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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Despite the fact that Public Examinations and the production of "the Southwellian" occur in the same term, the Editors have yet again succeeded in their magnanimous task of supplying you with your magazine. Yes it is YOUR magazine, for all we can do is publish the articles that you have written, so think twice before criticising the magazine in derogatory terms, for it is a reflection on the amount of effort made by the school.

However we hope that the standard of previous years has been maintained and that you find it a fair report of the school's activities during 1968-1969.

You will find one or two changes in the magazine; one of the innovations is a section entitled "Old Boys notes" which enables you to find out about some of the events in which the "Old Southwellians" have participated.

But let us not keep you away from the magazine, after all, you did not pay your money to read a boring editorial, and in all probability this is probably the last article you are reading anyway.

J. P. Eggleston; D. C. Haycox; M. C. Dove; R. J. Mollart; R. A. Hoyle.



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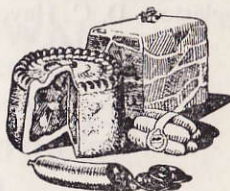
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THE SCHOOL AND ITS GOVERNORS

When the chairman of the Magazine Committee asked me to write an article for the magazine on the school and its Governors, and wanted it pretty quickly, I thought the best way to set about it was to read through all the minutes. I became a Governor in the summer of 1945 and Chairman of the Governors on the 27th June 1955; and I read through the minutes of the 24 years, and what follows is an attempt to sort out what I read so as to indicate the ways in which Governors are concerned with their work of helping the School.

The first bit concerned problems of sites and buildings. As long as 23 years ago, new places were being explored, and the minutes refer to the possible use by the School of Bishop's Manor and of the Residence. Eventually the final choice was made, and everybody knows where the School is now. Then there followed all sorts of work, not only about the planning and designing of the buildings but also about the diversion of public footpaths so that the playing fields should be moderately secure, and also about the provision of a path from the School to the Minster which would not only be practically useful, but would also demonstrate the close relationship between the two. Details of laying the foundation stone and of the opening of the new buildings occupied the Governors quite a bit; and then followed questions about the disposal of the old school. This was eventually sold to the Diocesan Board of Finance, and some of us hoped that the Diocese would move its Headquarters from Nottingham into the old school. To our great disappointment, those hopes were not realised.

A second main division of our work concerned problems connected with boarding accommodation. Sacrista had been given to the Chapter, and Hill House was bought in 1953. The backland of Ramp-ton Prebend occupied quite a lot of the Governor's time, and of the time of the Friends of the School, until it was finally acquired as further recreational space. More often than one expected, the Governors' minutes referred to heating problems at Sacrista and to fuel consumption at Hill House. These things took up quite a lot of time. And in an age of inflation there is recurrently a note of fees having to be raised. It is hardly credible that in 1949 these were £70 per year.

Another side of the Governors' business is concerned with reports received by them from other people. The minutes are gratifying in what they record about H.M.I.'s comments and about the L.E.A.'s congratulation on examination successes; and there are also references to work done by and reports from the Friends of the School and the Old Southwellians — two bodies whose help is of great importance to the well-being of the school.

From time to time also there are references to the relationship between the School and the Minster. In the earlier years of this quarter of a century it was not regarded as quite right to have Speech Days in the Minster, but, as time went on, that was sorted out and the Nave was

brought into use to everybody's content. The minutes referred to the School's great participation in the celebrations of the Millenary in 1956, and from time to time they also refer to the enormous help given in various ways by boys of the School of all ages and in all sorts of contexts to the life and work of the Minster.

A reading of the minutes for 24 years at one sitting also brings out a mixed bag of oddments — about attempts to re-site bus stops to meet today's transport problems; about models of the new School and of the Minster made by boys at the School and welcomed by the Governor's and about what perhaps I can best describe as "the Metcalfe tradition", in relation to the duties of a clerk to the Governors.

