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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It seems a long time since I first hoped to see a Blackwell School Magazine going to press. We have been in existence as a School for eleven years, and all good schools ought to produce a good magazine at least once a year. All of us should therefore be delighted that this very important contribution to the life of the School is now being made.

I know the editor and editorial staff had a rather serious problem to face at the very beginning; were they to produce a magazine at a low cost, and thereby have pages of advertisements in order to help to pay the way; or were they to publish a dignified magazine of pleasing appearance, containing only items of genuine interest to us. I am sure their decision was correct.

You are now reading a magazine of high quality, the first of many which you and all concerned with the School can preserve as a record of the days which are reputed to be "the happiest days of our lives".

H. K. OLFHIN.

EDITORIAL

The task of a Magazine editor is always difficult. He has to choose from all the contributions that are handed in those that he thinks will interest the majority of the readers and will, at the same time, be a true reflection of all the people and activities that add up to what we mean when we say "Blackwell." The large number of contributions received has meant that the editor had to cut, select and, sometimes, omit articles in order to ensure a balanced representation. If your contribution does not appear, do not therefore despair. It was considered and appreciated, and we do thank you for having taken the time and trouble to write and submit it.

Such enthusiasm and support on the part of so many, augurs well for the future. There are schools in this country that have existed for centuries, and these schools all have what we call traditions which every pupil and teacher tries to live up to and support. Blackwell, although it has not existed for very long, also has its traditions, and we hope that, with the publication of this Magazine, yet another has been added to those of which we are so justly proud. Let it be a tradition of Blackwell that our Magazine is given the whole-hearted support of every boy and girl in the school. It is your Magazine; it is your efforts that are recorded within its pages. Whether it is good, whether it is the sort of magazine you want lies, therefore, in your hands. We want your comments, your criticisms, adverse and favourable, and your suggestions. In the not-too-distant future we shall also want, in countless hundreds, your contributions to the next issue of "The Blackwell School Magazine."

J. D. THOMAS.

A NIGHT AT SEA

It was dark, damp and dismal in the little Cornish fishing village. The day had seemed long to the mothers and wives who awaited the return of their menfolk from the fishing boat. The sea was rough and huge waves washed the shore, but if the families were to be kept alive, the fish had to be caught. Then, quite suddenly, the alarm went up and the remaining men hurried to get the lifeboat out. As they did so, the mothers and wives gazed anxiously out to sea, not knowing what to think.

The night seemed frightening on the shore, but it was even more frightening at sea. The lifeboat hurried over the surging waves, the men inside it scanning the sea for the boat. Suddenly they saw it, run aground near the sandbank. Hopes soared as the lifeboat began to take the men off, but because of the rough seas it took about one-and-a-half hours.

At last, after a lot of anxiety, the lifeboat returned with all the fishermen safe, but they had lost the fish. To the mothers and wives however, this was a small price to pay for the safety of the men.

MAUREEN WADEY, 3/1, F46

WHY BUILD AN ORGAN?

During the past few months considerable interest has been aroused by the activities in room 13. Staff and children have been asking many questions, such as . . . "Why build an organ? Will it ever play?; How long will it take to build?" and "What are you going to do with it?" All these questions are reasonable and this, our first school magazine, seems to be an appropriate place to give the answers.

Why build an organ?

The project was prompted by the fourth year leavers. These boys, chiefly by virtue of their changing voices and lack of any great desire to sing (let it not be thought that they are incapable of singing), will obviously benefit from a more practical approach to music. Finally after considerable thought into every aspect of practical music, it was decided that building an organ would offer scope for many crafts culminating in an instrument of which we can be proud.

Will it ever play?

Most decidedly it will, but not without much careful thought and pains-taking work.

All the parts have been supplied by two of the finest organ building firms in the world, namely: J. W. Walker and Sons Ltd. of Ruislip and Wm. Hill and Son and Norman and Bound of Hornsey (who are both royal organ builders).

Our task is to repair when necessary, clean, erect and make the action up from parts supplied.

How long will it take to build?

Frankly, we do not know. It depends entirely on how well the various fourth year groups work and the amount of time we can devote to it.

The advantage of building an organ is that it can get larger and larger. The speed at which we receive the parts will determine how soon it is completed.

When it is finally completed, it can be dismantled, cleaned, parts replaced, the trader action can be converted to electro-pneumatic, new ranks of pipes can be added, which we will endeavour to make, and so on.

What are you going to do with it when it is completed?

At the moment there is no definite plan. It will take a few years to build, we will then make a decision.

We should perhaps leave it in position as a permanent exhibition of work by boys who have worked well and are proud of a good job well done.

This then answers the frequently asked questions.

MR. A. E. ANDREWS.

R.M.S.V. (Deputy Head)

On the bleak morning of May 9th we, two fifth form members, made our way to room B. We knocked gingerly on the door and on hearing a deep booming noise from within that vaguely resembled, "Come in", we entered and sat down. At the other end of the room sat a figure screened by a thick fog of pipe-smoke and looking extremely comfortable in his arm-chair.

In answer to our searching questions we gathered a fascinating array of fact and comment. We summarise it now for your interest and pleasure.

Where were you born and educated?

Born in Sheffield and educated at King Edward VII School there.

How long ago?

Practically in pre-historic times.

What did you do on leaving school?

Went to work in a bank where I saw a lot of money but didn't get much.

And then—?

Thought it was time I made my future so decided to take up teaching!

Deserting the commercial "rat-race", Mr. Vicary sought "fresh fields and pastures new" in the shape of Sheffield Training College where he became Senior Prefect of his year and captain of the tennis team. After qualifying as a teacher with distinction in Advanced English and History, he taught for some years in Sheffield.

Where have you taught in Middlesex?

Before the war I was Senior Assistant at Cameron Lane. After the war I taught for several years at Headstone School and was then appointed Deputy Head at Blackwell.

Where did you first meet Mrs. Vicary?

In a classroom at Headstone School where we were both attending a meeting. I forget what the meeting was about—possibly my mind was on other things. I've never regretted the encounter.

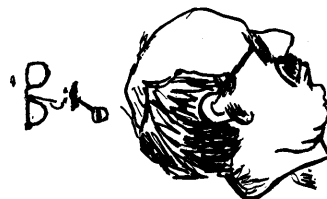
(We understand that she doesn't regret the encounter either).

Have you a family?

Three boys and a girl. We decided we had to do something to reduce our income tax.

Do you prefer teaching boys to girls?

A leading question. Having been to a boys' school myself, I had no idea when I started teaching that I would ever teach girls. However, having taught in mixed schools for 20 years, I am now quite hardened to it. Shows you can get used to anything. Seriously, mixed classes pose problems in some subjects because boys and girls have a quite different approach—in History and Literature for example.



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Can you think of any funny experience during your teaching career?

Yorkshire boys are good at cricket and repartee. I was taking about fifty of them for cricket one day. There were two quite good games in progress but the last twelve boys were knocking a ball about without much equipment other than bat, ball and

stumps. The wicket-keeper of this group was stopping the ball by dropping his jacket on it (he had taken his jacket off first)—a practice frowned upon in the best cricketing circles. Along came a school inspector and, inevitably, made straight for this group. I hastened across to greet him, went on Mr. Vicary, and was in time to overhear the following conversation.

Inspector to wicket-keeper, "And what game do you think you are playing, my lad?"

Wicket-keeper (quick as a flash): "Football, the daft so and so!"

Actually "so and so" was not the exact term used.

Do you find having a wife in the same school an advantage?

I have to be careful here. It has its advantages and disadvantages I suppose, but it seems to have worked out extremely well. We decided to adopt a policy of "apartheid" from the beginning. I never have liked waiting about though.

[*We thought this might be considered libellous, but we have left it in in case Mrs. Vicary had not noticed this trait. Editor.*]

I can say with some authority that Domestic Science teachers make excellent wives. My greatest problem is to avoid putting on weight.

Were you in the war?

Indeed yes—with the 51st Highland Division. Some of the time with the 5th Cameron Highlanders. No, I never wore the kilt. I do not play the bagpipes—nor do I call my wife, "a bonnie wee lass!" Took part in two invasions, Sicily and Normandy.

