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## EDITORIAL

At a time when the emphasis in the field of education tends to be on scientific and technological values, when in wider terms communication systems, medical skill, military potential, control of natural resources, and knowledge of man's environment both near and distant improve with incredible rapidity, the value of non-scientific activities may seem to many to be of less significance. It is therefore important to note that among the School activities which are recorded in each issue there are many that fall within the realm of culture. School music is thriving, drama alive and challenging, the library grows larger each year, sport is keenly and well played: a large number of boys, drawn from throughout the School, are involved. The satisfaction gained on both an individual and group level is evident and considerable. That those who participate enjoy these activities is obvious, and there can be no doubt that the activities will continue to flourish, for they constitute an integral part of School life.

As scientific progress continues to present moral problems with each discovery, so the individual must be prepared to evaluate such problems. What better introduction is there to the world of ideas and imagination than through music and literature, particularly if the involvement is one of active participation. A keen aesthetic sense is essential, as is also an awareness of moral problems, and these qualities should be developed as early as possible. Junior boys take part in plays selected particularly for them, concerts involve large numbers of younger boys, the junior library is well used, and the playing-field is in regular use by juniors as much as by others. Those who make such activities possible work hard and with patience. The value of their contribution, unpretentious though it may often be, should never be underestimated.

## School News

We would like to take this belated opportunity of offering our congratulations to the Headmaster on his marriage last August to Mrs. E. M. Thurlwell. Mr. and Mrs. Aldous have our sincere best wishes for the future.

Last term five masters joined the staff and we trust that by now they feel settled with us. Mr. J. S. Barber, who gained his Certificate of Education at Shoreditch College, has come to join the Handicraft Department. He is teaching Art and Geography as well as Metalwork and Woodwork. His interests include photography and sport. Mr. H. G. Brooks has joined the History Department from Holgate Grammar School in Barnsley. Mr. Brooks, who is an Old Boy of the School, gained his degree at the University of Exeter. One of his interests is the clarinet, and he is a member of the School band. The Head of the P.E. Department is now Mr. D. D. Porter, who has come to us from Fulneck School. His particular interests are rugby, basketball, and athletics. Rugby and basketball are to be found on other pages, and we trust that the weather will allow Mr. Porter to turn his energy to athletics in the coming months. For Mr. P. Glossop, who has joined the Chemistry Department, this is his first post. He gained his degree at the University of Leeds. Apart from Chemistry he also teaches Mathematics, and outside the classroom he is a member of the senior choir. Mr. D. C. Medway, a graduate of the University of Hull, where he studied American and Political Studies, came to us from St. John's College, York, where he gained his Diploma of Education. Mr. Medway teaches English and History, and his interests include soccer and basketball.

Our two language Assistants this year are Monsieur M. Horst and Herr G. Poettering. M. Horst, from Arès in the Gironde, is a student of English at the University of Bordeaux and hopes in 1971 to be teaching English and Italian. Herr Poettering, from near Osnabrück, is on a course of Philosophy, English, and French at the University of Hamburg, and he intends in 1973 to teach English and French. They

are already well settled and we wish them a happy year among us.

On July 17th last year, in connection with celebrations on the election of the 500th Mayor of Pontefract, the School held an Open Day, at which many visitors enjoyed a wide variety of exhibits and activities. A full account of the event can be found on another page, as can also a review of the very successful Concert held on the following evening in the Assembly Rooms. The Summer Concert, the proceeds of which went to the Malcolm Sergeant Cancer Fund for Children, raised £50.

With the help of the Margaret Aldous Fund, S. Norfolk, a member of the School band, has been able to purchase a trombone.

In the cricket season last summer S. J. Gott distinguished himself by being elected captain of the Yorkshire Senior Schools Cricket Association XI. Two matches were played at York, one against Nottinghamshire schools. Gott also captained a Yorkshire Federation Under 19 team against various opponents.

R. Evans was chosen to play with the Yorkshire Schoolboys XI. The team played five Southern counties, winning two matches, drawing one, and losing one. The fifth match was cut short by rain.

On September 23rd the School received a visit from the Royal Navy. An R.N.R.M. Presentation Team, arriving impressively by helicopter, came to give a talk directed at the Fifth and Sixth Formers which explained the rôle of the present-day Royal Navy and the prospects for potential officers.

In November a lecture was given to the Science Sixth by Dr. Bowden of the Institute of Science and Technology in Manchester. The subject of his lecture was Chromatography. In October a group of four Upper Sixth Science boys visited the department of Colour Chemistry at the University of Leeds on its Open Day. They were fortunate to be invited to extend their visit during the afternoon, when they tried out the computer. Leeds was also the destination of a

group of boys under the guidance of Mr. Davidson, when they viewed an exhibition of vintage cars at the Corn Exchange in October. Again in Leeds, five boys of the Second Year Sixth Mathematics set attended the Milne lecture for schools on 'The Mechanics of Fishswimming' at the University. This was followed by a forum and a visit to the Mathematics department. In December a group of First Year Sixth Science boys visited the University of Nottingham to gain a close look at the departments of Mathematics and Physics there.

At midnight, at one point towards the end of last summer term, a group of Mr. Buckroyd's Fourth Form could have been found (with some difficulty) engaged on a sortie, the code name for which made more sense if read backwards. Provided with sealed orders, the attacking group was to reach a certain stretch of disused railway line near South Elmsall and 'destroy' it, foiling the defenders. Suffice to say that everything went well, and all members of the form returned to School the following day, some a little late, and some a little sleepy.

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## The Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert was given on the evenings of the 10th and 11th of December. This was the first time that a concert in the School had received two performances, and a very large audience on both nights amply justified the venture.

The Band, which has been in existence for just one year, began the programme with a Folk Song Suite by Vaughan Williams. The three pieces, 'Seventeen Come Sunday', 'My Bonny Boy', and 'Folk Songs from Somerset' were performed with vigour and enthusiasm. There then followed songs by the First Form Choir. Of the three songs, 'Handsome Butcher', 'The Wandering Miller', and 'The Trout', the last was particularly neatly rendered and with appropriate agility.

Two piano solos were provided by C. Spendlove and M. Allen. Spendlove showed enviable facility in Mozart's Turkish Rondo, while Allen followed with Brahms's D minor Ballade, which he played with a range of sonorities appropriate to the piece.

The recently formed Sixth Form Choir, comprising members of the King's School and the Girls' High School, made its debut at this concert. The Choir sang three Christmas pieces, delighting both ear and eye, and sounding best in the arrangement of the Sussex Carol by Willcocks.

The most impressive feature of the School's music

at present is the instrumental work. This was most apparent as the concert progressed. M. Adams played Malcolm Arnold's Sonatina for Flute with a splendid tone, making light of its many difficulties and capturing convincingly the diverse moods of the piece.

The Second Formers, singing with the assurance of seasoned performers, excelled in their presentation of 'Say Goodbye Now' from 'The Marriage of Figaro', by Mozart.

S. Norfolk is a most accomplished trombone player, and he demonstrated both technique and musicianship in two movements from the Trombone Concerto in B Flat by Rimsky-Korsakoff. In the 'Acrobat' by Greenwood the humorous possibilities were fully exploited, and the audience greeted this item with particular enthusiasm. It was in the second half that the band showed its paces in a variety of pieces, including two Sousa marches, High School Cadets and Liberty Bell, and also Bugler's Holiday by Leroy Anderson and Jamaican Rumba by Arthur Benjamin.

The final item of the evening was the 'Grand Chorus' from 'Aida' by Verdi. 260 performers were involved, and both instrumentalists and singers contributed with vitality and obvious enjoyment to provide a memorable and truly grand climax to the programme.

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### 'FOCUS ON MINING ENGINEERING'

During the last week of the summer term we attended a sixth form conference 'Focus on Mining Engineering' with 60 other boys at Newcastle University. The course was arranged by the National Coal Board with the object of giving us a preview of a career in the mining industry.

We arrived at Newcastle on the Sunday evening and were allocated rooms in one of the Halls of Residence where we were to stay for the week. The conference opened on the Monday morning with general lectures given by the University staff and then in the afternoon we took part in the first of several experiments concerning aspects of mining engineering. On the Monday evening a trip along the River Tyne was arranged. This gave us a good view of Industrial Tyneside and also enabled us to have a breathtaking glimpse of the 250,000 ton 'Esso Northumbria'. The largest ship to be built in Europe, she was being fitted out after the launching.

On the Tuesday we continued the various experiments and in the evening we visited Close House. This is the Newcastle University recreation centre, situated about seven miles from Newcastle, and catering for a variety of sports.

The highlight of the conference was the colliery visit on the Wednesday, since the majority of us had never been underground before. We spent the morning underground, including crawling 200 yards along the face, the seam only being 2' 8" thick. In the afternoon we had a guided tour of the surface installations.

An industrial visit was arranged on the Thursday afternoon. We visited a coking plant and were shown all the different processes involved in obtaining the range of products. At a buffet dinner on Thursday evening we had an opportunity to discuss the course and mining engineering in general with the recruitment personnel of the National Coal Board.

The course ended after lunch on the Friday after a very enjoyable and informative week.

P. B. Merry, 6S<sup>2</sup>m  
J. Horsfall, 6S<sup>2</sup>m



## A Man for all Seasons



This year's School Play was performed in the School Hall on the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 4th, 5th and 6th of December, 1969, at 7.0 p.m. The wide popularity of the play and the film version made it a challenging choice, especially in view of the limited facilities for staging. In the event the producer wisely chose an uncluttered set with simple furniture and curtaining and allowed the actors to establish themselves against this austere and effective background.

The key to the play lies in the portrayal of Sir Thomas More, a challenging rôle for someone still at school and the Dramatic Society was fortunate in being able to call upon the services of A. Jones who had gained valuable experience in previous School productions. He is to be congratulated on the sensitive insight which he brought to bear on the part. In particular he communicated strongly the sense of irony, humour and compassion very well.

P. Buckley as 'The Common Man' provided an excellent contrast to the 'elevated' scenes and very soon established contact with the audience. This was a difficult part requiring confidence and timing and Buckley gave the character an earthy bonhomie and likeable simplemindedness which was very convincing. In addition he provided the continuity between scenes by punctuating his monologue with unobtrusive alterations to the set. This was a praiseworthy performance.

Russell, a new discovery, also gave a good performance as Cromwell, combining the haughtiness of high officialdom with a political cunning worthy of a Machiavellian prince.