But perhaps the biggest work and the most important work of the Governors has been connected with policy and development. Very early in these 24 years we secured two agreements of lasting significance — the establishment of a Junior department under a proviso to Clause II of the 1944 Act, and the establishment of that musical tradition on which so much of the life and education of the School has so excellently been built. Fairly early on in these years the Governors had to concern themselves with the legal side of acquiring voluntary aided status for the School, and with the production of instruments and articles-legal necessities, however dull they may be! The place of the school in the County development plan occupied quite a bit of the Governors time in past years', but what has dominated the scene lately, and what is of vastly greater importance than any other work that the Governors have done, is the battle for tomorrow raised by Circular 10/65. This started 3½ years ago it is still going on; and one dares to hope that success is in sight. And if I am asked about the work of the Governors (and this article has been an attempt to describe the many-sided work we undertake), I would say without any doubt that, among all the difficult problems which have confronted us, there is nothing matching this in importance if we are to secure for tomorrow the School as we know it, rooted in history and linked with the Minster and with music.

H. C. L. HEYWOOD, (Chairman of the Governors).

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House Trophies 1968-69

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Rugby Cup | Gray |
| Seven-a-Side Rugby Cup | Booth |
| Cricket Cup | Gray |
| Swimming Cup | Thomas |
| Cross Country Cup | Booth |
| Merit Cup | Booth |

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BOOTH HOUSE REPORT 1968-1969

This year we have held our own as regards cups having gained a new cup, the Merit Cup, and losing the House Finals Cup. On the whole it can be ranked as a fairly successful year.

In athletics we did well, retaining the Standards Cup but losing the House Finals Cup to Thomas by the narrow margin of 14 points. With a little more determination we could have won this. The result of the Standards Cup showed a remarkable effort on the part of the whole House.

The Cricket Cup proved to be a disappointment, and could not be played due to exceptionally bad weather. Thus Gray retain the Cricket Cup without being challenged for it. This season the matches are being played off earlier and we hope to put in a strong challenge.

We have done well in one field, that of the Merit Cup, regaining it from Gray who won it the year before. Our thanks must go to the junior part of the House as this cup is won by their hard work. Unfortunately we are not so well placed this year.

At Rugby we beat Thomas in a hard fought game by 11 points to 3, but then what promised to be a strong challenge to Gray fizzled out due to injuries and we lost 16 points to 0 in the final. We must congratulate the 5 members of the 4th form who played well in this match.

However we had more success in the Borrett Seven-a-Side Cup, which we retained easily and this has never left the Booth shelf since it was presented by D. A. C. Borrett, a former Booth House Captain. We congratulate C. Whiteford and S. Littlewood on gaining their senior rugby colours and N. Croft and I. Smeeton on gaining their junior colours.

We again retained the Cross-country Cup, only having one individual winner (S. Foster) but winning every age group except one. Yet again going to prove that it is team running that wins the cup.

The swimming gala however, proved to be rather a different story and although we came third the points situation was the best it had been for the past 3 years. This performance shows great potential especially in the lower half of the school and there can be no doubt that we will do better next year. Credit must go to A. Gregory and M. Croft for fine individual performances.

We continue to hold the drama cup which is not contested for until 1970.

This past year has been successful as we now hold five House Cups, more than any other house. There is no reason why we cannot gain more next year and I see a bright future ahead for Booth House.

A. J. C. CHRISTMAS, (House Captain)



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GRAY HOUSE REPORT, 1968-69

Gray House members are to be congratulated on a good year in which we were well in the running for most of the cups.

It seems that all Gray's are cricketers, for in the athletics field we were yet again disappointing and easily beaten in efforts at the House Standards, House Finals and House Relays. We congratulate A. Beck on being awarded his athletic colours.

We continue to hold the House Cricket Cup for this was not played this year due to the lack of time and the weather at the end of term. We congratulate A. Coles on playing for the County XI.

