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EDITORIAL

I want to thank all who have contributed not only to this issue of the Magazine but also to the four previous issues. The contents of each may not have been all that we desired or expected but, as records of the life of the School over the years, they are unique. That they will improve in quality, interest and attractiveness is the earnest hope of your retiring Editor, who looks forward to receiving his copies of the many volumes yet to be written.

J. D. THOMAS

THE GREEN MONSTER

Shooting its deadly beam the green monster jerked and wriggled like an alien being not used to the atmosphere. Everything in the garden that was hit by the colourless beam was destroyed. Then it aimed itself at the house covering the windows and curtains with its beam, but having no effect, thank Goodness.

"That's enough," I thought, "I must kill it." I killed its beam and watched the green monster in its dying convulsions and then it lay still. "Phew!" I said. "I never knew that that amount of damage could be done by a hose-pipe!"

D. DICKENS—2/2—B14

EXTENDED DAY

In September 1964 the older boys and girls were given the opportunity of staying after school until 5.45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays to take part in any of twenty activities including Dancing, Car Maintenance, Cookery, Puppetry and Animated Film making, Practical Work, Piano Playing, Fencing, Looking Your Best, Decorating, Typing, Film Club, Indoor and Outdoor Games, Outdoor Life, Drama, Radio, Private Study, Fishing, Soft Toy Making.

This was the programme conceived and organised by the Headmaster and eleven members of staff to give the older pupils a chance to take up a different, interesting and worthwhile leisure activity. Over 250 boys and girls took the opportunity and by their enthusiastic response justified Mr. Olphin's imaginative and original proposal put forward for the first time (in any school?) in March 1964.

Since September we have learnt a great deal and have profited by our experience. New activities have been introduced: some taken by 'experts' from outside; some take place away from the school (Sailing and Horseriding); always there is re-appraisal and assessment; always there is a sincere desire to give the boys and girls something which they want and which will be of value to them because it satisfies and extends their interests.

Now, in the Summer term, as a direct result of the initiative and planning of the Headmaster, we can offer a much more varied programme which includes Archery (over 60 members), Judo (2 groups), Horseriding (2 groups), Guitar playing (2 groups) 'Unusual' Swimming (Water Polo, etc.), as well as some of the activities already referred to.

These and other activities will be offered in September next, and boys and girls in the Fourth and Fifth Years are urged not to miss this unique opportunity of doing something interesting and enjoyable in their leisure time.

J.D.T.

DICKY AND THE BEAST

"Well, Your Honour, if you will permit me, I will try to explain.

It was a day or two after Richard Young had cursed me, that I began to feel it, an itch all over. This went on for some days, until one morning I woke up and it had gone. Wrestling with Morpheus, I managed to move my huge bulk out of bed and into the bathroom. I looked into the mirror and instead of that customary ruggedly handsome face leering back at me, there was another, with a malignant twinkle in each mischievous steel-blue eye. Through the tousled mop of gorgon-like hair, two shortish white horns poked. My teeth had become a series of sharp points, surrounding my now forked tongue. My fingers had become gnarled, my nails as long as those of Miss T. . . . Upon inspection.

I found that a handsome barbed tail was poking through a new hole in the seat of my pyjamas. Some uncanny instinct told me that all was not well.

My arrival at school brought nothing but the usual lethargic looks from the assembled maidenry in Room 7. My horns were safely hidden under my spanking new school cap. My tail, I found, with a little practice, could be coiled up, out of sight, in the seat of my trousers. Ah! and what a boon if proved to be, for chastising the W. . . . and the H. . . . of this world, and for reaching those inaccessible regions of the back.

Lunch time came, and as I scrutinized the arrayed carbohydrates, fats, proteins, and H₂O, a wave of nausea hit me like a whiff from a pair of old school socks. I made my excuse to Messrs. Thorne and Westbrook and hastily left by the window. Master Westbrook was then seen to devour my share of the chips with lustful relish.

I arrived at the boiler house some seconds later. Seeing the huge spread laid out in the boiler house yard, I began work at once. I had consumed nearly one hundredweight of best kitchen nuts, when one Herbert Snoosbirch, assistant stoker, arrived on the scene. He had just come back from his liquid lunch (and the Letchford Arms has never been graced with his patronage since).

Fighting my way through the blue haze in Room 7, sometime later, I found a quiet precinct in the corner. As luck would have it, I found myself seated next to the terror of Edgware, none other than Master Bob Cook. His diligent other half, and would-be entrepreneur, Master R. Young, was engaged in a last-ditch billiards struggle with the mighty Sharpe. Young sucked air through his teeth, Cook giggled foolishly in sympathy, as Young's ball spun across the room into Buxton's crisps.

From this eclipse, Master Cook turned his attention to me. Observing my tail, he began a long tirade of near-blue jokes, making light of my general appearance. This I could take, but when he insisted on using the tip of my tail to light his reefer, this was too much to stand. One snort from my nostrils gave forth two tongues of flame which consumed him on the spot. Miss Susan Yellop was seen to giggle. Your Honour, the defence rests".

RICHARD FRANKLIN—6th

SPORT

I think football's such a bore
Especially when boys don't score
A goal until half-time or aft'
That's why I think it's really daft.
Basketball's my favourite
Then the boys score quite a bit
But when it comes to watching gym
That always is a different thing.