Others who did well were R. Bailey, S. Knapton and R. Holland, but the production as a whole profited from the generally high standard of the supporting cast and the efficient assistance of the workers

behind the scenes. All are to be congratulated on one of the best School Plays in recent years, especially Mr. H. M. Hebditch who worked so hard to communicate his enthusiasm for and understanding of the play.

### Cast

The Common Man .....	Paul Buckley
Thomas More .....	Alun Jones
Richard Rich .....	Simon Hinton
Duke of Norfolk .....	Richard Bailey
Alice More .....	Steven Knapton
Margaret More .....	Kevin Walker
The Cardinal (Wolsey) .....	Jon Tate
Thomas Cromwell .....	Garry Russell
The Ambassador (Chapuy) ..	Robin Holland
His Attendant .....	Andrew Dines
William Roper .....	Philip Merry
The King .....	Stephen Gott
A Woman .....	Robin Killingbeck
The Archbishop (Cranmer) ..	Christopher Conway
Producer .....	Mr. H. M. Hebditch
Business Manager .....	Mr. R. Telfer
Stage Manager .....	Mr. G. H. Hall
Sound Effects .....	Mr. K. J. Toy
	K. M. Wilcox and A. Savell
Costumes .....	Mr. G. R. Nattrass
Prompter .....	Malcolm Allen
Lighting .....	Mr. M. W. Charlton
	Charles Donaldson
	David Hindle, Ian Goodwin
	and Stephen Lee

## *Record of Boys continuing with Higher Education*

Adams N. B.	Sheffield University	Mechanical Engineering
Adams S.	North Riding College of Education, Scarborough	B.Sc. Econ. (London Ext.)
Armstrong R.	Nottingham Regional College of Technology	Architecture
Barnes D. F.	Leicester College of Art	Civil & Structural Engineering
Bennett C.	Sheffield University	
Bray G. M.	St. Peter's College of Education, Birmingham	French
Butcher P. R.	University of Wales (Lampeter)	Commerce
Cairns I.	Liverpool University	Physics
Cammiss C. J.	Manchester University	Maths. and Physics
Clarke M. W.	Nottingham University	French and Linguistics
Draper P. B.	University of Wales (Bangor)	Chemistry
Fisher L. M.	University College, Oxford (1970) (Industry 1969-70)	B.Sc. Econ. (London Ext.)
Fitton S.	Nottingham Regional College of Technology	Dentistry
Glassby J. C.	Newcastle University	
Goodhead J. S.	The College, Chester	Civil Engineering
Grace F.	Bradford University	Materials Technology
Gummerson R. J.	Sheffield University	Computing Science
Guy P. J.	Newcastle University	Zoology
Heyes K.	University of Wales (Swansea)	Medicine
Hill H. F.	Manchester University	Civil Engineering
Horan A.	Newcastle University	B.Sc. Econ. (London Ext.)
Iveson A.	Nottingham Regional College of Technology	B.A. (Hons.) Business Studies
Jackson A. P.	Portsmouth College of Technology	
Johnson I. L.	Northern Counties College of Education	Polymer Chemistry
Kelsey S. L.	The College, Chester	Agricultural Zoology
Lang K.	Manchester Institute of Science and Technology	
Ledbetter D. O.	Belfast University	English
Littlewood S. C.	Christ Church College of Education, Canterbury	Computing Science
Lunn M. J.	Hull University	Civil Engineering
Marsden I. W.	Newcastle University	Physics
Maskill M. J.	Liverpool University	Medicine
Meckin M. C.	Nottingham University	
Milligan N. M.	Birmingham University	Zoology
Milner R.	St. John's College, York	
Myers D. A.	University of Wales (Cardiff)	Metallurgy
O'Connor P.	Bingley College of Education	Polymer Technology
Pettitt M. D.	Birmingham University	English
Pritchard G. A.	Manchester Institute of Science and Technology	H.N.D. in Chemistry
Richards S. J.	University of Wales (Aberystwyth)	B.A. (Hons.) Business Studies
Sims E. E.	Huddersfield Polytechnic	
Smart M. S.	Newcastle Polytechnic	Electronics
Smith T. D.	Bishop Lonsdale College of Education, Derby	H.N.D. in Chemistry
Stewart I. G.	Southampton University	Computer Science
Tagg P.	City of Leicester Polytechnic	Engineering
Tate B. A.	Lancaster University	Physics
Tildesley J. D.	Leicester University	H.N.D. in Building
Walker P.	Leicester University	History
Walker W. J.	Nottingham Regional College of Technology	Pharmacy (B.Sc.)
Whitehead J. R.	Leeds University	
Wilcock M. A.	Sunderland Polytechnic	Applied Physics
Williamson B. J.	Balls Park College of Education, Hertford	
Womersley D.	Culham College of Education, Abingdon	
Woolley W.	The College, Chester	
Wormald P. J.	Bradford University	

# The Under-XV Rugby Tour:

from the Touch-Line

It was in Mr. Ramsden's fish-and-chip restaurant in Guiseley, where the team was stoking up after the 1968 season, that the idea of a north-western tour was hatched. The infant scheme, nursed by a mathematician and a chemist and bottle-fed, at irregular intervals, by an electrical engineer, came to maturity on Tuesday, 28th October, 1969. On that day six oddly assorted vehicles left the School bearing one colonel (commanding), twenty-two other ranks and ten camp-followers (laundresses, drivers, miscellaneous females, etc.), and made for a rendez-vous (the public lavatories at Skipton); here the party was completed by an old Rover, driven by an older rover, which was commandeered as a baggage-waggon.

The ultimate objective of the morning was Giggleswick, a village which has fallen off the edge of the main road from Settle to Kendal and hence is not all that easy to find; nevertheless the convoy arrived intact and, when the main body had disembarked at the School, the rest withdrew to Settle and lunch. Set in the autumn countryside, on the frontiers of limestone and millstone grit, the school-buildings made an agreeable background to the opening game and the supporters were much refreshed by the hospitality of the staff and by the taste of hard-won victory on the field. At the moment of departure two vehicles attempted to proceed to Kendal by way of what might have been the Headmaster's garden and certainly was a cul-de-sac; whereupon the rest departed in haste. However the benevolent spirit who was travelling with us, disguised as a reserve, once more contrived to bring the whole party together, more or less at the same time, in the damp gardens of the Youth Hostel at Kendal. It has to be admitted that, at this point, there occurred some slight disputation: there was, regrettably, competition amongst the men in the party who were all keen to join the lads in the hostel, but in the end all but three graciously withdrew, restrained their emotion and trudged off through the rain to seek shelter amongst the honest burgesses of Kendal.

There was no game on Wednesday and it had been ordained that we should descend upon Morecambe to get rid of energy, surplus coinage and generally tone up for Thursday's exertions. On Wednesday morning, therefore, most of the party set out at once for the seaside, one vehicle making a small cultural diversion to Cartmel Priory at the cost of the driver's popularity. Victorian holidaymakers from Yorkshire used to find Morecambe very attractive — so much so that it rejoiced for a time in the nickname of 'Bradford-super-Mare', but the October-morning Yorkshiremen were not so impressed. Morecambe, in fact, had gone into hibernation and the elders eventually migrated to Heysham which offered an amicable village-inn and some pre-Conquest antiquities, leaving Morecambe to the boys who mysteriously dissolved into its emptiness. Evening found us by the mud-flats of the Kent estuary, at Arnside. The warden of the Youth Hostel there (he was clearly a man of credit and renown) behaved as though such raucous invasions happened every day, though he was heard to inquire of a certain prop-forward whether the King's School might be a special

school for the deaf. Once again those of us not fortunate enough to get in the Hostel had to make do with a guest-house at the top of a nearby mountain.

The third day began with a long, winding drive through the heart of the Lake District to Cocker-mouth with a lunch-break at Keswick which turned out to be quite lively, in spite of the lateness of the season. If the town of Cocker-mouth welcomes drivers, careful or otherwise, it had its feelings well disguised when we arrived to be met by endless yellow lines; the town came to an end before the lines and we eventually halted in a shambles on the bleak main road to Carlisle. In this hour of need the guardian spirit excelled itself: it conjured up Mrs. Hewison and set her down, as a guide, by the side of the road where she showed no sign of surprise whatever at being so suddenly spirited a hundred miles from home. The route thus revealed appeared to run straight into the side of a railway embankment and took the form of a cart-track of negligible width, sinuous course and abominable surface, but we took it, under the spell, dipped beneath the railway and there came upon the rugby-field. During the game two of us ambled back and forth with ciné cameras capturing the beginnings of moves which came to nothing and running out of film or concentration whenever the play led up to a score. This time we lost, after a very hard, even game. The various cars made their own ways to the Romford Hotel in Blackpool and, with the connivance of the M6 motorway, all arrived in good time for dinner, though at least one party required further assistance from the guardian spirit. It happened like this: Blackpool authorities had neglected to provide sign-posts to the Romford Hotel and once the Tower was too close to be seen it was hard to know which way was west-wards; roundabout succeeded roundabout, without inspiration, until suddenly a doormouse (known as Humpy) which had been asleep in the back since Tuesday sat up and spoke. 'I know this place, all you do from here' it said, and we waited, 'is catch a No. 16 bus' and it dozed off again. We recognised that the guardian spirit was at work, albeit impishly, and a couple of speculative turns brought us to the sea-shore, shelter and food.

Friday morning revealed a Blackpool almost as subdued as Morecambe had been with a strong west wind clearing the beaches of all but the foolhardy (amongst which were numbered three of our party and a few wild dogs). Those of us who had watched Lytham play in the past felt reasonably confident for the afternoon game but King Edward VII's G.S. produced an excellent team, possibly the most formidable opponents of the whole season, and it took courageous rugby to confine its success. The small margin of defeat here was in fact by no means an unworthy end to the tour. It only remained to get home to a normal week-end and normal routine after an interlude of blessed abnormality.

All of us who enjoyed the rugby and the cheerful atmosphere of the tour owe a great deal to the staff who arranged it and to the boys who took part.

A. Parent

# Open Day

THURSDAY, JULY 17th, 1969

To mark the year of Pontefract's five hundredth mayor, the School held an Open Day for parents and friends which was followed the next evening by a concert in the town's Assembly Rooms organised by Mr. R. M. Coulthard. The aim was to demonstrate as many different facets of School life as possible and what began as a modest enterprise gradually became a Grand Design involving large numbers of boys and masters who showed remarkable energy and enthusiasm for an event so late in the School Year.