Did you have any narrow escapes?

Plenty. Easter Saturday, 1943 was my luckiest, I think. We arrived at a new location in Tunisia at 2 a.m. in the dark—ground very hard, so did not dig in, but erected bivouac tent and slept. In the morning my companion and I tossed a coin to decide who should dig. I lost and scrambled out of the tent and started to dig six feet away. Down came a shell smack on the tent. I was only flung to the ground and bruised. But had I won that toss I'd have been the one who was killed.

Or again, driving in a jeep near the Wadi Akarit in Tunisia a German plane singled us out for attention. It zoomed low and dropped a bomb directly at us. The bomb struck the ground about six feet away. We watched it fascinated. It bounced high, fell again—but didn't explode! The plane made off. So did we.

Any amusing episode during the war?

I remember once in Sicily after a battle I concentrated for about ten minutes on lighting a fire to boil a kettle for tea, and paid no attention to my surroundings. When I looked up I received a shock. I was surrounded by twenty to thirty German soldiers. It was a good twenty seconds before it dawned on me they were prisoners just brought in.

Have you travelled abroad?

Many times. One of the most exciting was when Mrs. Vicary and I travelled through seven countries in three weeks by motorcycle—Mrs. Vicary on the pillion. (This was some time ago). I remember we broke a pillion spring 8,000 feet up in the Alps. Mrs. V. blamed my driving, I privately thought it might be due to another reason. This year we hope to go abroad again to France and Italy.

Mr. Vicary takes a keen interest in politics. He believes in democracy and that there should always be an active opposition (except perhaps to his authority as deputy headmaster).

What, we asked him, are your favourite television programmes?

I seem to like many diverse programmes. Nothing musical. I liked "Candid Camera" for a time. I like some Westerns, but I also like the "Brains Trust" and "Ask Me Another".

We asked him one last question, *Why do you not join in the singing in Assembly?*

He replied, "For a very good reason. I cannot sing in tune."

In tune or not we shall in future look upon the tall, straight figure on the platform with a new interest, a new respect and curiosity. Having learned so much we are eager to know more, but it will need more experienced, shrewder, more worldly-wise reporters to elicit what *you* have probably been reading between the lines.

(Our special correspondents for this interview were Tim Egan and Judith Dean. Their secretary and stenographer was Sandra Newman.)

EXTRACTS FROM THE LOG OF THE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

The Editor asked Mr. Olphin for an article on the building of the Pool, one that would indicate the formidable nature of the task as well as give an idea of how such an operation was planned and tackled. No more vivid an impression of the blood, toil, sweat, tears (and laughter) could be given than is contained in these extracts from the daily log.

WEDNESDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1957

The Parent Teacher Association Committee agreed to be responsible for the swimming pool project. They were unanimous in voting that the School should propose a pool big enough, and deep enough for major competition swimming.

In the meantime: a parent offered to do all the school printing without cost until the pool is finished—the County Education Committee agreed to the Pool proposals—the first "Help for the Pool" collection produced £30—the first meeting of possible pool workers took place.

SATURDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1958

The first working day on the pool. The site was marked out and partly fenced in.

WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH

The excavator arrived at the same time as schools were coming in for a London Symphony Orchestral Concert. It caused much excitement.

SUNDAY, 23rd MARCH

The beginning of continuous weekend work on the pool. There was more fencing in, and two bricklayers made a hole through the man-hole to take away the water.

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH

A "Holiday Raffle" organised by the Ladies' Guild produced a profit of £100 for the pool. After a fortnight of negotiations, the pool workers were insured for a cost of £15.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd APRIL

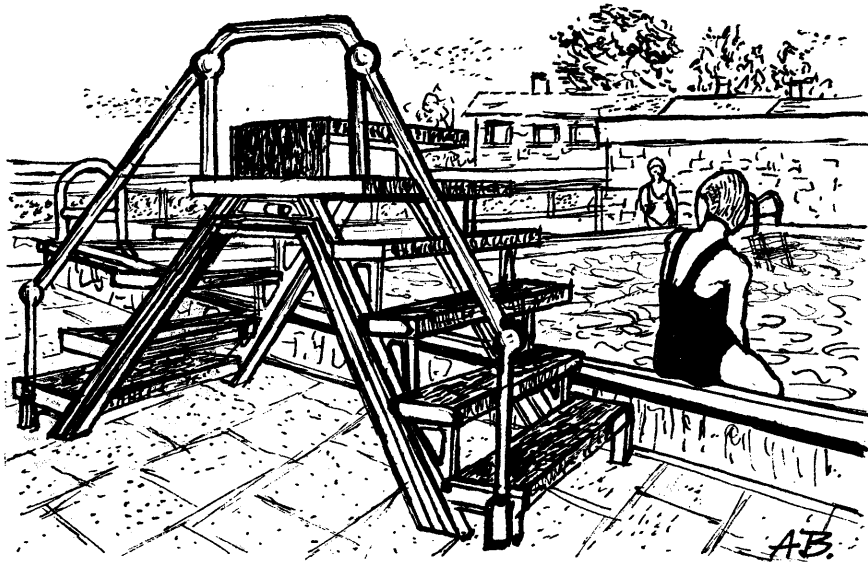
First day of term. Boys without games kit did hard labour by shovelling gravel from inconvenient point "A" to convenient point "B".

MONDAY, 19th MAY

From today continuous evening shifts began, and it is probably true that for many months from this date there was never a completely blank evening, wet or fine.

MONDAY(Whit), 26th MAY

It rained heavily for the whole morning. But work on the shuttering was done. It cleared up at 1 o'clock. A shift of 12 fathers was collected for the afternoon. Work finished at 11.30 p.m. with a corner poured.



THURSDAY, 26th JUNE

An indescribable evening. Everything went well until 9.30 p.m. and then the heavens opened. We had to finish concreting by the aid of a flood-light under the tarpaulin—and the days after showed that it was one of the best pieces of concreting we have done.

SUNDAY, 3rd AUGUST

A red letter day. The wall around the pool is completely joined up apart from the entrance near the mixer. The "morning shift" finished at 6.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER

One of the tragic evenings. Concrete was poured to raise the deep end wall a foot, but the machinery would not work and finally the shuttering, full of concrete, collapsed. We finished at midnight—and this was the first day of term!

THURSDAY, 6th NOVEMBER

An exhilarating evening. The day threatened bad weather, but accepting a last minute WEA 2211 favourable forecast, over 30 workers finished the last section of the pool. At times it was like a film sequence, with a dense fog which 4,000 watts of lighting could scarcely pierce.

THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER

The twenty-third consecutive day of fog, and still the work has never stopped.

In the meantime: Mr. Trevor Jones, our Art master at the school, finished a very lovely water colour of the pool—for two days crowds of boys have been excavating the filter house base—Miss Judy Grinham agreed to open a Garden Party in aid of the pool.

26th MAY-20th JUNE, 1959

The boys were helping in great force. Between them they have probably saved 2,000 hours' labour in ten days. A crowd of staff came on Saturday to give a hand with pavement laying and painting the pool—a temporary colour wash.

SUNDAY, 5th JULY

A day to remember! After excellent progress water again went into the pool and the workers and their kiddies had high jinks splashing about in it. The next day swimming unofficially began in the pool. Nothing need be added to this. It speaks for itself.

SATURDAY, 11th JULY

And so the first chapter of the story is written. Judy Grinham came to open the Fair and swim in the pool. Not a thing went wrong, even the cascade, turned on the first time, worked perfectly. Today there were many happy people walking about the school grounds.

SUNDAY, 14th MAY, 1961

Six or seven of the workers have been coming regularly for more than three years. They have each done more than a thousand hours' work. Today we were painting the diving board and helping relay paving. And so the work goes on.

AIRCRAFT SPOTTING

A very pleasant pastime which I take up during the summer holidays is Aircraft Spotting. Since I started, which was about five years ago, the number of spotters at London Airport has increased in leaps and bounds. The reason for this is the steady introduction of new jet airliners.