We retained the House Rugby Cup beating Booth's in the final 16-0. It looked to be a very even game on paper, and the game certainly lived up to all expectations, with both sides playing fast, open rugby. The XV must be congratulated on an excellent team effort. We again could not break Booth's stranglehold on the seven-a-side cup, and we finished runners up. We are still looking for our first success in this field. We congratulate D. Hunt and C. Dodson on gaining their rugby colours and the latter on winning the Olsen Cup for the most improved player.

We finished last in the Cross-Country Cup, but this was in no way due to the junior group who won their section. J. Wood was the individual winner.

A couple of disqualifications cost us the swimming cup. Again we had difficulty fielding a senior team. We congratulate West on winning the junior cup.

A. Coles for the second year running won the senior Tennis Cup.

In the Merit Cup we lost to Booth in a very exciting struggle, but we are well placed to wrest this trophy from them again.

Congratulations on the academic side must go to G. Bergman who obtained a place at Guy's Hospital and W. Caldwell who obtained a university place.

The junior forms make the future look promising and we hope the high standards in both the academic and sporting sides will be even higher next year.

D. C. HAYCOX, (House Captain).

THOMAS HOUSE REPORT, 1969

Once again Thomas House has not had an outstanding year. Despite good work by individuals, there is still not enough talent coming to the fore.

After a really promising start to the Cross Country Competition this year we faded away in the junior age groups, finally finishing last.

we did however provide the two winners in the first two events — S. M. Hopkinson in the senior event and P. Benton in the 15-17 years age group.

Sports Day provided an exciting afternoon's entertainment, and at the end of it we emerged as winners by beating Booth's House by the narrow margin of 14 points. We also gained the House Relay Cup for the second consecutive year. For their performances on Sports Day we must congratulate K. Brindley, P. Benton, A. Goff, J. Haycox and S. Rider, the latter two winning all the events for which they were entered.

Once again we came second in the Standards competition.

Thomas House again put on an excellent performance at the Swimming Gala. I Matthew was the Senior Cup winner for the third year running. The Thomas team again won the House Cup, and J. Berridge shared the Intermediate Cup with N. Matthew (Gray).

In the 7-a-side competition the Senior teams were again lacking in talent, but things look more hopeful in the Junior and Intermediate teams.

In the House Rugby Cup competition, the team showed remarkable courage and determination which made up for their lack of skill, and consequently we lost by the narrow margin of only 8 points.

Yet again we must look to the future. There is much talent in the junior forms, and while this has not been a bad year for Thomas House I feel we can confidently look forward to better years, in the not too far distant future.

R. A. BECK, (House Captain).

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1st XV REPORT, 1968-69

Played 17, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 7. Points for 226, Against 132.

This has been a good season. After an uneasy start, when we lost to West Bridgford and Bilborough the XV has always played with determination and with no little combined skill.

Four of the remaining defeats were by nine points or less, and were against XV's who were clearly stronger than ourselves; there is credit in giving such schools hard games. Our heaviest defeat was at the hands of R.A.F. Cranwell where we lost 23-0.

We defeated Bramcote, De Aston, Henry Mellish, Nottingham High School, Forest Fields, Spalding, Henry Hartland and the Old Boys.

The programme after Christmas was virtually ruined by climatic conditions and only three games were played.

Much credit can go to the captain D. Haycox and to his colours who gave him considerable support. Colours have been awarded to Whiteford, Hunt, Littlewood and Dodson — the latter has also been awarded with the cup for the years most improved player. Coles has played for the County XV with distinction.

1st XV v. OLD BOYS

School 14 points. — Old Boys 0.

This was played with the usual fire and spirit with little quarter given and certainly none asked. The School's team work was the key factor, for in the face of determined tackling the Old Boys were never allowed to settle down and combine together as well as their individual capabilities suggested they might.

Whiteford scored a try in the first half and Coles converted this as well as kicking a penalty. In the second half he managed a second penalty and Hunt scored a try near the corner.

2nd XV REPORT 1968-69

Played 12, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Points for 151, Points Against 98.

