genuinely prepared to face up to the ultimately steely challenge of the film can a viewing of "Godspell" be worthwhile.

MARTIN PRICE.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

We regret to announce that **B. S. GRITTEN (M. 1956-60)** was killed in action in Northern Ireland on 20th June, 1973

- G. F. BROWN (W. 1938-43) has been appointed Branch Manager of the Sun Life Assurance, Hull.
- J. H. CARR (Ed. 1958-65) is now Branch Manager of Boots Chemists in Central Finchley, London.
- P. D. CHISNELL (Ed. 1963-69) graduated with B.Sc. in Pharmacy at Liverpool in 1972 and is now doing pre-registration training for M.P.S. at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.
- J. O. CLARK (G. 1942-51) is now Group Radio Services Manager for the British Airways Board.

- W. E. DARGUE (S. 1958-65) is now Head of the Department of Language Development at St. Andrew's School, Bordesley, Birmingham.
- K. A. FARR (S. 1945-51) is now in practice as a Chartered Accountant.
- A. GOUGH (Ed. 1958-64) has been appointed professional to the Kendal Golf Club.
- R. M. GREENHALGH (M. 1953-60) has left his post with the Central Electricity Generating Board and has started his own firm, Personnel Projects and Services Consultants in Industrial Relations and Personnel Management.
- R. H. GRITTEN (1957-64) has gained an award from IBM to sit for the M.Sc. in Business Studies at the London Business School.
- J. L. HAMPSHIRE (Ed. 1920-25) has retired from his post as County Treasurer with Kent County Council.
- R. A. HARGREAVES (R. 1949-56) is a British Council Officer under the Aid to Commonwealth Teaching of Science scheme and is now on secondment to the Malawi Ministry of Education.
- B. J. HARTWELL (M. 1921-24) has retired from his post as Clerk to the Southport Justices which he held for thirty years. He now lives at Longden, near Shrewsbury.
- S. HATFIELD (W. 1962-68) now has a teaching post in the Communications and Resources Faculty of a new community school at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.
- D. HAYLEY (Le. 1926-27) who emigrated to the United States in 1927, visited the school in May, 1973. He is at present Secretary and Treasurer of the National Agricultural Chemicals Association, Washington D.C.
- DR. C. P. HERSHON (S. 1948-55) has been awarded his Ph.D. in Education at Sheffield University and teaches at Hillside High School, Bootle.
- M. R. A. HOLLIS (W. 1955-62) after taking his degree in Estate Management, is now Consulting Chartered Surveyor to Trefoil Property Consultants specialising in advice on building techniques in Europe.
- R. B. JACKSON (R. 1959-67) has been appointed Lecturer in English and Theatre History at the Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama.
- C. A. JOHNSON (S. 1922-31) is Director of the Pagan Smith Advertising Co. Ltd., Liverpool.
- R. D. JOHNSTONE (Ed. 1959-66) is Senior House Officer in Gynaecology at Walton Hospital, Liverpool.
- P. J. KENYON (Ed. 1946-50) is Senior Product Manager for the North West Area of B.O.C.M. Silcock.
- CANON J. S. LEATHERBARROW (G. 1920-26) has resigned the living of Martley, Worcs. and now lives in Malvern engaged in clerical duties and literary and antiquarian pursuits.