DIANA HEYWOOD—1/2—E40

FEAR

A man is alone,
He is a solitary being,
A single soul set amongst millions,
Impersonable millions,
Each one a force for good and evil,
Each one to be loved and feared,
And he may hate them,
And he may fear them,
Yet such is man that those he does not know he
cannot love.
Man, in his solitude, only fears:
He fears the unknown, the inconceivable,
The things not yet experienced, be they real or
imaginary,
The fear of death,
The uncertainty of eternity,
The dread of pain,
The terror of mutilation,
The shock of death itself.
All are blest with fear,
Even the madman fears,
And fear is the very root of his insanity,
He dreads the imaginary, the unreal, the uncertain—
Are then all who fear death insane?
A man who knows no love will fear the world,
For the world is all to be feared
And none to be loved,
Therefore are his fears as wide and indefinite as
the world,
The only comfort—religion and mysticism;
Calm acceptance comes to no one.
But courage fortifies the brave.
Who then are the brave but those who fear
Yet overcome it with resolution?

CHRIS THORNE—6th

THE DENTIST'S

The trip to the Dentist's seems to get longer every time one is misguided enough to go. As the train bangs and clatters its way out of the station and one settles into the corner seat the muffled jogging brings back memories of previous nerve-racking trips to the dentist's. Such unforgettable experiences as the sudden jolt when the burning, hot drill sinks deep into a nerve and the subdued cry of anguish as the dentist's miniature crowbar snaps your tooth in half, parade themselves before you. The anxiety mounts as one remembers all those late mornings when one rushed off without so much as looking at a tooth brush; you wince with horror at the recollection of finding the best part of your back

filling in a piece of chewing gum. The train grinds to a halt at your station. A brisk walk brings you to a large, dark, detached house set back from the road and almost entirely concealed by the high hedge and trees of the front garden. A dazzling silver plaque proclaims the residence of a dental surgeon. Each footstep on the gravel path, leading up to the huge, menacing, black door rings louder in the head.

A large notice on the door directs you to the waiting room, which is empty. You sit staring blindly at the blank, white wall. Reading the torn, battered and elderly magazines is rendered impossible by the relentless droning of the drill from the chamber upstairs. Eventually a white-coated young man comes in and informs you that if you like to go up and wait Mr. Grind will be with you in a moment. The chair is in the centre of the chamber and everything in the room is directed towards it. Fearsome instruments, poised for action, are a few inches above it. Small, movable, round trays covered with coloured glass containers, whose contents give the room its pungent odour, are placed at a convenient distance from it. Mr. Grind enters with a broad smile and makes some casual remark about the weather. Having adjusted the height of the chair to his satisfaction he begins examination with the mirror. After a few seconds he replaces his implements and announces that he will not have to do anything this time. Dazed with delight you leave.

Reaching the end of the gravel path you meet a pale and trembling fellow patron of the dentist who is about to embark on the dreaded journey to the great, black door. Having smiled broadly in reply to his feeble grin you continue on your journey home. On the return journey everything takes a pleasing appearance. The gloomy, grimy railway station, the dirty dusty railway carriage, the torn and filthy upholstery and the soot-coated buildings along the side of the track all have a cheerful countenance—until the next trip to the dentist's.

S. MINETT—3/1—E40

SUSAN HILL

The chief defect of Susan Hill,
Was sitting on her window-sill,
Alas! the window-sill gave way,
And all that Susan Hill could say
Was, "Oh my friends be warned by me,
That chairs, stools, benches, I can see,
Are all the human rear requires,"
With that the wretched child expires.
(with apologies to H. Belloc)

Epitaph

Here lies the body of Thomas Ton,
His bicycle stopped and he went on.

PAMELA YOUNGMAN—1/1—A6



UNDER 16 FOOTBALL TEAM.

(Left to right: standing) Mr. J. W. Roberts, K. Pople, B. Brown, R. Hobart, R. Simmons, C. Parks, M. Day.
(Kneeling) D. Essen, M. Garratt, M. Cusack, B. Manley, R. Durrant.

U-16 FOOTBALL TEAM'S VISIT TO WALES

We left the school on a Wednesday in the Easter holidays at 10 a.m. We went up the M.1 in a dormobile, and 9½ hours and 261 miles later, we arrived at the College just outside Caernarvon in North Wales. We had the huge college to ourselves. It had 105 bedrooms and you can't imagine the fun we had in it.

We played four football matches, winning two, drawing one and losing the other. Our wins included one against Caernarvon, the best side in North Wales. In the match we lost we played on a cow field and as this was our first match and we were weary after our journey it was to be expected.

The day before we returned to the school, we climbed Mount Snowdon. When we started the climb it was hot and sunny. Most English people, as we did, thought it was just a hill but were we surprised. When we were about a thousand feet up, a snow blizzard started and as we were wearing everyday-shoes we were slipping all over the place. Our hands were frozen and we had no way of gripping through the snow. When we reached the top, however, we felt much better and safer, although we were 3,671 feet up! We all vowed there and then never to climb again. Mr. Davies had declined our invitations to climb with us, but he too vowed not to climb ever again.

Most night we had pillow raids but it got out of hand and mattresses took the place of pillows and the floor was littered with our clothes. However, it was great fun and we also had some good sing-songs with Mr. Roberts leading with his dynamic voice.