During 1959, the British Government relaxed its restrictions on the import of foreign-built aircraft. As a result, instead of the same dreary procession of familiar shapes, spotters can now watch for an ever-growing variety of modern U.S. and Continental light planes, and business aircraft in British Markings.

There is a book (costing 2/6d.) listing all the British Civil Aircraft registrations, and also lists of the overseas fleets which serve the U.K. This book will prove invaluable to any spotter as all he has to do is underline the aircraft and enter the date when seen.

The nearest airport to us is, of course, London Airport and the best place to go is the Roof Garden. The aircraft taxi right in front of you to re-fuel, enabling you to get a really close look. There is a tea room where refreshments can be bought throughout the day. In fact, as long as the weather permits, you can spend the whole of a very enjoyable day there. The next time you find yourself sitting around at home with nothing to do, why not take a trip to London Airport and try some aircraft spotting.

A. WYATT, 5G1, C31.

THEY

Slowly and silently they soared across the ice
Their bodies in perfect harmony.
The tracks where they had been,
Could easily be seen—
Like paper being cut by naked knives.
Quickly, but still silently, they soared across the ice,
The organ sounding faster as they went.
Her white chiffon gown
Illumined as the lights dimmed down,
And his black suit quite elegant against the ice.
The audience was anxious as they skated slowly around,
And as they ended with a bow and curtsey trim,
The judges gave their score,
The audience roared for more.
But they never soared again across the ice.

By ADRIENNE HILL, 1/2, D35.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

During a house assembly Mrs. Blythe was talking about a book, and she gave Marion and myself the idea of picking out a word from the dictionary and then taking it round to all members of the staff and asking them what they thought it meant. The word we took from the dictionary was ZWEIBACK (n.).

The definitions included:—

Tadpole; to go back; Zebra or something from Switzerland; the name of the next Russian into space; long South American snake; Shorthand; the African name for half back; Australian bird; special rasher of bacon; type of dog; swear word; part of machinery; camel in the Berlin Zoo; swing back; Double Dutch.

The only member of the staff who got anywhere near the answer was Mrs. Vicary, who said that it is a European dish.

The correct answer is:—*bread or sweet cake toasted in slices.*
It is a word of German origin.

MOLLY HERON and MARION STEVENS E40.

GET A-HEAD WITH THIS COLLECTION

Most people collect things: stamps, match box labels or they might just collect old junk, but the natives of Borneo probably have the strangest collection. These natives are head-hunters. When a tribe attacks an enemy village, the heads of those killed are cut off and brought home in triumph, in a war boat paddled by sometimes a hundred men singing triumphant songs. Once in their own village, everyone rejoices and the heads are carried to a hut built specially for the heads, where they are smoked and dried. If a chief has died recently they take the heads to his tomb. Then everyone bathes in the river.

After four days, each man takes his trophy of war to his home. On this day there is a great feast with lots of dancing and merrymaking. The heads are used in many of the dances. They are then hung up in the house next to any others from previous battles.

They are treated with great deference because the people of Borneo believe that the spirits that surround the heads are easily offended. As it might be difficult to please a lot of spirits, no-one cares to have more than thirty heads.

Somehow, I don't fancy paying a visit to Borneo, just in case there's an eccentric cove who would like thirty-one!

JOHN YOUNG, 4G1, D38.

DUBLIN, Saturday, March 15th

Our match against Ireland began at 9.00 p.m. before 1,000 people, after a band of Irish pipers had concluded their act. The large number of spectators surprised and unnerved me; I did not know there were 1,000 people interested in basketball and I had never played in front of so many before. We took the lead but were unable to maintain it. We were far taller and heavier than our opponents but could not use it to our advantage. The score mounted steadily with the lead exchanged continually. At half-time we were 19-26 down, but still hopeful.

The second half opened and the crowd yelled and screamed for their boys. The Irish team played as if they were inspired. From this stage we did not stand a chance of winning but succeeded in keeping the margin narrow. The bell came as a welcome relief as we were exhausted. The score was 41-50 in Ireland's favour. Immediately, the spectators surged onto the court, to congratulate the victors and to console us. The result of the tournament was a triple tie.

After changing, we returned to town to a restaurant with the other teams. About two o'clock we returned to our digs to catch a few hours sleep before leaving for home later in the morning.

The weather had remained perfect throughout the tournament. We were very impressed by the hospitality of the Irish people and their great enthusiasm for basketball. From our short stay in Cork, we have memories of Ireland which we shall cherish for the rest of our lives, especially the comradeship with boys our own age from two other countries. Our return journey passed without incident, and we arrived in London at 3.45 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. It was raining.

EDWARD A. SUTTON—Senior Prefect.

STOP-PRESS: We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating both Ted Sutton and Bill Currie on being selected for the Under-19 English Basketball Team. They have brought honour to themselves, their coach and their school. Good luck to them in the match against Italy on June 26th!

SWITZERLAND INCIDENT

We knew as soon as we arrived in Brunnen that this holiday was going to be a bit hilarious, but we didn't realise what an understatement that was. Apart from the fact that one girl nearly fell over the edge of a mountain and most of us had a severe attack of blistered feet, the first day went off quite smoothly.

On the way back from Engleberg we stopped at a café, where one member of our party ordered a bottle of pop and two glasses because she wished to share her pop with someone else. This is obviously not German etiquette, because the girl ended up with her bottle of pop and two ice-creams which she didn't want.

The next day we went to Lucerne, and, before our departure we were supplied with packed lunches. The contents of the sandwiches weren't very appetising, so we deposited them in a litter basket. I happen to turn round and I saw a dear, sweet, little, dirty tramp, rescue our sandwiches and put them in his pocket.

My friend and I wanted some stamps for our postcards so we discovered a little yellow machine which had a picture of a plain postcard on it and a nice green stamp. We foolishly thought that this machine issued stamps. The result of our test was that we were presented with a plain postcard with a nice green stamp on it! We then obtained some stamps from an adjoining machine and we went to look for a post box. On a tree outside a shop was a pretty little letter box painted bright yellow. Not wishing to be caught out again, I bravely entered the foreign shop and in my best pidgin-English-come-sign language said "Me postey cardy in yellow box out there (signs)". Whereupon the foreign-looking lady replied, "Oh but of course you can, if they've got stamps on" in a most marvellous Cambridge accent.

Nearing the end of our holiday we went up a very high mountain. When we came down we realised that we had to wait nearly three hours for the boat to take us back. Mr. Fisher told us not to worry because he had got some train tickets for us and we could now go home on the train. First of all though, we had to look for a station. We hunted high and low for it but we couldn't find it anywhere. It was soon apparent that we should have come down the mountain in the blue car, which would have taken us to the station. But we didn't despair because Mr. Fisher went and found a comfortable coach and a handsome driver, and so we went home in that.

Before we went through the customs in England we had to make a list of everything we had bought. Miss Sanderson handed the lists over to the customs man. The customs man shuffled them a bit, looking at Miss Sanderson all the time. When he had finished his shuffling, he said "Off you go," then added "Your teacher is nice, isn't she?" So ended our Swiss holiday—a very enjoyable holiday too!

MADLINE WOOD, 5G1, E41



PATTERN, PAT CORNICK, 4L1, A8

EASTER VISIT TO SPAIN

On April 3rd, at 6.45 a.m., an excited group of teenagers bundled enormous quantities of luggage into a coach, waved good-bye to red-eyed, yawning parents, and trundled off down the road to sunny Spain.

We arrived at Victoria half an hour later and took the train to Newhaven: thence to Dieppe. The Channel crossing was fairly good (so we were told) but it was pretty cold and it poured with rain the whole time. To complete matters, Mr. Buttery lost his coffee flask and had to produce his passport and explain to the captain before he could reclaim it.

From the boat we travelled by train to Paris and, after dinner, were taken to Gare Austerlitz where the Barcelona Express, a magnificent, stainless steel and aluminium contraption of enormous length, was waiting to speed us through France to Perpignon. The journey, although monotonous was a great experience. However, we eventually arrived in Perpignon, 12 hours and over 600 miles later, at 8 a.m.

