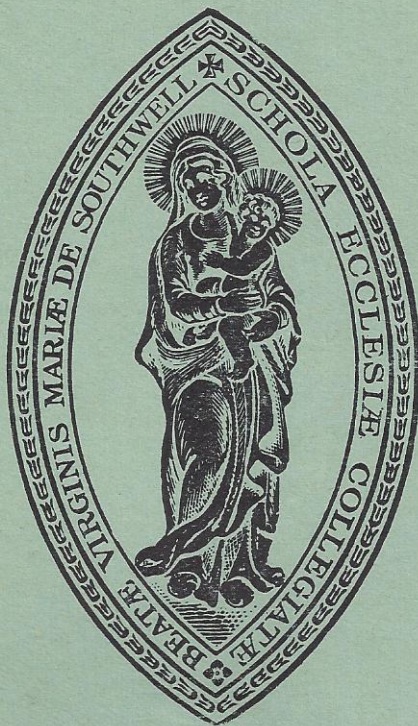


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FOREWORD

The old school magazine started at the end of the last century. Published terminally, then twice a year and finally annually, but by no means continuously, this magazine certainly provided a valuable record of all kinds of school activities, achievements and even perhaps failings. Certainly without one at all the school is badly off. It must be made clear that like many periodicals the old magazine was killed by cost and no Mr. Thompson was there to make a take over bid until a Committee of the Sixth Form made an offer.

Let us hope that this new magazine will do for the whole school what that delightful publication the J. D. Journal does for the Junior Department.

B. J. RUSHBY SMITH

COMMENT

Most boys hear vaguely about the Governors and perhaps sometimes wonder who they are and what they do except sit on special seats at the Prize Giving. Well, they don't always do a great deal, but here as we are a Voluntary Aided School they do rather a lot, take a very real interest and fight on our behalf. Since we last wrote two have died, Sir Philip Barber and Mr. Henry Merryweather and here we must record our debt to them.

Staff changes most boys know about and a certain generation of boys will particularly remember Mr. Young whose heart is not far from Southwell and Mr. Officer who is always remembered when we have rhubarb at Hill House.

One of the best things that has happened since the last magazine came out, is the large number of younger Old Boys who come to "Old Boys Day". They realise that this is one of the easiest ways not to lose touch with old friends and have all had some very good times together.

To mention rebuilding is like cracking a very very old joke in deed, but believe it or not something really is going to happen beside a wall, one electricity substation and a tree. It is my bet that bar a national emergency, a change of government or another financial crisis the building will actually begin this Autumn. However I am still keeping my fingers crossed. Never mind, as soon as we have the model we shall all know what this ancient school is going to look like in its ultra modern dress.

B. J. R. S.

RUGBY FOOTBALL REPORT 1959-62

The beginning of the season 1959-60 saw only four members of the previous seasons team remaining, to D. Topliss therefore fell the difficult task of building a completely new team. The results were as expected, poor, and certainly did not live up to the high standard set by the previous season's outstanding team. However this year proved of valuable experience for younger members who were to constitute the following year's team.

For the season 1960-61 H. B. Olsen captained the team and results were a little more encouraging. Five matches out of thirteen were won as opposed to two out of fifteen of the previous year. A special mention must be made of H. B. Olsen who for the last two seasons had won a place in the County and Three Counties XV, and also of D. Topliss, R. Miles, and N. W. Bainbridge who were given county trials.

The comparably low standard of the school team during these two seasons is ample evidence of the ever turning circle of talent in school rugby, especially in a school as small as ours.

During the season 1961-62 considerably more games were played than usual. Results however were still not very encouraging. Out of twenty two games played, only five were won, four were drawn and thirteen were lost. R. Lowden and E. Bartle must be congratulated for having gained county trials and E. Bartle especially who was elected as a reserve for the county XV although none of their matches was played this year. Although a certain amount of despondency hung over the team as a result of consecutive defeats, the members were extremely co-operative and for the most part keen. As a result of the team spirit, the rugby football played was enjoyed, which, though it be a redeeming feature, is in itself of the utmost importance.

This report would be incomplete if I did not add on behalf of the team my thanks to Mr. C. L. Harris who has, with an experienced eye, trained us, and whose "candid" remarks on the field of play have encouraged us.

N. W. B.

Captain : N. W. Bainbridge

Vice-Captain : I. S. Donson

Rugby Colours awarded to : E. Bartle, J. Cox, R. Lowden, M. Sergeant.

Junior Team Results		P	W	D	L
59-60	U.15	10	4	0	6
	U.14	11	7	1	3
	U.13	9	4	0	5
	U.12	4	2	0	2
60-61	U.15	13	10	0	3
	U.14	11	3	0	8
	U.13	9	4	0	5
61-62	U.15	17	10	4	4
	U.14	13	5	1	7
	U.13	9	3	0	6

CRICKET REPORT FOR SEASONS 1960/61

During the 1960 season, the first XI acquitted themselves well considering that the mainstay of the 1959 team had left. Out of 14 games that were played 7 were won and only 3 lost, a result which in no way belied the ability of the team.

The standard of batting among the team was generally good, although the opening partnership rarely succeeded in giving the subsequent batsmen a substantial enough start. It was in the bowlers that we placed our trust. J. Pool and P. M. Drummond invariably opened the attack meeting with success in most games; both of them on different occasions bowled exceptionally well. J. Pool took 5 wickets for 24 against K. S. Grantham and P. M. Drummond took 6 for 20 against Mundella G.S.

All in all cricket this season was enjoyable. There were some startling highlights, for example H. B. Olsen scored 56 runs in 30 minutes against Mundella and T. E. Banbury also provided us with some very attractive batting. He, the veteran of the side, captained the team admirably and it is to him that our congratulations are due on his being elected to play for the County XI.