We were sorry that we had to come back again because we had really had a great laugh and a memorable holiday.

Taking part were: Hobart, Pople, Day, Brown, Simmons, Parks, Durrant, Garratt, Essen, Manley, Cusack.

DEREK ESSEN—5A—C29

THE AGES OF MAN—WITH APOLOGIES

All the world's a stage,
And all the people of that world, but actors,
Who in their turn portray six lifetime factors:
First a tiny, whining, sweet baby,
Being spoilt with all it wants, maybe.
Next the schoolboy, in uniform clad,
Schoolward going, looking sad.
Teenage fashion confronts the young man,
But being himself might well be his plan.
Next comes the age of great decision,
Should he be banker or electrician?
He falls in love, and then gets married,
And by his wife is hustled and harried.
In a world of trouble and strife,
They live together the rest of their life.
Lastly a man grows haggard and old;
All his joys in life growing cold.
Decrepit now, he draws his last breath,
And sinks to dust, ashes and death.

DEREK WARE—3/1—D33

VIEWING

I wonder what'll happen in 'Emergency 10'
Pass the chocolate cake if there's any left, Ken,
One of the patient's having a fit
Don't knock the tea over, you silly nit!
Now it's time for 'Coronation Street',
What's it going to be for the sweet?
Elsie Tanner's going out.
Don't drop the paper, you litter lout!
Don't you think that Burke's a dream?
Oh, let me have that strawberry cream.
Oh, look at Burke kissing Clare!
You pigs, I wanted that one there.
Look at those dancers having fun.
You silly thing you've dropped that one.

SUSAN RUMBLE, CAROLE DAY
& MARGARET ROSS—1/1

There was an old man from Kent,
Who lived in a huge white tent.
While he slept one day
The wind blew it away,
And now he's in digs paying rent.

C. EVANS & S. WEBB—3/2

G.C.E. RESULTS

(Summer 1964, Autumn 1964, January 1965)

Sixth Forms

		Total passes	
		'A' level	'O' level
Christopher Latham	E H	2	7
Antony Lenthal	E G	2	8
Eric Salmon	G H e	2	8
Dorothy Brown	E H g	2	6
Marilyn Large	E H	2	8
Gillian Parker	E D	2	8
Barbara Plumley	E a h	1	8
Caroline Williams	E H	2	9

Additional 'O' level passes gained

		Total
Christopher Buxton	bc	8
Christopher Cain	e gs	4
Robert Cook	s	5
James Day	bc g h td	6
Richard Hymns	e	1
Christopher Lendon	h	1
Neville Thomas	g m	6
Christopher Thorne	m	7
Stephen Tobin	b e el g	4
Kevin Westbrook	bc s	8
Linda Barr	e h	3
Joyce Birchenough	gs	3
Anne Bozier	rk	5
Sandra Herbert	rk	10
Patricia Naylor	h	3
Evelyn Rixon	rk	9
Antoinette Trow	h	3
Maureen Wadey	h	6
Sandra Walker	e	3
Valerie Ware	bc	5
Susan Yellop	bc	5

Fifth Forms

(26 of these gained passes, mainly in English, in their Fourth Year)

Alastair Allan	e h	2
John Barnes	g gs h m mw p td	8
Richard Bowditch	td	1
Allan Brady	e	1
Roy Carrier	e g gs h m mw p td	8
Malcolm Cary	mw td	2
Michael Chesney	gs mw p td	4
Gordon Clifford	f g gs h p	6
Robert Cooper	mw	1
Robert Crampton	mu mw td	3
Ian Davis	el f g gs h m	7
Clive Dubery	h m mw	3
David Fawcett	e gs m mw p td	6
John Francis	mw td	2
Richard Franklin	bc el f gs h	6
Michael Clegg	e mw	2
David Green	e g gs m	4
Philip Greeno	h	1
Richard Guy	bc el f g gs h	7
Kevin Jackman	mu	1
Clive King	e mw	2
Alan Kirkham	mu	1
Peter Lambert	g gs h mw td	5
Michael Lloyd	gs mw p td	5
Barry Lynch	bc el g h	5

Brian Lynch
 Gerald Lynch
 Alastair Mackie
 Antony Moulin
 Michael Nash
 Christopher Powell
 Peter Sadler
 Keith Searle
 Keith Skingle
 David Tate
 Christopher Tobin
 Roy Turner
 David Warren
 Peter Wilkins
 Julie Avery
 Kay Bowden
 Carole Brennan
 Barbara Bromwich
 Pauline Bunday
 Iola Calderwood
 Jacqueline Clilverd
 Marilyn Clilverd
 Pauline Coffey
 Anne Coughlan
 Jacqueline Dennis
 Anne Durrant
 Angela Gillett
 Margaret Honour
 Elizabeth Hughes
 Dilys Hunt
 Evelyn Kenyon
 Linda Kimber
 Sandra Kinder
 Alida Lewis
 Margaret Messenger
 Francesca Molloy
 Catherine Montague
 Audrey Payne
 Linda Pincombe
 Linda Pond
 Fay Quilter
 Susan Scott
 Susan Seal
 Norma Stevens
 Crystal Suckling
 Helen Taylor
 Katherine Thompson
 Catherine Watkins
 Diane Wynne

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Fourth Years

Derek Essen
 Malcolm Hood
 Victor Jamieson
 Roger Manton
 John Oldham
 Thomas Pool
 Patrick Pugh
 Derek Weidner
 Judith Adams
 Christine Dawson
 Jane Featherby

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HOUSE NOTES

IF

If Jane Austen had walked with Lord Byron of old,
And had met Sir Winston so gallant and bold,
If Henry Dunant with his Red Cross held high
Had happened to meet Edward Elgar going by,
And if Michael Faraday could join in the throng,
What wonderful stories they each could pass on.

