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Foreword

Due to the coincidence of the usual date of going to press, and public examinations, we have produced the "Southwellian" earlier this year. The reader will notice the increase in advertising space in relation to print, however this is inevitable if the price is to be kept down to 1/6d.

We hope we have maintained the high standard of last year's magazine and that it receives as wide a distribution as did the '64 edition.

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A Headmaster's Withdrawal

When I first came to Southwell as Headmaster in 1945, the Southwellian had not been published for a number of years because of the war. It was revived more in its old form of School Record rather than School Magazine. Large parts of it were written by the Headmaster on governors, buildings, staff and so forth. It was all very proper, useful for the historians but rarely read by the boys. It was expensive too and in a small school it cost more than most of our contemporaries. Efforts to persuade the boys to take it over were not very successful, perhaps because so much of it was written by the staff.

So now with the withdrawal of the Head, the handing over of complete responsibility to the boys' editorial Committee and with a steep reduction in price, last year's edition proved to be one of the best school magazines this school has ever produced. Every copy sold out and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the Headmaster was able to obtain extra copies for the school archives.

The magazine was on display in the County Hall when an exhibition of school magazines was organised during the early part of this year.

My best wishes for this year's Southwellian. So the Headmaster withdraws, gracefully, he hopes.

B. J. RUSHBY-SMITH

In Memoriam

Catherine Ellen Moakes

On Thursday April 1st, 1965 a fatal accident took place at the Burgage cross roads. Miss Moakes in her little vehicle, on the major road, was struck by a car coming out of the minor road and killed instantly. This is the tragic story that deprived the Boarding House in Burgage Lane of its Matron.

Miss Moakes, trained as a nurse in Mansfield, came to Southwell after a period as Matron at Mathersey Preparatory School, to take up her duties in the newly opened Hill House in 1954. Since then apart from a break when her father died, she has been the Matron and for the last few years in complete charge of the nursing and domestic side.

She will be very much missed by staff, boys and parents. With great energy, overall efficiency, liveliness and a sense of humour, she devoted all her time to the welfare of the boys under her care. Good School Matrons are rare, we have been most fortunate to have such a one at Hill House. Few realise the extent of their work, responsibility

and its exacting nature. Much that they do is taken for granted. Only when they go, do we realise just what a gap there is to be filled.

The sincerity of the tributes paid to Miss Moakes from parents, old boys and boys in the school must have been a real comfort to her bereaved mother and family.

Let us therefore thank God for the life and work of Catherine Ellen Moakes and let us remember the good she did for many small and many large boys in the Boarding House in Burgage Lane.

B.J.R.S.

Harold Alexander Cobbin

We regret to record the death of Mr. H. A. Cobbin on February 13th, 1965.

Mr. Cobbin was this year's Vice President of the Old Southwellian Association and in the summer he would have been next year's President. He was a governor of the school representing the Old Southwellians since 1956 when the new Instrument of Government and the Articles were sealed. Most regular in attendance, wise in counsel, kindly in criticism, he was a most valuable member of the board. His love for his old school was shown in his presentation of the Cup for House Swimming, a sport in which he was very interested. At every Old Boys' occasion Mr. Cobbin did his best to be present, and he and his wife were always there at the Old Boys' Dance.

Mr. Cobbin was the kind of man who was loved by all who knew him. The Church in Sneinton was packed to overflowing at his funeral, among the congregation were his workers from his firm who were given a special place of honour.

By his death the school has lost a loyal and kind friend.

Major Charles William Newall

Major Newall, the Cashier of Dowson and Wadsworth, the Clerk to the Governor's firm, has for many long years dealt with the finances of the governors and the school. His shrewd judgement, sound advice and genuine interest were of real value to the school over many years of complicated negotiation.

To him the school owes a debt of gratitude. Major Newall died suddenly while tending his roses in his garden at Farnsfield.

The Rise and Fall of Yard Football

The school's traditional sport, yard football, did not end, as predicted, with the moving to the new stadium. In fact, facilities for this fascinating feast of fast football are greatly improved.

However, with the promotion to a better pitch, the standard of play has declined. The kick and rush tactics of the 'downs' i.e. the school-enders, contrasts sharply with the finesse and skill of the 'ups' i.e. the Potwellenders. To the former, the trickle of water known as the Potwell proves to be an obstacle. Their high and hasty shots, which fall with a resounding plop into the muddy depths, are a sticky business to retrieve. Equally the roof proves to be an obstacle for the 'ups'.

Intrepid ball-boys who have journeyed into the far reaches of the garden next door have yet to return. It is hoped that the well-fed bulldog, seen prowling in the vicinity, has nothing to do with their disappearance.

Finally, some promising talent has been noticed in the junior league and it is hoped that with the coming of next season the necessary transfers will have been made.

TWO 'UPS'

A word in edgeways for Matchbox Collectors

To most people who collect ordinary things such as stamps or train numbers, ours seems such an alien hobby that some people stare in surprise when they hear of it. The majority of people take matches for granted and never even think of looking at the box containing them.