The weather was kind and the visitors were able to enjoy a number of outdoor events including cricket, a gym display and a play. Many items ran at parallel times but as the programme was repeated in the evening guests had ample opportunity to see the work of the boys in societies, classrooms and laboratories at their leisure. It is only on such occasions perhaps that one is able to appreciate the multi-various activities of a thriving community; with everything from puppetry

to physics. The pleasantly informal atmosphere of the occasion was one of its most memorable features and there was also the feeling, shared by members of the School and visitors, of participating in a rewarding enterprise.

The Concert the following evening deserves special notice for the excitement of the occasion and for the quality of the music we heard. A packed house thoroughly enjoyed a choral and instrumental programme of high quality. The School Band was on tremendous form and lived up to its reputation for skilful and tuneful work. The Priory Singers and the pianists gave variety and skill to a programme which ended with the Grand Chorus from 'Aida', a fitting climax to the Concert.

So many members of the School were involved in one way or another with the two events that one can justifiably remark that this was a corporate activity of which The King's School could be proud.

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The 'O' Level results include passes obtained in French and German with the Associated Examining Board.

## School Prizes 1968-1969

The Christie Prize: D. O. Ledbetter.

The Junior Christie Prize: P. D. Birch.

The First Jubilee Prize: C. J. Cammiss.

The Second Jubilee Prize: C. W. Conway.

Memorial Prizes for Service to the School:

P. R. Butcher	D. O. Ledbetter
I. Cairns	M. J. Lunn
C. J. Cammiss	G. A. Pritchard
P. B. Draper	I. J. Stewart
H. F. Hill	B. A. Tate
A. Horan	

#### Special Prizes:

The Spoken English Prize:

Senior: P. B. Draper

Intermediate: J. Warren

Junior: K. J. Murphy

The Sixth Form Essay Prize (First Year Sixth):

A. J. Dines

The History Essay Prize:

Senior: J. R. Whitehead

Intermediate: R. J. Bell

The Spoken French Prize:

Senior: P. Clark

Intermediate: J. Warren

Junior: A. Murphy

The Art Prize:

Senior: D. Spence

Junior: J. Netherwood

The Fourth Form Handicraft Prize: K. S. R. Winsor

The Prefects' Reading Prize: H. F. Hill

#### Special Subject Prizes:

The Done Chemistry Prize:

Senior: C. W. Conway and L. M. Fisher

Junior: A. Nath

The A. E. Lovett Physics Prize: C. Meckin

The Norton Mathematics Prize: C. W. Conway

The Hebb French Prize: P. R. Butcher

The English Prize: M. J. Lunn

The Geography Prize: T. D. Smith and P. B. O'Connor

The Music Prize: H. F. Hill and G. A. Pritchard

The Fifth Form Handicraft Prize: S. B. Jefferies

#### Form Prizes:

VIA<sup>3</sup>: M. J. Lunn

VIS<sup>2</sup>: C. W. Conway

VIA<sup>1</sup>: R. C. Bailey, A. J. Dines, K. P. Jewula, K.

Moxon, C. Rowett

VIS<sup>1m</sup>: P. B. Merry

VIS<sup>1a</sup>: D. Liddle

VIS<sup>1b</sup>: B. Simpson

VR: R. Goddard

VA: M. J. Scott

VB: G. Foster

IVR: R. J. Bell

IVA: A. Dixon, J. Simpson

IVB: K. Atkinson

IIIA<sup>1</sup>: P. M. Charlesworth

IIIA<sup>2</sup>: G. Simpson

IIR: A. Nath

IIA<sup>1</sup>: J. C. Womersley

IIA<sup>2</sup>: I. J. Lloyd

IA: P. D. Birch

IB: D. Northwood

IC: N. Walker

#### Lyon Science Prizes:

VIS<sup>2</sup>: I. A. Clapham, L. M. Fisher

VIS<sup>1m</sup>: S. J. Lee, J. A. C. Horsfall

VR: R. J. Shackleton

VA: R. Walker

VB: R. M. Thompson

IVR: S. W. Tarrant

IVA: A. B. Pickles

IVB: P. Beaumont

IIIA<sup>1</sup>: P. L. Driffield

IIIA<sup>2</sup>: P. Black

#### Special Examination Merit Prizes:

##### 'A' Level:

S. Hawley, VIS<sup>2m</sup>

K. S. Woodall, VIS<sup>2m</sup>

B. A. Tate, VIS<sup>2a</sup>

C. Hewison, VIA<sup>2</sup>

I. Cairns, VIS<sup>3</sup>

##### 'O' Level:

J. Breward, VR

P. R. Farrar, VR

R. Jowett, VR

B. Marshall, VR

A. R. Cook, VA

#### COMMITTEE CORNER

Did he really study demolition at Bangor, specialising in reservoirs and water-mains?

Just because he changed his collar for a tie it doesn't mean he's joined a bible-peddling racket. But where did he get that car?

Question: How do you start a teddy bear race?

Answer: Ready, teddy, go!

It is an amazing thing that nine out of ten people who begin to read this triangle no matter how obvious it may become that there is no point in doing so will nevertheless continue to read on right up to the inevitable bitter end.

A man went down a sewer,  
And down the sewer he died.  
The coroner gave his verdict:  
He called it sewerside.

One ant was walking across a corn-flakes packet and saw another ant running for all he was worth. 'Why are you running?' he asked. 'Can't you read?' said the other one. 'It says "Tear along the dotted line".'

##### Queries:

He's his grandson?  
Who's a chess-nut?  
Is it made of aluminium?  
Why did they soundproof the music room?  
Who's an enigma?



## spotlight



### THE HISTORY SOCIETY

The experiment in running a mid-term two day trip to London unfortunately did not prove successful. Only twenty-three boys wanted to take the opportunity and plans had to be unscrambled. Perhaps on reflection a trip in mid-term is optimistic.

A group of forty junior boys spent a few hours viewing the Montague collection of Veteran and Vintage cars in Leeds. The Lotus racing car simulator proved to be an added attraction if only to observe a member of staff plough his way through bales of straw and slew across track markers at a mere fifty miles an hour.

A group of twenty from the Upper Sixth Modern History group went to the much publicised 'Battle of Britain' film in Leeds. The boys seemed impressed by the realism of blood-spattered cockpits and exploding M.E. 109's but this apart they certainly absorbed the atmosphere and tense spirit of those summer days in 1940.

There has also been a one day course in Leeds for 'A' level historians. The subject was France from 700 A.D. to the 20th century and the day provided a taste of university-sized lecture theatres and, in most instances superb lecturing — both in delivery and content. There is another one day conference in Leeds in January for Lower Sixth Form boys reading 'A' level History.

There are two three-day History trips planned for the Easter holidays, one to Northumberland and the other to North Wales. Both these trips are in the route-planning stage and details will be available very early in the Spring term — it is hoped to take the usual numbers, about thirty for each excursion.

B.A.D.

### BADMINTON

The Badminton Team had four members returning from last year's side. This should provide a sound basis for this year's team and we hope to have a successful season. The mixed team, with girls from the High School, is composed of players already possessing First Team experience and has already well matched two local league sides. I would like to thank Mr. Ryder for his coaching and for arranging fixtures for next term.

M. D. Hill, 6A<sup>3</sup>

### SQUASH

The Squash Club has been thriving this year, with an ever increasing membership. Competition has been encouraged by a ladder which is kept by the court. Challenge games have been keen and numerous, being played chiefly on Monday and Thursday evenings. During last year a School team narrowly overcame a Staff team by 3 - 2, and it is hoped to continue this fixture next term, as well as holding matches against Leeds and Doncaster.

S. Hinton, 6A<sup>2</sup>

### MOTOR SPORT SOCIETY

The Society has met from time to time during the term, despite difficulty in obtaining films. Those shown have covered most aspects of motor sport — not forgetting the motorcycle, and the meetings have been quite well attended.

We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Renton for his help and advice behind the scenes.

P. Daykin, 6S<sup>2</sup>

J. G. Newbould, 6S<sup>2</sup>

### THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Since the School acquired last year two table tennis tables, interest and standard of play have steadily risen. Recently a 'ladder' was introduced and as a result membership has increased greatly. The club meets on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in the gymnasium.

R. Morrell, 6A<sup>2a</sup>

S. Hinton, 6A<sup>2a</sup>



#### THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The standard set by last year's M.L.S. has been maintained this term, with four meetings taking place, two of them jointly with the High School. At the King's School, M. Horst gave an illustrated and very detailed talk on the Bordeaux area of France; and a House quiz took place with representatives of the fourth and fifth forms. After a tightly fought contest, in which three teams tied, Atkinson House eventually emerged as winners. Mr. Macafferty gave a slide talk to a joint audience on his experiences in French Canada; at the other joint meeting talks were given on a variety of topics by one member of the High School and two of the King's School. In addition to these meetings there was an evening joint visit to Leeds to hear the Christmas Carol Concert arranged by the other M.L.S.

We welcome to the School the two language assistants, M. Michel Horst and Herr Gerdt Poettering, and wish them an enjoyable stay here.

I would like finally to thank all those who have helped to make the M.L.S. a success this term: Mr. Buckroyd especially, for the considerable time and enthusiasm he has for the Society, our hard-working secretary, Peter Clark, the extensive committee, and Miss Locke and the girls for arousing so much support for the joint meetings.

C. Rowett, 6A<sup>2a</sup>

#### THE LIBRARY

During the autumn term the School Librarians have continued to work with an efficiency befitting their immediate predecessors. Regretfully response to the call for Librarians from the lower sixth has been very disappointing and does not bode well for the future.

However a major re-organisation has taken place in the Library. The Fiction section has been moved to fit in with the Dewey Classification system, as have the Geography and Biography sections.

Continuing the work of recent years we have concentrated our efforts on the Geography section this year. The results are to be seen in the 'latest acquisitions' display which manages to change fairly steadily.

A thorough check of the Sport, Art, and Music sections revealed that a large number of books was missing. This problem has grown over the years, and we intend to check the Library completely in time.

Generally borrowers have, as in the past, used the Library sensibly and have co-operated with those on duty during the lunch-hours.

Our thanks go to all the members of staff involved in the work of the Library, but especially to Mr. Cavendish who gave up so much of his time in the evenings so that the Library may continue to function. Thanks go also to the following boys who have assisted in the Library this term: Chief Librarian: S. R. Knapton, Senior Librarians: M. D. Allen, P. Clark, D. Donat, I. Dyson, D. A. Hindle, J. A. C. Horsfall, A. Jones, I. Pearson, H. Rawding, and C. Rowett, assisted by M. Applegate, R. C. Bailey, M. H. Bates, J. Bilsbrough, P. Boustead, A. Dines, C. F. Donaldson, H. King, G. McCurley, R. Morrell, J. A. Tate and K. M. Wilcox.