During the season 1961 T. E. Banbury again captained the team, although this time the results were a little less encouraging, for out of 2 matches played, only 2 were won, 5 were lost and 5 were drawn. However the new material which was inherited from the under 15's XI proved very valuable. R. Caudwell stepped with great success into J. Pool's position as an opening batsman — he scored 52 against Notts. High School. Other highlights were provided by T. E. Banbury who scored 95 against West Bridgford, and H. B. Olsen who during a match against the Beckett school hit three consecutive sixes losing two balls in the process, and who against Brunts G.S. hit five fours and one six in one over. This year the bowling lacked the vehemence of the previous season, although I. Dewar and E. Bartle, two of the younger members, who opened the attack, justified their selection and showed great promise for the coming season.

It is with regret that we have to say good-bye to T. E. Banbury. His cricket career has been long and varied. He played his first match for the first team whilst in the fourth form, an achievement in itself, and during the last five years he has twice captained the team and twice played for the county XI. He has contributed a great deal to our school cricket and he leaves with our best wishes.

To enumerate the number of people whose kind co-operation has benefited cricket at school would be a difficult task. Let it suffice to say that it has been greatly appreciated. However a special mention must be made of Mr. D. Fox whom we thank for coaching us and for the encouragement he has given to us at times when a sense of despondency hung over the team.

N. W. B.

NOTTINGHAM JUNIOR HARMONIC ORCHESTRA VISIT TO DENMARK

In the summer of 1961 the Nottingham Junior Harmonic Orchestra undertook a visit to Denmark, and among the players were three sixth formers, T. P. Cowhig and J. N. Hucknall, who were leader and deputy leader respectively of the orchestra, and D. C. Ince, who was a member of the horn section. This was the second visit of the Nottingham Harmonic Society's junior orchestra to Denmark, and their third abroad — the first being to Essen, Germany. Next summer there will be a return visit when the Danes will come to Nottingham for a fortnight.

The orchestra left England on August 6th and after a quiet crossing and a train journey, arrived in Copenhagen on Monday evening. Members were to stay in the homes of young people attending the large school in Brøndbyøster, a suburb of Copenhagen, and at the main Copenhagen station they gave us a warm reception. Our first engagement was a reception by the Mayor of Brøndbyøster, and the following days constituted a full programme of concerts in places around Copenhagen. These were for the large part at various institutes, including a State Prison, a Mental Hospital and a Convalescent home for wealthy people (at this latter concert, given in the open air we were not helped by the swarms of mosquitos which are prevalent in Denmark). The programme consisted of eleven items, of which a selection was played at each concert. The pieces included Schubert's Symphony No. 3 in D, Elgars "Wand of Youth" suite, Grieg's Homage March, and the rondo from Mozart's Bassoon Concerto. In the second week there were less concerts and we were able to do more shopping and sightseeing and to get to know our Danish hosts and friends better. The Danes are a very friendly people, and we all got on very well with them, drinking countless cups of their thick dark coffee in the process. During this week, visits were arranged to the Royal Porcelain Factory and the Carlsberg Breweries, both of which proved very interesting. Most people also managed to see famous buildings and landmarks such as the Cathedrals of Roskilde and Gruntvig, Rosengård castle, the Rundelain, Tivoli gardens and of course the "Little Mermaid". Several of us also had a brief glimpse of Sweden, only a few miles across the strait when we took a ferry to Landsbrøner. Those few hours brought a welcome relief to many of us who were not used to driving on the right-hand side of the road.

The main engagement of that week however, was at the television studios where we spent a whole day rehearsing and filming a half hour programme about the orchestra. This programme, which consisted of performances of some of our pieces, interviews (conducted in very halting Danish) and a film of our arrival was subsequently shown the following Saturday when we were on our way home. This television appearance is an example of the way in which we were treated as celebrities. Another is that the Danish organiser of our visit went as far as having a personal interview with the Danish Prime Minister to obtain permission to fly Union Jacks in the main square of Brondbyoster during our stay.

Thursday night saw our last and much advertised concert in the large school hall in Brondbyoster. The audience included many of our hosts and their friends who although we had been staying with them for nearly a fortnight had not yet heard us play. The concert was timed to coincide with the opening of a new music school in the town, and we were proud to think that perhaps the two visits of our orchestra helped to bring about the building of the school. On the following evening there was a farewell party held in a Youth Club, with the local Jazz Band providing music. During the evening the Danes gave a display of folk dancing in National Costume, and also provided us with plates of the giant "smorrebrod" which is so popular in Denmark.

Early on Saturday morning we all gathered on the station, said goodbye to our Danish friends and joined the train across Denmark on our journey home. We were all very sorry to leave "Little New York, as Brondbyoster is nicknamed because of its high blocks of flats, after a very enjoyable fortnight with the most charming people.

T. P. COWHIG

ATHLETICS REPORT

1959.

The school held matches against Becket and West Bridgford; and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and Mansfield Secondary Technical School. The Seniors fared comparatively well, and though it was obvious that the Juniors needed a boost, they never lacked enthusiasm.

The reason for the Seniors predominance is obvious in that they had several successes in the County and National Championships, while the Juniors had none. We congratulate M. Warmby and C. T. Simey, who both had considerable individual successes.

1960.

Since many of our best athletes had left at the end of 1959, the standard of athletics and number of successes was somewhat diminished.

The Juniors showed more enthusiasm this year and were thus more successful. We therefore look forward to the time when they themselves will be seniors in the school. Among these, Bennett, Pratley, Lewindon and Sneddon deserve a mention, and there are several more promising young athletes of the same age.