If these boxes are studied it will be found that most wooden boxes sold in England are made in Belgium and Sweden whereas most British made boxes are constructed of cardboard. For convenience, many book matches are produced, mainly for advertising purposes, especially in North America. In the U.S.A., book match pictures encourage road safety. In my collection, the advertisements range from Polish supermarkets to the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Japanese night spots to Brighton chips and an Indian fish market to "The Golden Nugget Saloon", Las Vegas.

Some of the most colourful tops come from Sweden and India (followed closely by China), the most original designs from Russia, Poland, Holland and France. Italy makes them depicting beauty spots and places of interest, whilst some of the match books from Hong Kong night clubs have to be seen to be believed.

As for British matchbox labels, although we lag behind in this field, production has greatly improved in the last few years and in time it should be a speciality to save English match box labels alone.

G. BATESON, IV

By V.C. 10 to London

The first stage of my journey from Kaduna in Northern Nigeria to London was along a dusty fifty mile stretch of earth road to Zaria. From Zaria we travelled for the next 100 miles to Kano along one of the best Nigerian roads, through the wide rolling savannah lands where there were a few tribesmen cutting timber for firewood.

Arriving in Kano, we realised why it is called the "city of mud", as all the houses are made of mud brick, stone being so scarce. The airport buildings are very modern and pleasant, yet very much like other airports. I became more and more excited as the V.C. 10 landed and then at last the announcement to board the 'plane came, so I left my family and walked across the tarmac.

After a few minutes of wonderfully swift and serene flight we were served with lemonade and at 3 p.m. we were served with lunch.

Having landed at Rome airport, with a screech of brakes, to pick up passengers and fuel, we took off again over Rome's lights, twinkling in the dark below us. Just before landing at London airport we were served with high tea.

When we landed at London airport I went quickly through customs and immigration control and was warmly welcomed to Britain by my grandfather, after an exciting journey.

S. SINGH, I

School Film Shows

It was decided in the autumn term that the school should attempt to provide not only more film shows, but also a more varied programme on account of a former emphasis on motor racing.

The title of school projectionist had now fallen to J. S. Owen, who immediately set to work to build an organisation to deal with more frequent showings. This included making contact with other film libraries, the recruitment of assistants and a routine to set up the school hall for projecting as quickly as possible.

This group has brought an almost professional touch to the rather happy-go-lucky proceedings of previous years. On entering the darkened hall for the regular Wednesday show, one is greeted by strains of music, neither 'pop' nor strictly classical, but very appropriate. The lights dim, the music fades and as the film title appears, the front curtains silently open. There is even music whilst reels are being changed. At the end of the show, the call to rise for the National Anthem has been replaced by a request to stack the chairs away, but this has not reduced the audiences which have been very satisfactory, usually between fifty and sixty.

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The School's Statistics 1965

Q). *Your favourite type of shoes ?*

Black leather Chelsea type.	37%
Black leather lace ups.	17%
Brown suede Chelsea type.	15%
Brown leather Chelsea type.	12%
Black suede Chelsea type.	9%
Brown suede lace ups.	5%
Brown leather lace ups.	4%
Black suede lace ups.	1%

Only in the VI form was suede more popular than leather. The preference for Chelsea shoes or boots shows that the school is with it.

Q). *Your favourite 'Pop' Group ?*

1) Rolling Stones	63 votes
2) Beatles	46 "
3) Kinks	12 "
4) Shadows	10 "
5) Freddie and the Dreamers	8 "
6) Bachelors	7 "
7) Herman's Hermits	6 "
8) Peter, Paul & Mary	5 "
9) Dave Clark 5	4 "
Everly Brothers	4 "
Unit 4 + 2	4 "
Manfred Mann	4 "

75% of Form III voted for the Rolling Stones and virtually all the votes for the Beatles came from Forms J.D. Forms I, II and IV.

Q). *Now we have come to the New School do you like it better than the old one ?*

Yes	74%
No	26%

If there had been a History VI, more votes in favour of the new school would have been forthcoming from the VI Form. Since last year's census there has been a 10% drop in the new schools popularity, mainly because there were so many minor faults, however these are being seen to.

Q). *Do you think that your school days are the best days of your life ?*

Yes	32½%
No	47%
Don't Know	20½%

There was bound to be an element of doubt in this question as most people did not know what their future occupation would be. J.D. and VIB were the only two forms where school days were considered the best of one's life and in J.D. the percentage was 75, perhaps Mr. Norton ought to be congratulated on his teaching methods. As for Forms III and IV it seems that 80% of them would gladly leave, immediately—still, we can't all be happy.

Q). *What is your favourite method of transport?*

Car	40%
Train	20%
Motor Bike	8%
Walk	5%
Bicycle	4%
Landrover	4%
Submarine	4%
Horse and cart	4%
Horseback	4%
Ship	4%

It was very interesting to learn that 4% of the school (9 people) had actually travelled by submarine! The VI form preferred either a car or a motor bike and 'British Rail' was staunchly supported by Railway Society members.

