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EDITORIAL

With the appearance of this issue of the magazine another academic year will be nearly over. For many of the younger boys the summer break will be a welcome escape from the confines of the classroom; older boys will be waiting in various degrees of expectancy for the outcome of their recent mental toil during the brief hot spell. Many senior boys will be taking a breather before entering the academic field yet again, at a higher level. Masters too will pause to relax and at the same time look back over the year.

For the boys the passing years are marked by a steady progress through the School, each year being associated with a different form-room. Masters are more aware of a continuity, the background before which the boys pass. Next year is already in theoretical existence, for just as first-formers will arrive and drive our third-year seniors, so the school must look ahead and prepare for the future.

If then you are a senior, you will enter the ranks of the Old Boys and look back on us. If you are enmeshed in post-examination procedure, you will be only too aware of a continuity. You are looking ahead. Next year's new entrants will equally be wondering what lies ahead of them. Which leaves masters and a large number of boys. Let us hope that the many 'sacs' taken home and dumped ingloriously out of sight, do not become entirely forgotten, that the many boys do have an awareness of what next year will involve for them as individuals. Let us equally hope that masters, free of chalk-dust and ringing bells, may escape for a while from the various pressures which are never far away.

Mr. G. Myers

There must always be a sense of loss when a familiar figure disappears from our midst. On the retirement of Mr. G. Myers we shall especially miss his gently sardonic humour and his pithy and always relevant comments on topics ranging from world affairs to worldly interests. We shall remember, too, his tolerance and his respect for the opinions of those with whom he differed.

He came to us early in the war, shared fully in the difficulties and duties that it imposed upon us, and was responsible for the accumulation of a massive total of War Savings by his efficient running of the Savings Group for which he has ever since been responsible.

We hope that a long and happy retirement will give him the opportunity for the still wider reading to which he is looking forward and for the protracted holiday in the Middle East that he has long been promising himself and that he has so well earned.

Mr. W. K. Tinsley

Mr. Tinsley came here not long before the beginning of the war, and after a short time with us he found that his special skills were more urgently needed in aircraft production.

In the many years since his return from his wartime duties, those skills have been devotedly given to the service of the School, both in the practice of his own splendid craftsmanship and in the fostering of the exacting standards that he has always expected of his pupils. Equally, as a Form Master and Housemaster he has promoted the highest standards of effort and attainment.

That ill health has compelled him to retire early is a disappointment to him and a loss to all of us. We hope that the opportunity of a prolonged rest after so many years of fine work here may restore him to good health and give him the pleasing prospect of a long, well earned, and happy retirement.

School News

The School offers its congratulations to the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Alderman J. Blackburn, O.B.E., J.P., on his recent election to serve as the five-hundredth Mayor of Pontefract.

Two members of staff are leaving us at the end of this term to take up new posts. Mr. W. Duncan leaves after two years in the Music Department to go to Saltus Grammar School in Bermuda, where he will be Music Master. He will also be organist and choirmaster at St. John's Church there. During his time here he has energetically involved himself in the life of the School, having guided the Senior Choir through a variety of vocal challenges. He has also produced a Junior Play and has ensured the continued existence of the Stamp Club. We offer him best wishes for the future in Bermuda, where he plans

to stay at least three years. Mr. A. S. Young, Head of the P.E. Department, also leaves after eight years to take up a post in Billericay near Chelmsford, as Head of the P. E. Department at Billericay Mixed Comprehensive School. His unfailing efforts in the promotion of School sport have meant a healthy growth in all aspects. To single out any one would be difficult, for he has given much time and energy to all. Soccer, in particular the First XI, athletics, swimming, tennis, all have benefited from his guidance. Apart from his sporting activities he has also been involved in music and drama, singing in the Senior Choir and working back-stage with make-up. He aims eventually to work in a Training College, and he informs us that he hopes to maintain contact with the School by frequent visits, as his wife comes from this area. Mr. Young and his family have our wishes for every success and happiness in the future.

Mr. G. A. Howden, who came to temporarily relieve the pressure on the Handicraft Department, is also leaving. We hope he enjoyed his short stay with us and thank him for his willing help.

Our two language assistants, Herr Gustav Krauss and M. Dariot Pelligrini, leave us to return to their respective countries. Both have made many friends in the School and have both academically and socially established themselves well. We offer them best wishes in their further studies, and we thank them for their efforts and interest throughout the year.

Mr. W. Myers has taken over from Mr. Tinsley the position of Housemaster of Atkinson House, a position held by Mr. Tinsley until his retirement.

We offer congratulations to C. J. Cammiss, who has been awarded a Kitchener Scholarship for three years. Cammiss will be reading Physics at the University of Manchester.

In March the School had a visit from the Police Schools' Liaison Officer, Inspector Anderson, who gave an interesting talk to senior boys about police work. A further visit was by Professor K. M.

Entwistle, who is Professor of Metallurgy at the Manchester Institute of Technology, and who came on March 17th to address the Science Sixth on the structure of metals and related materials. On April 29th Dr. A. W. Barton, former Headmaster of The City of London School, came to give an informative talk about University College, London; Dr. Barton is now Schools' Advisor to the College.

Mr. Cavendish has been elected Captain of the Pontefract Rugby Club for the coming season.

In July four boys will pay visits to the Universities of Newcastle and Nottingham, where they will spend a week on N.C.B. courses in Mining and Engineering.

In the last edition of the Magazine we gave incorrect information about M. L. Jones in the Old Boys' section. We apologise for this error and give below the correct information: M. L. Jones, B.Sc. Honours, Class II(i), Electronics, Sussex.

Speech Day

This year's Speech Day was held on Tuesday, March 18th, when a great number of parents and friends of the School gathered to witness this annual testimonial to the School's achievements.

The chairman, Alderman J. Blackburn, O.B.E., J.P., welcomed the speaker and parents, and expressed regret at Mr. Tinsley's continuing ill-health. Both Alderman Blackburn and later the Headmaster demonstrated the achievements both of individuals and of the School as a whole. In his report the Headmaster congratulated Alderman Blackburn on his recent election as Pontefract's 500th Mayor. He then referred to the retirement, at the end of the School year, of Mr. G. Myers, a shrewd, loyal and effective teacher, after 28 years' service in the School. Awards for service to the School now numbered eleven, for in addition to the Funds in the names of J. D. Lean and Mrs. Lean, there had now been awarded two prizes in the name of Mrs. Puttrell. The Margaret Aldous Fund for Music had provided for M. Adams help in the acquisition of a flute. After mentioning the many activities during the past year, the Headmaster went on to speak of the sound academic successes and of the function of the School in general. At a time when in Higher Education discipline was being widely questioned, it was important to aim at a balance in boys of a sense of obligation and of personal development. To this end parents' meetings were of the greatest value, the natural interest and concern of the parents being fully used in discussion.

The School, by responding to a continuing challenge, was serving a vital function.

After the presentation of the Junior Christie Prize by the Mayor, Councillor P. Westerman, J.P., Sir Brynmor Jones, Ph.D., Sc.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hull, presented the prizes and then gave his address. We were very fortunate to have Sir Brynmor as our guest, for such men have little free time; certainly the School appreciated his visit. Sir Brynmor urged parents to make the atmosphere at home conducive to good work and manners 'in this permissive society'. The teachers he saluted for setting the foundations of so many lives. Education should be a means both to living and of living, and to develop native ability good teaching was essential. The boys should learn to do something well and other things tolerably well, and should not specialise too soon. What they became would depend on what they did. A narrow approach meant that many windows on to life were missed. Of the two educations which each boy experienced, that which was given to him and that which was self-given, the latter was the more important. For an age in which much change and challenge were evident, to be well educated was essential for the individual. One should live intelligently, cherishing one's freedom and paying for all that one took.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. S. W. Marr, J.P., and seconded, in the absence of the School Captain, D. O. Ledbetter, by the School Vice-Captain, Iain Stewart.