We ate our bacon and eggs breakfast and boarded the coach for the final and most beautiful stage of our journey—through the Pyrenees. The coach took four hours to crawl through the craggy mountains. The coach driver seemed to take delight in scaring everybody by taking the hideous hair-pin bends at the maximum speed. However, we arrived safely at Blanes in the early afternoon.

We spent the remaining part of that afternoon acquiring a good knowledge of the qualities and prices of the various delicacies offered to us so persuasively by the local shopkeepers.

I think most of us enjoyed the Spanish food, although we were at first bewildered by their method of serving all meals (excepting breakfast) as four different courses. However, when accustomed to it, this method can be quite a good way to eat a meal.

There were four outings in all, on alternate days, giving us one day's respite after each trip. It was usually a day spent swimming, sunbathing or rock-climbing up the 200-foot lava cliffs, always a hazardous pastime. Nevertheless when certain girls, who shall be nameless, managed to get themselves stuck 150 feet up, there was no shortage of chivalrous volunteers to help rescue them. Of the four trips by coach—Barcelona, Costa Brava (sightseeing), a Bull Fight and Montserrat, I think the last was the most enjoyable. The premier attraction of this trip was the journey in the funicular (cable car) from the valley to the monastery, nearly two and a half thousand feet above. Some of the girls were frightened but as the panorama unfolded itself, all one's interest was employed taking in all the fabulous scenery.

As so often happens when you are enjoying yourself, the days sped by all too soon, and April 11th saw us cramming all manner of weird presents into already full cases. Our holiday was nearly over, but there was one treat still in store—a sight-seeing tour of Paris. Paris in the Spring is a very lovely sight, and I should not like to have missed that last excursion.

From Paris the journey took no time at all, and we were soon at Victoria where parents gladly welcomed us home, and gathered us into cars, vans, etc. to have a long long sleep after our unforgettable holiday.

MICHAEL SHARPE, 4G1

A CLANGER

There was a composer called Bong
 Who was writing a popular song.
 The whole of the verse
 Was sung in reverse
 And the solo was played on a gong.

Swan Song Composed by FORM 4L2.

SCHOOL DRAMA

For several years Mr. Longhurst has retired to the Great Hall towards the end of the Christmas Term, and taken up residence. There he could be seen surrounded by children, properties, costumes, scenery and the remains of his tea. From all this apparent confusion have come productions to delight hundreds of people and perhaps more important, productions that have given many children strong and pleasant memories of their school life.

One would have thought that the production of a play involving more than fifty performers was exhausting enough, but Mr. Longhurst gave them a tremendous boost by taking parts himself. His boundless energy showed itself in all his work, producing, acting and organising scenery and costumes.

The Christmas production this year will be "Where the Rainbow Ends". Mr. Hill, the new Head of the Drama Department has already cast the play and will start rehearsing before the end of this Summer Term.

HOUSE PLAYS

There was keen excitement just before Whitsun. The Junior part of the school were going to see the House Plays. This successful venture was started last year and the second year's standard was even higher than the first.

Austen House presented a delightful ballet "Coppelia"; Byron drew applause for their production: "The History of Pierre Patelin"; Churchill gave a lively offering in "Smuggler Jack"; Dunant showed us the dangers of trifling with foreign spies in "The Crimson Coconut"; Elgar had us laughing uproariously over their play "The Emperor's New Clothes"; and Faraday showed us the inside of a recording studio with "Two Radio Plays".

The audience proved to the actors how worthwhile their efforts had been, and the children watching took a great interest in what their House had produced.

MRS. J. LAMONT.

WAR AND PEACE

War is a very silly thing,
 And it hurts every living thing,
 War is really very bad,
 And makes the people very sad.
 Peace however, is very good,
 It makes you think of things you should:
 Like happiness and things all gay,
 Like all the flowers that bloom in May.

GIRLS of 2/3 and 2/4

There once was a fellow named Mike,
 Who rode very fast on his bike,
 Till a puncture he got,
 And he said, "That's my lot.
 From now on I'm going to hike."

BARBARA LEWIS, E41

G.C.E. RESULTS

Eng—English Language	EL—English Literature
F—French	G—Geography
P—Physics	HB—Human Biology
C—Chemistry	N—Needlework
Com—Commerce	A—Accounts
DS—Domestic Science	M—Maths
HM—Handicraft Metalwork	TD—Technical Drawing
	M—Mechanics

G.C.E. A Level Summer, 1960

M Cuggy, G; R. Paler, G.

G.C.E. O Level Summer, 1960

GIRLS

J. Bath, EL, Com; C. Beckett, N, HB; J. Broome, N; J. Buckingham, Eng, EL, F, G, N, HB; C. Bunday, Eng, EL, G, HB, Ma; S. Collier, G; A. Cooke, Eng, EL, Com; C. Duckett, Eng, EL, G, N, HB, M; T. Ellis, Eng, F; J. Gardner, Eng, EL, F, G, HB, M; S. Gillett, Eng, N; C. Grant, Eng, EL, Com; S. Gray, EL; M. Griffiths, Eng, F; J. Gurr, Eng; S. Harris, Eng; M. Hobson, Eng, EL, G, HB; M. A. Hobson, DS; D. Hunt, EL; S. Jenner, Eng, EL, G, N; E. Knight, EL, N, HB; B. Mole, Eng, EL, Com; B. Moore, Eng, EL, F, G, N, HB, Ma; M. Plester, Eng, G; M. Sinnott, Eng, EL, Com; G. Tubb, Eng, F, HB; M. Wallace, Eng, G, HB; M. Ware, G, N; A. Webb, Eng, G, N, HB, Ma; V. West, Eng, F, G, Com; P. White, Eng, EL, HB; A. Woodfield, F.

BOYS

C. Barnet, HM; D. Bennett, C, P, TD; M. Brockhurst, G, Ma; J. Chalk, Eng, G; J. Corby, Eng, F, G, Ma; P. Cuthbert, TD, HM; R. Davies, G, M; S. Ford, HM, TD; N. Guttridge, Eng, G, P, Ma; E. Hambleton, Eng, F, G, P, Ma; B. Haskey, TD, HM; J. Manton, HM; D. Murphy, Eng, EL, G, TD, HM; P. Norman, Eng, EL, F, G, P, TD, M; R. Peaston, Eng; G. Roy, Ma, Eng, EL, F, G; K. Salmon, P, TD; F. Sheen, TD; M. Stratford, TD; A. Toovey, Eng, A; M. Vickers, Eng, F, G, P, M; M. Warne, HM.

OLD STUDENTS

B. Kirkham, M.P; R. Gleadhall, Eng.

Autumn 1960

GIRLS

C. Beckett, Eng; J. Broome, Eng; C. Duckett, F; T. Ellis, EL, Com; J. Gurr, EL, Com; M. Hobson, Eng, F, Com; E. Knight, Eng.

BOYS

D. Bennett, Ma; M. Brockhurst, P, K. Salmon, Eng, HM; D. Taylor, F, G.

As a result of their success in the examination, two boys, M. Cuggy and R. Paler, were admitted to Teachers' Training Colleges. They have now successfully completed the first year of their training.

RIDDLE

My first is in bus but not in car,
 My second is on lorry but not in jar.
 My third is in bar and also in ale,
 My fourth is in sick and looking pale.
 My fifth is in kilt a Scot's delight,
 My sixth is in Wales which isn't in sight.
 My seventh is in England and also in France,
 My eighth is in waltz an old fashioned dance.
 My last is in oil, which you put on your hair.

ANSWER: BLACKWELL

M. CAUNCE, E/41.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The Ballroom Dancing Club

The Club has again enjoyed a good year of dancing. The attendance has been very good, averaging about seventy members of the fourth, fifth and sixth years, together with several members of the Staff. Many different types of dances have been learnt and enjoyed by all during the lessons. Two very successful Dances were held in the Great Hall, one at Christmas and one during the Easter term.