Q). *Do you prefer rugger or soccer?*

Rugger	46%
Soccer	44%
Indifferent	10%

This year rugger has turned a 5% deficit into a 2% majority (last year rugger polled 44% and football 49%). The reason for the change is because forms I and VI A voted solidly in preference of rugger and throughout all other forms football only just held the majority. Read on . . .

. . . . If there is one question to which the answer is always the same, but is nevertheless habitually asked and discussed in the school, it is whether or not our winter game should be changed to soccer. For the fact of the matter is that last year 53% and this year 48% of the boys would prefer the change. However this is easier said than done, even if the climate of opinion amongst staff and governors favoured such a move. For example—two games of rugby take up two pitches and masters but occupy two forms adequately; to keep about the same

number of boys at football would take three pitches and masters. In addition to this is the limitation it would impose on the school teams as far more Grammar and Public schools are on the rugby-football band-waggon. Nevertheless why not make this gamble?—even if we do have to play second-rate teams for a few years, argue the soccer fanatics. Indeed when we approached Mr. Marples (who at one time hoped to become Minister for Sport) last year on the topic, his answer was blunt enough—"play soccer and get on to a more *skilful* basis"! But, and what is more important, do YOU think we should? *

An entirely neutral account from a genuinely apathetic committee member.

* See 'Ministerial Flashback'

Q). *What sayings do you hear most during school time (masters)?*

Yeth (J. B. Slayton)	45%
Right Boys (B. Williams)	15%
Curse your rotten socks (D. A. I. Fox)	13%
Roit (S. W. Pulford)	8%
Fairly Obvious (J. K. B. Ball)	7%
Fair Enough (C. L. Harriss)	5%
Peace (W. H. Bannister)	2%
Wol (D. P. Sprattley)	2%
Are you with me (S. W. Pulford)	2%
Others	1%

This is a completely different result to last year's. The appearance of two new masters, Mr. Slayton and Mr. Sprattley, has upset all form and Mr. Yates and Mr. Pallister, who came first and second respectively, with their phrases 'Eh Bien' and 'Bark' have slipped out of reckoning. Mr. Slayton has polled nearly half the votes, does this show that more people are paying more attention to what goes on during physics?

Q). *Do you think that school uniform should be abolished?*

No	52%
Yes	42%
Indifferent	6%

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Trent Fishing

For many anglers, the Trent seems an ideal river but those with a wider experience regard it as not without considerable disadvantages e.g. the polluted state of the water. However, this cannot be helped—many barges pass up the river, leaving traces of oil, and a great deal of sewage is pumped into it each day.

As a game-fish river it is practically valueless, though many of its tributaries hold a good stock of trout and recently there have been reports of grayling. Locally the River Greet which joins the Trent at Fiskerton, is a good example. But, as a coarse fishing river it is excellent, especially for the young angler, for it holds a good variety of fish e.g. roach, dace, tench, chub, perch and some smaller fish of which the gudgeon and the bleak are the most common. Most of the fish mentioned do not grow very large (except for tench and chub) and a fish of a pound or more would be regarded as a good catch.

Baits vary considerably; for example cheese or worms for chub, or bread for roach, but in the Trent one may well have a fishless day by sticking only to the "text book baits"—although the maggot is as good a bet as any !

One cold, blustery day in January this year, I tried using a red-worm (obtained from our own compost heap) to catch that often dreamed of monster-roach. I cast out just as a blast of wind arrived, but somehow my cast became entangled round my ear, letting out an oath I struggled to untangle the line and cast out again. Now a knot in the line caught on one of the rod-rings, bringing the cast to a jerking halt. At this the limp creature decided to fall off the hook; angrily I fumbled in the maggot-box and with numb hands managed to impale a wriggling lump of larva on the hook. At least, with this conventional bait I caught some fish. Is it worth my wasting money on baits like wheat or specially prepared bread paste ! There is only one worthwhile bait for our local river—MAGGOTS !

J. R. BARHAM, V



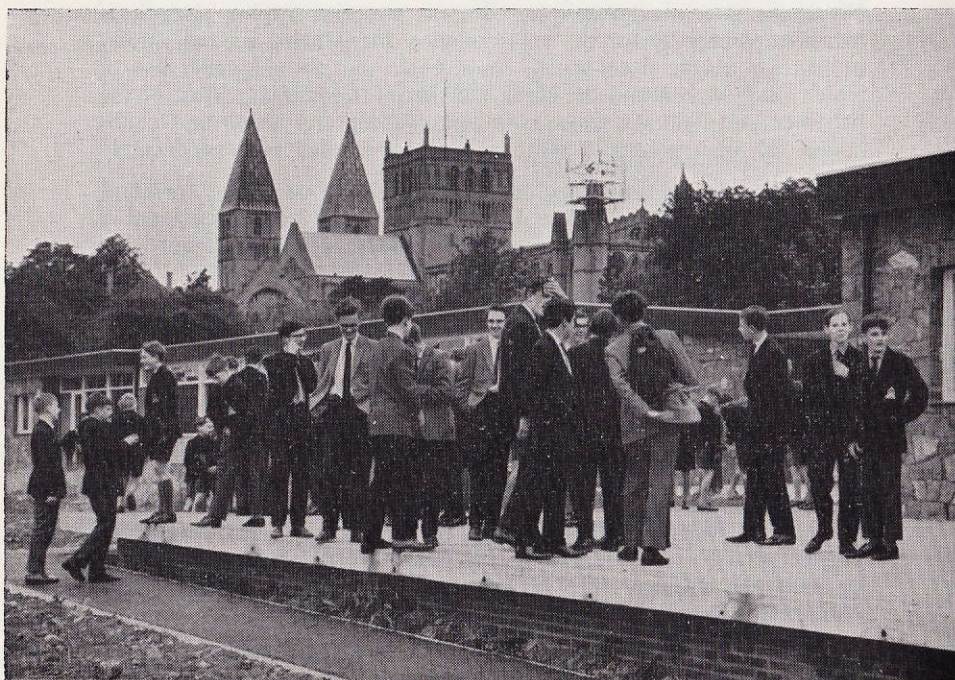
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16th September, 1964—The First Day *Chad Photo*