S. R. Knapton, 6S<sup>3</sup>

#### THE CHESS CLUB

This term the School teams have been rather unsuccessful. The First Team's fortunes have fluctuated widely when their actual and expected results are compared — but despite two very stiff fixtures now behind us, we are unlikely to win anything on the form that two draws and three narrow defeats in five matches so far would indicate.

The Second Team has fared better, with a resounding victory over Silcoates School and a narrow one over the Staff to add to a draw and three defeats.

Despite the fact that this is the worst record that the teams have had for some years, there is promise for the future, as support for the Chess Club from the middle and lower forms is wide.

Thanks go to Mr. Harnell for his help and encouragement at all times. Meetings, to which all are welcome, are at 4 p.m. on Fridays in Room 8.

K. S. Woodall, 6S<sup>3</sup>

#### BASKETBALL

This year has seen the revival of the Basketball Club at both Senior and Under 15 levels. This has been due to the arrival of Mr. Porter, whose skill and enthusiasm for the game have drawn many members to the Club.

The First Team so far have played three matches, winning one, and losing two by only one point. They beat Ackworth School by 51 points to 35, lost to the Staff by 50 to 51, and against Minsthorpe 'Braves' lost by 37 to 38.

The Under 15 Team has made a fine start to the season, picking up quickly the basic skills of the game. Two matches have been played. Against a Pontefract Boys' team they gained an easy victory of 29 points to 4. In their match against Minsthorpe they also won, this time by 28 points to 19.

H. King, 6S<sup>2</sup>

#### THE JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Two debates have been held this term, the first of which was that 'This House still believes in the Loch Ness Monster'. Supporting the motion were M. Beverley, 3A<sup>2</sup>, and C. Miller, 2A<sup>1</sup>. Opposing were J. N. Bowes, 4R, and B. S. Goulding, 2R. J. N. Bowes made a very good speech, but after a lot of argument the motion was carried by a narrow majority, leaving some still convinced that some Loch Ness monsters survive.

The second debate, that 'This House gives School a Vote of Confidence' was supported by P. A. Bullock, 3A<sup>1</sup>, and P. R. Rimmington, 2R, and opposed by C. Miller 2A<sup>1</sup>, and J. R. Brown, 3A<sup>1</sup>. The speaking was on the whole not very good, though some sound arguments were put forward. The question of homework arose, as did Latin as a dead subject, School uniforms, and many others. Eventually the motion was carried by a greater majority than had been expected.

In the near future we hope to debate capital punishment, as this has been much in the news in recent times.

I would like to thank Mr. Toy on behalf of the Society for making the meetings possible, and I would also like to thank Mr. Nattrass and Mr. Medway for their support at the meetings.

I. Lloyd, 3A<sup>2</sup>

#### THE RADIO SOCIETY

The Society has met regularly this term. Most of the members of the Junior section have successfully completed their crystal sets and are now adding a transistor amplification stage. Members of the Senior section are constructing various transistor devices, including simple electronic organs, a home intercom, a Hi-Fi amplifier, and a radio control transmitter for a model aircraft.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. Green and Mr. Charlton, without whose help the group could not function.

Meetings are held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Physics laboratory, membership is open to all forms, and new members are always welcome.

J. A. C. Horsfall, 6S<sup>2</sup>m

#### THE GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY

The Geography Society has continued to flourish this term and has met on a number of occasions for the showing of films. The conversion of bauxite into aluminium, the building of the Kariba Dam, and finally the crossing of the Antarctic wastes by the 1953 Trans-Antarctic Expedition, have been seen. On November 22nd, the Geographers of the First Year Sixth visited Ingleborough to study the karstic land-forms, the settlement pattern, and the economic geography of the region.

Thanks are due, as always, to Mr. Hinchliffe and Mr. Seeley.

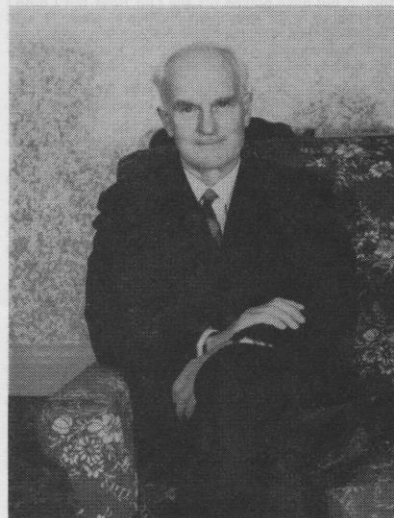
C. Rowett and I. L. Pearson, 6A<sup>2</sup>a

## Forty Years and on

(Part of a recorded conversation with Mr. A. E. Lovett at his home in Pontefract on Jan. 5th, 1970).

**Q.** Could you say something about your early years, where you were born, schooling and so on?

**A.** I was born in London in 1903 and spent nearly twenty-two years in East Ham and the rest of my time in Pontefract, so I suppose I'm a naturalized Yorkshireman. My father was a chemist and I have two brothers and a sister. I went to what was known as Vicarage Lane Elementary School where boys and girls remained until the age of fourteen. Some of the children went from there to the Higher Elementary School which was the equivalent of what is now the Secondary Modern School and the brightest went to East Ham Secondary School which was a Technical College. It was always known as 'The Tech', and had a very strong bias to the Science side. I left my



Elementary School at nearly thirteen and was lucky enough to get a place at the Technical College.

**Q.** Were there any other Secondary Schools available in that area?

**A.** No, that was the only one. I stayed for five years there. They seemed to be very hot on examinations in those days because, when I was fifteen, I took the Junior Oxford Local in eight subjects including two separate papers: one in Arithmetic and one in Mathematics. The following year, I took two more examinations, one in June, the London Matriculation and the other in July, the Senior Oxford Local, also in eight subjects. I spent one year only in the sixth form and there were twelve boys in it. On the basis of four subjects, Physics, Chemistry, Pure and Applied Mathematics, I was awarded an East Ham Major Scholarship to East London College in London University.

**Q.** What about the other members of your form?

**A.** Of the twelve, two became Chartered Accountants, one a Research Physicist, one a Research Chemist, one went to the Met. Office and the other seven became teachers.

**Q.** During your school days and afterwards at University I expect you had plenty of opportunity to play games.

**A.** Yes indeed. When I was at school I was always playing Soccer. In fact then my greatest ambition was to become a professional footballer. Whenever I had a moment to spare I used to go to West Ham football ground to see West Ham and I did eventually play against West Ham in a couple of charity matches, against the first team. At School in my last two years I played for the School in the morning and often for the Old Boys in the afternoon, on Saturdays. I suppose I should not have played for the Old Boys but I didn't worry about it; if they said 'Will you play?' I said 'Yes'. I played for the Essex County youth team and at university I got a 'purple' for soccer and badminton and played cricket for the College team.

**Q.** With all your sporting activities and work for the Science degree you must have been fully occupied.

**A.** Yes, I was very busy indeed, because I never was a scholar; I could get through the examinations by hard work.

**Q.** But you did in fact get a second class Honours degree in Physics?

**A.** Well yes. And from College I went to the London Day Training College for teachers. I was under Pere/ Nunn you know, a marvellous chap and a wonderful lecturer.

**Q.** I wonder what decided you to go into teacher training?

**A.** I wanted to do some research work and, towards the end of my third year I tried to get a job in research and found it very difficult. At that time, 1924-6, jobs were very hard to get — '26 was the year of the General Strike, so I had a word with my Professor and he said 'Why not take up teaching? You're built for it; you've got a fair degree and your games'. I went away and thought about this and came to the conclusion that it was a good idea. So it came to me just like that. I had no idea up to that time of becoming a teacher.

**Q.** And have you ever at any time regretted that step?

**A.** Never. Never. If I had to start all over again I would teach; I did my teaching practice at Regent Street Polytechnic School. There were about eight hundred boys and they had fine labs. But when I came to look for a job the fun started. I was conceited enough to think that I would walk into a job, but after interviews at Barking, Holloway, Bishop Auckland, Consett and Retford, I was beginning to panic. Then my old Physics teacher, a Mr. Clough, said that he had had a letter from a Mr. Bruce Forrest of the King's School, Pontefract. Mr. Clough said 'I think you'll get this job. If you do take a bit of advice from me. I'm a Yorkshireman, I was born and bred in Bradford and I don't like Yorkshire or Yorkshiremen. Stay there for three years at the most and come back to London'.

**Q.** And you stayed until 1964.

**A.** Yes. As a matter of fact I was told after I got the post at Pontefract that there were over a hundred applicants for it.

**Q.** And this was for a Junior Physics post. What were your impressions of the old King's School when you first arrived?

**A.** Frightful, frightful. Dark, grim place; quite frankly I didn't like it a bit. But that was the sixth job and I had to take it.

**Q.** What were your first impressions of the people there?

**A.** I liked the people very much indeed. There always has been a tremendous spirit among the Staff in the School. From the moment I started in 1925 right up to the end there has always been this tremendous comradeship among the Staff. That's one of the reasons why I stayed. And of course, there were the games. Within two weeks I was playing for Yorkshire Amateurs and Pontefract in the Yorkshire Council during the Summer. I liked the games and I liked the people. I was asked to run the games at the School and I did so for eight years until I took over the Physics Department.

**Q.** Have you any memories of your early years of teaching? I expect you had to cope with problems in the early weeks.

**A.** Well, for more than a few weeks. Two years in fact. You see I had been taught all the new theories at the London Day Training College and I thought I would follow these. But the moment I got in front of a class with a few tough lads I realised that I would have to scrap all the theories and start at the beginning again and learn by experience. I thumped the boys for a couple of years; once I hit a boy's head with my hand and knocked a couple of fingers back and I thought 'Well, this is going to be a mug's game; I won't touch a boy any more' and, as far as I can remember, I never touched a boy again.

**Q.** What about some of the Staff in those days?

**A.** The first Deputy Headmaster was Norton; he was also Head of Physics. A grand chap, a genuine scholar this time. A Mr. Chips, completely dedicated to the School and the Church. Unfortunately his discipline was very poor. He never got as much out of his sixth formers as he should have done and had tremendous spasms of anger when roused by his tormentors.