The March Concert

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONCERT

The King's School music goes from strength to strength. During the past few years music making has become an important and growing force in the life of the School. An able and energetic music staff drawn from inside and outside the School have made the School Concert an event of some significance in the School calendar. Certainly the response from the parents has been steadily growing and the School Hall was full on the night of the concert.

The School band, attractively turned out, opened the proceedings with the Finale from Dvorak's 'New World Symphony'. After an uncertain start they gained in confidence towards the middle of this lengthy and exacting piece and gave us a dramatic and resounding finish. The spectacle of so many players and such a variety of instruments tended to make one ignore the occasional inaccuracies, and the audience's applause showed that the concert had got off to a good start.

S. Clayton and I. Gott played three duets for cornet very sweetly and precisely; their phrasing was intelligent and they produced considerable contrasts of volume. This was a very good achievement from two young players. J. Pearce then played a Jig by Arne on the piano with great speed and enthusiasm and next joined the flute sextet. This group played a piece of Reicha's composition with admirable co-ordination and fluidity. M. Adams provided much of the strength and the total effect was haunting and sweet. Prokofiev's 'Gavotte' made greater demands on their technical competence and it was here that the good balance of the group came out.

Pritchard and Hill, who were both taking part in their last concert as members of the School, made excellent contributions to the programme, both as principal members of the band and as soloists. Pritchard, playing in spite of a damaged lip, performed the first movement of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, and Hill played two movements from the Oboe Concerto in B flat by Albinoni. The quality of the performances well reflected the skill and dedication of the players and their instrumental teachers. Both performances were characterised by excellently controlled tone and an intelligent and thoughtful interpretation.

Vaughan Williams's 'Three Songs of Travel' were very well received and suited P. Buckley's promising baritone voice. He sang with great confidence and expression, demonstrated a good technique, and must be congratulated on a first rate performance.

The First Form Choir gave us the last three items before the interval. They gave the audience a great deal of enjoyment, particularly with their amusing rendering of the 'Orchestra Song'. It was a pleasure to see virtually the whole of the first forms taking part, so many in fact that during the Orchestra Song one 'musical instrument' was heard from floor level in front of the stage.

M. Adams's flute solos were played to a high standard. Here was a very competent performance from someone with considerable natural ability. He played with confidence and accuracy, coping particularly well with the relentlessness of Bach's phrases.

The four part choir, augmented by a substantial contingent of masters, showed control and restraint with their version of 'O Taste and See' and managed well with the solo treble part. However, the rendering was a little ponderous and inflexible for the subtleties of the motet. 'Let All the World' was a powerful, dramatic and more successful performance of the less well-known version by Vaughan Williams. Mr. W. Duncan's Senior Choir provided three widely different items. 'How Merrily We Live' suffered from an under-strength tenor section, while the 'Chorus of the Peers' from 'Iolanthe' was sung with enthusiasm and confidence. Gershwin's 'Summertime', with Buckley taking the lead, was a most interesting choice, much appreciated by the audience and enjoyed by the singers.

A piece by Osterling ended the concert. Both audience and players obviously enjoyed themselves and the band were, deservedly, persuaded to give an encore.

Perhaps the most significant aspect of the 1969 Spring Concert was the large number of boys involved. Many of the musical items reached a very good standard and some share of the credit must go to the visiting music teachers, whose services are much appreciated. This was, I am sure, a particularly satisfying occasion for Mr. Coulthard and Mr. Duncan who put so much effort into a concert which was generally acclaimed as a great success and provided us with ample evidence of the fruits of Mr. Coulthard's energetic and skilful direction of the School's music.

VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

During the Christmas holiday, six members of the 1st year and three members of the 2nd year sixth maths sets, attended a sixth form Conference at the University of Nottingham. The aim of the conference was to give sixth formers some idea of University life in the Maths and Physics Departments.

The conference started on New Year's Eve. After searching Nottingham for a bus to the University, we finally reached the Hall of Residence where we were to stay for the next four days. There we were allocated rooms after which we were given a talk by various students. That evening our first lecture preceded the celebrations for the coming of the new year. (Next morning many of us regretted we had celebrated).

During the following three days, we had lectures on various topics in Maths and Physics. These were supplemented by two Tutorial groups in which we were able to discuss the lectures with members of the University staff.

In addition to the latter, we also had lectures of a more general nature on Explosives, Computing, and Glassblowing. The explosives lecture included many demonstrations, the highlight being when a mixture of acetylene and oxygen reduced their milk bottle container to powdered glass when detonated. There were also demonstrations with the small computer during the computing lecture.

A visit to a cinema or theatre was arranged on the second afternoon and a dance was also held on the second evening.

The conference gave us a chance to see University conditions and meet young people from all over the country in similar positions to us.

We all enjoyed the conference and recommend it to anybody who is able to participate in future years.

P. B. Merry, 6S¹M

Captain Swing

On the evenings of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of May, the Drama Society performed Michael Barwis's 'Captain Swing'.

The play, which has a good deal of topical significance, is loosely based on the Bristol Riots, which occurred in the period of general unrest existing in this country before the passing of the Reform Act of 1832. It offers an interpretation of historical events and the characters who precipitated them. On the side of reform are Matthew Dinely (Stephen Richards), a schoolmaster, and Craddock Judd (Jonathan Goodhead), a militant Political Unionist. An outspoken conservative is Sir Charles Stricklow (Alun Jones), the Recorder of Stowbridge (which represents Bristol). Protecting the status quo and Sir Charles, but not always with an easy conscience, is Lt.-Col. Devoran (Richard Bailey).

Richard's thoughtful (perhaps a little too much so?), authoritative Dinely was effective and well received. The part of Dinely was, perhaps, the most difficult in the play — for one thing he appears in every scene — but not only did Richards remember his lines well, but he also successfully conveyed the idea for Dinely's insoluble problem — how to avoid complete ineffectuality on the one hand, and submission to extremism on the other.

Extremism was represented by Craddock Judd. Goodhead was almost certainly the most impressive performer in the entire cast. His delivery was clear, and his loud forcefulness provided a good contrast to Dinely's restraint.

These men's opposite numbers were Sir Charles Stricklow and Lt.-Col. Devoran. Alun Jones as Sir Charles—forceful, reactionary, and completely honest — conveyed his character's quality of personal impressiveness. Devoran, on the other hand, is less sure that he is right. He is trained to support law and order, but feels sympathy with the rioters generally and with Dinely in particular. Bailey made him a clear and sympathetic character.

The play, which demanded a larger cast than is usual for School productions, has a number of characters of secondary importance: Michael Lunn was very realistic as the weak-willed Mayor of Stowbridge, Aloysius Cottle; Steven Knapton, as Mrs. Cottle, stole every scene in which he appeared; Edward Downes gave an amusing caricature of Col. Woods; Robert Spears gave a self-confident, pleasantly down-to-earth Spinney Tucker; while more seriously, Adrian Cook and Kevin Walker as Mrs. and Will Stonner both gave easily credible interpretations. Peter Clarke was Bartholomew Temple, the preacher, and the Faceless Ones, symbolising 'the dark destructive element in us all', were Simon Hinton and Peter Draper.

As always the success of the play depended to a large extent on the work of those whose work was behind the scenes. So our thanks are due to the stage-managers, the lighting, sound effects, and make-up teams, and, most of all, to Mr. H. M. Hebditch, the producer, for his hard and conscientious work.

VISIT TO THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY SANDHURST

Standing on the platform at Doncaster station on a bitter Thursday morning in February, we looked forward to our visit to the R.M.A., Sandhurst, where the officers of the British Army are trained. A little under three hours later, we were walking round Central London. After visiting the main tourist attractions, we made our way to Waterloo station and our rendezvous with other boys making the visit to Sandhurst. Our train from Waterloo was met at Camberley by two officer cadets and a bus to convey us to the Academy.

After being allocated our rooms, we were shown round parts of the Academy by the cadet hosts before having our evening meal. The activities of the first evening were completed with two films portraying life at the Academy, after which everybody retired to get a good night's sleep before the strenuous activities of the next day.