MARGARET BANWELL—2/2—A4

AUSTEN HOUSE

Staff: Mr. R. Galbraith, Mr. L. J. Green, Miss J. Sanderson, Mr. D. F. Gibbs, Mr. A. F. C. Morrill, Mr. D. F. Bergin.

House Captains: J. Adams, R. Cook.

Games Captain: A. King.

House Prefects: D. Varley, K. Kay, L. Harrison, R. Hobart, V. Jamison, G. Carter, M. Cusack, J. Adams.

Last year we won the Cock House shield for the fifth time although this honour was shared with Dunant House. The competition was very keen and the position of the leaders changed many times. This year has seen Austen House in all positions from first to last. We have been taking more first places in the Conduct Merit competition although our records on the various fields of sport have not always been quite as good. However throughout the year our teams have played enthusiastically and have spared no effort in the way that they have performed for the House. Our Games Captain and House officials have all worked hard to train and manage our teams.

In September we welcomed Mr. Galbraith to Austen House when he took over A1 from Mr. Walker who left us to teach art in Hertfordshire. Under Mr. Galbraith the Austen House Drama club is preparing for this year's House play.

Finally it is with great regret that I must record the death of Philip Benn who died in February after a long and serious illness. We shall miss him.

A. P. FINDLAY—*Housemaster*

BYRON HOUSE

Tutors: Miss J. Pointing, Miss A. Box, Mr. Fuller, Mr. A. Andrews, Mr. D. R. Davies, Mr. F. Denison.

House Captains: Susan Yellop, Kevin Jackman. (*Vice*) Barry Elliott.

Games Captain: Barry Brown.

House Prefects: Valerie Watson, Ursula Wood, Kathleen Skilton, David Faulkner, Keith Skilton, John Cannon, John Brown, Paul Angelides and Ronald Durrant.

If moderation in all things is a worthwhile concept, then Byron can claim to have had a satisfactory year, as we have usually finished about halfway in most House activities. Our conduct merit results varied considerably during the year, but a united effort enabled us to win the Cup on one occasion. The following members of the House have contributed more than a fair share by winning Merit Badges at least once, although I must say that one or two of them have certainly owed us a few marks in the past. Their efforts to make amends are therefore especially notable.

Merit Badge winners: Valerie Watson, *Ursula Wood, Jane Hymas, †Linda Blackmore, †Christine Busby, Pat Hensby, *Karen Hobson, Malcolm Day, Andrew Whitmore, Michael Panting, Peter Ramage, *Stuart Barnes, Paul Angelides, John Brown.

*2 badges won.

†More than 2 badges

Tennis: Our hopes of winning the Tennis Competition were almost realised, but one lost match was sufficient to deprive us of the Cup. With the same team representing the House again this year we seem to have an even better chance.

Cross Country: This competition produced some outstanding individual performances, although our final placing was disappointing. With Ron Durrant and Barry Brown finishing in the first three, closely followed by Keith Foster, our chances looked promising, but lack of support by others in the House spoiled the overall result. This run by Keith to give a third year boy 5th place against senior school runners, must be one of the best performances recorded, and it is to be hoped that other capable runners will show this spirit in next year's Cross Country.

Netball and Basketball: In the Netball and Basketball Competitions the Juniors had a fair share of success and should give a good account of themselves in the future.

No summary of the activities over the past year would be complete without an individual mention of the time and effort given by House Captains and Prefects. Our thanks to Susan Yellop for the energy she has put into House games in so many ways; and to Kevin Jackman who quietly carried his responsibilities in such an effective way. When he left us he was followed by Barry Elliott, who was also groomed in B/17 and proved to have the same reliable character. Barry has spared no effort to 'keep the house in order' and I heard that he almost put Mr. Denison in detention on one occasion, but I think this was an exaggeration. Often unheralded and always unobtrusive, Ursula Wood has contributed much to Mr. Andrews' group and to the House; and finally to Ron Durrant and Paul Angelides we would say how much we appreciate their consistent efforts to keep Byron to the fore in every way within their power. If their example is followed, we can look forward to a successful year ahead.

R. BUTTERY—*Houemaster*

CHURCHILL HOUSE

Staff: Mr. Paul, Mrs. Gooch, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Maunsell, Mr. R. Davies, Mrs. Moffatt.

Captains: C. Buxton, Bozier, A.

Prefects: R. Young, Montague, C., M. Sharpe, Simpson, M., Gibling, A., D. Essen.

House Prefects: M. Hood, W. Wise, McBroom, A., F. Chiswell, K. Pople, B. Moore, Ingham, M., J. Thompson, Baker, A., Featherby, J., Harper, M., R. Simmons.