Hebb, the French master, was a fine chap at School. A marvellous teacher and scholar. I don't really know how to describe him; he was a combination of Morecambe and Wise and General de Gaulle — anything you like — he was everything. A tremendous chap to have with you on a holiday because the temperature used to go up ten degrees. He is quieter than he was, but he is still a great character.

**Q.** Was there any colleague who particularly influenced you in the early days?

**A.** Done was one. He was the next Deputy Headmaster; a chap who believed in working very hard with the boys. The moment they got in the room he would start with them and they were going hammer and tongs at the end of the single or double period: I thought, 'well, I must do the same', because I'm quite convinced that in this profession of ours you must have a sense of humour and you must work hard with the boys. If you want them to work hard, you must work hard yourself. I don't think it's advisable to sit on your backside and leave the work to the boys. Boys are very slick, they can size up a schoolmaster in five minutes.

**Q.** Did you ever think of applying for a post elsewhere about this time?

**A.** No. I met my wife who was born in Pontefract and we had a circle of friends and I like Yorkshire people. I wouldn't go back to London for anything. I like going there for holidays but I'm always pleased to come back again. I'm the sort of chap who likes sticking.

**Q.** You have, in fact, served under three headmasters at the King's School?

**A.** Yes, I started under Mr. Bruce Forrest and when he retired Mr. J. D. Lean took over in 1939. A tremendous headmaster, overworked I think. In my own opinion, he really died from overwork. And his wife; they were a marvellous pair. And of course, I served under the present headmaster from 1959.

**Q.** Have you any particular memories of sporting personalities at the School?

**A.** On the cricketing side there would be Northrop, Whetton, Setterington, Woodall, oh! scores of them. I think, at one time, the cricket at the King's School was extremely good. Of course, nowadays the rugby is very good and that's due to Mr. Leaver of course.

The outstanding feat I remember was when the School, playing against Ackworth, batted first and scored about forty and then Northrop and Whetton started. Northrop took seven wickets, all clean bowled, for nil, Whetton took three for two and there were two extras.

**Q.** What about academic successes?

**A.** Well on the Science side we had a boy, Schofield, who became a Chemistry Professor, and Brown, who is now Professor of Physics at Hull, and many on the Arts side.

**Q.** You did, I gather, have some experience of co-education at the School.

**A.** Ah, yes. That was during the war. We had a little bevy of beauties from the High School in about 1941. The High School wanted somebody to teach Physics to these girls and when they asked me I agreed. So they arrived you see, about ten of them and it was just as if a bomb had hit the School. They were brought up to the Junior Science Laboratory and there was a knock at the door. There they were. The look on the boys' faces was tremendous. I remember saying to them 'Well, this is the very first time I've had brains and beauty in the same class'. And that put them at their ease. After that the boys and girls got on very well together.

**Q.** You don't think that co-education holds many terrors?

**A.** Well I can only speak for the sixth form you know. They were charming girls. As a matter of fact they were known as 'Lovett's Lovelies' in the Staff Room and they were talking about these twenty years after. If I remember correctly, the very last group of girls departed in 1957; a very successful experiment for over fifteen years!

**Q.** During the war you were asked to run the Air Training Corps?

**A.** Yes. Flight No. 731, The King's School, Pontefract.

The boys were extremely keen and we met on Friday afternoon for classes and on Sunday morning for drill and parades.

**Q.** Had you any experience of this sort of thing?

**A.** None whatever, but it was a job that had to be done and Spensley and I took it on. We did Mathematics, Navigation, Aircraft Recognition and so on, and an ex-Guardsman gave us drill. Occasionally we took the flight on annual camp for a week to places

like Church Fenton and Finningley.

**Q.** And did you find this a rewarding experience?

**A.** It was. We had tremendous fun but the boys took the examinations very seriously and practically all of them got their certificates.

**Q.** Have you always had this interest in music?

**A.** Yes. Yes. But my interest in music has increased with the years. I know nothing about the theory of music. Two of the things that I should have liked to have done would have been to have played an instrument—a piano or a violin. I had plenty of opportunity but I missed the chance. And the other thing, to have climbed up a high mountain, 15,000 feet, and look down into space. My wife and I have always loved the Dales and the Lakes, but I've always missed this mountain. But there you are, you can't have everything. My son has climbed mountains in Europe, but I've no wish to go abroad myself. What I want is the Lakes and the Dales.

**Q.** There have been considerable educational changes since you started teaching. Do you think the problems are different from when you started?

**A.** I feel they are the same boys and girls with the same intelligence. Some sixth-formers are over-pressurized to go to University. It has become 'the thing'. But occasionally it's too much for a few of them and life must be pretty grim. The pressures are too great.

**Q.** What about comprehensive schools?

**A.** Yes, I think there's a place for them as there is for the grammar schools. I really feel that a Comprehensive school should be a big one for 1,000 to 2,000 pupils so that the sixth forms can tackle the work in the right way. I wouldn't like to see a smallish school, like the King's School, turned into a comprehensive school. It can do its job very well indeed as it is now.

**Q.** What would you say the teaching profession has given you over the years?

**A.** Well, I've learnt the value of discipline, self-discipline, and that's something which boys and girls sometimes don't like. I've always felt that there are jobs which have to be done. I think the teaching profession is a very worthwhile profession and, as I have said, if it were my chance again I would come back into teaching. It is very rewarding. I always felt at the end of my career that I had done something for the lives of young boys . . . and girls! And I think that the majority of young people to-day are just the same as they were. I see no difference between the sixth former of 1925 and the sixth former of 1964.

**Q.** And what happened to the Corps?

**A.** Well, at the end of the war it fell flat, just like that. Within two or three weeks it had gone. But while the war was on they were very keen indeed.

**Q.** Were there many changes of staff during the war years?

**A.** Yes, we had about six women on the staff and they did quite a good job.

**Q.** What about your retirement. Were you taken by surprise?

**A.** As a matter of fact I'd made up my mind that I would carry on for forty years and then of course my wife became ill and I thought 'Well, that's it'. So I packed it. But once I'd packed it I'd no regrets. I'm very happy as I am. You see I've got my little jobs. I do a bit of cooking, I have the garden and I read a lot. Of course my chief hobby is music. That is the chief thing for me. Whenever I'm in a mood, if I'm feeling a bit depressed or anything, I know I can find music for compensation.



## School Rugby

### RUGBY

The bad weather towards the end of the season caused some disruption of the fixture list and consequent disappointment to many boys. In spite of these disruptions each side has had a fairly full range of fixtures during the term.

During the half-term four sides went away on tours involving about ninety boys. The under thirteen and under fourteen teams stayed in Blackpool and played three games in that area. The under fifteen team had a more extensive tour visiting schools in Yorkshire, Cumberland, and Lancashire. The First Fifteen visit to Ulster was the most ambitious tour yet undertaken by a School side. Although all three games were lost the tour was a great success and was enjoyed by all the party. The three schools visited were The Royal School, Dungannon, The Royal School, Armagh and Portadown College. The hospitality given to us by all these schools was first rate and much appreciated. We hope it may be possible to return the hospitality in the future.

There was some doubt up to the last minute whether the Old Boys' game would be played but eventually, in spite of a fairly deep covering of snow, it was decided to carry on with the game. Afterwards the players agreed that the game had been worthwhile, some good rugby having been played. Following the game the annual dinner was held, this year at the Queen's Hotel, Pontefract. It was disappointing that two of our guests, Mr. W. A. Horner and Mr. D. K. C. Prothero were unable to be present but this did not prevent the occasion being an enjoyable one.

My thanks go to the Captain, S. J. Gott, for the work he has done for School rugby and the inspiration he has at times given to other players during his seven years in the School. I am particularly grateful to the Vice-Captain, C. Hewison, for his very sound play at No. 8 forward, his utter reliability as publicity secretary and for the complete loyalty he has shown to School rugby throughout his career here. My thanks, and those of the boys playing rugby, go to the following members of Staff who have given time to the game this term: Mr. D. M. Buckroyd, Mr. M. H. Cavendish, Mr. P. Dunn, Mr. G. H. Hall, Mr. M. A. Jones, Mr. F. Pickering, Mr. D. D. Porter, Mr. T. J. Reynolds.

A.J.L.

### THE RUGBY TOUR TO CUMBRIA

Assembling at School on Tuesday, 28th October, Mr. P. Dunn and several parents together managed to accommodate twenty-two boys and themselves in a miscellaneous collection of cars and mini-buses. We all set off at about 10 a.m. to make our respective journeys to Skipton. After a short stop in Skipton itself we continued north to Giggleswick where we were to play our first game. At Giggleswick we were provided with two excellent meals and given the use of a common room in which to spend the time before the game. The match was fairly hard but the 12 - 3 win did provide the backs with several good movements which gave them the confidence they needed. After the second meal at Giggleswick we moved on to a Youth Hostel at Kendal; for most of the party it was the first experience of a Youth Hostel and this by itself was very worthwhile. After making beds and generally tidying up most of the boys spent their leisure time in exploring the town.

The next day was free and we spent it in Morecambe. Here the party separated into several groups, some going bowling and some to look round Cartmel Priory outside Morecambe. The rest of the boys wandered about the town before going for lunch at a Morecambe hotel. Later we moved to the Youth Hostel at Arnside where we were to spend the night before setting off for Cocker mouth on the next morning. The trip north from Arnside showed some of the glorious Lakeland scenery, the fells, The Langdale Pikes being the most obvious to recognise, surrounding great lakes and small tarns such as Windermere, Thirlmere, Grasmere and Rydal Water. At Cocker mouth we played on the town rugby club ground in fairly heavy conditions. The result, against a team playing for the most part with fourteen men, was a defeat by eight points to ten despite five minutes of intense pressure at the end of the game when we crossed our opponents' line three times but failed to score. After the game we were entertained to tea in Cocker mouth and then followed a fast drive down to Blackpool where we stayed in the Romford Hotel. At this point we met up with the Under 14 and Under 13 XV's who were on tour in Blackpool and staying in the adjacent hotel.

On the following morning there was an opportunity to go out before lunch and the short run to King Edward VII School at Lytham. This was our third visit to this school and we were looking forward to the occasion. Previously we had won one game and drawn one so it seemed fair when this time we were beaten by fourteen points to nil. In this game the forwards failed to find sufficient possession in the first half when they held the advantage of a strong wind. After the game and tea at the school we left for Pontefract after a most enjoyable half term holiday.

Finally on behalf of all the party I should like to thank Mr. Leaver for arranging the tour, all the parents who drove us around Westmorland and Cumberland and, of course, Mr. P. Dunn who gave up his half term break to go with us.

