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EDITORIAL

We hope you like our new cover design by Mr. Walker. See him if you don't. This year we have included a few pages on the newly formed Old Students' Association. We should like as many Old Students as possible to take advantage of the invitation contained in Mr. Olphin's letter and ask all who read this Magazine to bring it to the attention of any Old Students they may know.

We thank those who have contributed to the Magazine and regret that, owing to lack of space, we have not been able to publish all the articles that were submitted. We should also like to thank the generous parents and children who paid more than the *Minimum* 1/6d. per copy. Who knows? We may break even one day.

HOUSE NOTES

AUSTEN HOUSE

Staff: A1 Mr. C. Walker, A3 Mr. L. J. Green, A4 Miss J. Sanderson, A8 Mr. A. Luff, A9 Mr. A. C. Morill; Mr. D. F. Bergin, Miss M. Garrett, Mr. D. F. Gibbs.

House Captains: Sally Adams, James Clibbon.

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School Prefects: J. Clibbon, R. Howkins, A. Dymond, S. Herbert, K. Cusack, S. Adams, J. Aldridge, A. Davis, E. Sutton.

House Prefects: R. Cook, M. Collier, K. Mayer, B. Tranter, D. Gosling, B. Cayzer, D. Magnuson, H. Hayes, A. Trow.

Last year we won the Cock House Cup for the third time, after a year of hard work and play. In September Mr. Walker was welcomed to the House to take the place of Mr. Fairclough, who left us to teach in Birmingham.

This year has again started well in the sports events although we did not gain our first success in the Conduct/Merit competition until after Christmas, after which we held the first place for the rest of the term.

The merit badge winners during the year have been—Stuckey, Varley, D. Smith, Cook, Chick, Carpenter, Hillburn, Gosling, T. Rose, P. Coffey, S. Herbert, B. Tranter (2), L. Underwood, J. Gass (2), P. Allday, J. Tidey, A. Jeffreys, S. Labbett.

HOUSE GAMES 62/63: Success comes with hard work, and those athletes who worked to maintain the high standards of the House have achieved a fantastic run of success. Under the captaincy of Heather Hayes the Netball Teams (Jun. and Sen.) won the House Netball Trophy for the first time, and Martin Gould led the boys to victories in the Football, Cross-country, Road Relay Race and Basketball competitions. In the football and basketball competitions the Juniors won all their matches to give Austen first place (in the overall competition), the Senior team having lost a game in each set of matches. It was in the Road Relay and Cross-country runs that the House achieved its most notable triumph. There were three Austen men occupying the first five places of the Senior race and the Juniors ran so well as a team that they gained an outstanding victory. Team-work again won the Road Relay, with the second team winning the race and the first team coming in second! Gould, Clibbon, Alcorn, Bowditch and Ayling were the outstanding all-round successes in the boys' Senior events, while Barry Gould, Stuckey, C. Gould and Nash turned in outstanding performances for the Juniors.

HOUSE PLAY: This year Austen House chose a short comedy called 'In a Hat Shop.' Lynne Harrison (with a delightful French accent) played the main part of the milliner-Madame Rose, and was

strongly supported by the following cast: Philip Irving—Chemist, Lesley Underwood—Young Lady, Colin Gould—Fiancé, Peter Philbrick—Errand Boy, Victor Jamison—Clergyman, Mary Russell—Old Lady, Colin Brown—Colonel, Judith Adams—Wife, Susan Bennett—1st Woman, Ann Newell—2nd Woman, Pauline Smith—Actress, Mervyn Stuckey—Shop Bell Ringer.

To dress the stage, members of the House brought many old hats which were extravagantly decorated by a friend of Blackwell, Mrs. Jones, who used to be a milliner.

Mr. A. P. FINDLAY—*Housemaster*

BYRON HOUSE

Tutors: Miss Pointing, Miss Box, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Davies, Mr. Denison, Mrs. Bonnett and Mr. Bowker.

House Captains: Gillian Parker and Geoffrey Whitaker.

Games Captains: Frances Foskett and Ian Moseley.

House Prefects: Michael Carless and Beverley Smith;
Marguerite Craker and Antony Eely;
Angela Badcock, Jacqueline Sampson and
Raymond Blake; Daniel Bloom;
Barry Roke.

We have been fortunate indeed in having no staff changes in the House over the past year or two. This has been an advantage which has been felt by all members of Byron and it has resulted in improved standards of conduct and punctuality. This, I feel, has sprung from the closer understanding and sense of House loyalty of all concerned.

On the sporting field we have not had an outstanding year; rather more has it been a period of consolidation of our position round about the middle of the table in most things. I would like to see the girls taking a more active part on the games side, as I am sure there is so much untapped talent that we shall see coming to the fore in the near future.

Again we have been fortunate in having several 6th Year girls to help us in many ways, and they have come forward to represent the House on several occasions. Mention must be made of the success that Dorothy Brown achieved in the Christmas play and Marion Arkle is also at this moment working very hard to uphold the house traditions in the tennis competition, although she would be the first to admit that tennis is not her best subject! Some sterling work is also being put in by Stephen Stoddart in the same cause.

No house system can run smoothly without good House officials and in this respect we have been well served by them all. Frances Foskett and Geoffrey Whitaker in particular have been untiring in their efforts, and set a worthy example to everyone. Ian Moseley too, has worked hard to keep the games side well organ-

ised. In fact the combined efforts of the House as a whole have resulted in Byron having the Conduct Merit Cup on more than one occasion, and being well in the hunt most of the year. Unfortunately there is a small number of the House who will be leaving us this term and to them I give, on behalf of us all, our sincerest wishes for their future happiness and success.

Finally some lesser known details of the activities of our tutors Miss Box and Mr. Denison. Few of us perhaps realise that they are establishing themselves in the equestrian and sailing circles respectively, to no small degree. I happen to know that Miss Box gained a first prize in a Jumping competition and Mr. Denison a third place in the Southern Sailing Championships respectively. They too deserve a Merit Badge!

The following pupils have won Merit Badges during the year: Carol Penrice (3), Susan Seal (3), Susan Broadhurst (2), Keith Foster (2), Vivienne Poulton (2), Geoffrey Whitaker (2), John Alder (1), John Brown (1), Nina Gutteridge (1), Raymond Blake (1), Brenda Marshall (1), John Paine (1), Barbara Smith (1), Sylvia Verrall (1), David Winkle (1).

SWIMMING. In the Swimming Gala the House was well represented by boys and girls, and in the final result came in fourth place. The Gigli brothers gained first place in the Junior Boys' diving and 25 yds. Free Style, and the Senior Boys 50 yds. Back Stroke. Angelides came first in the Junior Boys' 25 Yds. Back Stroke. The Junior Girls and Senior Boys Relay teams both came in third in their respective events.

ATHLETICS. In the Inter-House Athletics on Sports Day, we finished in fifth position. The support on this occasion was very creditable as nine girls and nineteen boys helped to make this result possible. Below are details of individual results:

Girls: (First places) F. Woodgate; M. Conlon. Senior Relay. 2nd places: P. Penny; 3rd Places: S. Verrall.

Boys: (*First place*): J. Paine Discus 2nd Yr. (Record); Second places: A. Kershaw, J. Paine, Allison, A. Paine. Intermediate Relay. Third places: B. Brown, A. Payne, P. Barnes.

DRAMA. This year's play performed by members of Byron House was an exciting drama by A. A. Milne. The play was originally called "The Man in the Bowler Hat"; however, when it came to casting, it was decided to have no bowler hat and to have an assistant 'villainess' instead of an assistant villain. The actors proved themselves to be faithful, hardworking and full of ideas. Rehearsals, in which much fun was had by all, took place every lunchtime, until finally, after three weeks, the day of the performance arrived, which was all too soon, and the play was presented to the school.

In the cast were John Brown, Peter Barrett, Christopher Stephens, Carol Gardner, Lesley Robbins, Susan Bennett and Johanna Brown. The prompter was Crystal Suckling.

R. N. BUTTERY—*Housemaster*

CHURCHILL HOUSE

Staff: Mr. Paul (28), Mrs. Gooch (29), Mrs. Butler (30), Mr. Maunsell (31), Mr. Charles (32), Miss Lawrence.

House Captains: L. Garrett, D. Ivatts (Vice), Buxton, Swinn, (Vice)

Games Captains: M. Large, Harper.

School Prefects: Buxton, L. Huffer, J. Essen.

Tutor Prefects: A. Bozier, Day, S. Gritton, Hogan, Theis.

We have had to say a regretful goodbye to Mrs. Vicary, who retired from teaching after a long illness. She was with the House from its beginning, and helped many children with her kindness and understanding. It is good to know that she has made a fine recovery, and is enjoying life again.

In the last Magazine, we ended with a good chance of an improvement in our position in the House Competition. Owing to the efforts of so many of you, we did lift ourselves from that bottom place we had held for two years. In spite of losing in Conduct/Merit, Athletics and Swimming, we were second in Examination Marks and third in Tennis and Rounders. Overall, we were fifth in the Work Trophy and fifth in the Games Competition, making us fifth for the whole year in everything.

This year, so far, we have done better in games than ever before, not having been last in any of them. We were third in Netball, second in Basketball, third in Football and Road Relay, and fifth in Cross-country. The outstanding achievement was our Seniors' win in Basketball, largely due to team spirit, Mr. Charles' coaching, and Harper's tremendous efforts. With a last spurt to do well in Athletics, Swimming, Tennis, and Rounders we could go on climbing.

The position is by no means so pleasant in Conduct/Merits. Here we are still bottom. This is the one competition in which everyone in the House takes part right through the year. It would be a pity for the great improvement in games to be spoilt; we are not far behind the other Houses!

You will see from the teams below what a large proportion of the House played some part in our successes. Another success of a different sort was achieved by the cast of the House Play who, in spite of Mr. Maunsell, presented their own version of, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew."

Teams 1961-62. Tennis: D. Ivatts, L. Barnett, Sharpe, Hart.

Swimming: E. Hughes, D. Bignell, J. Edwards, M. Harper, Theis, Hunter, Harper, Burrell, Gibbs. (J. Edwards gained a second and two thirds).

Rounders: D. Ivatts, M. Large, D. Bignell, D. Turnbull, M. Harper, L. Stone, C. Streeter, N. Stevens, C. Ridgley, L. Jones.

Athletics: Church (2 wins and a 2nd); J. Edwards, Davies (2 wins); D. Bignell, M. Harper (a win and a 3rd); S. Stearn (a win); L. Barnett, Lennon, Parslow, Rowley, Edwards (2nd); N. Stevens, Hardy, Simmons, Robinson, Swinn (3rd).

Junior Relay teams did well: Boys, 3rd; Girls, 1st, equalling the record.

1962-63 Netball: S. Stern, M. Harper, N. Stevens, D. Ivatts, M. Large, C. Streeter, D. Bignell (2nd); J. Cross, J. Treloar, M. Shine, J. Edwards, C. Ridgley, H. Briggs, C. Pearson.

Football: Harper, Cross, Downen, Simmons, Green D., Pople K., Lammin, Theis, Daniel, Taylor, Chiswell C., Hart, Lamb, Geach, Whiting, Stollery, Dormer, Williams M., Church.

Basketball: Harper, Downen, Cross, Lennon, Simmons, Rowley, James, Dormer, Whiting, Geach, Lamb, Hart, Williams M., Pallant, Grosch, James R., Walton.

Road Relay: Evans, Williams, Geach, Lamb, Simmons, Rowley, Barnes, Cross, Day, Harper.

Cross-country: Harper (9th), Day (11th), Simmons, Monk, Cook, Stone, Rowley, Lammin, Burrell, Theis, Hogan, Lennon, Lamb (2nd),

Geach (3rd), Day, Whiting, Evans, Williams, Hart, Carr, Aylott, Pallant, Wickes, Walton.

Tennis: D. Ivatts, S. Day, M. Harper, Barnes, Reynolds.

We have a fine set of Juniors aiming at future victory. What about those Conduct/Merits?

Mr. R. WOOLRICH—Housemaster.

DUNANT HOUSE

House Staff: Mrs. E. Mascott, Mrs. B. Prentice, Mr. J. W. Roberts, Mr. J. Thomas, Miss A. Thorp, Mr. W. N. Trott, Miss L. M. Tyler.

House Captains: C. Latham, S. Baynes. *Games Captains:* K. Swallow, D. Hunt.

House Prefects: C. Sinton, A. Dawson, D. Morgan, K. Swallow, C. Cain, S. Williamson, D. Hunt, H. Cox, J. Martin, V. Ware.

If success be measured by the number of victories gained or games won then it may be true to say that Dunant House has not had a very successful year, but if importance is placed on keenness, on effort, on the amount of determination shown, then perhaps Dunant has not been so unsuccessful. For every game, every competition and every contest we have been able to produce a full team ready and willing to do its best for the House. Our opponents realised that if they were to win they could not afford to relax, that only by striving with might and main could they inflict defeat on the gallant warriors of Dunant. Some victories came our way—they are detailed later in this report. Here, we offer our congratulations to all those who have shown such House spirit. " 'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more; we'll deserve it."