Breakfast was served next morning at 7.30. After this, still half asleep, we were led into the square in front of the old College to watch the drill. We then had talks about the Academy by the Commanding Officer and Director of Studies. We had further opportunities to find out about Sandhurst from the Officer Cadets who chatted freely with us as we had coffee in the Indian Army Room. This room contains

many relics of the British Army from the days when they were stationed in India.

After changing into old clothes, we ran a mile from the Old College for activities in the Confidence Area. These included swinging across a river on a rope, running along a narrow beam twelve feet from the ground, and part of the assault course, all of which were quite exciting. However, the highlight was when, holding onto a pulley which was suspended from a cable, we travelled 200 yards across a lake. Although a little wary at first, everybody was keen to try again. After this, the swimming in the new pool was a little of an anticlimax.

After lunch we visited the signals room, where we had a talk on communications, the Military Library, the Museum, and the Pistol Range. At the Pistol Range we had a talk on a variety of the Army's weapons, but unfortunately we were prevented from firing them all due to a blizzard.

That evening we were free to do as we liked but, due to the Arctic weather, most of us stayed in the various company's ante-rooms watching television.

The next morning we found a substantial snow fall but luckily, although not without serious delays, we found ourselves back at Doncaster station late that afternoon.

P. B. Merry, 6S¹M
G. Calderwood, 6A¹

Out of School

PARIS — EASTER, 1969

On the morning of Saturday, 5th April this year, as the 10.15 a.m. train to London left Doncaster station, Mr. G. O. Johnson could have been forgiven for any doubts he may have had as to whether he was entirely in his right senses. For he, aided and abetted only by Mr. B. A. Davidson and Mr. W. Duncan, was just setting off to spend a week in Paris in charge of a party of 37 boys and sixth-formers from the King's School. Let us say no more of the trip across to Paris, beyond mentioning that a great many things were brought up on the boat that most people would prefer to forget.

We arrived at the Paris boarding school where we were to stay at 11.30 that evening. On Sunday morning (or was it still the night before?) after half the basic daily requirement of sleep of the average human being, more than thirty very unaverage junior boys decided to make alarm-clocks obsolete by providing a dawn chorus for the sixth-formers nearby. Mr. Duncan blandly promised that this was only the first excitement and would not happen again — words, mere words.

Unknown to us, Paris had had three weeks of unsettled weather before we arrived, but the shock to the local atmospherics when we did arrive brought the sun out. Thus, when we went to visit the Montmartre area of Paris on the Sunday afternoon virtually the whole of Paris had the same idea. Nevertheless, despite the crowds, we managed to see the great, white marble basilica of Sacré-Coeur which dominates Paris, and the celebrated Place du Tertre where the bohemians and artists are to be found playing the quaint old traditional game of 'Fleece the tourist'; here too Drinkall did his celebrated disappearing act.

On Monday morning we went on a coach tour round Paris, during which we did a double circuit of the Place de la Bastille and returned for an encore (Did our guides confuse the driver with their directions?). The junior members of the party gave us their unique rendering of 'Ilkla Moor Baht 'At'. Nobody asked for an encore of this. After an exhausting afternoon touring a mammoth funfair and an evening outing to the Latin Quarter most of the party were visibly sagging by evening.

Tuesday morning was spent cruising along the Seine by 'bateau-mouche' — three sixth-formers opted out and performed the vital task of obtaining more French money, as funds were already dwindling. That afternoon brought a stroll along the Champs-Élysées in glorious sunshine, and a look round the Bois de Boulogne. (Despite passing so near to the Elysée Palace Drinkall denies all responsibility for subsequent political events!).

On Wednesday we left Paris by luxury coach for a visit to the great Palace of Versailles — a construction whose wealth and splendour, despite the ravages of revolution, are still incredible, but a place sadly lacking in warmth: it was all too formal and oversplendid. In complete contrast we entered the Technological Age in earnest in the afternoon when we visited the ultra-modern Orly Airport.

The Eiffel Tower was our first port of call on Thursday; Cammiss, to the envy of all, somehow managed to hire a private lift and was first to the top, while our leader reached the summit with the stragglers just in time to come back down. That afternoon was rather hectic as we managed to squeeze in visits to the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, the Sainte-Chapelle with its magnificent stained glass, and the Conciergerie, where Marie Antoinette, Robespierre and many others waited for the guillotine during the French Revolution. The original guillotine blade was inspected with gory lust.

Our final visit, next morning, was to the Louvre, where we saw the three principal treasures — the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and the Mona Lisa. A number of our party were a little disappointed by the darkness of the Mona Lisa and its comparative smallness, and were rather surprised to note that the sculptor had forgotten to put arms on the Venus de Milo.

The crossing to England on the Saturday was achieved with rather less upset than our previous venture on the waves, and by 8.30 that evening we were back safe and sound in the civilisation of the West Riding, heart of the fish and chip belt.

As it is likely that similar trips to Paris may be organised in years to come, perhaps a word about the standards of accommodation we found would be in order. The French Ministry of Education uses many boarding-schools during the holidays to provide cheap but comfortable accommodation for school parties from foreign countries. The main advantage of this excellent scheme is that with considerably lower accommodation costs to meet, parties are able to spend more on the business of enjoying the holiday.

On this note, the whole of this year's group would like to express their thanks to the three masters who accompanied us, and in particular to Mr. Johnson for the amount of work he put in to organise the trip.

Finally all rumours that the Paris Underground is on the verge of bankruptcy owing to the loss of revenue from sweet-vending machines when some junior members came home are entirely credible.

M. J. Lunn, 6A³

Addenda to the Paris Trip

I suppose it is inevitable that my recollections of the Paris trip should differ from those of the boys. Some of the following jottings should strike a chord with individuals.

Sea passage choppy — Drinkall gloats over slumped staff figure on lower deck — news relayed every five minutes — Whiteley guards Cammiss on gale-torn upper deck to save him from watery grave — Tams plotting way to Ecole with map upside-down — Drinkall ill himself — spontaneous laughter at this turn of fate — heat in Paris produces different reactions — lethargy, burning feet and painful pavements — dusty Métro — Chambers slakes his thirst — often, and at great expense — Coca-Cola shares boom — pink-shirted Drinkall vanishes amidst Sunday worshippers — Mr. Duncan trapped by closed claws of the Métro pneumatic barrier — anxious moments with Cammiss nearly sliced by automatic train doors — 'Ben Hur' down the underground stairs.

Fun and games in the courtyard — inevitably, head-ball game — staff invited to compete — reluctant but eventually line up — result, poor rating against months of practice in Pontefract — Tillotson's injury — Three hour wait at French hospital for Mr. G. Johnson — returns at 1.00 a.m. quietly praising French casualty wards.

Other schools in the establishment — Liverpool girls left guideless in centre of Paris — Monsieur Maison, non? — Star pupil Richard and his last unforgettable evening — vin ordinaire at 2/6 a bottle — folk-singing in yard — noise from the road as magnificent seven sprint from Vincennes — Cammiss chariot slews round iron-topped gateway — local tabac, roaring trade like a gold rush — Draper's Greek Dance with chorus provided by Bilsbrough — water to dampen enthusiasm — missed — hit Citroën — reception for all staff by Comité when Beaujolais flows like water — two lost wallets — Prelude to all sight-seeing — 'I would just like few words please...' — return journey wistful but high spirited. B.A.D.

LONDON — EASTER '69

Four remarkably good days of weather were spent at Easter in London. Travelling by coach down the M1 brought us rapidly into the congestion which indicates the fringe of London.

Accommodation found and the inner man restored, we were taken to Regent's Park Zoo, where the group broke up to wander about freely in the grounds. Impressed and somewhat tired by miles of wandering, the group convened again around 5.0 p.m., talking of lions, seals, penguins and Lord Snowdon's Aviary and looking forward to a further meal. The evenings presented something of a problem, for a visit to either theatre or cinema was costly, most exhibitions and museums were closed, freedom to wander at will through London was for certain individuals a fear-some prospect — Bernie and Cookie had their moments of vagueness, as did others. Thus the first evening was spent looking at the better-known London architectural attractions, many of which were lit up during the evening hours.