R. J. Bell, 5R

(Although I made the arrangements for this tour it really came into being because of the enthusiasm of a group of parents. I should like to express my gratitude to the parents of the boys in this team for their tremendous support during the past four years. — A.J.L.)



#### FIRST XV

Back Row (left to right): K. Moody, C. Conway, S. Carr, P. Sykes, M. Spears, S. Garbett, J. Rutherford, J. Tams, G. Calderwood, D. Norfolk, S. Wandless, S. Gogarty.  
Front Row: D. Smith, D. Thorpe, S. Hoyle, C. Hewison, S. Gott, M. Harris, R. Holland, P. Nightingale, P. Buckley.

#### First XV

Because of the number of injuries sustained last season a number of boys returning this year had some First XV experience and consequently a successful season was hoped for. However at the beginning of the season the team was hit by a number of injuries. Against Heath Grammar School the team finished the game with no less than five players off the field injured. Nevertheless the team which competed in the Manchester Sevens four days later reached the semi-final losing to Blackpool Grammar School, the eventual winners of the competition.

The team took a long time to settle down and most of the play was of an individual nature. After the half term tour to Ireland the side began to play as a team and lost once only to Normanton Grammar School. It is in fact rather disappointing that as the side appears to have welded together we have also come to the end of our Rugby season.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Leaver for the amount of time and effort he has put into School Rugby and Mr. Porter, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Cavendish for their work in coaching the side. I should also like to thank Mr. Hinchliffe who has turned out to support the team so regularly during the term.

S. J. Gott, 1st XV Captain.

#### Manchester Sevens

First Round	K.S.P.	11
	Wirral G.S.	8
Second Round	K.S.P.	6
	Q.E.G.S., Wakefield	5
Third Round	K.S.P.	8
	Upholland School	0
Semi-final	K.S.P.	5
	Blackpool G.S.	13

#### RUGBY RESULTS

##### First XV

Sept. 6	v. De La Salle College	H	Lost	9 - 25
13	v. Sir William Turner's Sch.	H	Lost	8 - 11
20	v. Goole G.S.	H	Won	11 - 3
27	v. Heath G.S.	A	Lost	6 - 20
Oct. 4	v. Ripon G.S.	A	Won	14 - 11
7	v. Skipton G.S.	H	Won	16 - 13
11	v. Rothwell G.S.	H	Won	15 - 8
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	A	Lost	3 - 9
28	v. The Royal School, Dungannon	A	Lost	0 - 13
30	v. The Royal School, Armagh	A	Lost	3 - 9
31	v. Portadown College	A	Lost	3 - 5
Nov. 8	v. Castleford G.S.	H	Drew	0 - 0
15	v. Keighley School	H	Won	3 - 0
19	v. Normanton G.S.	A	Lost	6 - 14
22	v. Hemsworth H.S.	A	Won	16 - 3
29	v. Bridlington School	H	Cancelled	
Dec. 6	v. Doncaster G.S.	A	Cancelled	
13	v. Roundhay School	H	Won	6 - 3
20	v. Old Boys	H	Won	11 - 5

#### COLOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

Colours were reawarded to the Captain, S. J. Gott, and new colours were awarded to the Vice-Captain, C. Hewison, and to M. T. Harris.

D. Matthews, of the Under 15 XV, has played regularly as open side wing forward for the Leeds District XV and was reserve for the newly formed Yorkshire XV in the game against Lancashire.

S. J. Gott and M. T. Harris played for the Leeds District 19 Group side in the Christmas games.

## Second XV

This season more than thirty players have represented the School as members of the Second XV, but despite this large number, it has been another very good rugby season. A hard core of regulars have been playing well all term whilst other members, who have played three or four games, have blended in well with the style of play and have done themselves credit. Many young players have been in the team this season and this gives reason to hope that the high standard of Second XV rugby will be maintained next year.

The initial success of the side was built around a big and efficient pack who did the necessary job of gaining possession of the ball for the backs to work with. As the season developed so did the backs, and by mid-way through the term the team was well balanced in ability and as a consequence the quality of rugby was quite high.

The Captain of the side, K. Moody, has not only played well, but has contributed a great deal to the organisation and running of the side off the field and a vote of thanks to him is certainly appropriate.

G.H.H.

## Second XV

Sept. 6	v. De La Salle College	A	Won 13 - 8
13	v. Sir William Turner's Sch.	H	Won 8 - 5
20	v. Goole G.S.	H	Won 21 - 5
27	v. Heath G.S.	A	Won 35 - 3
Oct. 4	v. Ripon G.S.	H	Lost 9 - 10
11	v. Rothwell G.S.	A	Lost 8 - 13
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	H	Won 42 - 3
25	v. Normanton G.S.	H	Lost 3 - 26
Nov. 8	v. Castleford G.S.	A	Won 6 - 3
15	v. Keighley School	A	Drew 8 - 8
22	v. Hemsworth H.S.	H	Won 38 - 0
29	v. Bridlington School	A	Cancelled
Dec. 6	v. Pontefract Colts	A	Cancelled
13	v. Roundhay School	A	Won 20 - 6

## Third XV

The Third XV have had a moderately successful season, having played ten games, won six and lost four. Whilst not intending to offer any excuses for having been beaten, I feel that it is only fair to the players concerned to mention that two of the games lost were lost by a one point margin only and that the other two games were not against other schools' third XVs. Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the game against Bradford G.S. at Bradford which ended in a 6 - 5 win for King's. The winning score was a penalty goal, kicked by R. Evans from more than 40 yards; indeed Evans' goal-kicking has been very good all season. J. Clarke has been the top try scorer with nine tries to his credit. Only S. Hodgson has played in all ten games and a total of 26 players have represented the team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank P. Merry for being such a reliable and efficient captain, S. Jenks, who coped admirably in his absence, and the whole team for their co-operation.

M.A.J.

## Third XV

Sept. 6	v. Goole G.S.	H	Won 59 - 0
27	v. Heath G.S.	H	Won 43 - 0
Oct. 7	v. Skipton G.S.	H	Won 28 - 0
11	v. St. Wilfrid's School 1st XV	A	Lost 6 - 31
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	A	Lost 8 - 28
25	v. Selby G.S.	H	Won 41 - 0
Nov. 8	v. Bradford G.S.	H	Lost 13 - 14
15	v. Keighley School	H	Cancelled
22	v. Bradford G.S.	A	Won 6 - 5
25	v. Leeds G.S.	H	Lost 5 - 6
29	v. Selby G.S.	A	Cancelled
Dec. 6	v. Doncaster 2nd XV	H	Cancelled
13	v. Roundhay School	A	Won 17 - 0

## Under 15 XV

The Under 15 team has played with spirit and skill throughout the season. The forwards in particular gave many fine displays both in attack and defence. The threequarters always played well in defence but on occasions failed to make the best use of the possession gained by the forwards. J. Cox has once again proved to be a very able leader and K. Morton's goal kicking has been invaluable to the side.

This group of boys has, during the past four years, played sixty-two games with the following results: won 47, drawn 5 and lost 10. They have, through their play, brought much credit to School rugby and will, I am sure, continue to do so in the coming seasons.

P.D.

## Under 15 XV

Sept. 6	v. De La Salle College	H	Won 8 - 3
13	v. Sir William Turner's Sch.	H	Lost 13 - 20
20	v. Goole G.S.	A	Won 9 - 6
27	v. Heath G.S.	H	Won 45 - 0
Oct. 4	v. Ripon G.S.	H	Won 37 - 6
11	v. Rothwell G.S.	A	Lost 11 - 14
16	v. Skipton G.S.	A	Lost 3 - 6
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	H	Won 19 - 0
25	v. Normanton G.S.	A	Lost 3 - 21
28	v. Giggleswick School	A	Won 12 - 3
30	v. Cockermouth G.S.	A	Lost 8 - 10
31	v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	Lost 0 - 14
Nov. 8	v. Castleford G.S.	A	Lost 3 - 6
15	v. Keighley School	A	Cancelled
22	v. Hemsworth G.S.	A	Won 9 - 8
25	v. Leeds G.S.	H	Drew 9 - 9
29	v. Bridlington School	A	Cancelled
Dec. 6	v. Doncaster G.S.	H	Cancelled
13	v. Roundhay School	H	Won 6 - 3

## Under 14 XV

The Under 14 side has had a rather mediocre season but showed in the last few games that there was potential from which to build next year.

Early in the term the backs lacked penetration and as a result Ryans was moved from second row to centre. His loss in the forwards was very noticeable, but the inclusion of Sykes and Evans added weight and drive to the pack. The forwards are now working more as a unit and the backs running better with the ball.

With a little more self-discipline, especially in defence, the team could do well next season.

F.P.

## Under 14 XV

Sept. 6	v. De La Salle College	H	Lost 3 - 24
13	v. Wakefield Cathedral H.S.	A	Lost 5 - 19
20	v. Goole G.S.	A	Won 18 - 11
27	v. Heath G.S.	H	Won 12 - 3

Oct. 4	v. Ripon G.S.	A	Won 21 - 12
11	v. Rothwell G.S.	H	Lost 8 - 13
16	v. Skipton G.S.	A	Drew 19 - 19
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	H	Won 14 - 0
25	v. Normanton G.S.	H	Lost 6 - 16
29	v. Stonyhurst College	A	Lost 3 - 19
30	v. Kirkham G.S.	A	Won 14 - 8
31	v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	Won 19 - 3
Nov. 8	v. Castleford G.S.	H	Cancelled
15	v. Kettlethorpe City H.S.	A	Lost 5 - 12
22	v. Hemsworth H.S.	H	Won 19 - 3
29	v. Bridlington School	A	Cancelled
Dec. 6	v. Doncaster G.S.	A	Cancelled
13	v. Roundhay School	A	Lost 3 - 19

#### Under 13 XV

Played 17 Won 13 Lost 3 Drawn 1.  
Points for: 319 Points against: 111.

The team has enjoyed a very successful season, making good use of the speed and accurate kicking of M. R. Broughton in the centre and of the size and strength of R. Allen, P. M. Bowler, G. Carmichael and M. Ward.

The best rugby was played in the early part of the season when the grounds were firm and the pack was able to win almost unbroken possession. Later on, however, the forwards lost sight of their prime function, that of feeding the backs, and became selfish in their desire to score tries on their own. Defensive weaknesses also became apparent when the opposition gained ascendancy in the pack and in mid-season there was a spell of timid, indifferent play, when three games were lost.