Now to come to the Conduct/Merit Competition. This, of course, involves every member of the House. In Dunant, unfortunately, we have a number whose energy and high spirits are directed into channels that are not looked upon with approval by many members of Staff, with the result that at times we were in danger of finishing at the bottom of the "table." However, after receiving patient persuasion and guidance, some of these individualists are using their surplus energy in more orthodox ways so Dunant has moved up to fifth position. Our congratulations go to those who have gained Merit Badges: S. Williamson (3), S. Barker (2), E. Hein (2), R. Mead (2), M. Addis, S. Baynes, H. Crafter, H. Cox, G. Crewe, K. Jackson, D. Jones, A. Mackie, P. Thomas, T. Ward.

SUMMER 1962. Rounders Tournament. After a most exciting afternoon's tournament Dunant clinched victory after some very good all-round play. We hope to do likewise this year.

Team: M. Ware, L. Tarrant, J. Douglas, D. Hunt, S. Garrett, A. Else, H. Crabb, A. Hambleton, L. Palmer, S. Palin.

Athletics. We were placed 3rd. Jean Douglas making school history by breaking the Junior Records for 100 yds. and 200 yds.

Lovett broke the school record for the 3rd year Javelin with a throw of 127' 4".

Swimming Gala. Again Dunant were placed 3rd after a very strenuous afternoon in which many records were broken. Christopher Cain set up a new Senior Boys' Breast-stroke Record and Roger Penistan a Junior Boys' Breast-stroke Record. Mary Ball set up a new record time in Junior Girls' Back-stroke.

Tennis. We came 5th in Summer 1962 but this year we have every intention of winning. Our team is: Judy Dean and Derek Mansell, 1st couple; Linda Tarrant and James Fleet, 2nd couple. If Judy's powerful all-round play and Fleet's dynamic service is successful we should wipe the other Houses off the courts.

Results so far—beat Churchill 24-3; beat Byron 21-9.

1963 Netball. Our girls led by Dilys Hunt, played extremely well and we came 2nd in the competition. *Teams:* Senior from D. Hunt, J. Dean, S. McDonald, M. Ware, A. Else, H. Cox, S. Baynes, E. Garraway, H. Crabb. Junior from: L. Tarrant, R. Gross, S. Palin, S. Young, R. Ball, M. Ball, B. Fox, J. Brindley, C. Dorey.

Football: The House did not do as well as it might have done. In the Junior section we tied with Elgar for 5th position and occupied the same position in the Senior competition.

Juniors: B. Venn, B. Lawrence, D. Garraway, D. Rooney, S. Alexander, I. Marshall,

Seniors: K. Searle, D. Mansell, J. Scrivens, J. Fleet, J. Wilcox, C. Goring, B. Kinder, D. Green.

Basketball. When the result of the Senior Basketball competition was known we were sharing the 3rd position. The Junior competition result found Dunant in 5th position alongside Churchill. The final results of the combined games placed Dunant at the bottom of the list in 6th position.

Juniors: P. Tarlo, R. Meal, D. Garraway, B. Venn, B. Lawrence, D. Rooney.

Seniors: K. Swallow, A. Dawson, J. Wilcox, D. Mansell, D. Green, B. Kinder.

Cross Country Run. We came 4th in the Junior section and 6th in the Senior section; our final position was the same as for Basketball—6th. T. Ward, B. Venn, B. Searle, B. Lawrence, K. Robert Swallow, and B. Kinder finished in the first 21 runners.

Road Relay. We finished the run in 5th position. We were represented by P. Tarlo, D. Fletcher, S. Alexander, B. Venn, J. Oldham, B. Searle, K. Searle, D. Mansell, B. Kinder, K. Swallow

DOUGHNUTS' DRAMA CLUB

As our House Play this year we chose the First Scene of "St. Joan" by Shaw. We wanted something with a more serious theme but with comic situations as well: "St. Joan" provided both. There was some excellent acting from old stalwarts like D. Krushner (Robert de Beaudricourt), George Poullai (Bertrand Poulengy), and a promising piece of character acting from newcomer P. Tarlo (Steward); but the honours this year must go to Jacqueline Dennis who took the leading part—Joan of Arc. In voice, gesture and movement Jackie conveyed the essential Joan—the young

courageous, often impudent, peasant girl whose mission was to save France. The whole production ran smoothly and both Mr. Trott and Mr. Thomas thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing such an enthusiastic group of players—the rich cream inside the battered but still wholesome doughnut.

Our congratulations must also go to a former producer of our plays—Mrs. J. Burrell, who has this time produced something very different—a bouncing baby boy. Great things are expected of all Doughnuts and Mrs. Burrell did not disappoint us—Ian weighed 9lbs. 8ozs!

J. W. PEARCE—*Housemaster*

ELGAR HOUSE

Tutors: Miss Lindsay, Mr. Kimber, Mr. Mannion, Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Fuller.

Pupils—President of House: M. Wood.

House Captains: B. Jennings, M. Stevens, N. Thomas, A. Lenthall.

Games Captains: S. Long, C. Browton, J. Barritt.

The House has lost two stalwart members of staff, Mr. Moss (who went prospecting to Canada) and Miss Yellop. They have been replaced by Mr. Mannion (formerly of Faraday) and Mr. Mayhew (formerly of Churchill). Sad was our loss but our gain has been most gratifying.

1962 Athletic results were excellent and all pupils concerned did very well. In Swimming the House excelled itself and we were most fortunate in having champion swimmers J. Gibson and J. Bale who carried off the swimming honours. Tennis gave us our next victory and an able team of players was led by A. Nash, J. Ebel, M. Stevens, S. Long. In Basketball we did not distinguish ourselves. The Senior team did badly although our Junior team look as if they will do us credit in years to come. Some up and coming sportsmen and women have rendered great service to the House. These include: Juniors—Cronk, Avery, Wyatt, Adkins, Robinson, Long, Howland. Seniors—A. Thomas, N. Thomas, Grant, Ellis, Harding, Ward, Trow, Sadler, Spreadborough, M. Nash, Gardiner, Barritt. Girls—J. Avery, M. Counce, B. Lewis, S. Long, M. Stevens.

The House drama under their producer, Mr. Mayhew, did exceptionally well and enchanted their audiences with a scene from Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream.' Cast included—Bell, Cronk, Poole, Woodgate, Wyatt, Barritt, Stone, Bruce, Garratt, J. Avery, M. Counce, J. Elt (Property Manager).

Our House Captains have given us praiseworthy service, especially A. Nash (1962) and M. Wood (now House President). Present House Captains have led the House admirably and we are pleased with their devoted services.

Merit Badge Winners from 4/10/62 to 23/5/63: Boys—
Iverson, Roffe (2), Pool, Elt, Bower (3), R. Jones, S. Minett.
Girls—C. Howard (2), C. Rolls, W. Stewart, S. Sloss, L. Downen
(2), J. Fuller, A. Stimpson, B. Jennings (2), J. Church, P. Tjoa.
Mr. R. S. STEWART—*Housemaster*

FARADAY HOUSE NOTES

House Tutors: Miss B. Jenkins, Mr. H. Levy, Mr. K. Feldman, Mr. B. Crix, Mrs. J. Lamont, Mr. R. Dunn, Mr. L. Wright.

House Captains: C. Thorne and Maureen Wadey.

School and Tutor Prefects:* T. Carter, G. Gunner, Frances Galway, Sandra Plumley, W. Swannick, Linda Barr, Diane Smith, C. Thorne*, R. Walker*, Maureen Wadey*, Evelyn Rixon, K. Goodall, G. Wesson*, P. Naylor*, Sandra Walker, P. Tublin, K. Westbrook, G. Porter, R. Brooker, Anne Kemp, M. Atkins.

Games Captains: G. Porter, Pat Naylor.

As a whole, this has been a successful year. The House has taken part in all activities with enthusiasm; but did not have sufficient drive or "good luck" to be at the very top. In most activities, Faraday proved to be a "close second."

We have to say goodbye to Mrs. Lamont this summer, as she is leaving Blackwell. She has been a House Tutor since the beginning of the House system. The budding "Sir Laurences" and "Dame Ediths" will miss her dramatic coaching; but nevertheless we all wish her well in her new sphere of activity.

We have enjoyed having Mr. Wright from the U.S.A. as a supernumerary. He has tackled every task with great enthusiasm and has been a pillar of strength as a substitute sportsmaster for Mr. Gearing who left the House and School at Easter.

In the Conduct-Merit Competition we reached 4th place this year. This was disappointing, especially after the following people had won Merit Badges during the year.

Merit Badge Winners: S. Plumley, F. Galway, L. Hutchison, Chalmers, Bryce, Thorne, Crampton, Franklin, E. Rixon, Potter, C. Dawson, F. Hallett, L. Heath, A. Coughlan, A. Hayes, J. Eggle, Brady, Hall, R. Jackson.

DRAMA

The House, under Mrs. Lamont's able direction, produced "Androcles and the Lion" by G. B. Shaw during the House Drama Festival. The characters, who seemed really to enjoy themselves, played their parts with vigour. The costumes were very attractive and the whole production was very successful.

CAST—*Androcles:* Paul Brennan, *Maegera:* Linda Heath, *Emperor:* Christopher Potter, *Ferrovius:* Richard Franklin, *Captain:* Michael Oliver, *Lavinia:* Teresa Olchawski, *Lion:* Glynys

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no more
Lamont
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Cooper, *Romans*: S. Webb, M. Lovett, C. Westbrook, D. Rhodes, J. Perrins.

NETBALL FINAL POSITION 3rd Place. *Senior Netball Team*: Pat Naylor (captain), Diane Smith, Jacqueline Culverd, Jacqueline Wright, Christine Hodges, Christine Dawson, Anita Peace. Reserves: Ann Kemp, Anne Reilly.

Junior Netball Team: Linda Edwards (captain), Leslie Hutchison, Linda Heath, Patricia Brady, Heather Kemp, Linda King, Carole Chapman. Reserves: Margaret Pease and Brenda Smith.

ROUNDERS Final Position 4th place. Team: Yvonne Searle (captain), Pamela Breckon, Patricia Naylor, Ann Trister, June Kelly, Irene Tillyard, Jacqueline Wright, Christine Dawson, Patricia Brady. (Linda Heath and Linda Edwards played alternately).

FOOTBALL. Final Position: 2nd Place. Junior team gained 3rd Place.—Westbrook, Webb, Anscombe, Swannick, Buswell, Eely, Baker. Senior Team gained 1st Place.—Swannick, Porter, Brooker, Willis, Manetti, Barnes, Duffy.

BASKETBALL. Final Position: 4th Place. Junior Team 4th Place.—Simpson, Brown, Shewry, Dixon, Ponder, Russell, Cooper, Anscombe. Senior Team 3rd Place.—Walker, Manetti, McBroom, Brooker, Bryce, Swannick.

ROAD RACE. Position: 2nd. Team.—Brooker, Porter, Anscombe, Frodsham, Lloyd, Parkes, Dudmish, Russell, Brown, Wilcox.

CROSS COUNTRY. We were lucky that the winner of the cross country race was R. Brooker who ran beautifully. In spite of this we were placed 2nd. Juniors 1st three.—Anscombe, Wilcox, Brown. Seniors 1st three.—Brooker, Porter, Frodsham.

SPORTS AND ATHLETICS. Final position 4th.

SWIMMING. Final position 2nd.

TENNIS. Final position 3rd. Teams.—J. Ruddy, R. Brooker, Y. Searle, D. Smith and J. Wright.

Mrs. D. L. MITCHELL—*Housemistress*

CONDUCT-MERIT RESULTS

Final Positions 1961/62: 1. Austen; 2. Elgar; 3. Faraday; 4. Byron; 5. Dunant; 6. Churchill

Downer Cup (*Conduct-Merit and Examinations*):—Austen.

Sports Shield: Austen; House Shield: Austen.

1962/63 (*To Date*): 1. Austen; 2. Byron; 3. Elgar; 4. Faraday; 5. Dunant; 6. Churchill.

FORMER PUPIL'S SUCCESS

We are proud and delighted to learn that Kenneth Pale has this summer graduated from Leicester University with First Class Honours (Physics) in the Bachelor of Science degree. He hopes to continue his research work at London University. He left Blackwell in 1958, having gained 8 'O' level passes in G.C.E., to continue his studies at Pinner Grammar School.

A HIT IN HARROW

Friday, March 8th, 1963, saw the one and only presentation of "On Monday Next" by the one and only Blackwell Staff Dramatic Society.

This touching tale of a day in the life of the Drossmouth Repertory Theatre was carried along at a cracking pace by the histrionic pyrotechnics of Mr. Mayhew, who played the producer, finely contrasted with the euphorious ebullience of Mr. Thomas and the timorous trepidations of Miss Pointing, as the stage manager and his assistant respectively.

Much of the comedy, and also the conflict, was provided by the affable imbecility of Mr. Davies as the author, and the rheumatic irascibility of Mr. Trott as the stage carpenter.

Providing strong support from members of the company were the grandiloquent glamour of Mrs. Lamont and the magniloquent masculinity of Mr. Roberts; the amatory ardour of Mr. Kimber and the pulchritudinous parochialism of Miss Jenkins; the affulgent elegance of Miss Box and the reminiscent rhodomontade of Miss Garrett.