In Retrospect

As we sit in our modern school, with latest ideas in décor around us, we sometimes think back to the days in the old school. The smell of old desks and ink take us back to the days of long ago, which in our life was so much of a reality. However we never think how the schoolboys fared twenty-six years ago, at that time they were under a similar change to the one which we experienced last September. This was the occasion when the Headmaster, his family and some of the boarders left the old school for Sacrista. The following is an extract from the Southwellian magazine of 1938-1939.

"Things can never be the same. The school that is now well away with the new year's work is like a new one. When we went off in July last, for the summer holiday, we left the old school for ever. We no longer work in the same rooms or look out on the same strip of sky. No longer in these colder days do we catch a glimpse from a back seat of a comic little fireplace, where the master warms the calves of his legs. But a grateful warmth steals over us as we enter the place generated in some infernal region. But this is all taken for granted by newcomers".

Even 26 years ago the governors suffered tiresome battles with 'red tape' to accomplish this change.

"Never have the governors met so often. There was much coming and going—estimates and tenders, hopes and fears". Much of the building was made available for school uses and the new home of Sacrista Prebend was found for the boarders".

"Within a few days the headmaster moved in. The story of the move was an epic. Sacrista and its charming grounds, supplementing the desire of many Nottingham parents to move their sons to the comparative calm of Southwell, doubled the number of boarders in three weeks".

This was the beginning of another new era in the school's history and if it had not been for the work done 26 years ago the school might never have survived the 1944 Act.

R. W. LEIVERS, V

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An Obituary

*Oh mourn ye scholars of form five
And you ye form of lower sixth,
For you will never see the things so dear,
That warmed the heart of all the senior school;
The History Sixth.
You will never know that well loved "stink"
Of chalk dust mingled with the smell of rugby kit
Hidden from the week's inspection, and all
The other smells, but to list, would need a book,
As large as "oracle" (a Latin dictionary,
One foot long, six inches wide and quite as thick),
To list in their entirety.
Gone are the poker tables and the cheerful
Free for alls, and in their place are climbing ropes
And other fiendish things designed to flatten
That once so envied thing; a sixth form paunch.
Oh music, music, play despondent chords,
No more dart games upon the old floor boards
We cease to crash through that mutilated door,
You'll see the sixth form rumpus room no more,
Mourn, mourn and weep for the History Sixth.*

F.K.

Four Minute Challenges

Don't Touch!

Arrange ten matches so that they create the 'equation' in Roman numerals: $XI + I = X$. This is incorrect of course. Make the equation read correctly without touching anything.

Shift.

Set a sixpence between two shillings with its edges touching both. Now put the right-hand shilling into the middle position—without moving the sixpence or touching the left-hand shilling.

Two-by-Five.

Twelve matches are placed on a table to form five squares; remove two matches and leave only two squares.

Take a Good Long Look

Many of us today tend to be too self-satisfied, are prone to set off an image of compacted preservation. But, surely, life is not like that at all, especially when there are people who need interest to maintain their sense of stability. It might be the result of affluence and society that has caused every man to be an island, surrounded by hardly navigable waters. If you are a strong swimmer you have a better chance of survival; but for the weak soul there has to be help, salvation and interest, because when he flounders in others' moats he returns to his own haven, where, without any consideration from his hero, he is swallowed up in uninterested, dejected depths. Why can man make his fellows endure these evils? Is it because of personal satisfaction? Does it indicate universal sadism? No, don't let your minds sink into this futile bog, because there *is* hope, there *will* be a change—when men forget themselves and jump into their own waters to rescue their victims—then we shall have world-wide faith, universal hope . . . all as a result of personal charity. Creed, colour and class are immediately integrated.

S. P. SAVAGE, VI

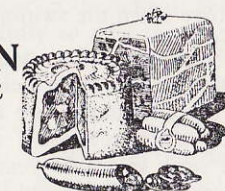
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Thomas House Report 1964/65

Once again it has been a very good year for the House—which started on a high note, when we retained the House merit cup for the eighth consecutive year.