We can be very proud of our sporting record this year. The results so far are the best we have ever achieved. The lowest place the boys have gained is second, which must put the Games Trophy within our reach for the very first time. Just look at our successes! We started the season by winning the Football in a tie with Austen; we were second in the Cross-Country by only two points; we won the Basketball and the Juniors deserve special praise for winning every match; we came second in the Road-Relay, by only 20 seconds, and our first team were the first home; and finally boys and girls together won the Athletics. Three times we have seen the Headmaster present our House with a cup, amid the cheers of the whole school. We have tried and waited for so many years that it almost felt like sweet revenge against the other Houses.

There have been so many exciting moments that it is difficult to choose any for special mention. Certainly there was great enthusiasm at the Basketball matches, and the chant of "Churchill! Churchill! Churchill!" was worth many goals. The high spot, however, was Sport's Day. We started 4 points behind Faraday in the Field Events. Each time we crept closer, or passed them, they drew ahead again. Half way through the programme we definitely took the lead and firmly stayed there to the end, when the Senior Boys' Relay team ran second to the team who beat the record. To win this cup is really the most satisfying of all, if only because there are nearly 40 members of the House who take part, which is easily the largest team for any sport.

Our success in all these games was not due to luck. We have held more trials and practices and have done more training, than all the other Houses put together. Without this spirit and team-work, including those who trained but were not finally picked, our position would have been very different. The girls worked as hard, and tried as hard. Unfortunately due to illness, we had to play so many reserves that, although most games were lost by only a few points, we could only reach 5th position in Netball.

It is interesting to contrast what happened last year. The highest place was second in the Swimming standards, and we were third in Athletics, fourth in Swimming, and fifth in Tennis and Rounders. In no event were we last, but we were only able to gain fifth position overall. Add that we dropped to bottom in Conduct, Merits and Examinations, and you know what happened in the House Championship. The most aggravating fact is that this year we are still at the bottom in the Conduct-Merit competition. So in the end we can be far from satisfied. Is it not boring to lose with such regular monotony? Where is the spirit, where is the determination, with which we play our games?

This Year

Teams

Netball: Harper, M., Featherby, J., McBroom, A., Mordant, W., Ridgley, C., Andrews, B., Shine, M., Stone, L., Pearson, C., Hobday, M., Simmons, K., Ingham, G., Stanton, J., Cook, P., Bonner, C., Wilson, J., Cross, J., Wirjosapoetro, J., Chalker, C., Stevens, K.

Football: D. Essen, K. Pople, R. Simmons, R. Parslow, C. Dormer, G. Hardy, R. Hunt, J. Thompson, B. Moore, W. Wise, K. Williams, G. Hart, R. Narayan, B. Pople, R. Radley, I. Appleyard, J. Reynolds, D. Hayward, J., Chadwick, P. Shillingford, K. Trelbar, B. Eustice, A. Worry, P. Hughes, S. Wood.

Basketball: R. Simmons, G. Hardy, R. Parslow, G. Hart, J. Thompson, D. Essen, K. Pople, C. Dormer, D. Hayward, J. Reynolds, P. Williams, B. Eustice, P. Hughes, M. Marks, J. Chadwick.

Cross-Country: R. Simmons (4th), C. Wickes, J. Lamb, D. Essen, K. Pople, G. Binks, G. Church, R. Parslow, M. Aylott, V. Trocki, K. Treloar (5th), R. Hawkins, B. Eustice, C. Grierson, J. Reynolds, K. Sims, J. Chadwick, I. Parker, T. Varkonyi and 14 others.

Road Relay: R. Simmons, G. Church, C. Wickes, K. Treloar, R. Hawkins, D. Essen, M. Aylott, S. Butcher, R. Chambers, B. Eustice.

Athletics (Outstanding performances): Cook, P. (1st, High Jump; 1st, 100 yds.; 1st, Long Jump—beat Record). K. Treloar (1st, Shot; 2nd, Discus; 2nd, 440 yds.). G. Hardy (1st, Javelin; 2nd, Shot). G. Hart (1st, Long Jump—Record, 2nd, 220 yds.). R. Chambers (1st, 220 yds.; 2nd, 100 yds.), Pearson C. (2nd, Long Jump; 2nd, 150 yds.). A Stollery (1st, Discus; 2nd, Shot). R. Parslow (2nd, Discus; 2nd, 100 yds.). Featherby, J. (1st, Long Jump). P. Hughes (1st, High Jump). Harper, M. (2nd, High Jump). Edwards, J. (2nd, 150 yds.). R. Simmons (2nd, 880 yds.). J. Lamb (2nd, 440 yds.). C. Wickes (2nd, 440 yds.). R. Hawkins (2nd, High Jump). D. Eustice (2nd, 220 yds.). Senior Relay (2nd) R. Simmons, D. Essen, J. Lamb, R. Parslow.

Last Year (not reported in magazine)

Rounders: Stevens, N., Hughes, E., Harper, M., Stone, L., Mousell, C., Ridgley, C., Stone, Ly., Beattie, J., Stanton, J., Chalker, C.

Swimming: Harper, M., Edwards, J., Hughes, E., Featherby, J., Andrews, B., Stone, Ly., Pearson, C., Stanton, J., Harper, J., Beeby, S., C. Wickes, C. Pople, C. Dormer, M. Longley, K. Pople, K. Treloar, M. Williams, K. Williams, P. Gibbs, T. Chadwick.

Athletics (1st place only): D. Hayward (Cricket Ball—Record). Harvel, S. (100 yds.). Ridgley, C. (100 yds.). Pearson, C. (150 yds.). G. Church (220 yds.). G. Hart (Long Jump). C. Pople (High Jump).