Nor can we ignore the brief but unforgettable appearance of Mr. Levy and Mr. Gearing with a stretcher, and Mr. Paul with a doctor's bag.

A large and appreciative audience had almost as much fun as the cast; and a sizeable sum was realised in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

The whole thing was satirinely supervised by Mr. Maunsell, efficiently aided by other members of staff.

[Oxford Dictionaries available on request.—Ed.]



M. GARRATT—3/2B

RESULTS IN GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

DURING SUMMER 1962, AUTUMN 1962 AND JANUARY 1963.

10 members of the Six Year of 1962 have achieved these further successes in the G.C.E. examinations:

Advanced Level	Total	Ordinary Level	Total
Carol Duckett	E D Z 3 'A' 8 'O'	Valerie Lowy	G GS M 8
		Sheila McDonald	BC 8
		Janet Rowe	BC 4
		Madeline Wood	BC 8
Ordinary Level		Julian Howell-Jones	BC AM 10
Sally Adams	B 5	Edward Sutton	BC 8
Judith Dean	BC 6		
Sally Glendinning	H 6		

The following 32 boys and girls took the G.C.E. as their main examination and passed in 4 or more subjects:

Carolyn Acaster	E EL G D
Marion Arkle	E EL H C
Linda Barnett	EL G H B GS M
Pamela Breckon	E EL G H D C
Dorothy Brown	E EL H C G
Janice Carroll	E EL F H B
Sheila Cogle	EL G H B GS M
Ann Hambleton	E EL F B
Rita Hugill	E EL F G H B GS M
Dawn Ivatts	E EL G H B GS M
Rosemary Jenkins	E EL F G H B GS M
Marilyn Large	E EL G H B GS
Elizabeth McBrien	EL G H D
Gillian Parker	E EL H B GS
Barbara Plumley	E EL G H C
Sylvia Smith	E EL F B M
Colleen Webb	E EL G H B GS M
Caroline Williams	E EL F H B MU GS
Ross Balaam	E EL F M
David Barnet	F G H GS P M
Michael Barr	E G H M
Clive Broskham	E G H GD
John Hart	G H M GD
Robin Harwood	E G GS GD
Christopher Latham	E EL F H C M
Anthony Lenthall	E F G H GS M
Anthony Nash	E G GS P M GD
John Ruddy	EL G H GD
Eric Salmon	E EL G H GS P M
Michael Sharpe	E EL F G H GS P M GD
John Smith	E G H GS P
John Young	EL F GS P M

The following boys and girls took the Harrow Schools' Leaving Certificate as their main examination and also gained the following G.C.E. 'O' level passes:

Maureen Bassett	D	Colin Dickinson	H GD MW
Joan Batchelor	E D	Graham Harris	G M
Jean Gibson	E B	Michael Hill	MW
Lesley Hardy	D	Raymond Jenkins	MW
Vivienne Holley	E	Anthony Kershaw	GD
Felicity Inns	G H DS	Edward Lowres	GD MW
Linda Jones	G D	Michael Oldham	H GD
Susan Lambert	EL H	John Parks	H GD MW
Patricia Leverett	EL	Christopher Peck	GS
Jacqueline Mole	D C	Richard Reason	G GD
Valerie Nash	E EL	Derek Pickup	GD M
Lesley Palmer	C A	David Robinson	S H

Eileen Porter	E	Leslie Rose	P GD MW
Yvonne Earle	E	Eric Smith	A
Marion Stevens	C	Douglas Ross	E H MW
Jean Watts	E EL A	Charles Stares	MW
Rosemarie Wright	E A	Ian Sutherland	MW
Robert Brown	M GD MW	Eric Swinn	E GD
Terence Cullen	MW	Colin Taylor	H MW
Anthony Davies	E G GD	John Trotter	H M
		Arthur Woods	MW

26 boys and girls took one or two G.C.E. subjects during their fourth year. The details of these results will be published next year.

Key to Subjects:

E—English Language; EL—English Literature; F—French; G—Geography; H—History; GS—General Science; B—Biology; HB—Human Biology; GD—Geometrical Drawing; MW—Metalwork; D—Dress; DS—Domestic Science; M—Mathematics; AM—Additional Mathematics; BC—British Constitution; C—Commerce; P—Physics.

The following pupils were successful in the Theory examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (April 1963):

Grade I: C. King, R. Franklin, M. Lloyd, J. Lloyd, R. Crampton (Full marks).

Grade II: A. Kirkham, J. Powell, C. Minett, G. Snoad, R. Jones.

Grade V: I. Davies, D. Green.

The following Sixth Formers, who have recently sat in two or three subjects at 'A' level, have been accepted into Teacher Training Colleges. We should like to congratulate them and wish them every success in their training and in their career.

Sally Adams (St. Mary's College, Cheltenham); Judith Dean (Homer-ton College, Cambridge); Sally Glendinning (Newton Park College, Bath); Sheila McDonald (Brighton Training College); Janet Rowe (Hockerill Training College, Bishop's Stortford); Madeline Wood (Trent Park Training College, Cockfosters). Jennifer Aldridge will be entering St. Loyes School of Occupational Therapy, Exeter.

Julian Howell-Jones and Edward Sutton have both decided on a commercial career and have been accepted for training for executive positions by two of the biggest retail houses in London. May their enterprise prosper.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

During the year the P.T.A. continued the experiment of talks by staff on "How I teach" Mr. Stewart spoke to us on "How I teach Music," and Mr. Levy on "How I teach French." There were good audiences. Our thanks are due to both of these masters for their kindness in talking to us.

During the year we heard that the school would welcome additional cups and shields. We presented three cups, one of them given by Mr. & Mrs. Latham and to be known as the "Latham Cup." A shield to be known as the "Ivatts Shield" was presented to the Harrow Schools Swimming Association, and it gave us much pleasure to know that the name of Blackwell School will be the first of the winners to be inscribed on the shield.

The social side of the P.T.A. life has progressed happily. The Ladies' Guild have met regularly, and there has even been the beginning of a Fathers' Club. The caravan they made for the Christmas play has found its final home in Cedars Infants School. A visit to the play "Half a Sixpence" was very much enjoyed. The highlight of the year was the Annual Dinner attended by nearly a hundred parents and staff.

M. A. BUXTON,

Secretary/Treasurer, Blackwell Parent-Teacher Association.

4G ORGAN PROJECT

Since the last School Magazine we have been working hard (see photograph). The main decorative frontal is now almost complete; alterations are made from time to time as and when new materials arrive. With the side panels brought forward to allow more space for the pedal pipes the frontal is now in its final state.

The built console is also nearing completion: three manuals are in position, the stop jams and stops are fitted, the music desk and surround are built up, the whole presenting an artistic and well planned console. This has been the responsibility of six boys who have worked with care and skill for many months.

There have been many thrills during the construction of the organ but none greater than installing the motor-blower, trunking through to the bellows and out to the Great sound-board, wiring from the mains through the various circuits and switching on to see the bellows rise.

We are now mainly occupied with the mechanism to transfer the action from the manuals to the sound-board. This is a process demanding care and accuracy as it is the part that is continually in action during the playing of the instrument. As soon as this work is complete we have to mount the pipes on the sound-board and start the difficult job of tuning.

We are still dependant on our very good friends Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons Ltd. of Ruislip who continue to supply us with all the parts we require.

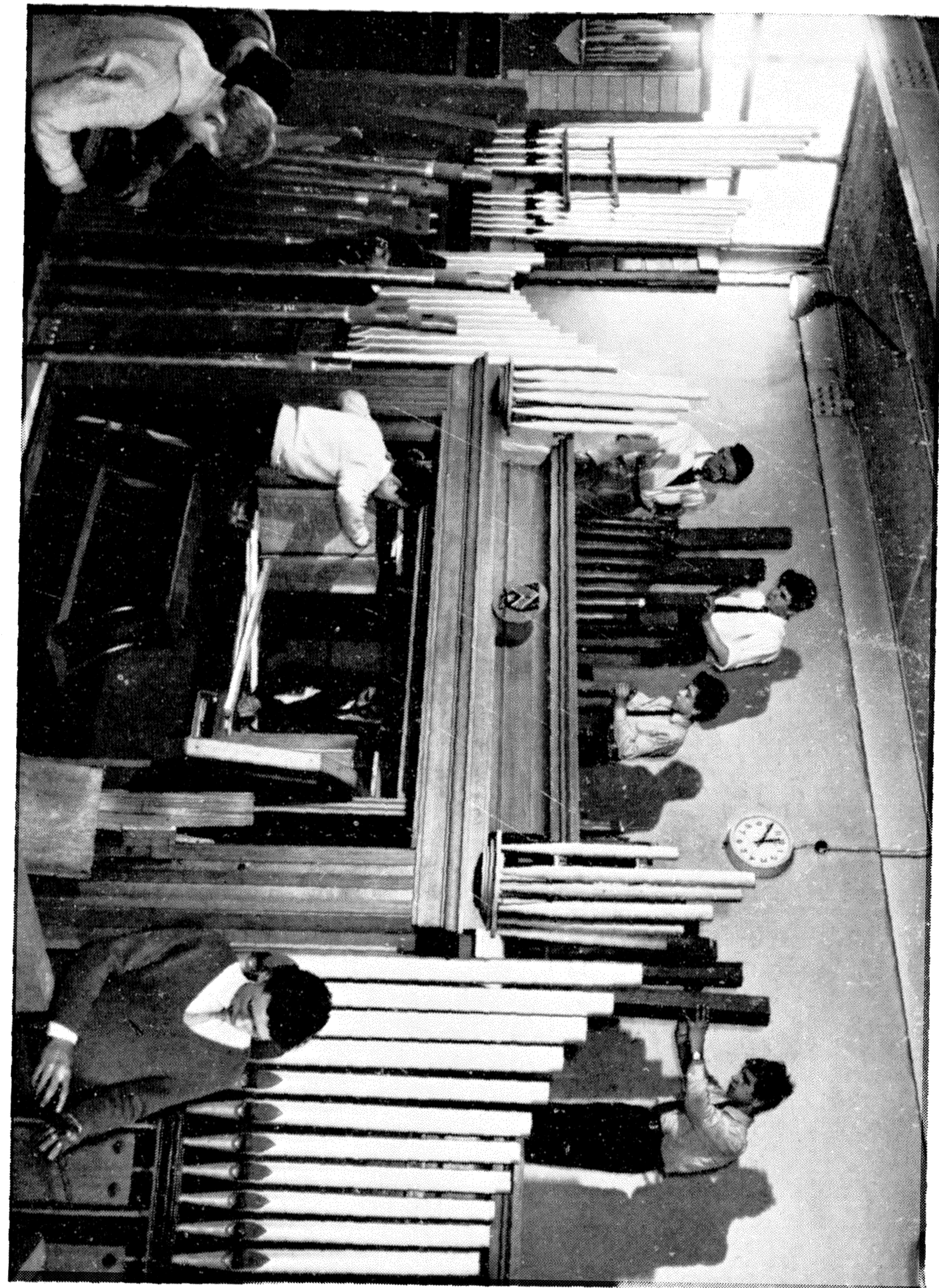
During the three years' of construction of this organ many boys have done excellent work, others have done less spectacular but none the less important work, but all have in some way been responsible for the result to date. From the teaching point of view it has been a pleasure to work with these boys because of their interest and enthusiasm. It is hoped that these boys before they leave in July will hear the first sound to come from the organ. This will be a fitting reward for a year's hard work and the end of the first phase. Next year will be devoted to the erection of the Swell and Chamber sections and the Pedal Organ. These we hope to construct on the pneumatic system.

Mr. A. E. ANDREWS

THE CLOTHES LINE

Hand in hand they dance in a row,
Hither and thither, and to and fro,
Flip! Flap! Flop! and away they go—
Like restless horses they caper and prance;
Like fairy-tale witches they wildly dance;
Rounded in front but hollow behind,
They shiver and skip in the merry March wind.
One I saw dancing excitedly,
Struggling so wildly until she was free.
Then, leaving pegs and clothes-line behind her,
I saw her gleam, like a sail in the sun,
Flipping and Flopping and Flapping for fun.
Nobody knows where now she can be,
Hidden in a ditch, or drowned in the sea,
She was my handkerchief not long ago;
But she'll never come back to my pocket I know.

LESLEY SILVESTER—1/2—A1



THE WOODS

If you ever wander into the woods alone
And listen to the sound of the trees,
Perhaps you'd like to sit a while,
Sit down in the shade and dream—
Dream of bees,
Then of trees,
Any of all these beautiful things.
The bees they hurry and buzz
To build up their home once more,
While the trees spread out their fruit
For the nimble squirrels so small,
They hop,
Then stop
And they prance about so gaily . . .
. . . So why don't you visit the woods daily.

LINDA STONE—3/1—C29

OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

"Right, now you"; and with a slap on my back, I pitched into the wind. I was one of the millions of snow-flakes who were in a large operation of blanketing England. As I floated down several of my friends floated by. It only took a minute or so for all of us to jump from the black cloud and reach the ground. We were not the first down, because some commando types had landed the previous night. They had put up a gallant fight to settle but most were swept away by brooms or trodden into slush.