Sunday morning revealed the varying degrees of recuperation achieved after the exertions of the previous day; Cookie denied having slept on the mattress, though evidence suggested otherwise, and Parkinson sounded like a dying dawn chorus — most of the time in fact. Westminster was our goal that morning; all duly admired the Abbey, Downing Street, and the Houses of Parliament, and then proceeded on foot with our guide — 'the best in London' — to see the Ceremony of the Guards, which starts at St. James's Palace. Along with the crowd (evergrowing) we pursued the Guards and our guide down the Mall to Buckingham Palace. How some managed not to lose sight of guide, group, and leaders remains unexplained, but certainly one small detachment failed to gain the railings. The unruffled guide reassured us, and sure enough, after music, shining boots, mounted police and cars had thinned a little, all bar one reappeared — the one being Cookie. He was located in the vicinity and showed no emotion on being recaptured.

Yet another meal — all of which were good — and away to Tower Pier to embark for Greenwich. Woodcock, nobly acting as a human prow, was slightly damp at the edges as we arrived at the landing stage close by the Cutty Sark and Gypsy Moth IV. First the college — impressive design by Wren — and then two groups — one for the Museum and one for the Observatory. The Inch was seen, the Time was noted, East and West were found to meet, and Bernie bought winkles, found the taste revolting and nobly sold them to Cookie. The Cutty Sark was explored and the size of Gypsy Moth IV accepted with difficulty.

The evening was begun by a visit to the G.P.O. Tower where a rapid ear-popping ascent brought views of sprawling London in failing light. Up here

it was that Bernie became engaged in conversation with a very attractive young Spanish lady whose native town was the very one where he had spent recent holidays. For the first time Bernie seemed shy and reluctant! All regained terra firma the safe way, and then a walk round Hyde Park was tackled, cultured conversation being the order of the day. The tube brought us back to our hotel, though not before two (Cookie was one) had lost their tickets and had paled visibly at the prospect of paying twice. Then came sleep for most and a meal for a certain few.

Bright and early on Monday we set off in sunshine for Hampton Court, where Woodcock and Bernie searched high and low for ghosts, Cookie verified for the guides that security was in working order, and everyone tried the maze. The atmosphere here was very agreeable before the arrival of hordes of sight-seers, but we escaped to the river, leaving the ghosts behind. After dining and wining at the Jolly Boatman, we proceeded to London Airport, where from the roof departures and arrivals could be viewed in a haze of heat and noise.

Our return to London was through Windsor, where Eton College was briefly viewed, making little impression of the younger members, and past the Kennedy Memorial. In the evening, two groups formed; one visited a West End cinema to see 'Star', the other walked along by the river. Here a 'sculpture' by Henry Moore, set in a small park, permitted a rapid burning up of energy, in that it was ideal as the centre of games of pursuit and speed.

On the last day the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels were seen in the morning. Crowds, abrupt beefeaters and queues were here, with which Cambridge in the afternoon proved a most welcome contrast. The Colleges and Backs were explored and left a strong impression of calm and undisturbed assurance.

The return in the evening was speedy and light entertainment was provided by Bernie en route.

Back at School, the mementos, suitcases and debris were unloaded — not forgetting the plastic Carnaby Streets.

Thanks are due to Mr. Davidson for arranging the trip and to Mr. Harnell and Mr. Renton for escorting us to the capital. D.W.R.

BERWICK — EASTER 1969

Thirty-five boys spent four days at Easter exploring some of the places of historical interest in the area around Berwick. The party was undeterred by the persistent sea-mist and generally poor weather.

On the journey north, from Pontefract to Berwick, we stopped at Twice Brewed for lunch, and then spent a pleasant hour or two walking along Hadrian's Wall.

On the succeeding days, the packed time-table consisted of a day visit to Edinburgh where we saw the Castle, Holyrood Palace, and the magnificent Forth Road Bridge; Dunstanburgh Castle whose impressiveness was reduced somewhat because of heavy mist; Holy Island; Bamburgh Castle, Norham Castle and Warkworth Castle.

As a base for the trip, Berwick was a disappointment, there being little to occupy such a party in the evenings. However, one of the undoubted highlights of the trip was a visit to the local cinema to see 'Carry on up the Khyber' and 'King Kong Escapes' which were obviously much in line with the tastes of the first and second formers!

Altogether, the trip was most successful and happy, and one well worth repeating in the future, perhaps based on Seahouses rather than Berwick. Our thanks are due to Mr. Davidson for arranging the trip.

R.T.

spotlight



THE LIBRARY

During the last two terms the School Librarians have continued to work efficiently and unobtrusively at their many duties. At the time of writing, the examinations are upon us and some additional first year sixth formers are gaining useful experience.

One of our major projects has been the establishing of an Economics Section. Now that Economics is being studied by a growing number of sixth formers there is a considerable demand for reference and background works in the Library. This year a significant proportion of our overall expenditure has been devoted to the purchase of Economics books; we now have the basis for a strong section. Similar efforts are being made with the German Section which is now expanding steadily. Librarians on evening duty have worked hard to get these books on the shelves by the end of the academic year and, thanks to their efforts, we have managed to keep on a display of 'latest acquisitions' which has changed fairly steadily.

The interior of the Library has been brightened up by the display of some posters and, under B. R. Draper's guidance, the Magazine Section seems to attract a large number of readers. There have been some expensive acquisitions to the Reference Section, including 'The Times Atlas of the World' and 'Who's Who'. Later this term we intend to carry out a thorough check of the Reference Section as a preliminary step to a much wider assessment of what proportion of books we 'lose'.

In general the borrowers have continued to use the Library sensibly and have co-operated with the Staff, so that the problem of overdue books is kept under control.

Many of the Library's keenest supporters will be leaving at the end of this term and I would like to take this opportunity of recording the School's thanks for their services. The Chief Librarian, P. B. Draper, has carried out his duties cheerfully and efficiently and has been a valuable source of information for the less experienced. We have been fortunate in recruiting some enthusiastic members from the Lower Sixth and there is every hope that they will maintain and perhaps even improve the standards set by their predecessors.

The following boys have assisted in the Library this year: Chief Librarian: P. B. Draper; Senior Librarians: M. J. Lunn, S. J. Richards, J. R. Whitehead, C. Bennett, I. Cairns, A. Horan, S. Adams, B. R. Draper, S. R. Knapton, assisted by M. Allen, R. Bailey, G. M. Bray, P. R. Butcher, P. Clark, D. A. Donat, I. Dyson, L. M. Fisher, D. A. Hindle, J. C. Horsfall, I. Johnson, A. Jones, G. McCurley, P. B. O'Connor, I. L. Pearson, H. I. Rawding, C. Rowett and B. J. Williamson.

M.H.C.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Since Christmas the Society has continued its activities, keeping up the good standard of attendance which existed in the Autumn term, although the number of meetings has been somewhat affected by the advent of exams. February contained three meetings, the first being a lunch-time talk on Avignon by M. Pelligrini. The second was a joint meeting with the Girls' High School, when Mr. Baxendale, Lecturer in charge of Modern Languages at Whit-wood Mining and Technical College gave an entertaining illustrated talk in French about a trip to Brittany. The last of these three meetings was again a joint activity with the girls. Thanks to the unceasing efforts of Peter Draper, we were able to organise a 'soirée' which was attended by about one hundred members and guests and which proved to be very successful. At this stage the activities ceased for a short period, until it was decided to hold a return quiz at the Girls' High School. This time our team beat the girls by eighty-two points to sixty-eight.

We all offer our very best wishes to M. Pelligrini and Herr Krauss, who are leaving at the end of the year to return to their studies. We hope they have enjoyed their year and thank them for their help and guidance.