Tennis: Day, S., Harper M., G. Hart, K. Williams, D. Essen.

HOUSE DRAMA

Churchill House performed "The Wandering Scholar from Paradise" by Hans Sachs, which depicts simple German peasants, and their readiness to observe the Seven Deadly Sins, rather than the Ten Commandments. Anna Gibling played the gullible peasant wife; Marion Simpson was the smooth-talking student who pretended he came from paradise; and Michael Sellman was the typical country husband.

The lively and entertaining production was directed by Mr. R. Davies.

R. WOOLRICH—*Housemaster*

DUNANT HOUSE

House Staff: Miss A. Thorp, Mr. M. Cuggy, Mr. D. Bowker, Mr. J. D. Thomas, Mrs. B. Prentice, Mrs. E. Mascott.

House Captains: R. Penistan, V. Ware.

House Prefects: P. Garratt, C. Goring, M. Zawila, H. Crafter, J. Oldham, J. Douglas, L. Owen, S. Busby, M. Ware.

In last year's House notes we said, "With this upsurge in House spirit dare we hope that within the next year or so the hitherto unattainable prize, the Cock House Shield, may come within our grasp?" We did better than we had dared hope! Within a week or two we learned that Dunant had won that coveted shield, not outright because we had to share it with Austen, but we had our hands upon it. This was because we won the Tennis Tournament and the Swimming Gala, came second in Athletics and third in Netball. These, combined with our successes earlier in the year, gave us a tie for Cock House. A place one higher in our "bête noire", the Conduct/Merit, would have given us victory.

This year we have much less to boast about. We have occupied a more lowly position in all events so far completed. The best we can hope for in Conduct/Merit is fifth place, unless our "tail" does something extraordinary. What a pleasant surprise it would be if one or more (or all?) of this tail of a dozen or so who habitually attain fewer than 32 were to achieve the coveted 50 and win a merit badge.

We congratulate all those who have worked so hard for the House, names and details of sporting events will be found in the Games section. Merit badge winners are:—

P. Pugh (3 times—well done!), G. Read (2), G. Riglin (2), M. Addis, J. Douglas, B. Fox, R. Gross, P. Hird, D. Hunt, B. McClelland, D. Parker, B. Searle, A. Ward, M. Zawila.

Significantly fewer than in previous years.

Basketball Teams—Junior: M. Newman, P. Tungate, N. Alexander, N. Franklin, T. Rainbird, M. Rowland, M. Bowden, Bruton, Bulcraig, A. Hill, S. Newman.

Senior: C. Goring, D. Rooney, B. Lawrence, D. Garraway, B. Venn, Wyatt, Tait, Krushner, Hird.

Football Team: Goring, Tait, Rooney, Lawrence, Icton, Penistan.

Tennis 1964: We were too late for last year's issue to praise our House team once again on winning the Tennis competition. Our four players, D. Mansell, Janet Richmond, J. Fleet and Linda Tarrant did extremely well to maintain the Trophy against the very stiff opposition of Byron House.

This year we have to build a completely new team and will be content with second or third place. The team will be selected from M. Zawila, D. Rooney, B. Leeton, Eirwen Hunt, Mary Ball and Rachel Ball.

Rounders 1964: Our girls came second in this competition and put up a great fight in an exciting afternoon's play—thanks mainly to the forceful hitting of Eirwen Hunt and Sandra Blanchard.

Netball 1965: The Senior Netball team, led by Linda Tarrant, played very well and came third behind Faraday and Elgar but our Junior team was very weak and our future as a netballing House does not look too good. We will all miss Linda Tarrant, who left at Easter, as she has been the backbone of Dunant girls sport for many years.

Outstanding performances in Swimming and Athletics were given respectively by Mary and Rachel Ball, and by Jean Douglas.

HOUSE DRAMA

This year Dunant are presenting the "Proposal" scene from the "Importance of Being Earnest". The cast consists of three characters but it was very gratifying to find that a large number volunteered to take part. Eventually the following were chosen: "Gwendoline": Susan Palin; "Lady Bracknell": Beatrice Fox; "Ernest": Michael Zawila.

It is with great regret that we shall say goodbye to Mr. Thomas, who leaves us at the end of the Summer Term to take up a Headship. Mr. Thomas is one of the original members of Dunant House staff and we shall all miss him, especially D36. How they will miss those discussions held in the little room at the end of the corridor which did so much to reveal to them the ways in which they could best help the House.

J. W. PEARCE—*Housemaster*

ELGAR HOUSE

This year we welcomed to the House Staff, Miss Garratt and Mrs Hobbs who replaced Mr. Dunn and Mrs. Bonnett respectively. Miss Lindsay and Messrs. Mayhew and Kimber continued to give devoted service and their example is a worthy one for any pupil to follow.

Merit Badge winners have included: T. Pool, P. Murphy, B. Manley, D. Stone, C. Minett, D. Watkin, M. Duberry, S. Sloss (5 times), R. Wyatt, D. Clark, L. Balderstone, D. Heywood, M. Tigg, H. Stimpson, M. Stavrou.

House Captain: D. Stone.

Games Captains: B. Grant, B. Manley, Irene Akel.