- B. MAYOR (M. 1942-48) is Sales Manager for Shell Marketing Systems Heating Ltd., Southampton.
- B. MYER (W. 1956-63) has recently become an associate of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.
- A. P. NOLAN (M. 1956-63) has been appointed Assistant Branch Manager of the Birmingham Branch of the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society.
- P. L. T. OWEN (M. 1944-52) is now a Group Captain in the Engineer Branch of the Royal Air Force and Station Commander R.A.F. Stanbridge. He was awarded the O.B.E. in the 1971 Birthday Honours.
- G. R. STELFOX (L. 1947-52) has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Wigan Branch of the Midland Bank Ltd.
- G. STOCKS (W. 1923-28) has retired from the Managership of the Midland Bank Ltd., Northwich and now lives in the Lake District.
- J. K. STUART (Ed. 1951-58) has been recently appointed secretary to the British Transport Docks Board.
- R. N. SUFFOLK (S. 1963-70) has passed out as Pilot Officer from the R.A.F. Flying Training School and has been posted for flying duties on Canberras at R.A.F. Cottesmore.
- D. A. THOMAS (G. 1955-62) is a Research Chemist with T.B.A. Industrial Products Ltd., Rochdale.
- Dr. J. J. THOMPSON (W. 1949-57) gained the degree of Ph.D. in 1972 and has been appointed Head of Science Education in the Department of Educational Studies, Oxford University.
- N. P. THOMPSON (R. 1960-67) is a Metallurgist working on Quality Control with British Steel, Consett.
- E. P. G. WARBURTON (Ed. 1942-48) who is Assistant Probation Officer in Durham County. has been appointed to the Home Secretary's Working Party on Community Service by offenders.
- D. C. WAREING (W. 1944-50) is now a Director of the Abbev Life Co. Ltd.
- A. M. WINTERS (S. 1958-64) is now a Systems Analyst for IBM Information Services Ltd., at Havant in Hampshire.
- D. WINTERSGILL (S. 1954-62) is now a Flight Lieutenant Engineer Officer, R.A.F. and is in charge of Aircraft Components maintenance at R.A.F. Honington.
- R. J. WOOD (Ed. 1953-60) has qualified as a Chartered Engineer in the Institute of Electronic and Radio Engineers.
- B. G. WOODCOCK (S. 1955-61) has recently been appointed Deputy Chief Engineer to the Swaziland Electricity Board.
- R. V. WRIGHT (W. 1953-58) is now Inspector of Weights and measures with the Cheshire County Council.

### THE KING GEORGE V SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND AND LONG RIGG

The audited accounts for the Jubilee Fund are given below which show that the Fund is in a healthy condition thanks to the continued generosity of parents and others who take out covenants.

During the last year we have been able to pay off the last of the mortgage and we are now in a position to be able to make further improvements to the house itself. Instructions have already been given to a local plumber for the provision of an additional toilet for the boys downstairs and we shall shortly be undertaking the lining of the games room and the conversion of the Raeburn stove to oil firing. So far we have not made any alterations at all to the out-house but we have plans to convert the main room in this building into a bedsitter for the use of a resident warden. Looking into the more distant future, within the next three years it will be wise for us to replace the minibus and the Parents' Association have already kindly undertaken to organise some fund-raising efforts for this but our financial resources may be considerably strained when the bus is replaced.

Long Rigg has been heavily used over the past year and between the beginning of April and about the first week in October was continually occupied. In addition to this a few parties also went up during the winter months.

### KING GEORGE V GRAMMAR SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE FUND Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1973

	1973	1972
<b>Income</b>		
Covenants and Subscriptions .....	626	544
Income Tax Refunded during the year .....	317	284
Donations .....	26	13
Bank Interest Received .....	6	18
Building Society Interest Received .....	2	4
	<u>977</u>	<u>863</u>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>		
Travelling Expenses .....	40	13
Rates and Insurance .....	25	120
Sundry Expenses .....	4	15
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance of Property and Equipment .....	187	356
Mortgage Interest Paid .....	21	49
Accountancy and Bank Charges .....	39	34
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Equipment .....	61	78
Mini bus .....	237	160
	<u>614</u>	<u>825</u>
	<u>£363</u>	<u>£ 38</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31st March, 1973

Long Rigg, Sedbergh, Yorks (at Cost)	3904	3693	
Add Capital Expenditure in the year		<u>211</u>	3904
Equipment purchased for the house (per last Balance Sheet) .....	440	325	
Additions during the year .....		<u>193</u>	
		518	
Less Depreciation .....	61	<u>78</u>	440
Minibus (per last Balance Sheet) .....	<u>637</u>	<u>797</u>	
Less Depreciation .....	237	<u>160</u>	637
Cash at Bank .....		717	446
Cash in Hand .....		1	1
Deposit with Building Society .....		—	61
	<u>5401</u>		<u>5489</u>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors .....	195		176
	<u>£5206</u>		<u>£5313</u>
<b>Financed by:</b>			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance as at 1st April, 1972 .....	4843		4805
Add Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year .....	363		38
	<u>5206</u>		<u>4843</u>
Mortgage outstanding on Long Rigg, Sedbergh, Yorks .....	—		470
	<u>£5206</u>		<u>£5313</u>

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

LITHGOW, NELSON & CO., Chartered Accountants,

30th May, 1973.