The Boys' Bible Class

This small but enthusiastic group meets every Wednesday evening to study and discuss the Scriptures. Though the study is a serious one, we are an extremely happy group, and discussions are carried on in a very pleasant atmosphere. Nearly everyone joins in these discussions. The attendance is usually about thirteen, though one evening we did have twenty-two.

By studying the Bible, we learn how to enter into a right relationship with God and our fellow men; we realise, too, that Christian worship is always through the Lord Jesus Christ and that this worship is an individual matter.

The School Camera Club

President: THE HEADMASTER

Secretary: M. BROCKHURST

Treasurer: S. HUNT

We are a small group who are to be found lurking, usually in the dark, after school in Room 2 every Thursday. We owe our existence, and most of the equipment that we use, to our President.

Our membership is from the Extended Courses 4th, 5th and 6th years. Some of us actually own cameras, others borrow them—officially I hope, whilst others hope to have one some time in the near future. The cameras used range in complexity from interchangeable lens miniature cameras to the simple box "Brownie" type. They usually produce the best results, at first anyway, and are not to be despised on any count.

During this year we have processed our own negatives, made contact prints and enlargements of many sizes and subjects, from actors and actresses, stage hands and choristers of the play, to Russian aircraft at Heathrow. Undoubtedly the play provided the greatest attraction and incentive, much fresh experience was gained. Filmstrip lectures donated by Kodak have been viewed, more are to come. Thanks to the good will of the School's Librarians, we have our own Photographic Branch with close on 20 volumes, ranging from The Complete Amateur Photographer to a more technical work, Colour Films. These books have been well read and found useful in extending our knowledge of our vice or hobby, Photography.

Next term there will be a Holiday Photographic Competition. The title—People, Places and Animals. Anybody can enter for this competition. People, this can be portraits or comic shots. Places, seaside or on the land. Animals, pets or Zoo animals. The entrants will be grouped into 1st, 2nd and 3rd years and 4th, 5th and 6th years. There will be prizes for each group in each section. All you have to do during the Summer Holiday is take some snaps in black and white and have them ready for next Term when the rules are announced. Don't worry, they are simple, take those snaps. People, Places or Animals.

MR. L. J. GREEN.

“Puppeteers, Here is Your Own Club”

Once a week for about half an hour after school, first years will be able to try their hand at “Puppetry”. It will be held in room eight under the guidance of Mr. Hill. Victor Jamison and Roger Manton are the founders of the club, so they will organise it. Those interested please give your name, Form and Tutor Group either to Mr. Ward or Mr. Mannion. The actual day each week will be posted around the school as soon as possible.

Miss Pointing's Choir

Every week on a Monday Miss Pointing holds a choir practice. I go there regularly and I have only missed it once. We sing new and old songs. At the moment we are getting ready for Speech Day. We only have about nine or ten people so please come along on a Monday after school. (It's not very long.) All children of all years are welcome.

JANET YEOMAN, C/31, I/3.

Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter

In Spring the lambs are playing and the birds are singing, the trees are swaying and the buds are bursting into blossom. Spring is when the golden daffodil is out. I went for a walk one day in Spring and I looked up in the trees and saw the birds busy making their nests.

After Spring comes Summer, that is when we start our holidays. When we are on holiday, we always go swimming. In Summer, we get a chance to get brown. Autumn is a lovely time, for the leaves on the trees change to lovely colours, like red, golden, yellow and brown.

Then comes Winter. In Winter, the rain falls, the snow falls and the wind blows. In December, Christmas is here and we make snowballs and snowmen. December 25th is Jesus's Birthday. It is Christmas.

SUSAN GOMER I/7

What did the big rose do to the little rose? Hi, Bud!
 Why did the chicken cross the road?
 To get his pension. You don't get it? Neither did he—
 he wasn't 65.



LANDSCAPE, KENNETH CADBY, 4G2, A8

THE BALLAD OF MISS J— (of the Mini Ha-Ha)

By the shores of Blackwell School Pool,
 By the Big Sea crystal waters,
 Stood Miss B. J.—(drives the Mini),
 Grimly gazing at the waters.
 Sadly saw the sinking mark book,
 Sinking in the stagnant waters.
 Had she come to end her days here?
 All because of 3/1's ways here?
 First the class she'd castigated
 But in sloth they'd gone to wallow.
 Always blotting their prize essays,
 And then losing their new text books,
 Driving Ma'am to mortal madness.
 Went on tearing History drawings—
 All her lovely Stone Age etchings.
 Should she now end all this terror?
 Should she jump into the waters?
 Jump she did and soon was flound'ring.
 Then young Witney (Casanova)
 Just in time perceived her peril;
 Had to save his favourite teacher!
 Jumped into the deep-end water;
 Bore her to her Mini HA-HA.
 Saved he had our dear Miss B.J.—

C. THORNE, F46, 3/1.

AUSTEN HOUSE

House Captains: Jean Buckingham, John Chalk.

Secretary: Sally Adams.

Treasurer: Janice Broome

School Prefects:

D. Breaden, T. Kelly, R. Yardy, T. Sutton, Sylvia Box.

House Prefects:

R. Howes, G. Young, Eileen Marley, Pat Rogers, Sandra Newman, Janet Scott, Jennifer Aldridge.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS, 1960-61

Clibbon, Badcock, Shephard, Brown, Smith P., Baldwin, Cadby, Carter, S. Herbert (3), C. Day, C. Finding (2), C. Webb, E. Marley, L. Norman, C. Richbell, B. Russel (2), V. Barnet, P. Cornick, E. Letman, J. Adams (2).

Since the formation of the House we have been fortunate and unique, in having no changes on the House Staff. We have seen our original House Captains become Head Girl and Head Boy and one of our House Prefects, the Senior Prefect. The House itself has also done well and became the first Cock House, although the honour was shared with Elgar. We also won outright the Downer Cup for Conduct Merit. This was an interesting win as at no time during the year did we win the cup awarded at the end of each conduct period. On the various fields of sport the House has been well represented and has won several of the competitions. A feature of House life has been the "House Evenings" which have varied between theatre visits, sports evenings and socials. They have been enjoyed by the members of the House and their guests.

A. P. FINDLAY, HOUSE MASTER.

FRIENDS ABROAD

During Lent last year the members of Austen House collected £8 to send to the World Refugee Year Fund. After this it was decided that we would like to "adopt" refugee families in Germany and send gifts to them from time to time. We were given the names of two families living in Münster, the Klims and the Pawlaks, and through letters we are beginning to have them as friends.

During the past year six sacks of clothing have been sent. Boys and girls in the House have been responsible for bringing the clothes and helping to mend, clean and pack them. Inside the clothing parcels there have always been included some sweets and chocolate; Easter Eggs were also sent this year.

At Christmas, small personal gifts were sent to each member of the family and the children's birthdays have been remembered by a gift and card.

Food is a big problem for refugees and the grateful letters we have received acknowledging the four food parcels make it clear how much this help is needed.

In making this report, we should like to express our appreciation of the financial help which has come to us from various sources outside the House.

MISS M. J. GARRETT.

BOYS' SPORT

The House started the year exceptionally well when both the senior and junior House football teams won all their matches in the Inter-House Competition, this was quite an achievement as the standard of football, especially in the junior section, was extremely high. In the final placings Austen House was first.

The junior team was selected from:—

Speaight, Hobart, Bowditch, Kay, King, Rogers, Cussack and Fairweather.

The senior team was selected from:—

Chalk, Gould, Griffiths, Young, Humphrey, Duerden, Garrat, Thomas and Stares.

In the School cross-country event, we were placed second and we achieved some very good individual placings, Gould being especially successful in the senior event.

First three in for Austen:—

JUNIOR: Dignam—11th, Puzey—14th, Ayling—17th.

SENIOR: Gould—1st, Griffiths—4th, Humphrey—6th.

The most recent event to date, the inter-House Basketball Competition, saw our second success of the year.

Both teams produced a high standard of play, the juniors winning all five matches, and the seniors winning four and losing the match against Elgar. The junior team were first in their section and the seniors tied for first place with Elgar.

In the final placings Austen was placed first.