The 2nd XV were beaten by only one other side in Nottinghamshire, which was rather surprisingly Rodney. They were, however, beaten by the three Lincolnshire sides they played — narrowly by R.A.F. Cranwell, luckily by De Aston, and convincingly by Kings Grantham. Their biggest win was at High Pavement when they won 32-3. The team has provided an ample supply of reserves for the first team where the following players have been called upon, Salisbury, Christmas, Marsh, Burton,

Candy and Clements. The old regulars deserve special mention for their long and faithful service to the team and thanks also go to the people who were reserves for every game but were never called upon to play.

This has clearly been one of the most successful seasons ever enjoyed by a school 2nd XV. Our thanks also go to Mr. Stuart for his unfailing support and sound advice.

U'15 REPORT 1968-69

Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 4, Points for 87, Points Against 62.

An exciting season in which more games have been won than lost, an unusual occurrence for a junior side at Southwell. The fact that twelve of the side have played in all the games might have helped this success.

The team has been inspired by the success of their captain, Haycox, for better football was played towards the end of the season, and in fact the enthusiasm and interest both in school games and in the national trials was a real tonic.

Some boys have played consistently well during the season, and some, particularly Dodson and Berridge, have improved since September.

I re-iterate Mr. Bannister's remarks of twelve months ago — it really has been a delight to work with this team.

Colours are awarded at this stage to boys who have played consistently well in school sides since they entered the school, and the following have gained them:

J. Haycox; N. Croft; I. Smeeton; K. Bradley.

U'14 REPORT 1968-69

Played 10, Won 2, Lost 8, Drawn 0, Points for 49, Points Against 135.

The team began by showing considerable promise, but they have not fulfilled this promise as a team, though certain individuals have. This has been due to the combination of two factors, one is the weather and consequent lack of training and match play; the other has been the inability of some of the team to do a serious job of work. Their rugby will not improve I fear, until they are prepared to treat it seriously.

From the match point of view, there has been only one occasion in the season when the winger scored from a movement which looked anything like exciting. All the other scoring has been of an individual nature, some of it quite pretty, but not really a team effort. The ball

must be thought of, not the opposition. The ball must be moved fluently and with purpose, by us; never mind what the opposition is up to.

Individual prowess has been shown by a number of the team: Moore's settling down at full back has been notable; Rainbow's defence has been good; Mosenthal's disruption of the opponent's movements; and occasional bursts of attack by Goff. But outstanding has been the general play of Way on the wing, and especially Carter usually at scrum half, who has nursed his team admirably, disguising their weaknesses, covering for them in last ditch defence, and doing most of the attacking as well.

This has been a big side, and the narrower margin of the scoring reflects this. With more concentrated team effort, the side should have a good season next year.

UNDER 13 XV 1968-69

Played 7, Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 6, Points for 17, Points Against 99.

Where an under 13 team does not possess any large player, as this one does not, it is not unusual to go through a season without a victory. What ought to happen is that team work should develop more quickly. However, it was Christmas before any sign of it appeared, and then in an exciting match against Henry Hartland, the forwards gave the backs such an embarrassing amount of possession that unsuspected weaknesses were exposed there.

On the credit side, the team played with a great deal of energy even in the face of defeat and under the most appalling conditions that this winter has produced. The individual talent is there, what is needed now is to combine this energy with skill and the belief that successful and enjoyable rugby depends on united effort.

1st XI CRICKET

It is not easy to write a report where one feels that one can, if one wishes that one can, blame the weather and hold it responsible for the lack of success, but where one also feels that here were the makings of as good a side as we have had for some seasons; yet one which never really slid into top gear. The results: played 9; lost 4; drawn 4; abandoned 1: do not in themselves show that 3 of the 4 draws could very well have been wins. However it is no use crying over spilt milk — more necessary is it for the surviving members of the side to ensure that this sort of thing does not happen next season — and as nine of the eleven are staying on, the future may hold better things.