The side has been well led by M. R. Broughton, who contributed over 100 points with his strong running and well-directed kicking, and the team has a whole has shown an excellent spirit and keenness. Given a little more determination and speed in tackling and in getting to the loose ball, the side should develop well in subsequent years.

The following boys played in most of the 17 fixtures: M. R. Broughton, R. Allen, P. M. Bowler, G. Carmichael, C. J. Davis, E. Evans, M. S. Finlay, M. Gill, D. Grassham, I. L. Hanks, S. Hewitson, S. Jackson, A. Osiecki, T. Morgan, P. Routledge, M. Ward.  
D.M.B.

#### Under 13 XV

Sept. 6	v. De La Salle College	A	Won 8 - 3
13	v. Wakefield Cathedral H.S.	A	Won 6 - 3
20	v. Goole G.S.	H	Won 13 - 3
27	v. Heath G.S.	H	Won 42 - 10
Oct. 4	v. Ripon G.S.	H	Won 19 - 5
11	v. Rothwell G.S.	H	Won 52 - 0
18	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	A	Won 21 - 11
25	v. Normanton G.S.	A	Lost 0 - 12
29	v. Stonyhurst College	A	Lost 3 - 15
30	v. Kirkham G.S.	A	Lost 12 - 16
31	v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	Won 40 - 0
Nov. 8	v. Bradford G.S.	H	Won 17 - 11
15	v. St. Olave's School	H	Won 15 - 0
22	v. Bradford G.S.	A	Drew 13 - 13
29	v. Bridlington School	H	Cancelled
Dec. 4	v. St. Olave's School	A	Won 16 - 9
6	v. Fulneck School	H	Cancelled
9	v. Ashville College	A	Won 19 - 0
13	v. Roundhay School	H	Won 23 - 0

#### THE FIRST FIFTEEN TOUR TO ULSTER

During half term the First Fifteen visited Ulster to play three games of rugby. A party of twenty-three boys and two members of staff left by train from Leeds on the night of Monday, 28th October. At Heysham the party boarded the ferry and after a smooth crossing arrived in Belfast early the next morning. We were met off the boat by the coach which we were to use throughout our stay in Ulster. After taking breakfast at the Presbyterian Hostel, and having a brief look at Belfast, we set off for Dungannon where we were to play our first game.

We were entertained to lunch at The Royal School, Dungannon, before playing the game. The Dungannon forwards in particular were very strong and well drilled and it was only the stout defence of the First Fifteen which kept the score at 13 points to nil. After tea at the school the party travelled to Armagh where we stayed in the Beresford Arms for the night.

The next day was taken up with a coach tour of the Mourne Mountains and the surrounding coast. Buckley, having bought a book of Irish folk songs, led the community singing at the back of the bus. On our return to Armagh we had tea at the Royal School before the party split up for the night, some staying in the Royal School, some at St. Patrick's College and some in private homes. On Thursday morning the game was played against Armagh Royal School and in anticipation of a fairly easy game, Armagh having reported injury trouble, a weakened side was fielded and an inept display resulted in an unexpected defeat. After a free afternoon in Armagh the party travelled to Portadown where we were to stay for the remainder of the tour.

The two nights in Portadown were generally considered the highlight of the tour. In Portadown the boys were accommodated in the homes of boys and staff of Portadown College. On the Thursday night we were all given free tickets to the annual dance at Portadown College which turned out to be a lively affair with over seven hundred attending and the music (? A.J.L.) was provided by a top Ulster group.

On Friday, after lunch in the College, we played our game. Although defeated by five points to three the team put up their best performance of the tour. It was typical of the hospitality we received that after the game we were given yet another free ticket to a dance at the Portadown Rugby Club.

On Saturday morning we said a sad au revoir to new found friends in Portadown with promises, from some boys, to return in the future. The rest of Saturday was spent touring some of the sights of Ulster such as the troubled areas of Belfast, the spectacular Antrim Coast Road, the Giant's Causeway and several of Ulster's seaside towns. The coach took us back to Belfast where, after a late tea, we boarded the ferry for home. During the crossing Garbett decided to show his ability to handle a rugby ball on the deck; it was not long before we were one rugby ball short. Unfortunately the Irish Sea was less kind to some members of the party than it was on the outward journey. Many members of the party were far from well and, rather than spend the night inside the stuffy lounge, patrolled the deck whilst singing songs to pass the time. After a sleepless night and a train journey to Leeds it was a very tired party which arrived at the railway station.

On behalf of the boys on the tour I should like to thank Mr. Leaver for arranging such an enjoyable and memorable tour and Mr. Hinchliffe for his support of the venture.

C. Hewison, 6A<sup>3</sup>





#### FIRST FORMS XV

Back Row (left to right): R. Bellamy, K. Perry, A. Dobson, P. Appleyard, T. Newsome, C. Wright, P. Walker, R. Surtees, L. Sheldon, M. Shaw.

Middle Row: D. Allen, S. Gray, N. Snowden, M. Hewison, A. Greaves, S. Williams, S. Randall, T. Stanley, C. Stansill, A. Skidmore.

Front Row: G. Bickerton, S. Mann, J. Revell, J. Whiting, R. Grant, S. Close, A. Briggs, D. Dobbing, D. Cusworth.

#### First Form XV

It has been encouraging to see that the number of boys attending coaching sessions has remained high throughout the term. It has been possible to form two sides for most of the term, and it was disappointing that attempts to arrange games for the second XV were thwarted by weather conditions on two occasions; eventually one game was played by this side and was drawn. The standard of play has been good and enthusiasm has been evident. A few boys show considerable potential and many boys are promising players. It is to be hoped that this group of boys continues with equal enthusiasm when rugby is played again next September.

As Captain and Vice-Captain, R. Grant and S. Close have both followed the family interest in rugby and have been competent members of the side. Two First XV boys, S. V. Hoyle and C. Hewison, have made a tremendous contribution to the success of the First Form side by helping at most coaching sessions and being present at many of the games. My thanks, and I am sure the thanks of the First Form boys, go to these two boys for their considerable help.

A.J.L.

#### First Forms XV

Oct. 14	v. Q.E.G.S. Under 11 XV	H	Won 11 - 3
18	v. Castleford G.S.	H	Won 21 - 0
25	v. Normanton G.S.	H	Lost 6 - 9
Nov. 8	v. Castleford G.S.	A	Won 13 - 0
11	v. Archbishop Holgate's G.S.'s A & B XVs	H	Cancelled
15	v. St. Olave's School	H	Won 23 - 3
22	v. Garforth School	A	Drew 6 - 6
29	v. Bridlington School	H	Cancelled
Dec. 4	v. St. Olave's School	A	Won 19 - 0
6	v. Fulneck School	H	Cancelled
9	v. Ashville College	A	Won 20 - 0
13	v. Roundhay School	H	Won 6 - 3
13	2nd XV v. Selby G.S.	A	Drew 3 - 3

#### THE RUGBY TOUR TO BLACKPOOL

During the October half term the Under 14 and Under 13 teams spent three days on tour in the Blackpool area. The party, consisting of forty-eight

boys and two masters, left Pontefract on the morning of Wednesday, 23rd October. We stopped on the way at the Commercial Hotel in Guisburn where we were able to get light refreshments before continuing our journey to Stonyhurst College. The College is a large Roman Catholic School and looked very impressive as we approached it in the coach. Both teams came across stiff opposition and lost the games thus making a rather disappointing start to the tour. After a good meal at the College the party continued to the Carn Brae Hotel in Blackpool where we were to stay for the next two nights. After dinner, and when we had settled in, we were allowed to go out and look round the town. It was unfortunate that the illuminations had finished a few days before our arrival.

The following morning both teams had a training session on the beach after which there was time to go and explore the town again. In the afternoon the two teams went by coach to Kirkham Grammar School which is a few miles out of Blackpool. From the road, the school looked like an old country manor house with ivy covered walls. In the games we came out even by winning one game and losing one. After refreshments at the school the party returned to the hotel for the second night.

The following morning most of the party visited the Derby Baths but a few non-swimmers had a further look around the town. After lunch at the hotel we went the short coach journey to Lytham where we were to play games against King Edward VII School along with the Under 15 team who had arrived in Blackpool the night before. At Lytham the Under 13 team had a very convincing win with the forwards scoring all the tries; the Under 14 team also won their game there. After a good tea at the school the party left for Pontefract having had a successful and enjoyable tour.

On behalf of the boys I should like to thank Mr. Leaver for arranging the tour and Mr. Buckroyd and Mr. Pickering for being with us on the tour and for coaching us throughout the season.

M. Broughton, 2R

## News of Old Boys

Readers will note that the Old Boys' section is in this issue restricted to news of old boys and that it lacks information concerning the activities of the Association. The secretary has been prevented by ill health from submitting his report, and the editor wishes him an early return to good health.

**J. A. Hufton** (1949-56) has returned home after teaching for five years at Nabumali High School, Mbale, Uganda. Alan is now teaching at Barnard Castle School until the end of the summer term, when he hopes to go to Western Canada.

**Anthony J. Hunter** (1952-59) is President of the Inverness Mountaineering Club. His address is 38 Denny Street, Inverness.

**P. D. Milner** (1957-64) is at present doing Voluntary Service Overseas in the French speaking republic of Niger. He is teaching English, partly in a teachers' training college, and partly in a secondary school at Zinder. He tells us that competition to enter one of Niger's twenty-two secondary schools is fierce, that pupils are keen to learn and disciplinary problems unheard of. He receives fifteen pounds a week of which essential living expenses take half, but nevertheless he has managed to buy a horse! During his three months' summer vacation Philip hopes to visit his fiancée in Morocco, travelling by lorry to Kina, by train to Lagos, and then by sea.

**John B. Akers** (1952-59) and his wife returned to this country at the end of October after a period of residence in the U.S.A. during which they travelled over ten thousand miles. They are now living near Huddersfield where John joined I.C.I. in November.

**William A. Jeffery** (1956-63) is teaching general science at a secondary school in Bedford.

**Michael J. Cuttle** (1959-66) is now working on a two year contract for Western Mining, Australia.

**David Howdle** (1953-60) is our first Rugby International! David is teaching Woodwork at Nassau and played for the Bahamas XV during their Caribbean tour to Jamaica and Guyana.

**A. W. Ferguson** (1959-66) is now an economic and statistical adviser to the marketing controller of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.

**Robert S. Pickard** (1958-65) is now doing post-graduate research in Neuro-physiology at the University of Leeds. His research is concerned with the central nervous system in invertebrates.