The boys representing the House were:—

JUNIORS

Ayling, Alcorn, Davies, Hobart, Bowditch, Mayer, Speaight.

SENIORS

Sutton, Chalk, Vincent, Griffiths, Gould, Stucky, Duerden.

Heartiest congratulations to all who made these results possible!

GIRLS' NETBALL

JUNIOR TEAM

Doreen Boulding *Captain*

Susan Pickett

Jacqueline Cass

Anne Marchant

Jean Grant

Anne Clarke

Evelyn Kenyon

SENIOR TEAM

Sally Adams

Heather Hayes

Antoinette Trow

Kathleen Cussack

Marion Collier

Susan Varley

Valerie Piper

Valerie Sloper *Captain*

Katherine Meyer

RESULTS	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
JUNIORS	5	4	0	1
SENIORS	5	0	1	4

Although, on the whole, the Girls have not reached the heights (especially near the goal ring), yet there is plenty of enthusiasm and talent. Encouraged by the Boys' results we hope for greater success in the future. Well done, girls, for trying so hard, especially the Juniors.

THE HOUSE PLAY COPPELIA

These were the members of the cast: *Coppelius*, the toymaker—Ann Clark; *Swanhilda*—Judith Adams; *Franz*, her boyfriend—Victor Jamieson; *Ballerina Doll*—Crystal Suckling; *Dolls*—M. Slinn, Joyce Bircherough, D. Hull, D. Burrows, B. Corrie, C. Felton, D. Pitt; *Boys and Girls*—Andrée Bond, Kathleen Cusack, Heather Hayes, Antoinette Trow, Christine Finding, Katherine Mayer, Mary Russell, Elizabeth Letman; *Backstage*—Patrick Ryan, Fay Quilter, Audrey Payne.

THE DEVIL'S SMITHY

One Whit Sunday while walking on the South Downs a man called Jim and his wife, Anne, came across a place on the map called "The Devil's Smithy." It was a sinister cave, cut out of a hill and covered in overhanging bushes. It appeared to be interestingly eerie and they decided to explore it.

"Perhaps we'll see Old Nick," laughed Anne.

"Maybe," replied Jim.

They plunged into the cave; It ran deep into the hillside and then took a right angle bend which cut off all daylight.

"Just the sort of place Old Nick might hide out for a day or two," scoffed Jim.

The cave was pitch black by then. As they went further in, Jim thought he should smell the acrid tang of a blacksmith's shop; he saw a flame reflected on the cave wall, flaring and fading alternately as from a fire blown by bellows. Then he heard a clang . . . clang . . . clang . . . the sound of a hammer beating on an anvil. By then, Anne had also heard it, and although they were frightened, curiosity got the better of them and they went on.

They came to a great chamber brightly lit by a fiercely burning forge. At the forge stood a red figure with horns, tail and cloven hooves who was busily shoeing a black horse. The horse, incidentally, was breathing fire from its nostrils. After he had finished, Old Nick said, "Well that's that." Then turning to Jim and Anne who were standing petrified raised his arm and beckoned them saying, "Let's see what we can do about you two."

As if drawn by a magnet, they crept closer, their faces burning and the Devil leering at them. Then, at the crucial moment, the sound of the church bells came drifting into the cave, and in a flash the Devil was gone on the black horse. Jim and Anne turned and fled as fast as their legs could carry them.

After their terrifying experience they went to the village pub where they were staying. There an ancient inhabitant was telling a group of holiday makers a legend of how on every Whit Sunday the imprints of cloven hooves could be seen at the cave called the Devil's Smithy, and how on the same evening a man and woman can be seen fleeing wildly out of the cave. They say they have seen the Devil shoeing a black horse and as the church bells rang . . . Well you know the rest. You'll never believe it so what's the use of going on?
S. COGLE, 4G1, E44.



BYRON HOUSE

Housemaster: MR. R. K. N. BUTTERY

MERIT BADGE WINNERS

The following members of Byron House have gained distinction by winning Merit Badges. These badges are a sign of outstandingly consistent work and behaviour, and the number of times the badge has been awarded is shown in brackets.

Lilian Walker	(1)	Iola Calderwood	(1)	Tim Egan	(5)
June Marshall	(1)	Carol Howard	(1)	David Falkener	(1)
Arlene Hamilton	(1)	Sandra Pope	(1)	Peter Kick	(2)
Christine Barlow	(2)	Nina Guttridge	(1)	Anthony Head	(1)
Carol Penrice	(1)	Helen Wilson	(1)	Stephen Hunt	(1)
Vivienne Poulton	(1)	Jennifer Wallace	(1)	Michael Carless	(2)
Kathleen Skilton	(2)	William Keen	(1)		

We will not mention the names which have appeared regularly on detention slips.

COMMENTS IN GENERAL

A fact which is probably not so well known is that our House Captain—Tim Egan—in addition to his success on the tennis court has also been selected to represent the Middlesex under 18 team at Badminton on several occasions recently. This is a high honour and we wish him the best of luck in the future. At soccer too, we have two Harrow players: Derek French in the Under 13 team and Clive Foskett in the Under 14 team. Derek was of course one of the main reasons for the downfall of Downer Grammar School in the final of the Headstone Cup. The school defeated them by three goals to nil, with Derek scoring two very fine goals. The other goal came from a well taken free kick by Terry Willis (a foreigner from Faraday). Another interesting Byron game was played on the school field during March, and although the football did not reach the same high standard, it was certainly enjoyed quite as much by all who took part in it. This was the Stephen Locke XI versus Mr. Buttery's XI. Stephen's team was selected from tutor groups 17, 18 and 19, and 10, 13 and 14 combined to make the opposing team. It was all very good fun and resulted in a narrow win for the upper part of the house (i.e. 17, 18 and 19).

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Cross Country. This was our big moment and we won it because of the team spirit behind it. With 14 juniors and 11 seniors running we finished clearly on top.

Final team positions:—

BYRON, AUSTEN, DUNANT, ELGAR, FARADAY and CHURCHILL.

The first three in for the house were as follows:—

JUNIORS: French (4th), Paine (7th), Hardy (8th).

SENIORS: S. Locke (5th), Lowens (9th), Kershaw (17th).

Stephen Locke was afterwards selected to represent HARROW in the County Cross Country Competition.

FOOTBALL

This again was an example of House spirit at its best. On paper our teams were not outstanding, but by a concerted effort the senior team won all their games except the last one against Austen. This one loss was enough to give the championship to Austen, but we played very well to finish in second place.

The following players took part and final positions are given below.

SENIORS

S. LOCKE (Capt.)
P. SURRIDGE
D. BASFORD
A. HALL
L. EVERITT
I. MOSELEY

JUNIORS

D. FRENCH (Capt.)
C. DUBERY
J. PAINE
T. PAINE
W. HARDY
R. MARSHALL
P. LAMBERT

JUNIORS: Austen, Dunant, Byron, Faraday, Churchill, Elgar.

SENIORS: Austen, Byron, Elgar, Churchill, Dunant, Faraday.

COMBINED: AUSTEN, BYRON, DUNANT, ELGAR, CHURCHILL, FARADAY.

BASKETBALL

Byron was not successful in this competition. The following players took part and details are given below.

JUNIORS			SENIORS								
B	v	A	Lost	12-18	B	v	A	Lost	9-22		
		v	C	Won	14-12			v	C	Lost	13-16
		v	D	Lost	10-18			v	D	Lost	13-19
		v	E	Won	12-6			v	E	Lost	11-18
		v	F	Won	8-2			v	F	Lost	4-6

RESULT

Juniors: A, D, B, F, C, E.

Seniors: E/A, F/D, C, B.

Combined Result: AUSTEN, DUNANT, ELGAR/FARADAY, BYRON, CHURCHILL.

Bovs taking part:—

JUNIORS

Paine, French, Day, Skingle, Vicary, Holdsworth, Hardy, Woodgate, Dubery.

SENIORS

Egan, Lowen, Lowres, Allison, Foskett, Ellis, Surrige, Kick, Whittaker, Carless.

BYRON GIRLS' NETBALL

The Senior Netball Team did well in the matches against the other houses although they did not win many games.