We had matches this year against — Becket and West Bridgford; Brunts and Queen Elizabeth's Grammar Schools, and though we did not fare too well, it must be remembered that our athletes, especially the Seniors, are very young, when compared with athletes from other schools, against whom they have competed. This is in no way detrimental to our young athletes, as five school records were broken. D. Briggs, the only member of the athletics team bearing school colours, and thus the athletics captain must be congratulated on several individual successes.

We also congratulate G. Devenport and A. Markham, on gaining Senior School Colours, and S. Bennett, C. Pratley and S. Wright on gaining Junior Colours.

1961.

This year, our athletics team was older and more experienced, and thus we fared better against our opponents, Becket, and won a match against Bilborough Grammar School, a school much bigger than our own. Ten school records were broken this year and more enthusiasm was shown; as a result the standard of athletics was higher.

There were several individual successes in the Notts. A.A.A. and Notts. Schools Championships, and one of our boys, E. Bartle, represented the county in the National Schoolboys' Championships at Chesterfield.

Individual Successes in 1961

Newark Schools

15 - 17

880 yds : 1st G. Devenport

1 Mile : 1st C. Pratley

Hurdles : 1st R. Hucknall

Shot : 1st J. Cox

Discus : 1st A. Linley

Triple Jump : 1st E. Bartle

Relay : 1st Southwell

13 - 15 880 yds. : 1st M. Freeman

1 Mile : 1st J. Howes

Long Jump : 1st S. Bennett

Notts. A.A.A. Championships

15 - 17	220 yds. : 1st E. Bartle
	Shot : 2nd J. Cox
13 - 15	Long Jump : 2nd S. Bennett
	Triple Jump : 3rd T. Lewindon
	Javelin : 3rd J. Howes
	Relay : 3rd Minster

Notts. Schools A.A. Championships

13 - 15	Triple Jump : 3rd T. Lewindon
15 - 17	220 yds : 1st E. Bartle
	880 yds : 3rd G. Devenport
	1 Mile : 3rd C. Pratley
	Shot : 2nd J. Cox

As a result of this season's athletics, E. Bartle had the best Senior performance, and S. Bennett the best Junior performance.

Senior School Colours were presented to E. Bartle, R. Huchnall, J. Cox, and C. Pratley, and Junior colours to T. Lewindon, M. Freeman, J. Howes and A. Borrett.

G. S. D.

NIGHT MUSIC

The singing crystals gaze upon the night,
Veins of tree and leaf,
The autumn sea,
Their stolen brightness chiming with the wind.

The noble moon is drowning in the lake,
The sounding aerial cavern of the night
Glows with sad music,
That most secret dirge of wind and sky.

Pierrot gazes at the distant stars,
Turned upside down, distorted by the wind,
Like fireflies in the lake,
Like ignorant horsemen, passing in the dark.

ROBIN YOUNG Form VI

THE SLEEPING WOOD

after Naomi Lewis

Here all dreams are laid to rest
In the black wood's sleeping heart;
Eden in the dark briars' root.
Tread softly : you may see,
Where the Romantic clouds unfold,
That castle, grey with untold dreams,
Locked in the spirits universe.

See — calme, et volupté; it seems
Like an old man in his sleep,
While actors in the galleries rehearse
Their single syllable of time
For ever. Poet, do not weep
To see this desolation, snared in weeds,
Where even the clocks are silent,
Choked in dust
This disenchanting forest is your home.

ARS LONGA

There was a man who said,
'I would be as eagles are,
Glare down upon this foolish earth
And breathe the genius of a greater star'.

Like mad King Sweeny, or the Albatross,
He rose into that blessed dream
Whose haunting image music is,
Like Icarus, he is dead.

ROBIN YOUNG

BOOTH'S HOUSE REPORT 1959-61

For the first time since 1955 Booth's House seems to be in the ascendant in almost every field of activity.

Under the captaincy of P. M. Drummond during the year 1959-60 the effect of some good middle school athletes was felt. Booth's won the swimming cup thanks mainly to M. Sergeant who led the team and who himself, won the Best Senior Performance Cup. On Sport's Day our superiority was again shown when G. Devenport led a very co-operative team and succeeded in winning four of the Athletic cups. It was unfortunate that we were beaten in the Rugger House match. Having defeated Thomas House by sixteen points to eight, we went on to play Grey's in appalling weather conditions and were beaten by three points to nil. Competing for the Cricket cup turned out to be very exciting when in the first House match against Thomas House we just managed to defeat them. After this we played Grey's dismissing them for twenty six runs and thereby winning the Cricket cup by sixty-six runs.

The two dilemmas with which Booth's were faced, were the music competition and the merit cup for academic work. Booth's have very rarely been able to boast many musicians and the few who had any musical talent were quickly commandeered by R. Blant and A. Burnham who finally managed to scrape together the likeness of a team.

At the end of the year we conveyed our best wishes to one of our House Masters, Mr. L. Officer, who after eight years was leaving for his new post at the Archbishop Holgate School, York, and likewise, to all our leavers, including P. M. Drummond our House-Captain.

In retrospect the results this year were encouraging and augured well for the coming year 1960-61.

For this year new officers were appointed. N. W. Bainbridge took over the captaincy and E. Bartle was elected Vice-Captain. Once again we began the year well by winning the swimming cup with M. Sergeant the mainstay of the senior swimming team and R. Collet of the juniors.

On the Rugger field, we had a convincing win over Grey's House the cup holders of the previous year, defeating them by forty three points to nil and then we went on to beat Thomas House by fourteen points to three thereby winning the cup. We lost very few of our athletes over the past year and G. Devenport and E. Bartle led our team to another victory and the Athletics cup. On Sport's Day senior colours were awarded to E. Bartle, J. Cox and C. Pratley.