**Leslie E. Oglesby** (1958-65) has taken a post for two years with the Grubb Institute of Behavioural Studies in London. He is working on a project studying the problems of adolescence in the inner London area, and in particular in Islington. As part of the job Leslie and his wife have moved in to Islington Council's 'problem' block of flats. 'It is the sort of place', says Leslie, 'where, in virtually all the one hundred and seven flats, every public service agency there is has one reason or another to be interested'. Leslie's address is 3 Addington Mansions, Highbury Grange, London, N.5.

**Warren C. Grant** (1960-67) on the results of his second M.B., B.S. at St. Thomas' Hospital Medical School in April, 1969, has been awarded a scholarship by the Medical Research Council. He will read for a B.Sc., in Physiology, which will of course be additional to his medical qualifications and will mean an eighteen months' extension of his student days. Warren is captain of the St. Thomas' Hospital

XV and during the season 1968-69 he played for London University against Middlesex County.

**Scott C. Grant** (1956-63) was awarded his Athletics Blue when he threw the discus in the Oxford v. Cambridge match at the White City in 1969. Scott has now returned to the Army after his three years at Cambridge and is at present serving in the Persian Gulf.

**Alan Cranswick** (1959-66) is now reading for an M.Sc. Degree in Statistics at the University of Sheffield.

**John A. Sykes** (1955-62) is Director of Music at the Priory School, Shrewsbury, and Organist and Master of Choristers at the Collegiate Parish Church of St. Mary The Virgin in the town. John married Elizabeth Simmons, a former head girl of Pontefract and District Girls' High School, in July, 1966. Their address is 14 Northwood Road, Belvidere, Shrewsbury.

**Stephen J. Payne** (1958-66) won the Politics prize for the best results in the final examinations in History and Political Studies at the University of Hull in 1969. Stephen has been awarded a research place in the Politics Department there.

**Mr. Bruce Gould**, who left the School in 1922, travelled from County Donegal, Eire, to see the School XV play the Royal School, Armagh, on the 30th October. We thank him for his support and are sorry that he did not see the First XV at their best. Mr. Bruce's address is 'Ards Big', Ranelton, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Eire.

**Dr. John Blackburn** gave the views of a psychiatrist in the Malcolm Muggeridge programme 'Why Celibacy?' on B.B.C. television last term. Dr. Blackburn, the eldest son of the Mayor of Pontefract, Alderman J. Blackburn, is now consultant psychiatrist at St. Luke's Hospital, Middlesbrough.

**Peter Ellway** (1945-50) has been appointed Group Superintendent Radiographer for the Pontefract, Castleford and Goole Hospital Management Committee.

**Brian E. Woodall** (1942-50) is now teaching Physics at the Mombasa Technical Institute in Kenya.

**Mr. D. W. Ockleton**, Senior History Master from 1954-59, is now Headmaster of Northgate Grammar School, Ipswich.

**Stephen D. Guy** (1960-67) had scored a century of points for Knottingley R.U.F.C. by the end of the game against Bridlington on November 22nd.

**Chris Parkes** (1953-60) is now playing at full-back for Roundhay R.U.F.C.

**Howard C. Charlesworth** (1959-66) and **Bruno Chorzewski** (1959-66) both played for the Universities' Athletic Union R.U.F.C. last season. Howard played on the wing against Rosslyn Park and Bruno at open side wing forward against Yorkshire. Bruno is now taking a one-year course in P.E. at Loughborough, and Howard is taking his Diploma in Education at Bangor.

**Harold Bingley** (1958-66) is now a trainee manager with Dunlops at Speke near Liverpool. He is playing on the wing for Liverpool R.U.F.C.

**David Crutchley** (1959-66) is now taking a one-year P.E. course at Carnegie College, Leeds.

**David T. Loynes** (1959-66) is taking a six months' course at Liverpool College of Commerce for Part II of the Law Society's Qualifying Examination. He then hopes to enter articles of clerkship to a solicitor.

**Leslie Oxley** (1959-66) is now doing research in Organofluorine Chemistry for a Ph.D. at the University of Durham.

**William Espley** (1958-63) is now an assistant buyer with Yorkshire Imperial Metals, Leeds.  
**Terence Horsfall** (1956-63) is teaching science at South Featherstone Secondary School.  
**Roger S. Cossins** (1951-57) is an assistant curate at Bramley, Leeds.  
**Michael S. Northrop** (1958-65) is employed as a hospital physicist with the Leeds Regional Hospital Board based at Bradford Royal Infirmary. Michael is married and lives at 22 Park Drive, Sutton-in-Craven, near Keighley.

#### MARRIAGES

**Nigel J. Beaney** (1958-65) to Miss Janice Mary Richard of Bishopston, Swansea.  
**Roger S. Cossins** (1951-57) to Miss Rosamund Leary of Pontefract.  
**David Crawford** (1958-65) to Miss Mollie D. Sainter of Pontefract. **Barry De Silva** (1957-64) was best man.  
**Malcolm J. Darbyshire** (1958-65) to Miss Mary U. Kirby of Micklefield.  
**William Copley** (1958-63) to Miss Gillian North of Robin Hood, Wakefield.  
**Colin Hopwood** (1957-64) to Miss Audrey Thompson of Rothwell.  
**Terence Horsfall** (1956-63) to Miss Valerie A. Cooper of Purston.  
**Keith C. Huddleston** (1953-60) to Miss Wendy M. Harbridge of Stansted, Essex.  
**Brian A. Naylor** (1946-51) to Miss Joan Griffiths of Glass Houghton.  
**Alfred Naylor** (1955-63) to Miss Barbara Croft of Ferrybridge. **John Gilbert** (1955-63) was best man.  
**Christopher J. Tomlinson** (1954-58) to Miss Elizabeth A. Arnold of Luton.  
**Clive R. Wilcock** (1957-64) to Miss Hilary Birdsall of Pontefract.  
**Graham Nicholson** (1958-65) to Susan Hobman of Beal.  
**Brian Miller** (1959-66) to Miss Pamela Pease.

#### Old Boys' Honours and Successes

**T. C. Beaumont**, B.Sc. Honours, Class III, Business and Administrative Studies, University of Bradford.  
**H. Bingley**, B.A. Honours, Class II (ii), History, University of Nottingham.  
**A. Bramwell**, B.Sc. Industrial Chemistry, City University, London.  
**M. S. Burns**, Diploma in Public Health Administration.  
**G. H. Charlesworth**, B.Sc. Chemistry, University of Aston in Birmingham.  
**B. Chorzelewski**, B.Sc. Metallurgy, University of Leeds.  
**D. Crawford**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (i), Textile Physics, University of Leeds.  
**R. Cowling**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (i), Industrial Metallurgy, University of Birmingham.  
**A. Cranswick**, B.Sc. Honours, Mathematics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth.  
**D. Crutchley**, B.Sc. Geography and Geology (University of London External) at Portsmouth College of Technology.  
**M. J. Cuttle**, B.Sc. Metallurgy, University of Birmingham.  
**A. W. Ferguson**, B.Sc. Economics (University of London External) at Birmingham College of Commerce.  
**R. W. Galey**, B.A. Honours, Class II (ii), Sociology and Law, University of Exeter.

**J. Godfrey**, B.Sc. Honours, Class III, Civil Engineering, University of Nottingham.  
**S. C. Grant**, B.A. Honours, Class II (ii), Mechanical Sciences, Clare College, Cambridge.  
**R. M. Hargrave**, B.A. Mathematics, University College, Oxford.  
**S. G. Harrison**, M.A. South American Literature, University of Toronto, Canada.  
**C. Holmes**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (ii), Chemistry, University of Durham.  
**P. D. Howdle**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (i) Physiology, University of Leeds.  
**F. P. Jewitt**, Certificate of Education, City of Birmingham College of Education.  
**M. Jones**, Higher National Diploma in Business Studies, Liverpool College of Commerce.  
**D. T. Loynes**, L.I.B. Honours, Class III, London School of Economics.  
**I. T. Machin**, L.I.B., University of Leeds.  
**G. Nicholson**, B.Sc. Agriculture, University of Reading.  
**M. S. Northrop**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (ii), Physics, University of Liverpool.  
**J. R. North**, Certificate in Education, St. John's College, York.  
**L. E. Oglesby**, B.A. Honours, Class II, University College, Oxford.  
**J. P. G. Oxley**, B.A. Honours, Class II (ii), History, University of Lancaster.  
**L. Oxley**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (i), Chemistry, University of Durham.  
**S. J. Payne**, B.A. Honours, Class II (i), History and Political Studies, University of Hull.  
**R. S. Pickard**, B.Sc. Honours, Class I, Zoology, University of Leeds.  
**E. Pickett**, Certificate in Education, St. John's College, York.  
**M. L. Ramsdale**, M.Sc. Radiological Health and Safety, University of Salford.  
**A. J. Robinson**, B.A. Honours, Class II (i), French, University of Wales, Aberystwyth.  
**S. A. B. Smeed**, B.Sc. Sociology (University of London External) at Manchester College of Commerce.  
**J. A. Stewart**, Certificate in Education, Chester College of Education.  
**C. Walton**, Higher National Diploma in Applied Physics, Sheffield Polytechnic.  
**J. A. Watt**, Diploma in Glass Technology, University of Sheffield.  
**P. Wilkinson**, B.Sc. Honours, Class II (ii), (University of London External) at Birmingham College of Commerce.  
**I. Wolstencroft** (1958-63), Institute of Municipal Treasurers, Final Examination.  
**L. D. R. Wilford**, B.Tech. Honours, Class II (ii), Industrial Chemistry, University of Bradford.  

It should be noted that the following Old Boys who left the School in 1966 are following four year degree courses and will take their finals in May, 1970.

**D. Abdy**, University of Bradford.  
**J. Buckley**, Huddersfield College of Technology.  
**A. Camplin**, University of Liverpool.  
**N. G. Cawthorn**, University of Aberdeen.  
**S. P. Cuttle**, University of Leeds.  
**M. S. Jones**, University of Hull.  
**V. A. Krivinskis**, University of Kent.  
**S. Lunt**, University of Bradford.  
**M. Tennant**, University of Warwick.  
**R. H. Thompson**, University of Reading.  
**D. Whatmuff**, Constantine College of Technology, Middlesbrough.  
**C. M. Cook** and **P. D. Howdle** are reading Medicine at Leeds and **C. Longbottom** Dentistry at St. Andrew's.