When we reached the ground we were given orders to dig in and stay as long as possible. Reinforcements were hurrying to reach and help us.

Already the enemy were marching against us—sand and salt lorries, grit bins. Luckily for us our spies were already sabotaging the roads by building drifts to stop the lorries. Believe it or not we snow-flakes are just like the army! If you looked closer at the flakes you would see that we are different shapes. The round ones are privates up to sergeants, the star shapes are sergeant-majors up to captains and majors up to generals are diamond shaped; the prettiest of them all is, of course, the field marshal. On top of all our worries are people. They love to play in snow. They push us together and when it gets cold we freeze into hard lumps of ice.

The reason we always stay longer in the farming land is because the grit can never reach us in time, so we stay near farms a lot longer than towns. Towns have cars and buses to melt us as we land in the roads. That's why only single men are chosen to attack the towns.

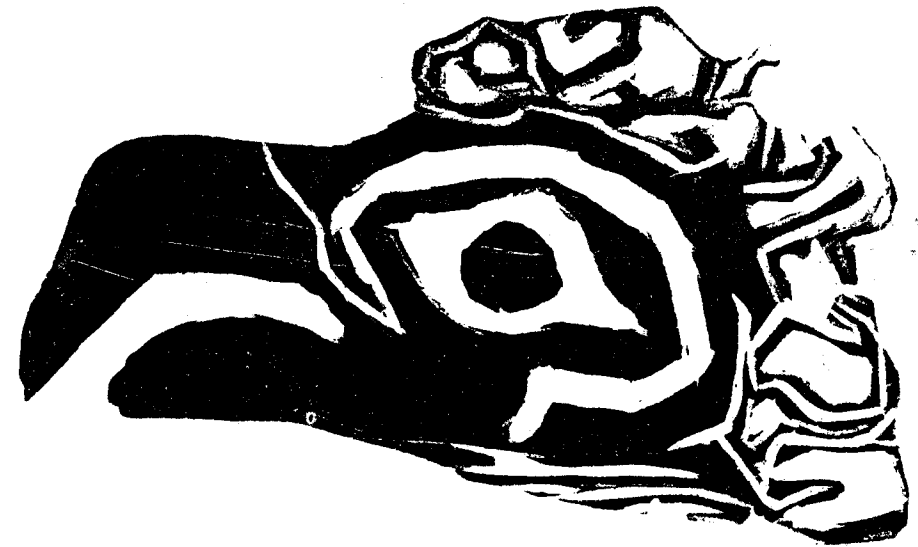
When we awoke this morning, a message had come to us saying that the weather reports expected rain. As you know frozen

rain is what we are formed of but if it is not cold enough the rain will change sides and wash us away.

Now we are retreating, not from you, but the rain. Some unlucky flakes were caught by the rain and turned into water. We flakes are not afraid to melt because we are swept into drains, then the rivers, and finally the sea, where we spend the spring. Then we change to vapour and rise into the clouds, and when the winter comes again we freeze and become snow-flakes once more. Slowly we begin to melt and in a week or so all the snow will be gone; but in the summer when you are enjoying yourselves we will be getting ready for the winter and "Operation Snow-flake."

IAN GREGORY—2/3—C32

KATHLEEN JACKSON—4G



JOHN MOULDY

John Mouldy was an apple; he was grown on a big tree in the orchard on a farm in Somerset. John Mouldy was different from the other apples. He was the saddest apple in the orchard because he wasn't so bright as the others and when fully grown he didn't have nice rosy cheeks and a green complexion.

When all the apples with green faces were picked he was very upset and his apple skin split and sweet apple juice tears ran down his yellow face. The farmer's son picked him and took him to his mother who put Mouldy in a basket. Then the farmer took the basket down to the cellar for storage until the lorry came to take him to the station. The station porter handled the basket very carelessly and John Mouldy was badly bruised. After many hours of travelling he arrived at a station named "Glisham" where all

the bad apples were stored. The apples that were not too badly bruised were sold cheaply at the grocers but alas Mouldy was in a poor state and was left behind in the store.

As he was lying in the apple store he wished he could be eaten or at least nibbled at before he died. He looked around the cellar and saw the damp, green walls and heard the dismal drip of water through the open window, used to ventilate the room, he saw the dog star pass overhead and he knew he did not have much longer to live.

Late that night a slim young Norwegian rat spied him lying there. Yes, the rat was actually going to nibble at John Mouldy. In the night Mouldy passed away happy that he had been nibbled. In the morning when the men came to throw away the bad apples one of the men exclaimed, "Look at this. This apple looks as if it's smiling." And indeed John Mouldy's skin had shrivelled in such a way it looked as if he was smiling.

M. THOMPSON—2/1—C28

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Would you know what to do if your friend broke his collar-bone and there was no one near to help you? Are you interested in Train-spotting, Cycling, Palaeontology, Fishing, Aero-modelling or Tropical fish? Can you run 100 yds. in 13 seconds, do a long-jump of 14 feet, a high-jump of 4 feet 1 inch, throw the discus 75 feet or the javelin 85 feet? Can you swim 100 yds. in 1 min. 30 secs., free-style or in 1 min. 50 secs. breast-stroke? Can you give a six-figure map reference accurately or set a map without a compass? Could you cover 15 miles on foot, including spending a night under canvas, in 24 hours and cook your own meals during this time?

These are some of the activities you may have to practise if you wish to prepare for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, First Series.

For boys aged 14 and upwards the activities leading to the Awards are grouped under four headings: Rescue and Public Service; Pursuits and Projects; the Expedition and Physical Fitness. For girls the sections are: Design for Living; Interests; Adventure and Service. For both boys and girls there is a very wide choice of interests from which to choose—from Fishing and Stamp-collecting to Boxing and Chess.

At the moment about 20 Blackwell boys and 12 girls are preparing for the Award. The one essential quality required of all of them is determination—the ability to stick at something for six months and see it through. Those without this determination tend to fall by the wayside. Those who possess it will find the effort they have made very much worthwhile.

Five of the boys, Francis, Wesson, Day, Goodall and Lambert

have already passed their First-aid Test under the expert guidance of Mr. Fisher (Instructor) and Mr. Findlay (Examiner). Some have almost completed the Project. Now that the fine weather is here no doubt many will quickly pass their standard of Physical Fitness and each week-end from now on will see some of the candidates going on the Expedition—that is the 15-mile hike and the night under canvas, cooking their own meals on the Primus. (Let's hope they remember the matches as well as the tin-opener), and we have every reason to predict that some will complete their course satisfactorily this term and receive their Awards—a Certificate of Commendation and a Bronze Medal.

What of the future? We hope for a fresh influx of candidates in the Autumn Term to start on their Projects and First Aid courses for the Bronze Badge. And we are optimistic enough to believe that a few enthusiastic adventurers will begin preparations for the Silver Award . . . And there is, of course, always the highest award of all—the Gold. Who knows?

R.M.S.V

BRASS RUBBINGS EXHIBITION

An exhibition with the title "Church Brasses" was held at the end of the Summer Term in the foyer of the School Hall. This consisted of a display of actual rubbings taken in local churches at Harrow and Amersham, as well as some splendid examples of this mediaeval craft from further afield. In addition a show of work by children—paintings, mosaics, pottery and stained glass was included which showed how well boys and girls responded to the historical and artistic value of the rubbings. The whole exhibition aroused great local praise and comment, coinciding as it did with Presentation Day and other functions. It is hoped to repeat the success later with similar displays. Credit is due to the Art Department and children of the school for such a stimulating experience.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

This year we continued the idea of a "Sixth Form Society." It was again decided to hold our meetings on Friday evenings after school. A year older and more experienced, we asked a number of people from outside the school to come and talk to us. As our main theme we had "Today's Society." Our visiting guest speakers included a Bank Manager, a Probation Officer, a Magistrate, a Representative from International Business Machines, a Psychologist and a Public Relations Officer.

We also invited a number of members of Staff whose subjects ranged from Victorian Architecture, Salesmanship and World Government to a talk on Australia. We also indulged in one very lively and somewhat heated discussion on the film called "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner."

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Woolrich who has given so much of his time and energy to our Society. Long may he and the Society prosper.

JUDITH DEAN—Upper 6th



P. ALEXANDER—3/2B

NOISE

I like noise
 The rustle of leaves as they fall from the trees,
 The hoot of the owl, the hum of the bees,
 The end of school bell, waves lapping on the shore.
 The crackle of the fire and gran'pa's snore.
 The laughter of children, the purr of the cat,
 The sizzle of sausages as they cook in the fat,
 My favourite pop records, the roar of a train,
 The ringing of church bells, the soft summer rain.
 I just like noise.

(with apologies to J. Pope) J. BARMBY—2/1—B14

FISHING

The aroma of freshly trodden grass,
 The sound of water trickling against the bank,
 The smell of a new keep net,
 The excitement of the morning birds,
 With their whistling and chattering,
 Then, the sudden electrifying shock,
 Of a float sliding beneath the gurgling,
 Rush of water. He strikes! nothing.
 Follows the firm, strong tug of a big'un
 He plays the great fish and after a few,
 Sharp runs, the monster's at the bank.
 He is pleased and has full confidence of landing it.
 Then all is away: the fish
 The float and his line.
 But when he sees the fish only rolling
 He reels in, and there is an air of authority
 In the way he slips the landing net under the sleek,
 Powerful body of the barbel.
 Only then he relaxes—until the next bite.

HOWARD CRAFTER—3/1B D/36

FISHING CLUB

The Fishing Club meets most weeks during the season in Room 42 on Tuesdays. Last season we went on three outings up the River Thames (to Goring and Wimbledon) to fish in matches against Roxeth, Manor Fishing Club. Roxeth won two matches and the third was a draw; nobody caught a fish!

At the Summer visit to Goring, a Roxeth boy, Michael Pratt, who has since come to Blackwell, won the prize for the heaviest fish, a reel, with a 3¼-lb. bream. Howard Crafter won the prize for the heaviest catch with a fine bag of roach, perch, pope and a 1½-lb. bream. We should like a lot more people to come to the club so that we can arrange more venues.

H. CRAFTER and D. HURLEY 3/1B

SCHOOL VISITS AND JOURNEYS

These are some of the visits undertaken during the year. Reports on a few of them appear elsewhere in the Magazine.

Science Museum—History of Steam-power, Transport, Coal and Iron Industries—5th year; Commonwealth Institute—History and Geography of several Commonwealth countries—3rd year; Tower of London—study of Norman architecture, etc. Inspection (not too closely) of Crown Jewels—1st year; Hatfield House—Elizabethan home and garden typifying the year's work—2nd year; "Oliver"—Music and Drama—3rd year; Middlesex County Athletics Championships—White City—all forms—40 ½ day. (One Blackwell girl Jean Douglas in finals of 100 yds.); Abroad: Spain (Blanes)—40 boys and girls from the Upper School; France (Versailles)—Boys from the Upper School on an exchange visit.

THE BALLROOM DANCING CLUB

About sixty members of the club enjoyed instruction and dancing practice in all types of dancing on Wednesday evenings during the Winter months. At Christmas a very successful dance was held which was enjoyed by the members of the club and several of the Staff who had been invited.

"TOAD OF TOAD HALL"—CHRISTMAS 1962

Although we have done 'Toad' before there was no doubt in anybody's mind that this was a happy choice and a happy company. The last production was over six years ago, beyond the memory of anyone present. There were over thirty speaking parts, a singing and dancing chorus, a choir, and plenty of opportunity for imaginative designing, dressing, painting and staging. Everybody took his chance with both hands and all are to be congratulated.

The story of Toad is familiar to all who have followed the adventures of the quartet and many other characters in "Wind in the Willows". "Toad", magnificently unrepentant, pompous, hospitable and lovable, was played with all the stops out by Linda Heath. She left nothing to be desired in a performance of boundless energy and, in the words of the character "elan". Set against this youthful zest was the mature playing of Marilyn Large, Dorothy Brown and Roger Walker—two long-suffering friends of "Toad". Marilyn gave us a beautifully natural characterisation of the sleepy, ever-hungry "Mole". Dorothy was all quick-silver and sparkle as the river-loving "Water Rat", and Roger portrayed the avuncular "Badger" with just the right amount of seriousness and humour.

Hard upon the heels of these principals came a dozen authentic animal studies. Donald Stone and Michael Cusack worked in perfect harmony as "Alfred", the talking and dancing horse; John Brown was a vigorous Cockney "Chief Weasel", ably served by Victor Trocki and Michael Zawila as his lieutenants-in-crime; the "Field Mice" choir was spiritedly led by Martin Aylott and Martin Lovett, and Katheryn Mayer most convincingly mothered a mischievous pair of "Bunnies" played by Judith Adams and Joanna Brown. As the Fox, Edward Bell scored a big hit with one line, proving once again that there is no such thing as a small part—only small acts!