The Junior Netball Team were also defeated in several games but did not lose heart.

SENIOR TEAM

C.: Pauline Lynch
C.A.: Barbara Barton
C.D.: Diane Rowley
G.S.: Sandra Pope
A.: Linda Cook
G.D.: Carole Finch (Capt.)
D.: Pat Penny

JUNIOR TEAM

C.: Jean Sancroft
C.D.: Joan Saville
C.A.: Mona Conlon (Capt.)
G.D.: Carol Sancroft
D.: Rita Cannon
G.S.: Francis Woodgate
A.: Wendy Kingham

RESULTS

B	v	A	8-8	Draw	
		v	C	5-4	Won
		v	D	4-14	Lost
		v	E	6-6	Draw
		v	F	4-6	Lost

GIRLS GAMES AND CLUBS

by RITA NORBURN (Games Captain)

SCHOOL NETBALL

The School netball teams had a very successful season owing to the much appreciated coaching of Mrs. Lamont and Mrs. Reed. The team that fought their way through several rounds to gain the Harrow School Championship comprised:—

Centre—Y. Searle	Goal Defence—V. Sloper
Centre Defence—I. Morgan	Defence—R. Norburn
Centre Attack—P. Jacobs	Shooter—M. Collier
Attack—S. McDonald	Goal Defence—V. Sloper
Shooter—M. Collier	Defence—R. Norburn

The First School Team also had a tremendous success in their friendly matches, with only one defeat—against Downer away. (Of course, we are trying to forget the tragic defeat we had against the Women Members of Staff). List of 1st Matches played:—

Backwell v.

AWAY
Kingsbury won 6-18
Lascelles won 4-25
Chandos won 12-15
Headstone won 9-15
Downer lost 15-14

HOME
Lascelles won 9-14
Belmont won 3-25
Chandos won 6-18
Downer won 1-14
Kingsbury won 8-15

We also have to congratulate Dunant on winning the House Netball Trophy this year.

The Second School Netball Team have also had a very good season, with a number of very hard matches in which they played very well.

The team:—

C. Finch (Captain), K. Colson, A. Trow, K. Cusack, J. Dean, S. Adams, H. Hayes.

This was not always the permanent team, several others played. Those who played most were:— S. Long, S. Mackrill, L. Garratt.

The first and second year teams also had a very successful and exciting season. The second year team was in the Junior Harrow School Rally, but was up against very stiff competition as the other teams were more experienced.

Miss Jordan and Miss Jenkins would like to congratulate the teams on a consistently high standard of play.

2nd Year matches played away:—

Lascelles — Blackwell won	HOME
Chandos — Blackwell won	Downer — Blackwell won 4-10
Downer — Blackwell draw 7-7	Kingsbury — Blackwell won
Kingsbury — Blackwell lost 10-7	

Matches played at Home:—

The 2nd year Team comprised:—

N. Stevens, P. Raffell, J. Avery, D. Boulding, M. Conlon, C. Streeter, D. Hunt, J. Chilverd.

The 1st Year Team comprised:—

S. Wilmott, J. Wright, I. Abel, M. Ware, C. Dawson, A. McBroom, J. Rouse, C. Hodges.



THE SCHOOL NETBALL TEAM

Back row: Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Lamont.

Centre row: Iris Morgan, Marion Collier, Yvonne Searle, Rita Norburn

Front row: Pamela Jacobs, Sheila McDonald.

SWIMMING

The new Blackwell swimming pool was in use for the first time last summer. It proved to be so successful that many boys and girls attempted the Confidence, Elementary and Advanced Certificates. In the Autumn of last year a group of girls entered for the Intermediate Certificate for gaining which one girl, Kathleen Cusack, must be congratulated. In the House Gala competition

1st—Elgar	5th—Dunant
2nd—Faraday	6th—Byron
3rd—Austen, Churchill	

DANCING

The Junior Dancing Club took part in the Harrow Dancing Festival. The girls did very well and at the end of the contest were congratulated by the chairman.

List of girls who took part:—

Moya Ware, Irene Abel, Caroline Brand, Sandra Wilmott, Judith Adams, Jacqueline Board, Susan Pickett, Shirley Stream, Ann Riley, Elizabeth Flynn, April McBroom, Karen Hobson, Ursula Woods, Christine Finding, Jennifer Rouse, Pamela Miles, Brenda Corry, Jane Featherby, Lynn Harrison.

TENNIS

The tennis team have started the season with a match against Headstone. It was a mixed doubles match (ended 39-42 in favour of Headstone).

The people who played were:—

Carol Beckett—Tim Egan
Rita Norburn—John Chalk
Judith Dean—Michael Brockhurst

There was also a ladies double against Pinner County, the team being:—

Rita Norburn—Judith Dean
Carol Beckett—Jean Buckingham
Carol Finch—Yvonne Searle

In our next match against Roxeth Manor we played very much better and won easily by 39-24.

HOCKEY



THE SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAM

Back row, left to right: Judith Dean, Antoinette Trow, Marion Stedman, Evelyn Rixon, Patricia Naylor, Joan Flower, Miss Yellop.
Front row, left to right: Sonja Ashley, Lesley Palmer, Rita Norburn, Katherine Mayer, Jane Dainty.

The Hockey Club has proved to be a tremendous success, and the members would like to thank Miss Garrett and Miss Yellop for their time and attention in making the club possible.

The team were:—

G.K.—E. Rixon	R.W.—K. Mayer
R.B.—A. Trow	R.L.—R. Norburn
L.B.—J. Flowers	C.F.—L. Palmer
R.H.—M. Steadman	L.L.—S. Ashley
C.H.—J. Dean	L.W.—J. Dainty
L.H.—P. Naylor	

Reserve: A. Pearce, J. Birchenough

The matches played were very exciting, some against schools who have been playing hockey for many years. Our team played very well, and out of eight matches lost only two.

List of matches:—

Copland: 1-0 lost
Herriots Wood: 3-1 lost
Pinner County: 1-1 draw
Bourne School: 4-1 won
Headstone School: 3-1 won

ATHLETICS

On the 15th and 16th of May the District Sports were held at Roxeth Manor School. Every school takes part in this, and if successful go through to represent Harrow in the Middlesex Championships. The team would like to thank Mrs. Reed for coaching them, and Miss Yellop for being Team Manageress.

RESULTS

Junior 100ds:—L. Palmer 4th Junior 150 yds:—S. Ashley 4th
Junior 100 yds:—L. Palmer 4th Long Jump:—C. Cusack 4th

In the Junior Under-15 Relay, these girls were 5th in the final:—

1. K. Cusack, 2. K. Mayer, 3. S. Ashley, 4. L. Palmer.

INTERMEDIATE RESULTS

100 yds:—Y. Searle 2nd 80 yd. Hurdles:—S. Adams 2nd
150 yds:—R. Norburn 2nd Discus:—M. Herron 3rd

In the shot we must congratulate Carole Finch for winning with a put of 26 feet 1½ inches.

In the 4 x 110 yards Relay the following were placed 3rd in the final after winning their heat.

1. Y. Searle, 2. S. Adams, 3. I. Morgan, 4. R. Norburn.

In the 11-13 years 4 x 110 yards Relay these girls were placed 4th:—

1. J. Gass, 2. J. Rouse, 3. M. Harper, 4. J. Spriggs.

It has not been possible to mention all those who participated in the games and club activities, but we would like to congratulate everyone who took part on a most successful season so far. We now look forward to plenty of warm weather so that we can make full use of our wonderful swimming pool.

SUMMER TERM HOUSE RESULTS (up to Whitsun)

MERIT		CONDUCT		COMBINED	
1. D.	5889	1. E.	1626	1. E.	7497
2. E.	5871	2. A.	1612	2. A.	7482
3. A.	5870	3. B.	1607	3. D.	7474
4. B.	5825	4. F.	1602	4. B.	7432
5. F.	5814	5. D.	1585	5. F.	7418
6. C.	5797	6. C.	1569	6. C.	7366

POSITION FOR FIRST CONDUCT/MERIT PERIOD

1. ELGAR
2. AUSTEN
3. DUNANT
4. BYRON
5. BARADAY
6. CHURCHILL

POSITION FOR THE YEAR

1. B. 47241
2. A. 46894
3. F. 46759
4. D. 46748
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BOYS' GAMES REPORT—1960/61

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Perhaps in the future, when we look back on the past year, we will remember the incessant rain which quickly flooded the school playing fields. Many boys may remember the cross-country and road-runs; but however pleasantly or unpleasantly we view the last year, it has been a successful period for school games activities.