In the House rugby competition we were drawn against Booth's first. We won 16-3, mainly due to the sustained efforts of the scrum in unexpectedly overcoming Booth's almost exclusively 1st XV scrum; the big men being hauled down before they achieved any momentum. After this triumph, we went on to beat Grays 16-8. At half-time victory seemed uncertain, but the efforts of the three-quarters turned the tide in our favour. Andrew Hill (VI B) scoring three tries.

Colours to R. A. Leivers and M. Gardner.

The House cricket cup did not however come our way. Having achieved a surprise victory over Booth's, we were hopelessly smashed by a Gray first wicket stand, which with seeming effortlessness, scored the necessary runs.

Once more we won the cross country cup on overall points, scoring a notable victory in the senior age group. We had two individual winners; J. Yates and S. Hopkinson.

Our swimming is alas still not up to scratch and once more we were beaten into third place, despite the heroic efforts of M. Gardner, who was rewarded with a share in the individual cup. Perhaps we will improve when the swimming pool is built !

On Sports Day we were narrowly beaten into second place by Booth's; great feats being performed by the 14-16 age group. We lost the Standards cup due to a spurt in the final week by Booth's, which we were unable to redress. We will do well to emulate this hard work in future years. Congratulations to J. D. Turton and I. S. Tedcastle on the award of their colours.

Also during the year we retained the Music cup; thanks to stalwart performances by G. Patterson and S. P. Harris, in particular.

The house, despite much effort by J. R. Clements, was unexpectedly beaten into last place in the dramatic competition. We must not be too dejected as the competition was extremely fierce.

Finally special mention should be made here about the academic achievements of: R. W. Lowth, M. Tuck and S. A. Bennett, who obtained University places, together with B. G. Burke and D. Butler, who gained entrance to Teacher's Training Colleges.

The past year has been a very good one for the House, so let us hope that the next twelve months will be just as successful.

A. J. HILL (House Captain)

Cricket Report, 1st XI

Played 11 Won 2 Lost 4 Drawn 5

It would be idle to pretend that the side had a good season. It would likewise be idle to search for excuses for their shortcomings. If a side has plenty of talent and a good spirit it will win. If, as is the case periodically with our small numbers, there is a shortage of talent, losses will be inevitable. And there is nothing like a succession of failures to demoralise a team.

Tedcastle had to face this sort of situation. Weather interfered with practice; two heavy defeats at the outset and it was soon clear that the way ahead would not be easy. But if the season started somewhat sombrely it certainly ended on a much happier note. There was an improvement in morale and a greater determination to resist. There were two good wins over Nottingham High School and High Pavement and some meritorious performances against the tough opposition provided by the Old Boys and Mr. Dennis' XI. The season ended with a most interesting and enjoyable game whose issue was unfortunately forestalled by the weather—doubtless the Staff-Parents will clinch their superiority next season !

We wish happy cricketing in the future to our leavers—Roger Tedcastle, who stuck gamely to his task; Burke, who took 27 wickets, had a County Trial and was the only fast bowler in the school; Burton, who laboured so conscientiously and successfully to take the edge off the opening bowlers; and Cartledge who dazzled us all with his 55 n.o. at the High School.

To those who stay on we would reiterate what has been said more than once before: cricket requires practice; to achieve the heights it requires dedication. The improved facilities at the new school give every opportunity for this. We shall expect to see more team members availing themselves of this without staff prodding and supervision and we would like to see 1st XI members themselves helping and encouraging members of the junior teams.

Colours were awarded to Gooch who improved immeasurably as a batsman and bowler throughout the season and was top of both the batting and bowling averages.

Finally we remember with gratitude the behind-the-scenes helpers: Mr. Adlington, who prepared such good wickets; Horner, who made the kitchen buzz with activity and recruited so willing a band of assistants, and Smedley, who kept so efficient an analysis of our doings and misdoings.

D.A.I.F.

Grays House Report



The Cast; a Masque of Aesop *J.S.O.*

The year started well for Gray's and once again we retained the Swimming cup after an exciting finish; the final result depended on the relays and our success was greatly helped by A. J. May, A. Godfrey, N. Adcock and S. Chapman.

However in the sphere of music we did not fare so well, due rather to an absence of composers than to a lack of talent. House Music Captain was R. J. Beardsall.

The future of Grays house Rugby is certainly brighter. Although the junior forms have shown promise, it was the seniors who gallantly held the Thomas XV in the Rugby finals, only to be narrowly beaten at the finish. The mainstay of our Rugby teams has certainly been S. Childs.

In the field of Athletics we failed to maintain our ascendancy of last year. There was a definite lack of interest in gaining standards and it is hoped that this year we will once more assert ourselves to greater efforts. The house has few outstanding athletes and this fact was displayed in the Cross Country competition—from this it may be gathered that we have not been outstanding at athletics this year. Most promising member in this field is W. Cauldwell and we hope the immediate future will add more names to the list.

The house's outstanding successes however were in winning the Cricket and Dramatics cups. The victory over the Thomas XI was

entirely due to S. Childs and P. A. Coles—these two being the only batsmen needed to 'knock up' the required winning score.