The Humans were very jovially led by Anthony Lenthall as the "Judge". Helping in the pleasant task of putting "Toad" away for twenty years, Geoffrey Miall gave us a staunch "Policeman", Ronald James an asthmatic "Gaoler" and Christopher Goring a well-observed study of a dour Yorkshire "Usher". Other humans who helped or hindered "Toad" in his bid for freedom were Crystal Suckling and Ann Kemp, as dainty "Phoebe" and a mercenary "Washerwoman", and Lynn Harrison who played the suspicious "Bargewoman" with great abandon.

None of the play would have been possible without "Marigold" and her nurse, as everything that happens is in Marigold's imagination, and our play was given a fine start by two experienced players, Elizabeth Hughes and Maureen Wadey.

Every year Miss Garrett conjures up a well-trained "corps de ballet", and this year the dancers surpassed themselves as villainous "Weasels", "Ferrets", and "Stoats", or delicate "Squirrels" and "Rabbits", the latter carefully drilled by Adrienne Hill. In addition we were treated to a delightful "pas de deux" by Irene Abel and Lesley Stone as two "Dragon flies."

The songs from 'Toad' were on everybody's lips, thanks to careful plugging and brilliant execution by Mr. Stewart on the piano, while Miss Pointing skilfully worked up the junior choir into a sensitive instrument. Some of our costumes were hired—at the last minute—but the great majority were smilingly delivered on the dot by Mrs. Bonnett and her clever Wardrobe Department, and ingeniously designed, sometimes on the spot, by Miss Box and her helpers.

With its ten sets, the play presented a tremendous challenge to Messrs. Morrill, Luff and Walker, who had the assistance of a member of willing girls of the Upper School. That they were outstandingly successful was apparent from the first breathtaking moments when the curtains opened to reveal the painted gauze, right through every change of scenery, till the animals waved goodbye to Marigold at the end. For special features such as the splendid caravan and the barge we were indebted to a group

of parents who selflessly gave of their time and skill. Mr. Davies and the Props Department are to be congratulated for the high quality of their work, for when Toad and Co. went awalloping, many props needed a finding and amending. Our thanks too to Mr. Andrews and his 4G helpers.

As usual, Mr. Findlay, the Stage Director, did ten people's work, supervising his loyal team of Upper School boys through all the perils of a production, until they mounted a really slick show with expert lighting and sound effects, swift scene changes and a high degree of order back stage.

Blackwell productions are noted for the harmonious co-operation of many people and the selfless service that all give who volunteer to make a play. Some have been named but there are many more. Two girls who deserve credit for their untiring service over a long period are Barbara Plumley and Janet Rowe who, with their apprentice, Raymond James, took understudy rehearsals, prompted, miraculously produced coffee at the right time and were, in fact, model Production Assistants. The Box Office was really efficiently run by Mr. Bowker; Mr. Kimber freely gave time and ideas organising the Publicity; Mrs. Lamont was there every night expertly supervising make-up, as well as being responsible for the riotous Walloping Song, and over all there was Mr. Thomas who ensured we did not spend too much, and who, as Editor of the Magazine, hastens to add that the Producer of this play was Mr. D. R. J. Mayhew, who succeeded from the outset in instilling into the numerous and varied activities connected with such a complex production a sense of unity and purpose. An experienced actor and producer himself, he knew the difficulties a young cast would experience. By anticipating these difficulties and by imbibing all concerned with his own enthusiasm, by his patient and tolerant understanding and his readiness to listen to all suggestions, and, above all, by his own undoubted skill and know-how he created a production worthy of any professional stage and one which will long be remembered. We are all looking forward to his next production—"Peter Pan".

While on the subject of Peter Pan it looks as if it is going to be a spectacular show with special scenic and flying effects, hard-drinking pirates and Indians on the warpath, a man-eating crocodile and a boy-baiting nurse-dog, a dancing ostrich . . . and legendary characters with magical names like Tiger Lily, Great Big Little Panther, Wendy Moira Angela Darling, Captain Hook and Peter Pan. So when the time comes, don't forget to do your bit to make your play a success.



PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Early this year a meeting was held by some senior members of the school to discuss the formation of a Play-reading Society. Since then this Society has read through a number of Plays. There have included "As You Like It" and "Henry Vth" by Shakespeare, "Saint Joan" by George Bernard Shaw, and "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. We meet every Monday after school and the Society is open to 4th, 5th and 6th forms.

Dorothy Brown—Vith—Secretary

MUSIC SOCIETIES

The School Choir, junior section, is progressing from strength to strength. Our numbers are very good but, of course, there is always room for a few more singers with good voices. Our Christmas party was most enjoyable and most of the choir attended. Members of the choir did very well in the School Play in which they played the part of the "Field Mice" and also a few members helped in the choral singing items. If you have a good voice and enjoy singing then come to our practice on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Music Room.

—A Junior Chorister

The senior section of the choir have had their ups and downs. We have always room for 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th form members, and if you are interested, come along and join in. The Christmas Social was a great success and all who came had a wonderful time. We look forward to our Summer session and of course to our outing.

—A Senior Chorister

Concert-going is still a big occasion in the school calendar and we have had well over 200 pupils attending the L.S.O. concerts at the Granada Cinema.

Opera outings have proved a great success and we have, in company with members of staff, seen performances of "Tosca" (Puccini), "Carmen" (Bizet), "Rigoletto" twice (Verdi), "Die Fledermaus" (Strauss), and "The Mikado" (Gilbert and Sullivan).

During the term a school party visited the Guildhall School of Music, were shown round the famous college, and also listened to the orchestra which played works of Beethoven and Brahms.

R.S.

THE BIBLE CLASS

Perhaps you are one of those people who have an aim in life: you have begun your walk and you know where you are going. When you get there, how wonderful it will be!

Many years ago two people were walking along a path over the hills to a village some seven miles distant. On the way they were joined by a stranger who talked with them for the rest of the journey. He was a persuasive speaker.

When they reached their objective, it no longer satisfied them. The stranger had caused them to see things in a different light; and after realising that he was their best friend, they walked in exactly the opposite direction. (For full details see Luke, Chapter 24, v.13-35).

In the Bible Class we try to see things in their true light so that, with God's help, we may choose the right road in life.

This year we have had a mixed class, the boys outnumbering the girls. Numbers have fluctuated considerably. The regular attenders have been mainly Fourth Year: we appreciate the support given by these people, both by coming and in taking a full part in our discussions. We have seen a number of films and filmstrips and we have experimented with tape-recordings.

We believe we are going in the right direction. There is room for you in our discussions; but be warned! We have some persuasive speakers!

R.F.D.

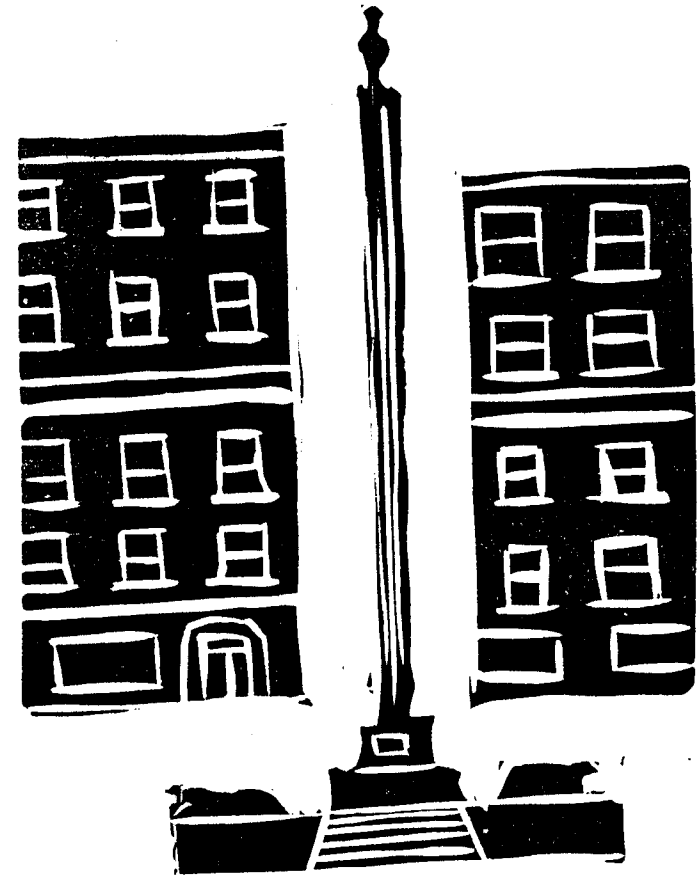
SENIOR GIRLS' DISCUSSION GROUP

This group has now been in existence for a year. We began by meeting once a month but the members later decided to meet fortnightly. We meet in the flat since it is easier to discuss in comfort and we can also enjoy a welcome cup of coffee.

We have discussed a number of topics, looking at them from the Christian viewpoint. These include capital and corporal punishment, euthanasia and similar topics. Last Summer we were privileged to have as a speaker for two weeks, Mrs. Bateman, from the Marriage Guidance Council, who ably led our discussions on Personal Relationships. This year with the idea of Christian Unity in mind we have had a series on the denominations of the Church with members leading discussions on the Church of England, Methodism, Gospel Hall meetings, Quakerism, and Jehovah's Witnesses. We hope later in the term to discuss Roman Catholicism and the religion of the Jews. We have also had two meetings on Christmas and Easter music.

We would welcome new members from the Fourth Year upwards, particularly those who might disagree with us.

L.M.T.



A NEW INTERNATIONAL CLUB?

The International Club met regularly in the Autumn Term and we had respectable, though not overwhelming attendances. It is clear that there is great interest in life in other countries and when the Club closes down for the Summer Term or because of the pressure of examinations there are indignant protests.

However, it has rather become a matter of a teacher playing at cinema manager while the club members merely turn up to watch the show. This was hardly the idea when we started and the time has now come when, if you want an International Club, you must run it. You will be shown how and given any help you need but you must do the work. It is not hard work but it does need to be shared between you and it is often better that a club for boys and girls be run by boys and girls.

We shall also open our doors to the whole school instead of having so many meetings for the Senior School. After all, Seniors who cannot bear even to sit next to those from the lower school whilst watching a film do not deserve a Club. But, if there is a demand for it, there is no reason why special meetings, to go deeper into international affairs, for the Senior School should not also be held.

The International Club is already one of the biggest Clubs in the school. Why don't YOU help to make it a really big, lively, active Club?

Finally, we must thank all the members of the staff who have so kindly given up their time to come and show us their slides. Their visits are very much appreciated. We shall look forward to seeing this year's crop of holiday photographs in due course.

MATCH LABEL CLUB

The Club has continued to meet regularly throughout the year and has had a small but loyal following of boys who are keen on learning about the labels and folders which they collect. The members have been making every effort to build up their collections and have managed to produce some very interesting labels. Swapping is carried out wherever possible and many boys have made contacts who bring or send back labels and folders from foreign countries. These unusual items are of great interest to the others as well as the various folders advertising all manner of places and things. It is hoped that further members may be encouraged to come along in the future and they are assured of a welcome in Room 43. The thanks of the Club are passed on to those non-collectors who have taken the trouble to keep and give to us various interesting labels and folders. This interest by non-collectors is greatly appreciated by the members.

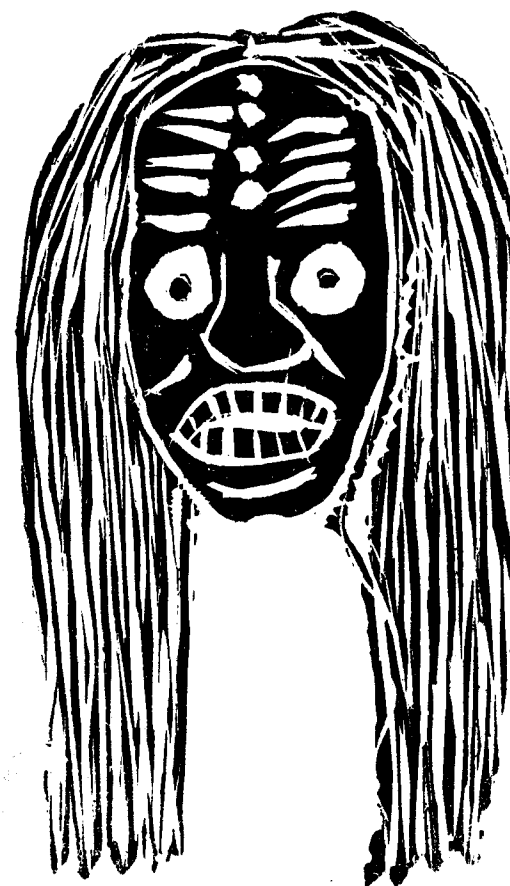
VISIT TO VERSAILLES

During Easter a group of Blackwell boys took Mr. Levy and Mr. Kimber for a two-week holiday to improve their French. We stayed with French families whose sons will be staying with us in the last two weeks of July. These boys will no doubt be coming to school with us, so be prepared!

We stayed in and around Versailles where Mr. Kimber and Mr. Levy were guarded by M. Marcetti, who teaches English at the boys' school. In Versailles is the Great Palace for which the town is famous, and which we visited. We also went to the Château at Chantilly where we used up the last of our film with startling results. (For information about this and other adventures the boys concerned should be consulted).