Coles, who topped the batting and bowling averages, has been the mainstay of the side. We congratulate him on being selected to play

for the County Grammar Schools XI against the City Grammar schools and against the Yorkshire Grammar Schools. Haycox, Caudwell, Clements, Hunt and Loughton have all showed that they can get runs; and the wickets have been almost equally shared between Coles, Haycox, Caudwell and Hallam. Fielding and throwing, with the exception of the odd 'off' day have been above average.

We wish our leavers well — happy 'cowshotting' to Loughton—and sunnier cricketing perhaps in foreign climes to K. Brindley who has given loyal service for the past two seasons.

We thank our trusty scorer G. Clements and hope that he will have better figures to record next season; Miss Scrivenor and her staff for the interval resuscitation, and Mr. Hopkins for doing a sterling job on the wicket in the regrettable absence of Tom.

Colours have been awarded to: J. Caudwell.

Bartle Cup for the most improved cricketer: J. Caudwell.

U'15 CRICKET REPORT 1968

The XI have played good cricket, being well led by Thomas the captain, ably supported by vice-captain Ulliyatt. The fielding has always been competent and the majority of catches held.

Two matches were cancelled due to rain and only the one against Magnus was played in anything like cricket weather. This latter we lost, drawing two, and winning one.

In the morning games against Manor and Carlton we were fairly well placed at the end but in neither case was there sufficient time to get a decisive result; it is doubtful whether it is really possible to play U'15 cricket in these short morning sessions.

We overwhelmed Worksop in the first match and seemingly had the game in our pockets at Magnus where we played the better cricket for all but the last quarter of an hour; then some spineless batting allowed Magnus a win by 2 runs.

The batting early in the innings depended much on Neill's solid displays with suitable help from Worrall when he was available. In the middle order someone usually got some runs; Ulliyatt thrashed up a large number of runs in the early games and Thomas always made a useful contribution probably batting too low in the order.

Jones, Ulliyatt and Thomas were the pace attack with Jones the most accurate although the wickets were about shared. Laverack bowled his slow stuff with success and had the best figures (6 for 13) against Magnus.

Haycox was first choice wicketkeeper but missed half the games

as also Worrall, Neill's opening partner. I don't think that our XI's should ever go into the field with anything but the strongest team and this I hope, will be remedied next year. In all apart from the weather, an enjoyable season.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1968

We had three homes matches, in addition to the usual District and County Championships, School Sports and standards, which meant that for those who wanted it, there was competition available every week.

The Standards competition was particularly well contested with the winning house scoring 470 points and a total of 28 badges being awarded. A. Worrall, A. Beck, K. Brindley, J. Turton, J. Haycox, J. Lowe, P. Vitkovitch and R. Brunning all placed in the first six at the Nottinghamshire championships, and K. Brindley went on to the National Schools Championships at Portsmouth in the 100 yards and relay. School records were broken during the year by N. Matthew, J. Haycox (2), G. Rhodes, C. Marsh, S. Rider and equalled by K. Brindley.

We did not gain any overall victory although the 1st year team versus Manor and Queen Elizabeths G.S. and the U'17 team versus Bilborough and Forest Fields G. S. won their share of these matches.

Colours were awarded to A. Beck who won all but one of his competitions.

Finally thanks are due to all those who judged so ably and regularly whatever the weather.

SCHOOL RECORDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS 1968-69

RUGBY

J. Haycox was selected for Notts. Three Counties, East Midlands, and the Midlands. He played in the Final English trial and played for the Midlands against the Rest of England.

P. A. Coles was selected for the County XV.

CRICKET

P. A. Coles was selected for the County XI.

ATHLETICS

In Notts School Championships.