Finally I should like to thank Peter Draper, who has acted most skilfully as Secretary for the last two years. He has devoted a great deal of his own time to the running of the Society and has been an excellent administrator when arranging the extremely interesting activities, both here and with the Girls' High School. Unfortunately his efforts to promote junior attendance at the meetings have had little of the success they deserve, but without a doubt his organisation has attracted older boys to the Society. I must also thank all of the Modern Languages Staff of both this School and the Girls' High School, the committee, and of course all our members for their help.

In conclusion I would like to wish all the members of the Society who are leaving this year every success and happiness in their chosen careers and, at the same time, I look forward to another interesting year for those still at School.

P. Clark, 6A²

GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

Anthony C. Gallon gave a talk and showed slides about his experiences as a Field Geologist in Zambia. On June 22nd a party of Sixth Form geographers spent the day at Robin Hood's Bay studying the coastal features and geology of the area.

D.H.

CHESS CLUB

The Club has had a successful season this year. Meetings have been well attended and by 'public demand' the club has continued to function through the summer term, instead of finishing at Easter.

In the League, the First Team has enjoyed considerable success:

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

— while the Second Team has not done so well:

Played 7, won 1, lost 4, drawn 2.

In the Schools' Jamboree at Q.E.G.S., the First Team was narrowly beaten into second place by Normanton.

For the first time in the history of the Club, the two finalists in the Wakefield and District Under 16 Championship came from the King's School. In the play-off Brusby (5R) beat Mason (5A) and becomes the 1969-70 Champion.

The results of the Club's own tournament which has been taking place throughout the year are as follows:

Senior: 1st N. Milligan (6S^{2b})

2nd H. King (6S^{1a})

Intermediate: 1st I. Brusby (5R)

2nd R. Shackleton (5R)

Junior: 1st P. Garvey (1A)

2nd P. Gogarty (2A¹)

The Club loses three of its ablest players this term — I. Cairns, K. Lang (Team Captain) and C. Cammiss (Secretary). I would like to thank them for their hard work and keen support during the past three years. J.H.

THE VOLUNTARY GROUP

The group's work since Christmas has been hampered by the unusually long spell of bad weather. Many interior jobs have had to be postponed until the climate has become sufficiently temperate for old people to bear the inevitable domestic upheaval which decorating jobs involve. Our gardening jobs have also been badly hit by the weather. One aspect of our work which has been maintained despite the elements is our coal-shovelling service. Many members have turned out at an hour or two's notice, often in bad weather, to help with this vital work.

However with the onset of the 'summer' the group has resumed its usual programme of decorating and gardening work. This year the members of the group have been given a greater measure of independence in visiting old people and tackling jobs than was the case last year. As an experiment in autonomy and participation this has had a perhaps predictable result — a most effective contribution from the enthusiastic few, and a rather discouraging lack of response, notably from many members of the Lower Sixth.

Since the group must rely on essentially willing efforts, we refuse to exert pressure on people to take part. It is a matter for the individual's conscience. The needs of the old people in Pontefract will continue to exist. If you feel you can help, your contribution will be welcomed. Finally, our thanks and best wishes for the future to all those members leaving School this summer. I. Cairns, 6S³

JAZZ AND FOLK CLUB

We have met only intermittently during the last two terms, and attendance at the meetings has been limited to the faithful few. As usual, the music has been listened to appreciatively with preference being shown for Blues and Rock. R.T.

THE 4R MARIONETTE SOCIETY

Rehearsals started during early March for the most ambitious play yet staged by the society. Entitled 'Eviction' and written by R. Bell and M. Blakey, it was presented to the lower school with great success.

Plenty of work was provided for the members in the making of the props and scenery, and in the co-ordination of the lighting. Interest was so keen that rehearsals reached a peak of four per week to achieve the desired quality of content.

Plans are now in hand for the production of a shortened version of 'Spring and Port Wine' by Bill Naughton.

The society would like to warmly thank both Mr. Cavendish and Mr. Johnson for their advice and help on so many occasions. M. Blakey, 4R.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The society has continued to hold fortnightly meetings in the lecture room and has been concerned mainly with showing a wide range of short films covering all aspects of natural history. Attendances have been high on the whole, with the majority of support coming from the lower school. The society exists to promote an awareness and an interest in the natural world and is therefore much concerned with animals and plants. With this in mind we have had many wildlife films taken by well known naturalists such as Jacques Cousteau, and it is hoped we will have more talks by boys and staff who are interested in any aspect of natural history.

New members are always welcome, and regular attendance will ensure a place on at least one excursion next summer term. A.B.S.

SQUASH

Last term the club had one fixture against Trinity and All Saints' College of Education in Leeds. This was the first occasion that the boys had ever played on a full sized court and although they found the extra space bewildering, they nevertheless put up a credible performance. This particular fixture is one we would wish to repeat next year.

The chief difficulty at the moment is not lack of enthusiasm but a propensity for wall shattering shots which take toll of the club rackets. In the final run there are two lessons to be learnt here — discriminate between those shots worth taking and buy your own rackets.

We look forward to improving standards next year from the present keen group of Sixth Formers. B.A.D.

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Spoken English Competition — continued

Four masters and the Vice-Captain of School formed the adjudicating committee and as a result of their deliberations, the following were picked out:

1st — P. B. Draper

2nd — J. A. C. Horsfall

M. J. Lunn

4th — S. J. Gott

Intermediate Section:

1st, J. Warren; 2nd, D. J. Hookham; 3rd, A. R. Cook.

Junior Section:

1st, K. Murphy; 2nd, A. Murphy; 3rd, N. Fox.

It is hoped that the enthusiasm and interest shown this year will enable the competitions to be run on the same lines next year. M.H.C.

COMMITTEE CORNER

When he confessed to her after the wedding ceremony that he was colour-blind, she remarked: 'Yo' sho' am dat, Gilbert, yo' sho' am dat!'

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'Have you heard about the potato clock?'

'The potato clock? No'.

'It's quite simple. You go to bed, set the alarm, and getapotatoclock'.

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Elderly lady with hearing aid wishes to meet middle-aged gent with battery.

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What would you rather be or a wasp?

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Q: How do you tell the sex of a chromosome?

A: Remove its genes.

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Waiter: How did you find your steak, sir?

Diner: I just happened to move a piece of parsley.

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Not a bip, or a bop, but a bap.

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Q: What is small, has 30 legs, 4 wheels, a 17 inch screen, and nine arrows?

A: The Prefects' Room.

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Definition: A prayer book — ground to air missal.

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The flat racing season opened this week with the Derby, which was won by 15B, Grosvenor Mansions, S.W.1.

LONG JOKE OF THE TERM

A party of deaf mutes, after visiting the seaside, stopped on the way home for a drink. The driver of the coach went into the pub first and explained to the barman that thirty-five deaf and dumb customers were coming in.

'How will they order their drinks?' asked the barman.

The driver explained: 'If they want a pint, they'll raise three fingers; for half, they raise two fingers; and for a short, one finger'.

Things had been going well for over two hours when suddenly one of the party went to the bar and just opened his mouth. The barman tried to question him with the pre-arranged sign-language, but to no avail. Then another deaf mute joined the first, and another, and another. Soon the whole crowd was round the bar, all with open mouths. The barman began to fidget, stared in amazement, and eventually panicked. Running over to the driver he explained the situation. The coach driver stood up, wrinkled his brow, and said: 'Now they've started singin' I'll never get 'em 'ome!'

ADVANCED LINGUISTICS

Two natives of the West Riding were sitting in a crowded bar in the middle of Paris. Fred, eager to display his knowledge of the French language and test that of his friend, said: 'Joe! Regardez le mouche!' Joe turned and looked, and sure enough on the next table was a fly. 'Oui', he answered, 'le mouche'. Upon which a Frenchman behind them rose to his feet, crying: 'La mouche, monsieur, LA!' 'Eck', said Fred, 'these French lads 'aven't 'alf got good eyesight!'