We all brushed up our French and spent an enjoyable fortnight, unhampered by the kindly efforts of Mr. Levy and Mr. Kimber whom we thank most sincerely for all that they did to make our visit possible.

R. WALKER—5A



AUDREY
HAYES—4G

BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

by Mr. J. W. Roberts

Blackwell have had another very successful year in the world of sport. The spirit and enthusiasm have been high at all times whether the competitions have been inter-House or inter-School. The atrocious weather conditions, which everyone had to endure did not help matters but the next few pages clearly illustrate that "Where there's a will, there's a way." Blackwellians can feel proud of their fellow pupils who have helped to put the name of their school on the map in various sporting events. One person who helped greatly to bring us fame was Mr. Gearing. We were all very sorry to see him go and Harrow Weald will definitely benefit from his skill and outstanding ability. Our debt to him is great and so, therefore, is our gratitude for all that he did. All the best Mr. Gearing.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS 1962—ATHLETIC STANDARDS

Every boy and girl can gain points for their House by attaining a standard in athletic events. An "A" standard is worth 3 points and a "B" standard is worth 2. Those who have not taken a major part in any of the inter-House competitions, which took place earlier in the year,

can certainly gain points for their House if they are athletically inclined.

The final result, with athletic standards alone, is as follows: (1). Elgar, (2). Austen, (3). Faraday, (4). Dunant, (5) Byron, (6) Churchill.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

Throughout the summer season, whether it be during lessons or in the Athletic Club (which meets on Wednesdays) boys and girls practised their special events and improved their technique and performance. This prepared them for many meetings, one being the School Sports day on 16th July, 1962. The weather was favourable and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. All the throwing and jumping events had already taken place during the previous week so that the meeting was for track events only.

New records were set up by:—R. Bowditch (A)—Long Jump—3rd yr. boy—16' 10"; T. Paine (B)—Discus—3rd yr. boy—85' 8"; M. Trow (E)—Discus—3rd yr. boy—88' 9½"; M. Lovett (D)—Javelin—3rd yr. Boy—127'; L. Tarrant (D)—Rounders Ball—1st yr. girl—189' 2"; I. Davies (C)—Hop, Step and Jump—3rd yr. boy—34' 3½"; J. Douglas (D)—100 Yds.—2nd yr. girl—12.1 secs.; J. Douglas (D)—150 Yds.—2nd yr. girl—18.3 secs.; T. Ayling (A)—440 yds.—3rd yr. boy—64.0 secs.; Senior Boys' Relay—Faraday—4 x 110 Yds.—52.8 secs.

Elgar, in the field events, had pushed to the top and were 20 points ahead when the meeting began. Austen were in second place and an obvious threat. However, although closing the gap gradually as the meeting progressed Austin didn't quite pull off victory. Elgar held on grimly and by the time the last four relay events took place Elgar were 13 points ahead of Austen. It was a very close thing. Austen had the chance to win in the final relay but Faraday intervened and made Elgar the definite overall winners.

Final positions:—(1) Elgar 267 points. (2) Austen 262 points. (3) Dunant 214 points. (4) Faraday 212 points. (5) Byron 197 points. (6) Churchill 182 points.

When the results of the Sports Meeting were known, a team was selected to represent Blackwell in an Athletics Meeting against Camrose and Belmont. The meeting comprised all track events but because of lack of facilities on the school field the jumping events and the Discus event were omitted. A very successful meeting came to a close with Blackwell easy winners.

Result:—Blackwell 217 points; Camrose 182 points; Belmont 86 points.

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL—OCTOBER 1962

Juniors:—1st Austen; 2nd Byron; 3rd Faraday, Churchill; 5th Elgar, Dunant. Seniors:—1st Faraday; 2nd Austen; 3rd Churchill, Byron; 5th Dunant; 6th Elgar. Combined Result:—1st Austen; 2nd Faraday, 3rd Byron; 4th Churchill; 5th Dunant; 6th Elgar.

The matches consisted of two equal halves of 10 mins. The teams consisted of 7 players and the results were decided by points—3 points for a goal. 1 point for a corner.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY—FEB. 28th 1963

All the runners assembled up at the start of the race and on the wave of the flag, off went over 200 boys—a wonderful sight but what was more wonderful was the fact that most of them came back the same day!!

Positions: Juniors—Austen, Faraday, Byron, Dunant, Elgar, Churchill. Seniors—Austen, Faraday, Elgar, Churchill, Byron, Dunant. Final Result—Austen, Faraday, Elgar, Byron, Churchill, Dunant.

INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL

The Basketball Competition was split up into two sections. The Seniors played their games in November and the Juniors played theirs in May.

Positions: Juniors—1st Austen; 2nd Byron, Elgar; 4th Faraday, 5th Dunant, Churchill. Seniors—1st Churchill; 2nd Austen; 3rd Faraday, Byron, Dunant; 6th Elgar. Final Result—1st Austen; 2nd Churchill, Byron; 4th Faraday; 5th Elgar; 6th Dunant.

INTER-HOUSE ROAD RELAY—MAY 1963

Results:—1. Austen; 2 Faraday; 3. Byron; 4. Churchill; 5. Dunant; 6. Elgar.

Elgar's fate was sealed as soon as the race started. They had only entered 1 team so they were inevitably placed last. Byron and Churchill scored the same number of points but Byron's time beat Churchill's by a second.

Again this year, as far as Winter House activities are concerned, Austen have topped every result list. Isn't there a House in Blackwell to give them some competition? I'm sure that many are wondering whether the Austen scientists have discovered the latest thing in pep pills, or have they made "a fine art" of winning?



Middlesex Schools U/15 Champions—Winners of the Blaxland Cup—Winners of the Brady Cup for the second year running. Back row: Mr. G. A. Gearing, J. B. Brown, D. Mansell, S. Alcorn, T. Willis (Capt.), P. Manetti, C. Spreadborough. Front row: J. Barnes, J. Fleet, R. Bowditch, K. Searle, J. Cross.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB—1962-1963

by Mr. G. GEARING

An exceptionally successful season for the school football club was brought to a wonderful climax on May 20th at Wealdstone Football ground when the school U/15 team beat Rowland Hill School, Tottenham, to win the Blaxland Cup and become Middlesex Schools U/15 Champions. Many complimentary comments have been passed about this game, but no words can adequately describe the tremendous skill and spirit displayed by both teams, and nobody who was there will ever forget the first goal scored by John Cross, and described by Wealdstone officials as one of the best goals ever scored on the ground. The team was roared on to victory by what seemed every boy and girl in Blackwell, and I'm sure the players, supporters and staff will never forget this memorable match.

The school also retained the Brady Cup. This is the first time that the Cup has been won in successive years by the same school. Throughout the season the team had proved its worth against other schools and the

4—1 victory over Harrow Weald in the Final produced little good football after the school had gone into an early 2—0 lead.

Success also attended the U/12 team who reached the final of their Cup, but were eventually beaten 3—1 by Salvatorian College after a hard, fluctuating game. This was the only school to beat the team during the season and the future looks bright if the U/12's maintain this early promise.

The U/13 and U/14 teams had a disappointing season. Both teams started well by winning their first match but, apart from an excellent 8—4 victory over Roxeth Manor by the U/14's, the results are best forgotten. However, the lessons learnt from these games have been remembered and the boys are already in training for next year and very eager to defend the Cup gained by this year's U/15 team.

The U/16 team unfortunately lost a number of last year's winning Brady Cup team, but nevertheless enjoyed a moderately successful season. During the year they reached the 2nd round of the Middlesex Cup, the 3rd round of the London Schools' Cup and the semi-final of the Harrow Cup. The record shows that 30 goals were scored by the team compared to the 33 goals which were scored against them, clearly illustrating the number of hard, close fought games played by the team.



FIRST YEAR FOOTBALL TEAM—Finalists in Headstone Cup. Back Row: K. Foster, M. Baker, P. Philbrick, C. Gould, B. Gould, S. Long M. Avis. Front Row: D. Stanley, S. Webb, R. Ely, B. Cronk, D. Foster.

Although the months of snow-covered football pitches held up the season, it did give the school the opportunity of playing indoor-4-a-side, on an inter-School basis. Of the five games played, three were drawn, one was lost and one was won. Every match was played at a tremendous pace, was enthusiastically supported, and it is hoped, this idea will be repeated in the years to come, when the grounds are unfit to play. The school again provided a number of representative players and the following boys are to be congratulated on their respective honours.

Harrow Schools F.A.: R. Ely, D. Stanley, B. Gould, K. Foster, P. Irving, B. Brown, J. Kemp, K. Searle, J. Fleet, R. Bowditch, T. Willis.

Middlesex and London Schools Trial: R. Bowditch.

Harrow Youth League: M. Gould.

School Football Colours: R. Bowditch, I. Willis, P. Manetti, S. Alcorn, K. Searle, J. Fleet, C. Spreadborough, D. Mansell, J. Barnes, J. Cross. Re-award: W. Swanwick, M. Gould.

PLAYING RECORD

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
					For	Against
U/12	9	6	3	0	33	12
U/13	5	1	4	0	5	29
U/14	5	2	3	0	22	22
U/15	14	13	0	1	64	19
U/16	10	4	5	1	30	33
Total	43	26	15	2	154	115

Annual Match: School 5. Staff 1. (Too many old crocks, including the Editor).

Indoor 4-a-side Matches:

Under 14 and Under 15 teams: v. Belmont—won 15-9; v. Salvation—drew 12-12; v. Camrose—drew 12-12.

Under 12 and Under 13 teams: v. Chandos—lost 15-9; v. Camrose—drew 12-12.

The following boys represented the School football teams:—

Under 12: P. Philbrick, S. Long, B. Gould, R. Ely, D. Foster, J. Alder, C. Gould, K. Foster, G. Hart, M. Baker, D. Stanley, B. Cronk, S. Webb, M. Avis.

Under 13: P. Irving, P. Holland, D. Watkin, D. Adkins, I. Marshall, R. Christie (Capt.), I. Buswell, S. Gigli, B. Venn, A. Selleck, J. French, G. Banfield, P. Codrai, G. Brodie, G. Church, B. Nash, J. Lamb, D. Rooney, J. Counsell, D. Williamson.

Under 14: D. Stone, D. Essen, M. Cusack, M. Garatt, R. Simmonds, B. Brown (Capt.), R. Durrant, J. Scrivens, K. Pople, J. Kemp, S. Fairweather, B. Grant, B. Manley.

Under 15: S. Alcorn, M. Frodsham, R. Dowen, P. Thomas, T. Willis (Capt.), D. Mansell, C. Spreadborough, P. Manetti, B. Brown, J. Townsin, M. Nash, J. Barnes, D. Nelson, W. Hardy, K. Searle, J. Fleet, J. Cross, R. Bowditch, D. French.

Under 16: W. Swanwick, G. Porter, A. Thomas, D. Green, K. Harper (Capt.), J. Bryce, A. Taylor, M. Gould, R. Brooker, C. Foskett, G. Gunner, J. Wilcox, J. Slibbon, I. Molseley, A. Kinder.

ATHLETIC CLUB

Members of this Club meet every Wednesday evening with Mr. Mannion and Miss Pointing. One does not have to be a potential champion to join this Club and the members of staff concerned would be pleased to give anyone all the assistance they can with the coaching of any particular event. The athletic area and the equipment is also available daily from 12.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. when a member of the staff is present to supervise and coach. Why not avail yourselves of this opportunity?

GYM CLUB

The Gym Club was again formed into two sections—Junior and Senior groups. The standard of gymnastics among the Junior boys is very high and if they continue to progress at the present rate the future looks very rosy indeed. The aim of the Senior Club is the Middlesex Gymnastic Award and for this the Senior Section are working very hard. Here the standard is also very high and the skill and dexterity of the boys are worthy of praise.

WEIGHT-TRAINING CLUB

The school can be proud of the new weight-training equipment which is now available for the 3rd, 4th and 5th year boys. As well as playing an integral part in the Physical Education lesson itself, a club was formed and its members met once a week during the lunch break. The club is under the direction of Mr. D. Mannion but unfortunately the interest shown by some of the members began to diminish. Whether they expected to become 'new men' overnight I don't know, but it is hoped that when the

club re-opens more boys will come and take advantage of this form of training.

FENCING CLUB

This is a new aspect of physical education in the life of Blackwell and when Mr. H. Levy took charge of the club earlier this year the founder members showed great enthusiasm and keenness. After several weeks there were definite signs of budding Musketeers and in order to allow Mr. Levy to give some individual coaching, Mr. D. Mayhew kindly offered his services to the club. The membership is open to 2nd year boys as well as Seniors and we hope the Club will gradually increase in size.

GOLF

Owing to adverse weather conditions Mr. T. Oldham, Professional Golfer at Grimsdyke Club, has been unable to continue tuition this school year, but it is hoped that coaching will be resumed next term.

CANOE CLUB

It has always been my wish that some day a Canoe Club would be founded at Blackwell. Canoeing is gradually becoming popular in schools and it would be simple for us to use the swimming pool to master the drills and safety precautions so that when the crafts are taken onto the local canals, the club members will feel confident. At this very moment Room 13 is a hive of industry as P. Lambert, J. Lloyd, M. Cary and C. Minett are busy constructing our first canoe.