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL

JUNIORS	SENIORS	FINAL RESULT
1. Austen	1. Austen	1. Austen
2. Dunant	2. Byron	2. Byron
3. Byron	3. Elgar	3. Dunant
4. Faraday	4. Churchill	4. Elgar
5. Churchill	5. Dunant	5. Churchill
6. Elgar	6. Faraday	6. Faraday

The final football matches had been played on ankle-deep mud, which was to put the playing fields out of action until after Christmas. The cross-country training now began in earnest and on February 2nd, 153 runners prepared to run the annual cross-country race.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY

JUNIORS	SENIORS	FINAL RESULT
1. Byron	1. Austen	1. Byron 171 Points
2. Elgar	2. Dunant	2. Austen 182 Points
3. Dunant	3. Faraday	3. Dunant 191 Points
4. Austen	4. Byron	4. Elgar 240 Points
5. Faraday	5. Elgar	5. Faraday 250 Points
6. Churchill	6. Churchill	6. Churchill 437 Points

INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL

JUNIORS	SENIORS	FINAL RESULT
1. Austen	1. Elgar	1. Austen
2. Dunant	2. Austen	2. Dunant
3. Byron	3. Faraday	3. Elgar
4. Faraday	4. Dunant	4. Faraday
5. Churchill	5. Churchill	5. Byron
6. Elgar	6. Byron	6. Churchill

As to date, Austen have proved themselves to be a strong games force in the Inter-House Winter Activities. It is interesting to note that the first four places in the Junior Football and Basketball competitions were in the same order of merit. Is this going to set the pattern of success in the future, or will Churchill and Elgar Houses pull something out of the bag and topple Austen House from their high perch? Only next year will tell!

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

After the schools trials in September, very few School games were played until well into the New Year when the school field had dried out sufficiently. However, the boys' enthusiasm had not been daunted and in a short space of time eighteen school games were played, with Blackwell emerging the winners ten times, seven games being lost and one drawn.



THE SCHOOL UNDER 13 FOOTBALL TEAM

Back row: Mr. Buttery.

Centre row, left to right: P. Manetti, T. Willis, K. Searle, D. Mansell,

A. Walters, P. Nichols, M. Rogers.

Front row, left to right: J. Cross, P. Thomas, R. Bowditch, L. Clark,

D. French, J. Barnes.

The school was successful in reaching two finals. The under-14 team, delighting an enthusiastic crowd to an exhibition of attacking football, were most unlucky to lose their final 1-0 to Belmont. The under-13 team went to their final knowing that their opponents, Downer, were a strong side. After an exciting first-half with no goals scored, the school team managed to get on top with superb team-football and ran out the winners 4-0. The under-13 team received the Headstone Cup for this performance.

Blackwell also had their share of honours with the District teams. Fourteen boys from the school were selected to represent Harrow; K. Harper and R. Griffiths were also selected to play in the London Boys' Trials held at Easter, 1961.

The future promises well for Blackwell with these two teams doing so well in their Cups; but no matter how well the boys play, it is always encouraging to have supporters from your school to cheer you on, so make sure you come along and support your school teams next year.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS 1960/61

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					For	Agst.
U/12	2	0	1	1	2	3
U/13	3	3	0	0	20	3
U/14	5	3	2	0	24	12
U/15	5	3	2	0	21	10
U/16	3	1	2	0	7	14

The following boys played for their School teams:—

- U/12 B. Man'ey, S. Stoddart, D. Stone, R. Durrant, R. Hobart, M. Cussack, S. Hughes, P. Speight, B. Grant, M. Garratt, D. Essen, R. Simmons, J. Scrivens, S. Fairweather, S. Barker.
- U/13 R. Bowditch, D. Mansell, D. French, D. Daniels, P. Thomas, M. Rogers, J. Cross, L. Clarke, P. Manetti, R. Searle, J. Barnes, P. Nichols, I. Hutchinson, T. Willis, A. Walters.
- U/14 W. Swannick, J. Balley, C. Fosket, J. Wilcox, K. Harper, P. Surridge, T. Edwards, A. Thomas, C. Robertson, R. Griffiths, K. Richmond, D. Clowes, M. Gould, M. Moore, D. Green, Brooker.
- U/15 C. Garratt, A. Hall, M. Thomas, T. Farman, K. Faille, D. Waters, P. Sherlock, L. Everett, J. Ruddy, I. Akers, G. Cronk, S. Locke, G. Rapoport.
- U/16 N. Hutchinson, A. Humphrey, V. Aylott, A. Wyatt, F. Barber, I. Moseley, I. Godfrey, F. Duerden, T. Kelly, C. Locke, C. Taylor, A. Findell, D. Young, G. Witham, C. Coles.



THE SCHOOL UNDER 14 FOOTBALL TEAM

Back row, left to right: Mr. Gearing, P. Surridge, D. Green, W. Swannick, C. Robertson, M. Moore, J. Balley.
Front row, left to right: R. Griffiths, M. Gould, R. Harper, C. Foskett, K. Richmond.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school cross country team was selected from the results of the school's annual race and the boys began training for the District Championships. On the first training run, J. Parks had the misfortune to sprain his ankle and ruled himself out of the run.

The race, run over 1½ miles took place at Harrow Weald County School and drew 6 entrants from 11 schools. The team packed together from the start and finished in the following positions:—

C. Locke 2nd, S. Locke 7th, M. Gould 8th, D. Pickup 9th, J. Vincent (A) was also selected to represent the County.

Blackwell were resounding winners of the Championship and received the Harrow School's Cross Country Cup for 1961.

BASKETBALL

Nowadays many Games teachers associate the name of Blackwell with Basketball, and this year the high standard of the game has again been in evidence at Blackwell. E. Sutton (A) and D. Patterson (E) were honoured by their Country and County. J. Vincent (A) was also selected to represent the County.

A total of eighteen games were played, Blackwell winning thirteen and losing five. The U/17 team were the most successful group, winning seven of their eight games. In the Middlesex Cup, the team won their way into the semi-final by beating Abbotsfield, Tottenham and Barnhill. In an exciting semi-final match with Preston Manor (the eventual winners) the boys were beaten 57-46. A disappointing result for them after their enthusiastic training sessions, but a highly creditable performance by the school team.

The Under 12 and Under 13 teams both won all their games. There is difficulty finding fixtures for the younger teams as few schools play basketball in the Jun'or School, but in the games that were played, the boys showed plenty of promise for the years to come. The Under 15 team had a disappointing year, but they are already in training for next year when they will be keen to uphold the prestige of Blackwell.

Another pleasing feature of last year was the enthusiasm of a number of boys to officiate House matches. I. Godfrey, J. Vincent, D. Patterson, D. Robinson and E. Sutton are all competent referees. If you like the game, but do not feel you are skilful enough for the school team, why not try your hand at refereeing? You will enjoy it!

SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS—1960-1961

Team	Played	Won	Lost	For	Agst.
Under 12	2	2	0	40	25
Under 13	2	2	0	81	148
Under 15	6	2	4	115	121
Under 17	8	7	1	496	358

The following boys represented their school teams:—

UNDER 12

R. Simmons, R. Lane, M. Mayer, B. Gardiner, M. Powell, P. Speight, S. Fairweather, K. Pople, T. Meaburn, S. Barker, T. Chadwick, A. Catlin, M. Hicken.

UNDER 13

A. Brady, M. Green, W. Hardy, J. Duffy, T. Ayling, D. French, K. Searle, R. Downen, C. Minnett, A. Paine, S. Alcorn, J. Baritt, J. Cross.