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Rugby

In the second term the School again entered a number of Sevens Competitions. Two competitions at Under 15 level were entered but these were both cancelled because of bad ground conditions. At the senior level three competitions were entered with the following encouraging results:

Halifax Schools' Sevens

First Round—			
v. West Leeds H.S.	Lost	6	8
The Losers' Draw —			
v. Upholland School	Won	9	0
v. Ashville College	Won	8	3
v. Heath G.S. (2nd Seven)	Won	21	3
v. Keighley, Oakbank School	Won	13	10

Ilkley Sevens

Preliminary Round —			
v. Prince Henry's G.S.	Won	18	0
First Round —			
v. Thorne G.S.	Lost	9	11
Losers' Plate —			
v. Whitcliffe Mount School	Won	8	5
v. King Edward School, Retford	Won	11	0
Semi-final —			
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield	Lost	6	10

Loughborough Sevens

v. Dinnington H.S.	Won	14	0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	Won	10	8
v. Manchester G.S.	Won	21	0
v. St. Joseph's Blackheath	Lost	0	15

The majority of the boys who played in these competitions will be returning to School and so prospects for next season are promising. The first Sevens fixture next season will be the Manchester Schools' Sevens to be played on October 1st.

A number of tours have been arranged which should provide interest and added incentive to boys to become team members. The tours will take place in the October half-term and are as follows:

First XV to Northern Ireland, with games against:
The Royal School, Dungannon
The Royal School, Armagh
Portadown College

Under 15 XV to Westmorland and Lancashire, with games against:
Giggleswick School
Cockermouth G.S.
King Edward VII School, Lytham

Under 13 and Under 14 XV's to Lancashire, with games against:
Stonyhurst College
Kirkham G.S.
King Edward VII School, Lytham

If these tours are as successful as they have been in previous years then the boys can look forward to an enjoyable half-term in October.

An appreciation of Mr. Young's work in the School is given elsewhere in the Magazine but I should like to express my thanks to him for the work and time he has given to School Rugby.

A.J.L.

THE SWIMMING GALA

The Swimming Gala was held on Thursday, May 8th, at the Headlands. In all, six new records were set up, details being as follows:

Intermediate Plunge: B. Marshall.

Senior Plunge: T. Scott.

Senior 2 Lengths Free Style: R. Bailey.

First Forms 1 Length Breast Stroke: S. Jackson.

Fourth Forms 2 Lengths Free Style: J. Simpson.

First Forms 4 by 1 Length Free Style Relay: King

Edward House.

At the end of the Gala final positions were as follows:

- 1 King Edward House
- 2 Atkinson House
- 3 Lyon House
- 4 De Lacy House

QUADRANGULAR ATHLETICS MATCH

In a quadrangular Athletics match, held on Tuesday, May 13th, between Ackworth School, Castleford Grammar School, The King's School, and St. Wilfrid's High School, the following were the final positions:

- 1 Castleford Grammar School
- 2 The King's School
- 3 St. Wilfrid's High School
- 4 Ackworth School

A triangular match, arranged for May 15th, had to be cancelled because of rain.

THE COUNTY SPORTS AT WOMBWELL

To represent the School on this occasion, held on June 21st, the following sixteen boys were selected to compete:

P. L. Driffield, C. Duggelby, S. W. Garbett, J. S. Goodhead, D. S. MacFarlane, D. Matthews, K. Morton, D. A. Myers, G. P. Perkins, D. J. Petrie, S. J. Richards, J. Rutherford, W. A. Ryans, T. C. Scott, M. Spears, D. A. White.

BADMINTON

This term there were several matches arranged against local badminton clubs. The School scored a few notable wins, but generally the results went against us, although only by a narrow margin. The reason for this was the inexperience of the team in competitive matches. Improvement has been rapid, however, and next year we shall have three players remaining, around whom a new team can be built.

We again express our thanks to the High School for joining us for mixed doubles play throughout the term, and also to Mr. Lawton and Mr. Ryder for coaching on Wednesdays and Fridays.

M. Hill, 6S²

THE CROSS COUNTRY

The event was held this year on March 13th. Individual winners were as follows:

Senior: 1 M. S. Smart
2 R. I. McPhee
3 J. V. Abel

Intermediate: 1 J. Simpson
2 A. Jenkins
3 B. T. Allen

Junior: 1 J. C. Parkin
2 G. Firth
3 S. Hanby

Final House Positions:

- 1 Atkinson House
- 2 King Edward House
- 3 Lyon House
- 4 De Lacy House

Cricket

Captain: D. O. Ledbetter Vice-Captain: S. J. Gott

Up to the present time (early June), there has been very little cricket played because of the very bad weather. Of a total of twenty matches arranged only six could be started.

The first XI started the season well at Skipton and scored 94 for 8 declared, but a hailstorm prevented any further play when Skipton had scored only two runs without loss. Ironically the only other 1st XI match was played with a seriously weakened team (a number of boys were at Wembley) and lost to Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, York.

The 2nd XI's only match was lost by 16 runs on the same date, also with a much weakened team.

The Under 15 XI have had the worst luck with all their matches called off because of rain.

The Under 14 and the Under 12 XI won their only matches but the Under 13 XI lost theirs.

We were all very pleased when S. J. Gott was invited to play for the Yorkshire Second Eleven, but their match too was eventually washed out.

This has been a most disappointing start to the season but we all earnestly hope for good weather in order to play the remaining matches and see some good cricket.

P.C.

Cricket Results

- Apr. 26 Matches cancelled — Rain.
 29 Under 12 XI (A) Won by 7 wks.
 Skipton 23
 K.S.P. 32 for 3
 1st XI (A) Match abandoned as a draw.
 K.S.P. 94 for 8
 Skipton 2 for 0
- May 3 Matches cancelled — Rain.
 7 Under 13 XI (A) Lost by 19 runs.
 Normanton 44
 K.S.P. 25
 10 Matches cancelled — Rain.
 16 Matches cancelled — Rain.
 17 Under 14 XI (H) Won by 1 wkt.
 Archbishop Holgate's G.S. 24
 K.S.P. 28 for 9
 Under 15 XI match called off — Rain.
 2nd XI (H) Lost by 16 runs.
 Archbishop Holgate's G.S. 43
 K.S.P. 27
 1st XI (A) Lost by 8 wks.
 K.S.P. 46
 Archbishop Holgate's G.S. 48 for 2
 31 Matches cancelled — Rain.

- Jun. 7 Under 14 XI (A) Lost by 7 runs.
 Castleford 33
 K.S.P. 26
 1st XI (H) Match drawn.
 Castleford 67
 K.S.P. 35 for 8
 11 Under 12 XI (H) Won by 5 wks.
 Normanton 36
 K.S.P. 37 for 5
 Under 13 XI (H) Lost by 4 runs.
 Normanton 28
 K.S.P. 24
 14 Under 12 XI (A) Won by 29 runs.
 K.S.P. 60 for 7 declared
 King Edward VII G.S., Sheffield, 31
 Under 14 XI (A) Won by 33 runs.
 K.S.P. 67
 K.E.S. 34
 Under 15 XI (H) Match abandoned — Rain.
 K.E.S. 14 for 2
 2nd XI (A) Lost by 91 runs.
 K.E.S. 128 for 9 declared
 K.S.P. 37
 1st XI (H) Match abandoned — Rain.
 K.S.P. 15 for 1
 20 Under 12 XI (A) Match drawn.
 Q.E.G.S. 62
 K.S.P. 36 for 8
 21 Under 14 XI (H) Won by 26 runs.
 K.S.P. 80
 Goole 54
 Under 15 XI (A) Lost by 93 runs.
 Goole 164 for 9 declared
 K.S.P. 71
 2nd XI (H) Lost by 39 runs.
 Goole 72
 K.S.P. 33
 1st XI (A) Match drawn.
 K.S.P. 98
 Goole 93 for 8

ANYBODY'S GUESS

Was it really a School occasion?
 How do you mush?
 Which is crisis day?
 It LOOKED like coffee.
 Is he really his grandson?
 What does Paris mean to him?
 I am looking at yesterday.
 Did you say it had new curtains?
 How unique is Welsh?