On the other hand the House Drama Festival, a new activity, gave Gray's an outstanding success. Gray's play was "A Masque of Aesop" which was most competently produced by J. S. Woodrow and P. Savage and enthusiastically supported by the rest of the cast. The result, even if we say so ourselves, was an outstanding 84%, a fourteen point lead over Booth's and a twenty-four point lead over Thomas. Special mention was made by Mrs. Hull, the adjudicator, on the use of the stage, hall, lighting and, in particular, on J. S. Woodrow's excellent soliloquy as Apollo.

From the above report it can be clearly seen that the House has, on the whole, had an encouraging year and in three fields, in particular, it has excelled.

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1st XV 1964/65

For the first time in many seasons the colours have had more players to choose from for places in the 1st XV. This surfeit of players has been made possible thanks to the formation of the 2nd XV last season. Due to this keen competition the standard of play this season has risen.

We began the season well, scoring 131 points and conceding only 35 in 6 games. But during November we played 8 games, losing all but one. Thus at Christmas, the points were 177 points for and 144 against.

After Christmas with a reshuffle in the back division we seemed to return to our early season form and so by the end of the season our record stood at: -

Played 23 Won 11 Lost 12 Points: For 320 Agst. 207

The Old Boys match remaining.

Although the Won/Lost situation has not improved on last season's record, the number of points scored viz. 320, does reflect the much improved scoring power of this seasons 1st XV.

During the season colours were awarded to J. A. Howes and R. A. Leivers; the latter should also be congratulated for his selection to play for Notts. Schools XV, the Three Counties XV and East Midlands XV.

At the end of the season colours were awarded to M. H. Gooch, M. Gardner and I. D. Edwards; A. J. Hill was awarded the Olsen Cup for the most improved player in the 1st XV.

With the 2nd XV doing well this season, the 1st XV should enjoy a successful one next season.

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Booth's House Report 1964/65

Booth's House, having enjoyed success for several years, is now beginning to decline. The decline is not a very rapid one however, for in the last year we have managed to win four house cups, and R. Stewart shared an individual cup.

As far as athletics are concerned, we did very well, winning the Standards Relay and Athletics cups. This was the result of a fine effort by the whole house, which deserves hearty congratulation.

In the school cross-country competition, we came second, mainly due to our successes in the junior age groups. Individuals worthy of mention are: -

7.D./I	Thomas	2nd
II/III	Green, H.	3rd
VI	Stewart	3rd

At cricket, we were beaten by Thomas in the first round, but at one point, it looked as though we might win easily, having reduced Thomas to 21 for 5 wks., however, hard hitting saved them. R. J. Tedcastle is to be thanked for the part he played in our innings.

At rugby, we were knocked out in the first round of the competition, again by Thomas, with our captain D. A. C. Borrett being knocked out quite literally by a boot to the head and playing for most of the game in a semi-conscious state. In the seven-a-sides we managed to win the cup, thanks mainly to the senior second VII who won both their matches.

At the swimming sports we were placed second, as last year. Special congratulations to R. Stewart, who shared the senior cup.

This year, the school started an inter-house Drama cup. Owing to an internal mix up, we had to produce our 'Junior Play', substituting some seniors, instead of the original senior one, but it was quite successful, and we came second to Gray's House. The play, produced by M. Smedley, was A. A. Milne's 'Man in the Bowler Hat', and the cast was as follows: -

The Hero	A. J. Christmas
The Heroine	H. Thomas
John	S. J. Littlewood
Mary	M. Croft
The Chief Villain	A. Burnham
The Bad Man	D. A. C. Borrett

A great deal of laughter was forthcoming at the sight of Borrett torturing Christmas.

On the musical side we were slightly more successful than in previous years, coming second in the house competition, largely due to the activity of M. C. Smedley and A. Burnham.

Our greatest failing has always been the House Merit cup, and true to form we came last again this year, but I am sure, that with a little more effort by the juniors, and encouragement by the seniors, we could break our nearly hundred per cent failure record.

As I forecast last year, the house is quite capable of winning cups if and when it puts its mind to it, and I am sure that if we only try we will win back those cups we have lost in recent years.

D. A. C. BORRETT (House Captain)

Athletics Report 1964

During the year we took part in more matches than is usual; these were triangular matches against Manor and Q.E.G.'s, Bilborough and Forest Fields, Beckett and West Bridgford, Edward Cludd and Frederick Milner, and Edward Cludd and Garibaldi. The latter two were confined to athletes from the first to fourth forms only. The results of the competitions were two 1st, one 2nd and two 3rd places—a varied result but encouraging from such a small school and thus showing the quality of our athletes.

Once again Sports Day provided an exciting afternoon's entertainment. The weather was warm and the competition keen, with the result that a good time was enjoyed by all. The best performance cups went to M. Sneddon and W. Cauldwell, and colours were awarded to Tedcastle, Gooch, Turton, Stewart and Howes (Senior). Cauldwell and Hopkinson (Junior).