Two 5th yr. boys, N. Thomas and G. Porter, who represented Blackwell in the Harrow Youth Canoe Race at Harefield on the 26th May, 1963, finished in 8th position after having capsized while entering the canoe!

HERGA BASKETBALL CLUB

Many people have asked me why the name 'Herga' for the Old Students' Basketball Section. Some years ago before the new Old Students' Association was formed, I was determined that Blackwell's high tradition in schoolboy basketball should be felt in senior basketball as well. Searching for a name I decided upon 'Herga', one of the old historic names from which Harrow, the name of our town, has been derived.

My search for talent was easier still, for already the labours of countless hours of training had provided us with four of the first ever English Junior Champion team—Colin Dales, Terry Robertson, Baldwin and Michael Nugent. Around them I gathered the older and more experienced names of Barry Robertson, Terry's elder brother, Bob Parslow, Brian Allard and Jenkins.

Playing several seasons in the Middlesex League, we won the League Championship, the League Knock-out Cup (Maple Leaf Trophy) twice, and gathered a string of other schoolboy stars, like Peter Nimmo, Geoff Barr, Len Carter and Peter McLeod. Now the club was really making its mark and the ambition of many of the former school teams was to play under the Herga colours.

The next major step was to take on the rest of London, and this led to a successful season in the London League Division One, when we triumphed in every game save one, to be the undoubtable champions. Up the next rung of the ladder, by special invitation, to the London Premier Division, where we met the best teams in the country.

Whilst in the Premier Division we have enjoyed the opportunity to play first-class ball under the best available conditions. There have been occasions when we have suffered defeat by a large margin of points, but the remarkable thing is that we have played our best games as a team, when meeting this kind of competition. We have had a fair proportion of success, which was highlighted by our winning of the 1962 National Intermediate Championships against the Manchester Y.M.C.A.

This past season has brought us several headaches, largely due to our attempt to hold our position amongst the ranks of the Premier Division. Several of the more experienced players have disappointingly sat back on their laurels and failed to train conscientiously. As a result their

standard of play and unreliability in attending matches have seriously hindered the progress of the club.

We eventually finished eighth in the Premier Division, and went out of the National Senior Competition at the hands of the undisputed British Champions, London Central Y.M.C.A., and the National Intermediate Competition to the eventual winners, the London Polytechnic.

Some glory has come to the Club by the exceptional performance of Club Secretary, Geoff Barr, who led our England U/20 team to a fine win against Scotland U/20 at Dalkeith by hitting 28 points himself. Geoff later went on to equal this performance against the English Schools team.

Geoff was joined in the England U/20 team by Bill Currie and Ted Sutton, Blackwell's very own proteges, and Chris Worcester, now at St. Luke's Teachers' Training College, and Richard Newsum.

Chris and Geoff also represented the England Senior Team with merit in the U.K. Tournament and on the Continent.

Following their steps is Terry Ayling, who has been invited to join the England Junior Squad. Terry was undoubtedly the best Under 15 player in England this season, as a result of his playing alongside the Herga players.

The 1962-63 season has seen the formation of organised ladies' basketball in England and Herga has been quick to add its contribution, for with the enthusiastic support of the girls of Blackwell and Heriots Wood, the Club now has a flourishing ladies section, which trains and plays regularly every week. Already others have been attracted by the standard of play, and we have been joined by two German girls.

Four of our team, Kay Ellery, Kathy Cusack, Sandra Long and Linda Tarrant have represented the South of England this season, and we earnestly look forward to seeing Herga players in the first ever England Ladies' basketball team this coming November.

As we prepare for next season, so we welcome Mr. John Roberts, as the new coach to the club men's team. With the enthusiasm and co-operation of all members, I am sure he will lead them to greater success in the coming years.

New members are always welcome, and from September the club will meet regularly at the School Gymnasium.

Monday	7.30-9.30 p.m.—Men's Section.
Tuesday	7.00-9.30 p.m.—Ladies' Section.
Wednesday	7.30-9.30 p.m.—Men's Section.

If you care to join us we will be delighted.

Club Officers

President: Mr. H. K. Olphin.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. D. K. Williams, G. A. Gearing and K. G. Charles.

Chairman: Captain H. R. Wilson.

Secretary: Mr. G. Barr, 131, High Street, Northwood, Middlesex.

Treasurer: Mr. M. Lock.

Committee: Messrs. J. Roberts., W. Lowe, C. Cronlad.

Mr. K. G. CHARLES

BASKETBALL

Blackwell still remains at the fore of basketball, providing a very large contribution to many aspects of the game. Not only does the standard of the school teams remain high, but the school and its clubs also provides the people behind the scenes, who organise the game throughout the country.

The School U/16 Team achieved a remarkably high standard, winning nine out of their ten games, many of them by a very large margin of points. During these games four of the team scored over 100 points each, an outstanding performance in itself.

Terry Ayling 142, Stuart Alcorn 116, Keith Swallow 108, Martin Gould 102, Keith Harper 94, Peter Manetti 68, Tony Paine 68, Allen Dawson 40, John Burnitt 18, Rodger Walker 10, Bob Dawes 6 and John Duffy 2. Many of the School will remember the very exciting Middlesex Inter-

mediate Final when the team suffered its only defeat of the season. Playing against Albany, the holders, we matched them point for point, tactic for tactic, and when the final bell rang the School ran out runners-up by only three points—48 to 51. Either team could have won that day, for so well did everyone play, but if we had to nominate the player of the match it would have undoubtedly been Blackwell's Captain, Keith Swallow, who gave his best performance ever.

The School Under 14 Team had a reasonably successful season, but lacked the all-round ability of its predecessors, who won the 1962 County Junior Championship. Having qualified for the quarter-finals, we were convincingly beaten by Greenford County.

But back to the high spots of the season. Blackwell must indeed be unique as this list of achievements must prove:—

The Captain of the winning English Schools Senior Team v. Scotland—Ted Sutton.

Three of the winning English Schools Junior Team v. Scotland and Eire—Terry Ayling, Stuart Alcorn and P. Manetti.

Three of the Middlesex Schools Senior Team—Ted Sutton (Captain), Keith Swallow and Martin Gould.

Six of the Middlesex Schools Junior Team—Terry Ayling, Peter Manetti, Stuart Alcorn, Tony Paine, John Barnitt, Robert Downen.

Three of the members of the A.B.B.A. Junior Squad (Under 20)—Ted Sutton, Terry Ayling, Bill Currie (Old Student).

Two of the members of the winning England U/20 v. Scotland U/20 in Dalkeith—Ted Sutton and Bill Currie (Old Student).

Three performers in the A.T.V. 'Seeing Sport' programme on basketball—Martin Gould, Peter Manetti, Stuart Alcorn.

In addition Blackwell were the hosts to the Xmas Holiday Course for the Middlesex Schoolboys' Coaching Course and to the Middlesex School-teachers' Coaching Course. Demonstrators at schools and teachers' courses throughout the Home Counties.

As the season closes, so echoes are being whispered of a girls' section to the English Schools Basketball Association, and Blackwell is already leaping to the fore with its own girls team playing under the colours of Herga Ladies, but more of them and the Herga Club under the Old Students' Section.

The name of Blackwell now rings far and wide, even across the Atlantic, in the world of basketball. May the coming season bring the School even greater success.

Mr. K. G. CHARLES

SCHOOL NETBALL

The school netball teams have had a successful season in spite of the number of matches cancelled in the Spring term because of snow-covered courts.

RESULTS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st School VII	11	10	1	0
2nd School VII	10	6	4	0
2nd Year VII	10	7	2	1
1st Year VII	10	5	3	2

School Netball teams were selected from:

1st VII	2nd VII	2nd Year	1st Year
Kathleen Cusack	Antoinette Trow	Linda Edwards	Carole Pearson
Sandra Long	Heather Hayes	Linda Tarrant	Linda King
Marion Collier	Julie Avery	Jennifer Gass	Linda Drew
Doreen Boulding	Carol Streeter	Jane Barmby	Jane Eames
Dilys Hunt	Norma Stevens	Mary Ball	Marion Henderson
Mona Conlon	Irene Abel	Rachel Ball	Brenda Smith
Patricia Raffell	Christine Dawson	Leslie Hutchison	Christine Dorey
Jacqueliné Wright	Moya Ware	Susan Labbett	Margaret Pease
	Jennifer Rouse		
	Christine Hodges		

School teams were entered in the Harrow and Middlesex Netball Rallies. For these rallies U-14, U-15, U-16 and U-18 teams were formed. At the Junior Middlesex Rally held at Blackwell our U-15 team qualified for the final rally. This was the first time that Blackwell netball team had reached this stage of the rally and we were the only Secondary Modern School competing in the U-15 section at Canons Park on March 30th, 1963. After mediocre play in the team's first match against St. Mary's the girls played well, and reached a very high standard of play indeed in a most exciting game, which was drawn, against the eventual winners of the Cup, Harrow County.

U-15 team:—G.S. Christine Dawson, G.A. Norman Stevens, W.A. Julie Avery, C. Doreen Boulding, W.D. Mona Conlon, G.D. Dilys Hunt, G.K. Carol Streeter.

Reserves:—Jacqueline Wright and Irene Abel.

School colours were awarded to K. Cusack, M. Conlan (re-award). D. Boulding, J. Avery, C. Streeter and D. Hunt.

The following junior girls have been recommended for a high standard of play throughout the season:—2nd Years—Linda Edwards and Linda Tarrant; 1st Year—Carole Pearson.



THE UNDER-15 NETBALL GROUP, who reached the Final of the Middlesex Rally in March, included Back row: C. Dawson (G.S.), D. Hunt (G.D.), J. Wright and I. Abel (Reserve). Front row: J. Avery (W.A.), D. Boulding (C. and Captain), N. Stevens (G.A.) (Also playing were C. Streeter (G.K.) and M. Conlan (W.D.))

HOUSE NETBALL

The Tournament, hampered by bad weather, produced some fine netball from the Senior teams and most matches were closely fought. The Juniors, lacking experience, played hard but rarely skilfully. The House Games Captains did extremely well in organising their teams since there are a number of girls unwilling to play in the Tournament. The result of the Tournament brought victory to Austen for the first time.

Final positions: 1. AUSTEN; 2. DUNANT; 3. CHURCHILL; 4. FARADAY; 5. ELGAR; 6. BYRON.

HOUSE TENNIS—1962

Final positions: 1. ELGAR; 2. CHURCHILL; 3. FARADAY; 4. DUNANT, AUSTEN, BYRON.

The Singles Tournament resulted in a win for Michael Thomas over Jonathan Ebel and for Sandra Long over Judy Dean. **B.A.J. and B.A.P.**

SWIMMING

As for Athletics, standards attained in Swimming are also a means by which boys and girls are able to gain points for their respective Houses. 1 width of the pool gives one point. 1 length of the pool gives three points. A dive showing good technique is worth three points. An elementary certificate qualifies for 8 points. An intermediate certificate qualifies for 10 points and, finally, the advanced is worth 12 points.

The final results for the Summer of 1962 read as follows: 1st Churchill, Dunant; 3rd Byron, Elgar; 5th Faraday, Austen.

SCHOOL GALA

Several School Swimming records were broken, including R. Penistar (D) 25 yds.—breaststroke—19.3 secs.; P. Angelides (B) 25 yds.—backstroke—20.4 secs.; C. Cain (D)—50 yds.—breaststroke—45.0 secs.; A. Gigli (B) 50 yds.—freestyle—29.6 secs.

Final Result:—(1) Elgar 109 points; (2) Faraday 92 points; (3) Dunant 85 points; (4) Byron 72 points; (5) Austen 70 points; (6) Churchill 63 points.

BOYS' SWIMMING CLUB

The boys meet on Thursdays and Fridays after school and on Tuesday they join with the girls for a mixed swimming session. Last year in the Harrow Schools' Swimming Gala, although our girls had all the limelight, the boys also put up a sound performance. A. Gigli came second in the 110 yds. Freestyle; and J. Thiel came first in the 55 yds. The 13-15 year old Relay Team in an exciting race were beaten into second place by the touch by the Royal Commercial Travellers; the 15-16 year old Relay Team won the very attractive Norman Boocock Memorial Trophy by narrowly beating Lascelles School. The final team placing found Blackwell boys in 3rd position.

Last Summer we also entered a team in the Middlesex Freestyle Championship at Heston. The standard of swimming was exceptionally high and it was no surprise when we finished in 10th position. However, it was a good experience for the boys.

A swimming match took place between the School and Harrow County. We won the Under 16 section and Harrow won the Under 14 section. The overall result gave Harrow victory by 2 points.

Last year approximately 45 boys were awarded the Elementary Certificate in swimming and this year, with the continuous good weather to the Club's advantage, results should be even better.

GIRLS' SWIMMING CLUB

Last Summer our girls' team did extremely well in the Harrow Gala. We gained four trophies.