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Whither goest thou, my Derek?
 Why are you so esoteric?
 Grinding o'er the izlands' walk,
 Chewing at your dustless chalk.

Indeed it is! Your fields and crops,
 Your rift vallees and mountain-tops.
 And O! what transports of delight
 When you exclaim: 'Let there be loight!'

Soccer

First XI

The programme this year was much curtailed due to bad weather, only seven games being played. Injuries and illness also disrupted the smooth running of the team. Nevertheless there emerged the basis upon which a team can be built for next year. Altogether twenty boys played for the First XI. Special mention must be made of S. Kelsey, not only for his efforts for the School XI, but also for being selected to play on a number of occasions for Yorkshire, and for being in the final pool of players from which the England Schoolboys' XI was chosen.

The team was selected from the following: S. Kelsey (Captain), R. J. McPhee (Vice-Captain), M. Smart, R. Armstrong, S. Gott, S. Hoyle, P. Wormald, M. Spears, D. Smith, M. Meekin, E. Medwell, D. Ledbetter, A. Crawford, S. Gogarty, G. Calderwood, R. Norman, P. Tagg, M. Clarke, E. Downes, and M. Maskill.

A.S.Y.

First XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	h	L	0—9
18	v. Abbeydale Grammar School	a	L	3—5
25	v. King Edward VII G.S.	a	L	0—4
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	h	W	3—2
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	h	W	5—3
12	v. Nunthorpe Grammar School	a	D	3—3
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	h	L	1—2
Apr. 2	v. Old Boys XI	h	L	0—3

Second XI

The Second XI had a moderately successful season, winning three and drawing one of the seven matches. The great number of cancelled matches meant that it was difficult to establish any real rhythm, and it was not until late in the season that a sense of team-work had been established.

The team was capably marshalled by its Captain, Richards, who received skilful and enthusiastic support from his team. Of the players, Benn improved with each game, lending solidity and mobility to a defence built around Maskill and Horan, which also had the choice of two fine goalkeepers in Downes and Calderwood. Gogarty and Iveson were hard workers in attack.

If the weather is kinder next season, the second eleven could be reasonably successful, for many of the younger members of this year's team will be available and will provide a sound base upon which to build.

R.T.

Second XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	a	L	0—4
25	v. King Edward VII G.S.	h	D	1—1
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	a	L	2—3
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	h	W	3—1
8	v. De La Salle Coll., Sheffield	h	W	2—0
12	v. Nunthorpe Grammar School	a	W	2—1
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	a	L	2—4

Under Fifteen XI

Although the season was much curtailed by the appalling weather conditions, the standard of football played was perhaps the best in the School. The team has now been together for four seasons, and although the pool of players has changed as boys left and new faces came in to take their place, it has lost only ten out of forty-seven games played during that period. The strength of the Under Fifteen side has been in its ability to work together as a unit, at the same time utilising individual talent to the best advantage.

This year has been the culmination of the team's efforts to combine fluent approach work with goal-scoring power. The result has been twenty-four goals scored in seven matches.

Allen and Barratt once again lead the goal scorers, with eight and seven respectively. Clarke deserves special mention for the admirable way in which he has set an example to the team, both as a player, and as Captain, a position he has held since he entered the School.

Congratulations go to Barratt, Clarke, and Wilson on being selected for the Yorkshire Senior Schools Coaching Course, which is to be held during the summer holidays.

B.R.R.

Under 15 XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	h	D	3—3
18	v. Abbeydale Grammar School	a	W	3—2
25	v. King Edward VII G.S.	a	L	2—3
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	h	W	4—1
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	a	L	1—4
8	v. De La Salle Coll., Sheffield	a	W	5—1
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	h	W	6—0

Under 14 XI

The season's fixture list was severely curtailed by the adverse weather and inevitably this enforced lack of regular match practice affected the team's performances, in particular the finishing touches needed in front of goal.

Although only managing to draw two of the six games played, the side showed undoubted footballing ability, and five games were extremely closely fought. Perhaps with a little more good fortune the games could have produced different results.

The team's best performance of the year came in the last match against Castleford G.S. In this game every player gave of his best and although the team lost 2 - 0, the Castleford goalpost was struck no less than three times apart from several other near misses.

Once again the Captain, D. Matthews, and Vice-Captain, J. Cox, set a perfect example to their team colleagues, and the competition for places was very keen.

Members of the side were R. Bell, S. Chase, D. Close, K. Glendinning, W. Harbottle, P. Humphries, S. Hunt, R. Insall, C. Kelsey, K. Morton, P. Muscroft, G. Simpson and C. Walker.

M.A.T.

Under 14 XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	a	D	2—2
25	v. King Edward VII G.S.	h	L	1—2
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	a	L	0—7
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	h	D	1—1
8	v. De La Salle Coll., Sheffield	h	L	1—2
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	a	L	0—2

Under 13 XI

The final results of the games show average achievements and do in fact reflect accurately the standard of play. It was disconcerting to be beaten twice in Sheffield by such heavy margins, but on both occasions the opposition played stronger, more aggressive football and deserved the victories. As is usually the case, the best team performances came from the closely fought games, and the one outstanding in this respect was that against King Edward VII Grammar School. The game had moments of real excitement — Allen leaving several opponents floundering as he ran from the half-way line to the opposition's goal, virtually carrying the ball on the ends of his boots. Ryan, in the closing five minutes, had to stand in for Leach in goal and to tension was added comedy. The most disappointing game was against Castleford, for it never appeared that we mastered the centre of the field, and we consequently lost by a single goal to a team we should have beaten fairly comfortably.

The team practices were conscientiously attended, and the games were played cleanly and enthusiastically, with goals coming from a wide selection of forwards. Ash was highest scorer, and Smeaton captained competently throughout.

P. 7, W. 3, D. 1, L. 3 F. 15, A. 25

B.A.D.

Under 13 XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	h	W	3—1
18	v. Abbeydale Grammar School	a	L	0—9
25	v. King Edward VII G.S.	a	D	2—2
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	h	W	4—1
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	a	W	3—1
8	v. De La Salle Coll., Sheffield	a	L	3—10
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	h	L	0—1

First Form Soccer

The wet and snowy week-ends which seemed to be a prominent feature of the winter enabled us to play only five of the eleven games in the fixture list. This made it extremely difficult to find eleven players and form them into a team. In fact we just seemed to be getting started when the season ended. We were able to show a steady improvement as time went on, and we finished the season with an even record: two games won, two lost, and one drawn.

A very inexperienced team took the field for the first game at Leeds, and on a cold misty morning this group of individuals fell victim to a side of considerable experience.

The second game, at Tadcaster, was started with real enthusiasm, and the team had the ball in the net in the first two minutes, only to find that an off-side decision had been awarded against them. This proved unsettling, and Tadcaster took the lead just before half-time. Only in the dying minutes of the game did the team find sufficient organisation to produce an equalising goal.

The first victory was obtained at Percy Jackson School, where a single goal, again scored in the closing minutes, decided the result.

The next game, home to De La Salle, proved to be a disaster and again showed our inexperience as a team, when compared with opponents of far greater skill and co-ordination. The final game, against Castleford, was approached with rather more caution, but it soon became apparent that we were the stronger side. The score was decided soon after half-time, but it hardly did justice to the difference between the two teams.

We can only hope that next season gives the team a chance to gain more match experience and thus develop into a useful side.

G.A.