We retained the Cricket cup. In the first House match Grey's defeated Thomas, thus the final match was between Grey's and Booth's. We batted first and for the loss of only two wickets scored 162 runs. Grey's lost their principal batsman with only a few runs on the board. E. Bartle and R. Caudwell soon played havoc with the remaining batsmen and Grey's were all out for fifty.

The Music competition and the Merit cup were again our biggest failures. Thanks must go to R. Lowden and A. Burnham who worked hard in gathering together our rather make shift team. Needless to say we came last.

A report such as this leaves out the names of many boys who are probably worthy of mention. W. R. Caudwell ought I think, to be congratulated for his trumpet playing at the Music Competition. He, a representative of the Junior part of the school is an example of the many juniors who are showing a real enthusiasm for their house.

Our thanks go to Mr. S. W. Pulford and Mr. C. L. Harris, our Housemasters whose interest has always been apparent whatever the sphere of activity, and may we in conclusion hope that in the coming year a little more brain may replace brawn, so that we may shine academically.

N. W. B.

A SONNET — THE MINSTER

When seen in radiance - clothed in heavenly sun
Thy dark, dank walls take on a brighter hue
In all thy changing phases - everywhere
The sight of thee is pleasant to the view.

Thy lofty towers - inspiring awe and might
Far greater days have seen in ancient times
When first constructed - by a holy right
The townsfolk loved to hear thy res'nant chimes.
Thy leafy yard - when seen in buds of spring
Brings people from afar to see and hear
The birds, the prayers, the songs, and everything
That is to all the townsfolk very dear
When once a boy, I loved to sing thy lays
And daily, humbly, come to offer praise.

S. A. B.

GREY'S HOUSE REPORT 1958-61

Grey's have had an unsuccessful three years in sport, music and merit point competitions. The only notable achievement was the winning of the Rugby Football Cup in the 1959-60 season. The season before, saw Grey's house lose to Booth by sixteen points to nil; the defeat was avenged in 1959-60 under atrocious conditions, with Top Ground ankle deep in mud and water, and with a temperature just above freezing point. The forwards attempted to keep warm by trying to play rugger whereas the backs were no more than spectators; D. Ince scored the only try in the match. The following season we again met Booth's, who scored more than forty points without reply.

In Athletics too, success has eluded us and in 1959 and 1960 only one record was gained for the house; P. Savage won the 11-13 Cross Country event in 13 minutes 30 seconds, a record, which has since been beaten. D. Briggs provided the best performance of the year with a high jump 5ft. 6.5 ins. at Mansfield; otherwise 1960 brought nothing beyond the Chorister's Cup for D. Pinder. In 1961 the J.D. Relay Cup (the first to be presented) was won by Grey's who also established three new school records. M. Freeman is our only outstanding athlete. He broke two previous school records, one in the 13-15 Cross Country Event (18 min. 9.6 sec.) the other in the Middle School 100 yds. with a new time of 11 secs. The other record came from R. Hucknall in the Senior Hurdles with a time of 15.2 secs. S. Wright gained his Junior Colours in 1960.

Although swimming is only a minor school activity Grey's have done reasonably well in this sphere. In October 1959 we came second to Booth's by the narrow margin of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points. Our stars were Childs and Allen (who won the Junior Swimming Cup). Childs won the 11-13 Breast Stroke and Back Crawl; Allen won the 13-15 Free Style, Back Crawl and Dive, besides helping to win the 13-15 Relay. The only competitor in the J.D. Event was J. Pertion who had a walk-over. In October 1960 we came third although we won one cup and shared another. Hayes continued the tradition established by Grey's of being the only entrant in the J.D. event; he had to swim however to win his cup. The Junior Cup was shared by Allen (Grey) and Collett (Booth), Allen winning the Dive.

Cricket has brought only one victory during these three years. We were unsuccessful in 1959 and 1960 but in 1961 we had a resounding victory over Thomas before being beaten by Booth in the Final. I Dewar won his cricket colours in 1961.

The Merit Cup, awarded for scholastic abilities, has never been won by Grey's who usually finish third in the competition. We must hope that the house is gifted with more scholastic ability and sportsmen in the future.

The Music Competition usually provides Greys with an opportunity to do well. We came second in 1958-59, 1959-60 quite a way behind the winners, but in 1960-61 we came second in a very close contest. The programme section was won by Grey's who will miss D. Ince the Music Captain who has left school to go to the Royal Academy of Music in London. Our hope for the future is a young violinist M. Dickin who shows great promise.

Padley was captain in 1958-59, D. Briggs in 1959-60. D. Ince was captain in 1960-61 with W. Jewry taking the post of vice-captain. W. Jewry is now making a stage career as a singer under the name of Shane Fenton with his group the Fentones.

I. S. D.

AN INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGY

To call a person "an old fossil" more or less conjures up a picture of an inoffensive old man, a little musty and conservative in his thinking. It is a term of kindly tolerance mixed with pity and criticism. The picture would represent the attitude of many of the public to the science of geology — a suitable subject to entertain absent-minded professors or rather, old-fashioned members of the local Natural History Society.

Most people do not realise that many of our basic industries rely on the skill and judgement of the geologist. An oil company requires geologists to go into the "field" and look for rock formations which are likely to hold crude oil. Civil engineers require the services of the geologist to say whether or not a particular site for a reservoir will hold water or if a rock strata will collapse when a tunnel is dug into it. The geologist is also responsible for finding drinking water and many of the raw materials necessary for our industries. There is still the theoretical side of geology, which links together with many sciences. It helps mathematicians to study and interpret earthquakes and then to deduce the interior state of the earth. It helps chemists to study the composition of rocks and the various products of a volcano; it helps physicists in minerology and in their studies of crystal structure. The biologists also use and interpret the evidence of fossils.