The Norman Bower Trophy was won by our Under 13 Relay Team, and the 13-15 yrs. Relay Team won the Mrs. L. Wood Trouhy. Kathleen Cusack represented the school in Diving and brought back the F. M. Batten Trophy. Mary Ball broke the record for Under 13s. The girls won the Championships, being the team with the highest points, but there was at the time no trophy for this. It was decided later that Blackwell should present a trophy for this championship and that it should be called the "Ivatts Shield", in recognition of all the work and help given by Mr. Ivatts in the building of our own swimming pool.

51 girls gained their Middlesex Elementary Certificates, 15 Intermediate and 1 Advanced.

SWIMMING GALA—JUNE 1963

Following our good results of last year, we are delighted to report that we have been even more successful this year.

The boys, who last year came 3rd in the overall position in the Boys' sections, this year succeeded in gaining second position (shared with Belmont). In the Boys' Under 13 Freestyle S. Gigli came 3rd; Boys' 13-15 Freestyle P. Manetti—3rd; Boys' 15-16 Freestyle S. Tobin—2nd; Boys' 13-15 Breaststroke R. Penistan—2nd; Boys' 15-16 Breaststroke S. Tobin—2nd; Boys' 13-15 Backstroke J. Barritt—1st; Boys' 15-16 Backstroke G. Porter—3rd. The Boys' 15-16 Relay Team, who last year brought the Trophy to Blackwell were beaten into 2nd place. Also representing the boys at the gala were: C. Cain, D. Magnuson, D. Mansell, J. Alcorn, J. Counsell, M. Avis and B. Icton.

The girls again won the Ivatts Shield for 1st place with a total of 36 points. The school in second place had 12 points and this shows how exceptionally well our girls swam. The diving cup was won by Jacqueline Wright. Rachel Ball was first in the Under 13 Freestyle event. Jane Edwards took first place in the Under 13 Backstroke event and broke the record set by Mary Ball last year by 3.5 seconds. Well done Jane! 3rd places were gained by Antoinette Trow and Jacqueline Wright in 15-16 Freestyle and 13-15 Backstroke events respectively. Jacky also gained 1st place in the 13-15 Backstroke race and Kathy Cusack in the 15-16 Backstroke race. Particularly pleasing were the relay teams who won all three events in this competition. These made a fine climax to an exciting morning.

In conclusion we must mention the excellent sportsmanship of Kathleen Cusack, who proved herself a true Games Captain in her unselfish interest in and encouragement of other members of the team.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A TRUE SPORTSMAN?

To reach the top of the ladder in sport is just as difficult as passing a high academic examination, perhaps more so, because you have to get on with other people. This list of do's and don't's will help you.

DONT'S.

1. Do not question the decision of the officials.

He, or she, has a more difficult job to do than you, can often see more of the game than you, and **knows** the **rules** better than you. All officials have to learn as a sportsman you should help them. Remember **NO ONE IS PERFECT**—

2. Do not make fun of other players.

Good humoured fun amongst true friends is always acceptable, but **never** try to poke fun at others, especially if they cannot play as well as you. Better to go across and help them.

3. Do not brag about your performance.

Your success will more often be noted and remembered, and even if it is not, what does it really matter; you know you succeeded and most be content with your own performance.

4. Do not 'twist' the rules to help yourself.

Rules in sport are there to make it fair for all concerned—you and your opponents. Many people have learnt through years of experience and have agreed on these rules. You must not alter them to give yourself a better chance of winning—otherwise you can never have claimed to have won.

5. Do not miss an opportunity to learn from others, especially your coach, trainer or teacher.

You should treat your coach as your friend, one to whom you can tell your problems regarding training. Remember the lion tamer in the circus gets results by friendship; he only crack the whip for effect. Your coach can see your mistakes and how best you can improve. Let him, or her, guide you. If he, or she, says you are doing it wrong, feel pleased—not upset—for they are really helping you to be a better

player. ALWAYS ACCEPT ADVICE.

6. **Do not sulk at your own bad performance.**

Even World Champions have off days, so you cannot expect always to perform well and to your satisfaction. The true sportsman has the skill to keep on trying and see the game or training session through to the end. If you give up and walk off you are really insulting your friends, team-mates, opponents, and the people who have come to see you play.

DO's.

1. **Train regularly.**

It is better to train for a short time every day than to have a long session now and again. World Champions have been known to practise for 4 hours every day.

2. **Train wisely.**

Plan what you intend to do before starting training. Remember that you should always aim to improve on your weaknesses, therefore, practise on these more than your good points.

3. **Keep a record of your performances.**

Keep a note book in which you should record BRIEFLY all your performances and training sessions. Add how you feel you could have improved.

4. **Watch the stars of your sport.**

The easiest way to learn is by seeing someone else do it first and then going away and practising yourself. Select the good players, watch them closely and then try it yourself.

5. **Obtain your own kit and take a pride in it.**

Never borrow other players kit, and certainly keep your own kit safe and clean. Nothing impresses others more than a well-dressed player—very often this can give you the edge you need to win.

6. **DO REMEMBER THAT SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN ARE SEEN MORE THAN OTHER PEOPLE. YOUR SPORT WILL BE JUDGED BY YOUR BEHAVIOUR AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY AWAY FROM THE PLAYING AREA. ABIDE BY YOUR RULES THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE—THEN YOU WILL SURELY BE A SPORTSMAN OR SPORTSWOMAN.**

K.G.C.

TWO YANKS AT BLACKWELL

IMPRESSIONS of Blackwell: serious attitude towards discipline teachers stricter than in California (but similar to schools 3,000 miles east in New England) teacher-student relations more formal . . . school uniforms give neat, good looking appearance to student body no uniforms in American schools—emphasis on neat individual dress.

DIFFERENCES: accents—your Broad 'a' sounds formal to an American ear (we say tomatoes—you say tom-ah-toes) cockney sounds much like Brooklyn or Chicago "gangster" jargon (both are startling and unintelligible) your North Country and *Welsh accents are charming (as in our soft southern 'drawl') spelling—kerb, labour, gaol (we spell—curb, labor, jail).

LIKES: We like your food — fish and chips (we call them 'French Fries' and eat them with catsup), roast beef and Yorkshire pudding steak and kidney pie (you would like Texas T-bone steak, clam chowder, blue-berry muffins). We like the friendly Blackwell spirit the keen interest in sports cricket,

tea, (you would like baseball, hot dogs).

STEVE TOBIN (San Francisco) and Mr. L. R. WRIGHT (New England).

*These Yanks have sound judgment—*Editor*

OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

All our Old Students will be interested to learn of the formation of the above Association. The letter explaining the scheme and inviting Old Students to join appears below. We ask everyone who reads this to bring the letter to the attention of any Old Students they may know.

MEMBERS OF OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (to date)

Carolyn Acaster	Graham Harris	Jean Ralph
Angela Algar	Sheila Higginson	Douglas Ross
David Bennett	Kathleen Lammin	Eric Smith
Christine Bunday	Alison Milligan	Anne Streeter
Duncan Coalwood	David Murphy	Richard Thomas
Colin Dales	John Parks	Brenda Ware
Vickie Dewhurst	Christopher Peck	Janette Woods
Paul Gibson	Eileen Porter	Nanette Woods
Roger Gleadhall	Jean Goring	Sheila Higginson

Extracts from letters sent recently by Old Students:—

"Geography used to be my favourite subject and because of it I always wanted to travel. I never anticipated setting down quite so far from home but here I am and very happy. I first went to Calgary and took a job as secretary to the personnel officer of a small oil company. This position was very interesting and the duties quite varied. As Calgary is only 100 miles from the Rockies I joined the local ski club and there I met my husband — an Englishman. 5,000-odd miles to find an Englishman to marry! We moved to Spokane in the State of Washington 18 months ago. My husband has a service station (garage) of his own and we have a very pleasant home. A year ago we increased our family by having a little boy School seems a long way away but it is whilst at school that one forms ideas and ambitions. During the past 10 years I have fulfilled my schoolday ambitions.—Mrs. RITA SEAGER (née Ledger), 882 Carolina way, Spokane 53, Washington.

"I would love to come back to the school and meet any of the Old Students I knew and any teachers, though I expect most will have moved on I took a job locally with a firm of Debt Collectors. This was a very interesting job with something different every day. The firm was small consisting of a Director, Secretary and four other girls all younger than myself. I worked with the Secretary doing Court work. This was very responsible as any slip by me might have resulted in legal action or heavy damages being awarded against us. It was interesting because you followed cases from when they were first reported to us right through until the person either paid up or in some cases was committed to prison. We dealt with people from all walks of life. All types from the genuine victim of circumstance to the downright liars, some were rich and well-known, others poor I suppose Blackwell has changed since the days I knew it but I can honestly say I was very happy there. There is quite a lot in the saying "School days are the happiest days of your life."—Mrs. JILL KILROY (née Nurse).

"There isn't very much I can tell you about my career, as it is now as housewife and mother that my days are spent.

As a matter of fact I married one of your former pupils in the Electrical Engineering Course, Alan Wilkinson While at Whitehall I was in a group of about 8 women and we worked for the Information

and Intelligence Section, Press and Translations Groups. Other than that I cannot say more as it was mainly Top Secret work . . . I worked at Harrow till October 1962. I left to have a baby which was born on Boxing Day, 26th December, 1962. We named her Karen Tracy."—Mrs. KATHLEEN WILKINSON (née Cannon).

"I am a Management Consultant with a firm of International Chartered Accountants with world-wide travel sometimes involved . . . I am also engaged in the promotion of my own company of which I am a Director and controlling shareholder. We are specialists in property finance—any business gratefully received!"—RONALD PLUMMER.

"I could not resist the opportunity of writing to you, as it has been increasingly evident to me since I left school, that the basic training I received at Blackwell was invaluable. The extended course in engineering started me off on the right foot, enabling me to obtain my Ordinary and Higher National Certificates, for which I thank you, and your staff. . . . I worked for a short time as a draughtsman before I was lucky enough to be made a junior Engineer, in the Contracts Dept. . . . My job involves me in the preparation of technical specifications, submission of Tenders, handling of contracts through to the final stages of erection and commissioning of Switchgear, Generating Plant and Ancillary equipment. I have been married for nearly two years, and have just bought a new house near Twickenham. We are mortgaged up to the eyebrows, of course, but very happy."—SIDNEY EAVIS.

"I have indeed continued with my architectural career on which I am still very keen. It has proved to be absorbing and varied work . . . I am now working with a firm of architects which specialises in hospital design."—COLIN MILSOM.

"I am employed as a Secretary by the parent company of a group comprising some 27 other companies which are all engaged in different businesses so you can see that my job is interesting.

"The two-year commercial course I completed at Blackwell has proved very good grounding for the 'hundred and one' things a secretary has to turn her hand to . . . I would add that the excellent salary that I earn has enabled me to spend a month each year abroad and I have therefore, been able to study the way of life in France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Spain, etc., and I am now aiming at spending a couple of months in the States next year.

"I feel certain that I would not have achieved so much if I had not stayed on at school for the commercial course and I cannot help wondering just how much more I could have achieved if I had worked much harder."—Miss SHEILA HIGGINSON.

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

Dear Old Student,

For several years old students and friends of the school have said to me "Why have you no Old Students' Association?" and I have not been able to find a good answer for it seems to me that any good Secondary School ought to have an equally good Old Students' Association.

Some years back our problem was caused by the fact that boys were called up for National Service at the age of 18. This no longer occurs and, in addition, of course we now have a great many more old students. I know the problem in joining such an Association. It is that most old students have found friendships elsewhere and are very busy following their own way of life. But, in the past, I have belonged to excellent Old Students' Associations which never had formal meetings. I am not suggesting this for us, but a mixture of the two ideas could be a solution. If by some means you could be easily kept in touch with the School and Old Students year after year I am sure you would feel it worthy of a modest subscription.

I have spoken about this with Mrs. Mitchell who has been here since

the school began and probably knows more old students than any of us. I knew the kind of reply she would make. She at once offered to be Secretary/Treasurer of an Association until the time came, if ever, when an old student came forward who would be willing continuously to take over. We have discussed the whole idea a good deal since, and I am putting forward to you the following suggestions:

1. You join the Old Students Association and this does not commit you to come to meetings or join Societies unless you are particularly interested in them. Membership—7/6d. a year starting on 1st September.
2. As a member you will receive each July, free of charge, a copy of the School Magazine. In it will be a separate section for Old Students' news and information.
3. An Old Students' Bulletin to be sent to you at least once a term. This will contain much interesting information about old students and the school itself.
4. Admission to an Old Students' "Get together" arranged at the school whenever desired.
5. The right to join any of the Old Students Clubs which may be formed, e.g., Football, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, Netball. N.B.—All these Clubs will have their own committee and their own subscriptions. No one will be allowed to join any Club who is not a member of the Association.
6. The Association will be willing to follow up any ideas put forward by members.
7. There will be an Annual General Meeting held some time in September.
8. Notice of any important functions held at the school, e.g., Christmas Play, will be sent you.

I hope all this will lead you to believe that it will be well worthwhile being a Founder Member of the Association. Please join by returning the slip below, together with your subscription, direct to Mrs. Mitchell, and any future communications will come through her to you.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

H. K. OLFPHIN,
Headmaster.

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