Other prefects who have distinguished themselves in the House and have given valuable service include: Boys—W. Davis, T. Pool, D. Watkin, T. Avery, L. Bruce, G. Bickerdike, J. Garratt, G. Iverson, R. Playforth, B. Manley, D. Atkins.

Girls—J. Rouse, M. Duberry, W. Stewart, M. Langford, B. Lewis, S. Wilmott.

Sport captains were as follows:—

Football: Junior—S. Humphry; Senior—B. Grant. Basketball: Junior—R. Sneddon; Senior—D. Adkins, M. Robinson. Athletics: Boys—M. Robinson; Girls—I. Abel. Tennis: D. Stone, B. Manley. Swimming: B. Grant, M. Robinson, I. Abel. Netball: M. Duberry, I. Abel. Rounders: M. Duberry.

In the Road Relay race some of our finest runners took part including: Truscott (1st Year), Sneddon (2nd Year), Cronk (3rd Year), Firth (4th Year), Grant and Playforth (5th Year). M. Robinson is our new Games Captain and he is tackling the job efficiently. The result was an overwhelming victory for the House and we are indebted to the effort put in by all concerned. In the Cross Country, Barton did well for the Juniors and Playforth ran exceptionally well for the Seniors.

Girls' Netball was another very successful event in the House's history. Maureen Duberry and Irene Abel organised the teams and played some excellent games themselves.

HOUSE DRAMA

The House play this year is Sean O'Casey's comedy, "A Pound on Demand". The scene is set in an Irish Post Office. Two drunken labourers, Donald Stone and Philip Reid try to get a pound from their account but the Policeman, Wally Davis, the girl behind the counter, Beverley Cross, and a woman, Janet Wilson, conspire to prevent them.

The theme of the year has been unity. In House Assemblies famous lives and their influence on society have been discussed. At each meeting a text has been used to illustrate more fully how we can best render service to the community.

This has been a most enlightening and encouraging year. The House has really tried and the results have been excellent. Congratulations and hearty thanks to all concerned.

R. STEWART—*Housemaster*

FARADAY HOUSE NOTES

Miss B. Jenkins, Miss M. Wheeler, Mr. K. Feldman, Mr. B. Crix, Mr. P. Gourley.

House Captains: C. Thorpe, M. Wadey, C. Westbrook.

School Prefects: R. Franklin, E. Rixon.

Vice Prefects: C. Dawson, J. Wright, R. Armstrong.

Tutor Prefects: K. Harwood, C. Parks, Y. Boux, R. Manton, J. Lloyd, D. Hurley, B. Stephens, R. Jones, Adams, Lee, C. Hodges, Miller, M. Garratt.

The year opened with Faraday House welcoming Miss Wheeler, Mr. Gourley and Mr. Roberts as new staff members of the House. Miss Wheeler replaced Mr. Levy as Tutor of F/45, and Mr. Gourley replaced Mr. Hartley as Tutor of F/48, whilst Mr. Roberts replaced Mr. Fuller as the supernumerary.

At the end of the year we say farewell to Mr. Gourley and Mr. Roberts who are leaving Blackwell for other posts.

The past year has not been brilliant, but many of the house have worked hard and achieved good results—especially the following Merit Badge winners:— R. Jackson, Manton, H. O'Brien, C. Dawson (2), P. Luxon, S. Gorringer, L. Tubb (3), L. Smith, R. Dawson, V. Carrier (2), Miller, Adams (2), Lee, Jones (2), Bryant, P. Bayley, L. Edwards.

It was because of members of the House such as these, that we were 2nd in the Downer Award.

In the sports section we have not been so successful as we had hoped; but the girls did brilliantly by winning the Netball Cup and the boys were first in the Cross Country Race.

The results of the sports were as follows:—

Netball (1965) 1st; Basketball (1965) 2nd; Football (1965) 5th; Cross Country (1965) 1st; Road Run (1965) 5th; Athletics (1964) 4th.

I feel with a spurt of enthusiastic effort next year we might achieve first place in many more activities.

HOUSE DRAMA

Last year a large cast mainly composed of junior members of the House performed a simple, short, one act play, "Princess on the Road". On the day it was attractive and well acted.

This year we are attempting an excerpt from Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest". The cast, all experienced veterans of major Blackwell productions, is Sharon Gorringer, Linda Heath, Roland Armstrong, Paul Brennan, Richard Franklin and Roger Manton.

Mrs. D. L. MITCHELL—*Housemistress*

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Congratulations to R. Ely on being selected regularly for the District side.

The U/15's again never found their feet and although some of the scores were close we were never bound to win.

P. Irving represented Middlesex in goal on several occasions and to him we extend hearty congratulations.

The U/16 had the most successful year of their five years in school and if I may say so they thoroughly deserve it. They have worked tremendously hard training regularly and also showing the willingness to play Saturday matches rather than take on "jobs".

They reached the 4th Round of the Lipton Trophy (London Senior Cup) and were narrowly beaten by Ilford County High School by 2-0. In the Middlesex Cup they reached the semi-finals only to be beaten by a very strong Hackney side from Upton House school who went on to win the competition.

It's quite possible that they became a little stale towards the end of the season as could be seen in the way they were beaten 3-1 by Roxeth Manor in the final of the Westlake Shield having beaten them earlier on 3-0.

A successful tour of North Wales took place during the Easter holidays when they won 2, drew 1 and lost 1.