With all these contacts, geology emphasises what all branches of science teach, that they are indeed only different facets of a single body of knowledge. The person who takes up geology, as a study or a hobby, will find much of interest and variety in these numerous extensions into the borderlands of other subjects.

R. M.

THOMAS HOUSE REPORT 1959-60, 1960-61

As far as sport is concerned, Thomas house has had rather a lean spell over this period, and it is quite understandable that this should be the case after its best sportsmen had all left at the end of the Summer Term of 1959. In the House Rugby, we lost 8 - 16 to Booth's (1959-60) and 3 - 14 (60 - 61). H. B. Olsen the 1st XV Captain 1960-61 and also the Thomas Rugger Captain is to be congratulated on being selected for the County and Three Counties Teams in the last two seasons. We proved equally unsuccessful in the House Cricket losing in 1960 to Booth's after an exciting match in which Thomas House was beaten by two runs, and losing to Grey House in 1961 in the first round. T. E. Banbury, the 1st XI captain and Thomas Cricket Captain, played for the County Schoolboys' XI in 1960 and 1961.

Our Athletics Record has not been particularly outstanding either. In 1960, we were second in both the Standards and House Finals. However J. M. Bannister won both the Cross Country and the Mile Cups. Senior Athletic Colours were awarded to A. Markham and Junior Colours to S. Bennett. Last season we were again runners up to Booth House. although we did manage to set up school records in the Middle and Junior Relays. Bannister again won the Cross Country and Mile Cups, and S. Bennett was awarded the Cup for the best junior performance of the season. Junior Colours were awarded to T. Lewindon.

It is in the field of Music that the Thomas star has been in the ascendant. Since the inauguration of the Music Competitions, Thomas House has had outstanding success, on all occasions winning the Standards, the preliminary competitions and the Competition on the Final Day. Much of the success is due to the hard work put in by the Two Music Captains, P. Morrell and J. Bannister. Finally we have won the House Merit Cup for the last two years, and it is to be hoped that these two cups will stay in our possession in the future, and that perhaps we may gain a little more success in the other inter-House Competitions.

THE SCHOOL RAILWAY SOCIETY

This was formed in November 1959 by, what were then, a group of second-formers, including, A. Smart, C. Jones, and D. W. Pryer. Mr. Powell (the P.E. master at that time) and D. Briggs (Head Boy) gave the club their valuable help and guidance.

It was decided that the Club should have a regular monthly magazine and so "Railway Review" came into being (at the time we did not know that the same title belonged to an official organ of the B.T.C.) The magazine lasted for a year during which three notable events took place. Firstly a film show in the Geography room, including a film of the crack Elizabethan express (with Mr. Pallister showing great interest as the train passed through Durham); secondly a tour of the Northern Sector of the Great Northern Line by train, with visits to the M.P.D.s at Sheffield (Darnall) and Doncaster, and finally the presentation of a Railway book to the

School library.

Unfortunately in the 1960-61 School year the club lay dormant because both Mr. Powell and D. Briggs left School.

This year however the club has been most successful with a new committee of S. J. Simpson, C. Jones and D. W. Pryer.

On November 8th, a visit to March (near Cambridge) visiting the M.P.Ds at Grantham, Peterborough, Boston and March, was closely followed by a trip (jointly organised with Pines Loco. Society) to Mexboro' M.P.D and Doncaster Works and Sheds.

The trip to Manchester on January 5th was successful but there were several cancelled bookings because of weather conditions. Nevertheless five out of eight scheduled M.P.Ds were visited including those at Gorton and Longsight.

In the future the club is considering plans for visits to Birmingham and London,, for a film show, and for a completion of the Manchester trip.

D. W. PRYER, *Chairman*

THE SKYE - LARK

In the early light of a day in August, a Land-Rover, filled to the brim with pots, pans, tents, ruc-sacs, food and bodies, left Southwell on the first lap of the long journey to the Isle of Skye. This was in fact the advanced party, since three more members of the expedition were due to leave Southwell a day later in a second vehicle. During the course of that first morning, the number of passengers in the Land-Rover was increased from four to six, as two more joined the party at Worksop and Scotch-Corner, on our way North. Trying to make oneself comfortable on a pile of cabbages was no easy matter, and a rare assortment of vegetables and spare socks was unfortunately abandoned at various stopping-places. By mid-afternoon we had reached the border town of Jedburgh, and several of the local inhabitants were considerably puzzled when a pale-blue Land-Rover disgorged a variety of hot looking Senior Scouts in stockinged feet, (Accompanied inevitably by a bewildered cabbage and a few pairs of socks). After consuming large quantities of local lemonade, and the first of many Scotch Pancakes, the Rover continued on its way, thundering through Edinburgh, over the Firth of Forth and into open country, in search of a temporary camp-site.

After a good night's sleep, we resumed the journey taking the road westwards across the "neck" of Southern Scotland, and by lunch-time Skye was within striking distance. A noticeable lack of petrol pumps, and an abundance of grass growing in the middle of the narrow road heralded our arrival at the smallest Skye ferry, Kylerhea.

We'd made it, but what weather! Dark clouds and rain squalls were our welcome, coupled with road surfaces which made even the Land-Rover grumpy.

Our camp-site had been chosen, simply by picking the most central of those recommended to us by the Area Commissioner. (I imagine that he must have been a very hardened Scot!) It was just above high-tide level on a grey, windy loch side.