First Forms XI

Jan. 11	v. St. Michael's College, Leeds	a	L	0—3
Feb. 1	v. Tadcaster Grammar School	a	D	1—1
Mar. 5	v. Adwick School	a	W	1—0
8	v. De La Salle Coll., Sheffield	a	L	0—4
25	v. Castleford Grammar School	h	W	2—1

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HON. TREASURER

A duplicated notice was included with the January issue of the Magazine informing members that Mr. C. Wood had offered his services and had accepted the office of Treasurer at a specially convened Committee Meeting held on the 27th of February. Members will appreciate that your Committee are anxious to make things as easy as possible for Mr. Wood and the following information is given for the guidance of members:

- 1 The end of the Association's financial year is the **31st August** — subscriptions becoming due on the 1st September yearly.
- 2 Under existing rules the Magazine can only be sent to members whose subscription has been paid before the 31st December — thus allowing a period of four months. It will be recalled that this ruling was adopted in 1967 in order to eliminate a loss that was being sustained when it was the practice to assume that a subscription would be renewed, and a copy of the January issue was sent on that basis. The increasing costs of production and distribution of the Magazine (now around 3/6d.) made the present arrangement inevitable and the year-end of the Association was changed to simplify the position.
- 3 The concessionary subscription rate of 6/-d. available to Old Boys on leaving School expires on the 31st August of the year following.
- 4 It is helpful to the officers of the Association if either the Treasurer or the Secretary is informed of any change of address or of a member's intention to resign from membership of the Association.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee has met twice since the January issue of the Magazine. Mr. G. W. Dyson was in the chair on both occasions.

23rd January

The main business discussed was the office of Treasurer and the urgency to fill the vacancy. Certain lines of action were agreed upon (which became obsolete when Mr. Wood subsequently came forward and offered his services).

A report was received on the Allan Done Memorial Fund and the proposed distribution of a brochure to subscribers.

Arrangements were made for the Association Football and Badminton matches against School teams to be played on the 27th March.

15th May

After the routine opening business had been transacted the Meeting adjourned to allow members to see a demonstration of the equipment purchased as a memorial to Mr. Done.

On the resumption Mr. Aldous outlined a proposal by the School to hold a special 'Open Day' on the 17th July as part of the celebrations being arranged during the term of office of the 500th Mayor of the Borough of Pontefract. It was agreed that the annual Old Boys v. School Cricket Match be held on that day (3 p.m.) and that the two teams be entertained to tea.

Mr. Aldous outlined that under the new conditions it became more difficult to arrange for all those leaving the School at the end of the School year to be together in one place at the same time . . . and the offer of the members of the Staff to arrange for them to be invited to join the Association was gratefully accepted.

The next meeting was arranged for the 11th September.

ALLAN DONE MEMORIAL

Through the kindness of members of the School Staff, members of the Committee were given a demonstration of the potentialities and the effectiveness of the reproduction equipment purchased by the Allan Done Memorial Fund. The equipment consists of two independent reproducing units and an overhead projector, and from the balance remaining in the Fund it was possible to provide half of the cost of a second projector bought by the School. Each unit bears a bronze plate, simply inscribed:

'In Memory of Allan Done
1922 — 1959

A Great Teacher'

The unanimous expression of feeling was that the equipment, valued at over £300, is a worthy and useful memorial and one of which it is felt Mr. Done would have approved.

A brochure, illustrating the 'work' of the apparatus and including the balance sheet of the Fund, is being sent to all subscribers.

TIES AND BADGES

A substantial proportion of the assets of the Association is represented by stocks of Association ties and blazer badges. It is, therefore, an advantage to have a reasonably quick turnover!

Have you use for a distinctive and serviceable Tie or an attractive Blazer Badge?

They are obtainable from the Secretary, Treasurer, or the School. Prices (whilst stocks last ! ! !) are as follows:

Striped Tie (School colours)	9/-
Crested Tie (School crest)	14/6
Blazer Badge (Crest in colour)	14/-

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

The Association is very much indebted to Mr. Hinchliffe, of the School Staff, who has offered his help and co-operation in the 'building up' of news of Old Boys for publication. The initial outcome was seen in the January issue — when it was possible to give news of almost 100 Old Boys.

The co-operation of members is again invited — the more 'news' we have the 'livelier' the O.P.A. pages become! The sending of personal 'news' is a small but practical way to add to the effectiveness of the Association. News from overseas has, of course, added value and interest.

Either of the undermentioned will be pleased to hear from you. We next 'go to press' in December — but why not write **now** whilst it is in your mind?

Mr. D. Hinchliffe,
The King's School,
Pontefract.
Mr. J. Williamson,
57 Barnsley Road,
South Kirkby,
Nr. Pontefract.

THE SCHOOL v. THE OLD BOYS

The match, held on March 27th, started out as a very good game, but unfortunately it had to be abandoned just after half-time, when Charles Hinde, playing for the Old Boys, was badly injured in an accident and received a broken leg. The score at that point was 3 - 0 to the Old Boys.

MARRIAGES

Lieut. Colin R. Batty (1958-1964) to Miss J. N. Cobb of Milford Haven.

Anthony C. Gallon (1957-63) to Miss P. M. Fox of Pontefract.

Alan Secker (1958-65) to Miss S. Trussell of Upton.

ENGAGEMENTS

Nigel J. Beaney (1958-65) to Miss J. M. Richard of Bishopston, Swansea.

Malcolm J. Darbyshire (1958-65) to Miss M. U. Kirby of Mickelfield.

News of Old Boys

Congratulations to Ald. Joe Blackburn, O.B.E., J.P. — Chairman of the Governors and an Honorary Member of the Association — on his election to serve as the 500th Mayor of the Borough.

G. B. Copley was appointed Clerk to the Featherstone U.D.C. in January. Address: Millfield Crescent, Pontefract.

Jack Turton has passed the Final Examination of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is a mining surveyor at South Kirkby Colliery. Address: 43 Pendennis Avenue, South Elmsall.

Alan Walker (1956-63) has been appointed a lecturer in Theoretical Physics at the Tate Institute of Mathematical Physics, Edinburgh, and takes up the position on October 1st.

Jack Turton (1954-61) has passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Jack is a surveyor at South Kirkby Colliery.

Paul Rugg (1950-55) joined the British Petroleum Tanker Company as a navigation apprentice when he left school. He now spends his time between the Clan Line and the Union Castle Line. Paul has his Master's Ticket and is at present Second Mate and Training Officer on the liner Clan Matheson.

David S. Redding (1948-55) has spent five years in Rhodesia and after a brief visit to this country has recently returned there to take up an appointment as Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock) with Rhodesian Railways. He will be in charge of the electrical aspects of the Rolls Royce diesel electric locomotives and the refrigeration wagon fleets.

James A. Hart (1938-44) is on a year's study leave from his post as Professor of English at the University of British Columbia. He has been on research visits to the University of Harvard and the Library of Congress, Washington (D.C.), for his book on Alun Seeger. James and his family hope to spend two months in England this summer.

J. R. Bishop (1931-40), a former De Lacy House Captain who played in some of the first school rugby games, is now chief analyst in the Research and Development Department of the Metal Box Co. Ltd. in the London area.

R. Cowan (1958-64) will be taking up a teaching post at Eastbourne College in September.

Stuart Frost (1940-46), now living in North Wembley, has been appointed manager of the Staff Sufficiency Department of the National and Westminster Bank Group at its headquarters in London.

Malcolm Hughes (1949-56) has been appointed Commissioner for Soccer for all Canadian schools. After taking a Diploma in Physical Education at St. Luke's College, Exeter, Malcolm played rugby with Castleford, Bridlington, and Yarmouth and Lowestoft. Malcolm emigrated to Canada with his wife and three children some three years ago and he is at present teaching Physical Education at the 1,600 pupil Neelin High School, Manitoba.

Dennis Booth (1940-45) has been appointed Deputy Treasurer of Knottingley Urban Council.

The Rev. Michael Appleyard (1943-48) recently returned to England with his wife and three children after spending five years attached to the Methodist Missionary Society in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

John Stewart (1958-66) is spending eight weeks this summer in the New England States, U.S.A., coaching fourteen to sixteen year old boys in swimming and athletics. John is taking up a post at St. Wilfrid's High School, Featherstone, in September.

John Sunderland (1954-61) has received the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge. He is now working at the Institute of Geological Sciences in London.