TEAMS

U/12—B. Eustace, S. Pursey, J. Truscott, D. Kemp (capt.), I. Marshall, S. Selleck, M. Sullivan, W. Parker, T. Jackson, S. Kerton, B. Pople, W. Blyghton.

U/13—P. Hughes, T. Harvey, D. Hayward (capt.), R. Massey, I. Hamilton, R. Sneddon, R. Bennett, N. Franklin, J. Reynolds, N. Alexander, J. Massey, S. Humphrey, G. Bradshaw.

U/14—P. Philbrick, E. Borrowes, R. Brook, G. Hart, R. Ely (capt.), M. Avis, B. Icton, D. Foster, D. Stanley, K. Foster, B. Gould, B. Cronk, S. Long, S. Webb.

U/15—P. Irving (capt.), D. Rooney, R. Christie, N. Franklin, C. Dormer, D. Garraway, F. Church, B. Venn, B. Blair, A. Tait.

U/16—R. Hobart, M. Day, K. Pople, B. Brown (capt.), R. Simmonds, C. Parks, R. Durrant, M. Garratt, R. Dunnett, B. Manley, D. Essen, M. Cusack, B. Grant, R. Chick.

Colours were awarded to R. Hobart, M. Day, K. Pople, B. Brown, R. Simmonds, C. Parks, D. Essen, M. Garratt, R. Dunnett, B. Manley, R. Durrant.

The Staff v. School match took place just before the Easter holidays and in glorious sunshine before a most enthusiastic crowd of *biased* supporters the staff were unlucky to lose by 4-3.

Teams	PLAYING RECORD				GOALS	
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
U/12	13	10	2	1	42	23
U/13	16	8	5	3	62	52
U/14	17	13	4	0	101	38
U/15	9	0	8	1	11	53
U/16	16	12	3	1	69	28

J. W. ROBERTS

JUNIOR GIRLS' GYM CLUB

The club continues to flourish and enjoys loyal and regular support from its members at each weekly meeting.

The standard of work has advanced during the last two terms and members have shown both ability and an aptitude for the various set pieces. If this progress is maintained the prospects for the future are very good indeed.

SENIOR GIRLS' GYM CLUB

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms the Senior Girls' Gym Club met regularly on Friday from 4 p.m.—5 p.m. Any girl from the third year upwards was allowed to join and members numbered about 20. The standard throughout was good.

From this group of girls four were chosen to take part as acrobats in the Christmas production of 'Circus Boy'.

Two girls received their Gymnastic Awards. Iris Hampson 3/5 for outstanding ability, Karen Hickman 3/1 for loyalty and general ability.

NETBALL 1964-5

We have had a very busy season, having played 17 fixtures and had teams in 4 rallies. An under-14 and under-15 qualifying round of the Middlesex Netball Rally was held at Blackwell and we are very grateful for the help we received from staff and girls.

This year Mrs. Gooch volunteered to take our 1st and 2nd year teams.

Our 1st years played keenly although not always with skill. By the end of the Easter term they were beginning to play as a team and were showing promise. The team was selected from the following girls:— Gillian Rich, Carol Wittey, Gillian Ingham, Pauline Baxter, Leslie Tubb, Kay Simmons, Anna Sherlock, Pat Cook, Hazel O'Brien and Lyn Sowden.

There was little support for netball club from second years but at the end of the season when they were playing well and enthusiastically there were ten regular members. Elizabeth Christie has been commended for the most improved play amongst the Juniors. She has played in various positions, all well, and should become a very good player. The team was selected from the following girls:— Elizabeth Christie, Alison Herbert, Kay Longworth, Iris Barritt, Susan Naylor, Valerie Baker, Christine Shewry, Josephine Gass, Jean Stanton and Beverley Corderey.

We sadly lost many good 1st team players last year and consequently our 1st team was very young mostly made up of fourth years; so we therefore played an under-14 team as our second school team. After a disastrous first match against Chandos our first team improved and by the end of the season were playing with confidence and skill. Our under-14 team did not lose one match during the season—an excellent record.

We entered a 5th and 6th Form team in the under-18 Middlesex Netball Rally but did not expect them to become finalists as some of the team were not regular school players. In the under-14 and under-15 rally we entered two teams and were particularly pleased with the under-15 team (who do not play together regularly). They won their section and in the match against North London Collegiate School to decide which team should go through from the section to the final in March were still drawing after extra time. At the replay later in the month, though most of the team members surpassed themselves, the shooters were sadly off form and they lost. The under-14 team won their section and qualified for the Middlesex Finals where they played one excellent match but afterwards were rather disappointing. They compensated for this at the Harrow Rally (played at Blackwell) by excellent teamwork winning the certificate for this section for the second year in succession. Our under-16 team played well at the Harrow Rally losing only one match, to Heriots Wood, who went into the final.

The first school team was selected from:— Christine Dawson (School Netball Captain), Jennifer Rouse, Irene Abel, Linda Tarrant, Linda Edwards, Pat Luxon, Jennifer Gass and Barbara Pearce.

The under-15 team was the fourth years in the first school team group and Linda Heath and Jane Barmby.

The under-14 team was selected from:— Marian Henderson, Linda King, Carole Pearson, Lesley Underwood, Margaret Hobdey, Eirwen Hunt, Sandra Bowen and Jacqueline Tidey.