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Newark Schools

12-14 Boys

440	1st W. Cauldwell
Long Jump	2nd P. Wilson

14-16 Boys

220	2nd A. R. Hill
880	1st R. Stewart
Discus	1st I. Tedcastle
Javelin	1st M. Gooch

16-19 Boys

220	1st M. Sneddon
440	1st M. Freeman
Shot	2nd A. J. Hill

NOTTS. A.A.A.

Junior

440	2nd M. Freeman
Shot	3rd D. Borrett

Youths

Javelin	3rd M. Gooch
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NOTTS. SCHOOLS A.A.

Junior

440	3rd W. Cauldwell
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Intermediate

Discus	1st J. Turton
	3rd I. Tedcastle
Javelin	4th D. Candy
880	4th R. Stewart

Senior

Shot	1st D. Borrett
440	1st M. Freeman
Javelin	4th J. Howes
220	4th M. Sneddon

M. FREEMAN

Under 14 Cricket in 1964

Played 9 Won 3 Lost 6

The team started the season well by making Kings School, Grantham fight hard for the first match and by winning the second. Then a period without a match followed and the initial enthusiasm waned.

Throughout the season the batting, particularly of Coles and Browne, has been of a high standard but the bowlers have not really been very effective. On the whole the fielding of the team has been good.

It is essential that before next season, when the under 15's become the major junior team, the bowling talents of the present forms II and III should be developed.

Colours are awarded to P. Browne.

R.G.C.

Sixth Form Society Report 1964/65

This has been a year of considerable excitement for the members of the Society, who have joined in its activities with almost fanatical enthusiasm. The pre-General Election period last autumn was marked by an adroitly arranged discussion at which the two Parliamentary candidates for the Newark division made speeches. The Society later held its own election, from which the Conservative candidate emerged triumphant with a 'safe' majority of 9.

Other guest speakers brought to the Society's attention a wide diversity of topics; the Church of England Children's Society, which the President insisted on calling 'Waifs and Strays', and 'the universe and the continuum', an excellent talk by Mr. Roach from Manchester, although much of it proved to be beyond even the Society's comprehension.

Numerous visits were paid, mainly by members of VI A, to centres of interest throughout the vicinity, varying from the N.C.B. Computer Centre at Mansfield, to the Kelham S.S.M.; from the offices of the "Sheffield Telegraph" to the Hoveringham Gravel works. Such members as participated have emerged better informed and better fed—on the traditional 'tea and biscuits' at the end—than before. It must be sorrowfully reported that Mr. Childs again failed to procure a visit to Eastwoods.

Members of VI B have provided the Society with joyous amusement in the lectures which they have given. 'Greek mythology', 'Inn Signs', 'Termites, Aphids and Honey Bees' and 'Witchcraft' have all been discussed with a great enthusiasm which often spread, like a forest fire in the dry days of September, to the rest of the Society.

All in all, the Society has spent its Thursday afternoon meetings in profitable leisure. News commentaries given by members of VI B have kept the Society informed on world affairs, and have very occasionally produced heated discussions. It is hoped that this term will be as full of interest as the autumn and spring have been; it will include an elaborate summer visit to York. Society affairs and organisation have been in the hands of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Turton, both of whom have devoted much time to Society business; these great labours, ably and generously assisted by the President, have resulted in great joy and happiness for the whole Society.

N.H.B., J.D.T. (Secretaries)

S.M.G.S. Railway Society

Report for Autumn and Spring Terms 1964/5

The Autumn term was on the whole a quiet one for the society but is memorable because of the successful visit to York that followed it (Jan. 6th). As usual the weather let us down but the visit was still a good one. Many younger members had never before visited the Railway Museums, while for the older ones there was special interest in the A2 Pacific "Holyrood" 'on shed' at the time.

Spring term saw the showing, in February, of four filmstrips about the development of our railway system—clearly of interest only to genuine rail enthusiasts—and we were not a little surprised to see an audience build up from ten at the first to twenty-five and thirty-five at the second and third showings respectively. A spoken commentary was given by various committee members, one of whom—Mr. Kirk—having recently delivered an excellent lecture on Nottinghamshire's railways to the Sixth Form Society. Three film shows were held (26th Feb., 2nd March, 16th March) and all received a good audience, surprising in view of the incident at one showing, when a film was cut short in favour of a 4th form examination. During the Easter Holiday we hope to have held (that is not illogical) a visit to the Great Northern Railway as far south as Peterborough.

D.W.P.

News and views of the S.M.G.S. Campanological Society

At the beginning of the Spring Term, the task of forming a school Campanological Society was undertaken by two members of the sixth form. There were already a number of ringers in the school, (who have rung the bells for school events in the past). These formed the core of the society, but the intention was for younger members to join. Enough of these younger members did join, and they were immediately given tuition in bell-handling on a silent bell in the Minster tower. Most of these members can now handle a bell, and will very soon be able to take part in service ringing both at the Minster and in their own Parish Churches.