After the second van-load of Skye enthusiasts had safely arrived, we couldn't wait to sample the glories of the Skye scenery, by going on a selection of tramps recommended in a glossy Macbraynes' brochure. They sounded inviting enough on paper, but unfortunately it chose to pour with rain on all but one occasion. The view from Camas Fhionairidh (or something like that) was just a little marred by a visibility of about thirty yards whilst a jolly romp over by 'Coire Na Circe' in pouring rain and squelching boots was not quite so aesthetically satisfying as it might have been.

After a week on Skye, which had not been without its enlightening moments (we had, after all, inspected a pair of very interesting Scottish corsets at Dunvegan Castle) we decided to leave in search of better weather on the mainland.

At the end of a quiet night's sleep by a main railway-line near Culloden, we moved Southwards and reached a good spot on the banks of the River Dee near Braemar. Here we found considerably better weather, and during this second week, we were able to do more walking. Our main objective was Ben Macdui, (4,296 ft.) and on the final Saturday, before returning to our Homeland, we walked about 26 miles, and dealt with the summit. Somewhat spitefully Ben Macdui decided to have its peak smothered in dirty grey cloud, which drastically reduced our hopes of a magnificent view. Thus fifteen soggy, but not unenjoyable days after leaving Southwell, we arrived home, with the impression that a piece of information found in a Skye guide-book was not altogether untrue: "The beautiful colours to be seen on this mystic island are mainly caused by the intermittent but heavy falls of rain sometimes encountered".

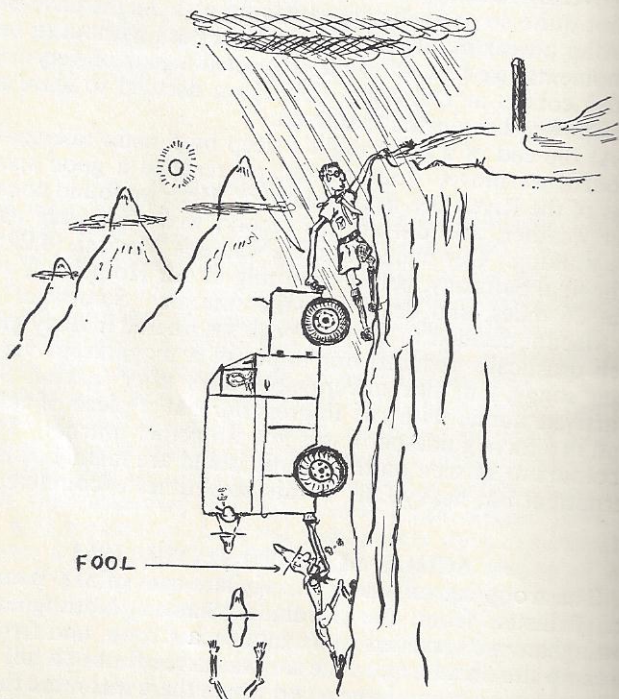
SCOUT SUMMER CAMP, 1961

The troop set off under the vigilant eyes of Mr. Bannister and Mr. Pallister from the Midland Station Nottingham. From Nottingham we travelled to Taynult via Crewe, and from there to the camp site on a lorry. The site was at the foot of a hill by a burn. Above the camp was a large wood where there was more than enough water.

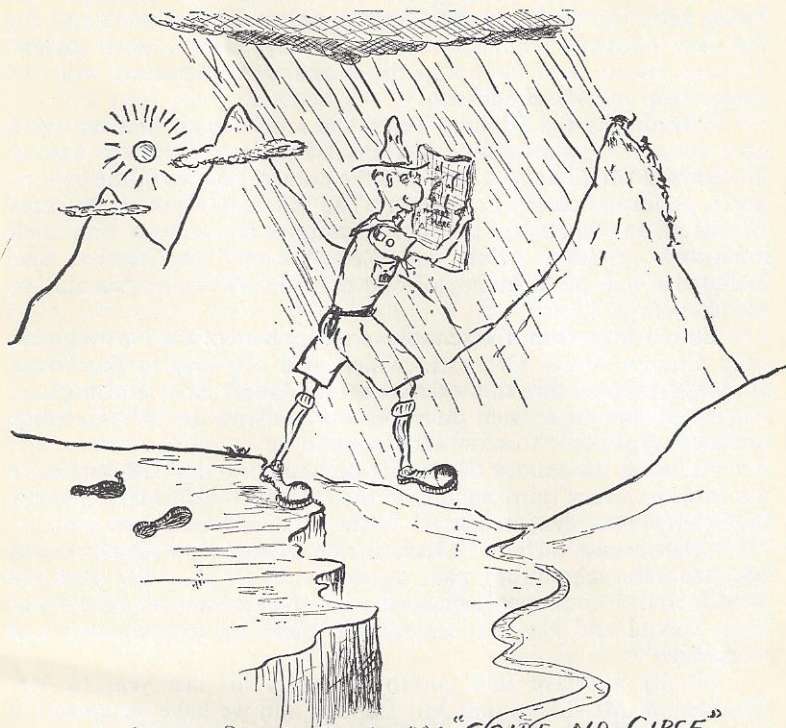
One day we "bussed" to Fort William as the Ferry that should have taken us had been damaged when it rammed the pier the previous day. Then we attempted to climb Ben Nevis. The more experienced climbers and those more likely to reach the top went with Mr. Pulford (and succeeded) while the rest of us plugged half way up and threw stones in a lake instead.

On two previous days we had walked or "bussed" to Oban. Our nearest town, and had an afternoon in civilization (Haggis and chips 3/-).

On the last day we all wore our Sunday best (though a little soaked) and climbed aboard a train for Crewe, and after a wait of 3 hours we tumbled exhausted but a little dried out onto Nottingham Midland Station.



.....ROAD SURFACES WHICH MADE EVEN
THE LAND ROVER GRUMPY.



....A JOLLY ROMP OVER BY "COIRE NA CIRCE."

MUSIC REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1960-61

This has been an eventful year for the school as far as music is concerned, the chief events being the Commemoration Service, the Carol Service, the School Concert, the Garden Party Concert and the House Music Finals.

The School Concert took place at the end of the Easter Term, and the undoubted highlight was a performance of Faure's "Requiem Mass" by the School Choir. Also included in the programme was a piano solo by P. Morrell, a performance of Handel's Organ Concerto in Bb. played by the String Orchestra with P. Burnham as soloist, a viola duet played by J. Bannister and Mr. E. Nurse, and works by Mozart and Handel played by the String Orchestra.

The House Music Competition, by now an annual event, took the form of individual classes held in the Summer Term and a Final Day, when Mr. Basil Smallman of Nottingham University was the adjudicator. On that day, each house performed its programme of Musical items. They proved to be very varied, and included Thomas' arrangement of parts of the 20th Folk Mass for small

ensemble and choir. Each house Choir sang a set madrigal and finally came the House Unison Song, — always an opportunity for the less musical amongst us to display their vocal talents. Thomas House won the competition and were presented with the Music Cup by Mr. Smallman.

Also during the Summer Term, the school choir and orchestra gave a concert on the evening of Garden Fete day. It took place in the Edward Cludd School Hall and the notable feature of the concert was a performance of an operetta "The Batsman's Bride" by Percy Heywood, in which the two commentators amused us with their imitations of John Arlott and Rex Alston. The concert also included a fine performance of one of Handel's Violin Sonatas by M. Dicken.

Eleven Boys from the school were members of the Nottinghamshire County Youth Orchestra which held a course in the Easter Holidays, culminating in a concert in the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Also J. M. Bannister went on a tour abroad with the N.Y.O. which included visits to Moscow and Stockholm.

As usual the school Choir has been singing the 6.30 service in the Minster, every third Sunday in the month, and this last Summer the School Orchestra joined it for the first time in leading the worship.

Other events include "Music in the Minster" in which several boys from the school took part, a special concert given for the Chief H.M.I. and a combined rehearsal with the Orchestras of Newark High School and Newark Magnus of music by Mendelssohn and Benjamin.

Finally we have said goodbye during this last year to Mr. Hindmarsh, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Latham and we have welcomed in their place Mr. English, Mrs. Lavelle and Mr. Bradbury.

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IN MEMORIAM

With the proposed advent of the New School the existing building is considerably endangered. The immediate question is, which will happen first, collapse or ignominious demolition? One eminent speaker ably described the school as a crumbling "pile" but the inexorable probes of time has almost reduced that pile to a heap. The aspect of the building is grim and austere in the extreme. The grimy facade of this warehouse-like structure is adorned with tier upon tier of opaque windows.

The main entrance which unfortunately faces the Street is a cavernous gorge of brick and at its glumy end a small and tastefully painted Notice discreetly reminds the stranger that what he sees before him is, in reality, the Minster Grammar School.

The first room of importance is the Entrance Hall which is liberally scattered with respectable publications fit for only the sons of genteel folk. An icy blast permanently blows under the door and the room is admirably painted a shade of pale orange-pink appropriately called "Zephyr". Leading from the Entrance Hall is

a long corridor which is 'decorated' with murals now fading under their thick coats of yellowing varnish. They have a solitary purple radiator to keep them company.

The next place of interest is of course the study. This room is the treasure-house of the centuries where the accumulations of the years are carefully preserved; relics of a bygone age.

Naturally, a school must have form-rooms and these are to be found in limited quantities in various parts of the building. They are linked together by numerous well-worn staircases which pursue their painfully contorted courses from floor to floor. The form rooms vary considerably from the plasterless pink dungeon of Form One to the more refined walls of the History Sixth; further refinements elsewhere include a mirror, a carpet, and a standard lamp in the Orchestra Room.

The hub of the School is the hall (incidentally the only room to possess curtains) which is actually large enough to contain all the boys at once. Here, on a plain oak shelf are displayed the glittering school cups, and also gracing the stage is a grand piano whose shining surface is covered with a dust sheet.

We may have cause to regret the passing of our ancient and unbeautiful school (which has succeeded in remaining upright since the year 1818). But the sands of time are running out and the inevitable tale of this warehouse of knowledge is about to be fulfilled.

Requiem in Pace

C. J. N. WRIGHT

REACTION TO THE MAN OF LAWE

A techer roode in this our compaignie,
With ginger whiskres on his face moost semely;
Ful patched and torne his gowne with ragged seame,
His brune sho shone as if they new were cleae.
From Oxenford he was of late,
And there he hadde just graduate,
Then to Suthwell hadde he gan,
To teche the pupils each and everich one;
On Historie soo welle coulde him preche
That soon the worde got rounde that he coulde teche.
He hadde a dry and reddy wit,
His humour stunge as dothe grit.
Of alle the jokes at his behest
One riche in double meaning plesed him beste,
His foode was couvert high and lowe
Of Sause y-cleped TABASCOE
He hadde a depe and booming voice,
I woulde he wasse of Burtone Joyce.

ANON

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY, 1960-1962

The years covered, (1960 - 1962) witnessed many events of vital importance to Britain and the world. The Sixth Form Society, whose main function is to inform its members and to comment upon the news of the day, did so by its usual system of news commentaries, each new member of 6B contributing at least one.