Few of us really mind the bells calling us to church, or waking us halfway through our Sunday morning lie-in, but what often does annoy people is the "Ker, prang, bong" ringing of the novices during the week, and would say, along with an eighteenth century rhyme:

*"Ye rascals of ringers—ye merciless foes,
Disturbers of all who seek calm repose
How I wish for the peace and good of the land,
Ye would wind round your neck what you hold in your hand".*

M.C.S. & D.D.P.

1st Southwell Scouting Activities

The Senior scout camp was in the Dolomites of Northern Italy last year. The group consisted of 11 boys and Messrs. Pulford and Bannister. The two S.S.M.'s along with Alan Gardner (an ex senior) travelled in Mr. Pulford's vehicle while the boys travelled by rail, (class distinction?) through France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Austria to Italy.

Due to extreme heat it was necessary for the activities to be divided into alternate days of hiking and resting. During the camp, nearly all the boys contracted an illness, which was given the name of "gut rot". Luckily a bout of this seemed to last for only one day. The most memorable day was undoubtedly the visit to Venice. The 100 miles journey undertaken, huddled in the back of Mr. Pulford's vehicle. Most of the party saw all the Venetian beauty spots, but two managed to lose themselves in the maze of streets and canals. The trip lasted fifteen days and was enjoyed by one and all.

The enterprise of the senior scouts in organising this trip must of course be seen in the light of junior scouting training for life in the wide world, e.g.

"Unpatriotic cows knocked down the flagpole flying the Union Jack; they also ripped the tent. The patrol tried to build a lookout tower, with Pluggo up a tree; but Pluggo wouldn't budge. Friday dinner—pilchards; we ended camp by pushing the pilchards down the holes left by the tent pegs".

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M. C. SMEDLEY, VI

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Two-by-Five

Remove any two inside matches that meet at a right angle. This leaves two squares, a small one inside the big one.

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Riddles

- Q. Why was Bartimaeus a Car Dealer ?
A. He can always be found in MARK 10. (J.C.F.W.)
- Q. Why was Moses never alone ?
A. Because he always had his staff. (J.K.C.)
- Q. Why couldn't the O.T. Priest learn more than the first 9 letters of the alphabet ?
A. Because they wouldn't Levi. (Arthur)
- Q. Who was the first Mathematician ?
A. Add'em (O.K.W.)
- Q. Why was Peter a good actor ?
A. Because he appears in Most of the Acts (Glug)
- Q. What is the Holiest Drink ?
A. Guinisiss (H.T.)
- Q. Who was the Shortest Person in the Bible ?
A. Bildad the Shuhite. (F.K.)
- Q. Why was Paul so mad on Travel ?
A. Because he went with Barnibus (O.K.W.)
- Q. How do you know Moses had a motor-bike ?
A. Because it says in the Bible. "His Triumph was heard all over the land". (I.P.)

Limerick

*There was a man of Crewe,
Who found a mouse in his stew,
The waiter said, don't shout and wave it about,
Or the rest will want one too.*

S. JONES, I

Ministerial Flashback

(At the risk of appearing 'dated' we are printing this article as it is the only one this year available from an 'outsider').

On the 27th July last, a "Southwellian" reporter waylaid the then Minister of Transport, Mr. Ernest Marples, together with ever-effervescent County Council Chairman, Frank Small, at the opening of the Newark By-Pass. The Minister, no doubt appreciative of the opportunity the "Southwellian" was giving him to speak to people who really matter, held forth . . .

"I'm a great one for sport you know and at one time hoped to become Minister for it. Indeed in my youth, as a strong socialist, I once threw a brick through the window of the local Conservative party office . . ."

"Well done" (F. Small).

" . . . but I learnt my lesson in time and don't advise you boys of S.M.G.S. to start doing that! What are your school games?"

"Rugby and Cricket".

"You ought to play Soccer and get on to a more skilful basis. Then perhaps you might try rugby again, you'll find it a lot easier. Have you a climbing club?"

"There's nowhere suitable locally".

"Rubbish! there's the Peak District and I've got a good road into Derbyshire, in fact if you start a club I'll invite you all to go climbing with me!"

General applause (wonder if the offer stands?)
The Minister then swept off towards the rostrum for the preparatory speeches before Newark's "dream come true" came true.

Ugly

*Ugly, Plugly, Bugly, Snugly;
Sleeping Mrs. Ugly, Mugly,
Ugly, Plugly, Snugly, Bugly;
Waking Mr. Mugly, Ugly.*

M. A. GREEN, I

On Parting

*O for a stone to dam the mountain brook;
Its waters shall be tears, and all would look,
But never comprehend my misery.
O for a tuneful hand, to wring a cry
Of grief from some old mellow instrument,
And to compose a new and deep lament;
That, winging down the years,
Should fall to future ears
In golden notes, so sweet and still,
That all who heard should wish the ill
Was theirs, so they such songs could write,
And share the grief I knew that night.*

J. R. CLEMENTS, VI

Perhaps by Mischance ?

*How beautiful the Minster looks,
It's dark and I can only see about two feet.
(I know this doesn't rhyme,
But the magazine,
Has to have something in it) !*

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