There are three functions of the society, of which these news commentaries are only one; the other two being one lecture of his own choice from each member of 6B, and 'educational' visits to local factories and institutions. These visits have proved for the most part very enlightening over the past two years and perhaps the most interesting have been the inspections of the various vacteries of Boots (Nottingham), Rolls-Royce (Derby) and Smiths Crisps (Lincoln) where the society, and especially the boarders, indulged themselves in gross overeating. Near the end of the summer term of 1961 the Society made its annual outing, this time to York where we were conducted round the Minster and shown the Rowntree's chocolate factory, where the smell of cocoa was enough to put one off "Kit-Kat" for life! The lectures were many and varied, with subjects ranging from "British Birds", to "The Life and Work of Wagner". In many of these lectures a high degree of skill in the gentle art of oratory was found in members who previously were not known for their gifts in this field, and who are bravely carrying on the noble tradition of previous members of the society.

I. C. DEWAR

THE SCHOOLBOYS' REVOLT

This was Southwell 1971. The atmosphere was tense. Few people walked in the Market Place, that place of Death which had witnessed hundreds of executions in the past year.

Nor were there any loiterers on Westgate, as the splashes of lead scarred in the wall of Sacrista Prebend showed.

I was General Nash, C-in-C. of the English forces. I had led an army of some considerable strength to quell the schoolboys' revolt.

These schoolboys, I must admit, led a miserable existence. Hounded mercilessly by dictorial masters, poisoned by atrocious school meals, worn out by incessant lessons, the miserable wretches, suffering from laws mediaeval in their severity, had at last been stung into revolt. On the day of the commencement of the G.C.E. exams, a battalion of desperate fifth formers, armed with school brooms, cricket bats, and athletic javelins, under the not incompetent command of J. K. Chilvers, the most violent and outspoken of the leaders, had strode forth, storming the Staff Room and carrying all before them. They quickly gained allies among the boys and in a pitched battle in the top bath-room utterly defeated the Staff and Sixth form and were in command of the school. They thus came

into a considerable arsenal of musical instruments, art-room boards, canes, rugger balls and other offensive weapons. Using these, they stormed "Burton's" and within an hour had taken it. These maddened boys were bent on revenge and nothing would stop them. Their main weapon was the element of surprise and in quick succession they subjugated all the houses on Church Street and turned them into fortresses.

With the capture of Burtons they gained an important base, and henceforth they were never to be short of supplies.

Stationing a command under lieutenants in the now occupied Minster, the remaining force, numbering about 200, gained possession of most of King Street expelling the families from their homes.

Now came retaliation. Surprise had been lost and the citizens, determined to regain their property.

The town mustered all able-bodied men and all weapons from the nearby farms, including pitchforks and blunder busses. Tractors were hastily converted into tanks, and a day later, the hostile armies faced each other just north of the gasworks in Easthorpe.

The schoolboys had great generalship on their side and the fanatical energy which comes from persecution, but, to counterbalance this, the town had three times the number of the rebels, with police reinforcements pouring in.

On Tuesday morning, the battle began again. Armed with bowls of acid and other deadly chemicals from the lab., the rebel cavalry, mounted on cycles, quickly put the "tanks" out of action. Then the main force in the centre pressed on the town's infantry, and fanning out, with iron discipline, forced the town to retreat to the railway. Here a grim battle was fought. The boys sensing victory made great carnage in the River Greet which ran red. By 3 o'clock (after a mutual break for lunch of stew and prunes) the battle was over and the rebels victorious.

Thus, they roamed as they pleased in Southwell for three months. Battalions took surrounding villages, and by skilful use of an enormous fleet of Hillhouse beds on the Trent, a skirmishing force, superbly commanded by Laurentius Rastus Hipponicus took Newark after a gritty struggle. The sea supremacy proved the vital factor in favour of the rebels.

In Southwell, terror reigned supreme. A proscription took place and thousands were hung in the Market Place from the "Kodak" sign outside Ringer's.

Then I was sent with my army. I must confess to a grudging admiration for these rebels, but against skilled troops, I felt their end was nigh.

Today the battle begins. Wait for my artillery to start a barrage on the enemy forces camped on Pentelowes from Top Ground. They open fire, and the rebel artillery, though virtually negligible, retaliates. Then the armies swing into action; Hipponicus, leading the schoolboys receives superb covering fire from his

snipers based in the Cludd School. But he cannot use his fleet, alas! A few destroyers open fire from the River Potwell but to no avail. The battle will depend on sheer numbers, and it begins. Armed with school dinners, acid bowls, discuses, javelins, rugger boots and compasses the rebels advance. Their front rank breaks file, but coming up against my second, sustains a repulse, and retreating to the rugger posts, they uproot them and charge into battle using them as lances. All is chaos, acid is flying everywhere; yelling Homeric and Godfrey and Siddonic battle cries, the rebels slowly retreat to the Cludd playing field. There my tanks come into play, and despite heroic rebel resistance from the Cludd citadel, the rebels schoolboys are finally defeated. The reign of terror is over, and so is the first Schoolboy uprising.

In their barracks at Trebeck Hall, Hillhouse, and the Ideal Cinema that night, my men celebrated a great triumph.

S. A. B.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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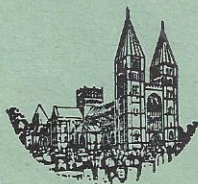
Dear Sir,

Would you be kind enough to allow me to express, through the excellent medium of your celebrated magazine, my views on a subject of paramount importance? It is my opinion, that in this age of satellites, H bombs, missiles, television, and the like, many more scientists and technicians are required, than those available.

I believe that our school is not meeting modern day requirements. We should have a minimum of four periods of science a week. We should also have two new laboratories, one for chemistry, and biology, the other for Physics, especially Electronics. Pupils should be allowed to carry out experiments when they choose, under the surveillance of a form monitor. I am sure that this procedure would produce many skilled technicians. Other schools might follow the lead, and Great Britain might then become advanced in technical achievements.

Yours sincerely,

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