Junior Boys.

| | | |
|---------|-----|------------|
| Hurdles | 2nd | J. Haycox |
| Discus | 1st | A. Worrall |

Intermediate Boys.

| | | |
|-----------|-----|-----------|
| High Jump | 1st | A. Beck |
| Javelin | 3rd | J. Turton |

Senior Boys.

| | | |
|-----------|-----|---------------|
| 100 yards | 1st | K. Brindley |
| Javelin | 3rd | P. Vitkovitch |

K. Brindley was selected for the Notts. team in the National Championships.

School Records broken during the year: —

| | | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 16-19 | 100 metres | K. Brindley | 11.2 secs. |
| Form 1 | 400 metres | G. Rhodes | 70.9 secs. |
| Form 2 | 400 metres | A. Goff | 67.9 secs. |
| Form 1 | 800 metres | G. Rhodes | 2m. 35.8 secs. |
| Form 2 | 800 metres | K. Gutteridge | 2m. 48.0 secs. |
| Form 1 | 1500 metres | G. Rhodes | 5m. 26.5 secs. |
| J. D. Long Jump | | N. White | 11ft. 6½ins. |
| Form 3 Long Jump | | J. Haycox | 17ft. 8½ins. |
| Form 1 | Triple jump | S. Rider | 27ft. 0ins. |
| Form 2 | Triple jump | P. Ellis | 30ft. 3ins. |
| Form 1 | Pole vault | S. Evans | 6ft. 0ins. |
| Form 3 | Pole Vault | N. Matthew | 7ft. 9ins. |
| 14-16 | Pole Vault | C. Marsh | 9ft. 6ins. |
| Form 2 | Shot | S. Todd | 30ft. ½in. |
| Form 1 | Discus | S. Rider | 61ft. 10ins. |
| Form 2 | Discus | S. Todd | 74ft. 4ins. |
| Form 1 | Javelin | I. Williams | 64ft. 5ins. |
| Form 1 | Hurdles | S. Rider | 12 secs. |
| Form 3 | Hurdles | J. Haycox | 11.7 secs. |

Cross Country

S. Hopkinson represented the County at the National Championships.

Swimming

School records broken at the gala:

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----|------------|------------|
| 11 - 13 | 25 Metres Breast stroke | ... | A. GREGORY | 20.9 secs. |
| 15 years and over | 50 metres Breast stroke | | I. MATTHEW | 40.2 secs. |
| 13 - 15 | 25 metres Back crawl | ... | N. MATTHEW | 18.4 secs. |

1st TENNIS VI

Yes, you may be surprised to read that a Tennis VI exists within our school, but last year certain enterprising, athletic sixth formers formed a team to play Newark Girls High School 1st VI.

Whether the match could be played or not depended entirely on the weather and we were very despondent when Newark informed us that their courts were unfit. However, at the time our hard courts were still dry and so we took it upon ourselves to invite the girls over to Southwell.

We fully expected a crushing defeat at the hands of these ruthless young ladies who threatened to wipe us off the court, but in actual fact the opposite result occurred.

The game was played in the rain — a condition alien for most tennis players — and by the time we had finished there was half-an-inch of water on the bottom court.

The team was made up of first couple: A. Coles, J. Loughton; Second couple: J. Eggleston, J. Thompson; Third couple: B. Hallam, A. Christmas, and they won by eight sets to one. The match was generally declared to be a success and as a result another match has been rearranged for this year.

J. P. EGGLESTON.

RAILWAY SOCIETY REPORT 1968-1969

Officers elected for the year 1968-1969 were: —

CHAIRMAN: J. M. HALL
SECRETARY: J. R. H. TAYLOR
TREASURER: M. D. MILNER

Committee Members: —

C. T. DYSON
J. E. HAYCOX
I. R. WILLIAMS

This year has probably been one of the best years in the Railway Society's History. The membership has risen to sixty-seven making it the largest independent society in the school. The increase in membership has been reflected by an increase in activities in 1968-1969. Four visits have taken place. The first visit was to London on September 10th when twenty-five members visited depots there. The second trip took place on January 3rd when Birmingham Locomotive depots were visited by twenty-six of the members. The most important trip took place on April 26th, when sixteen enterprising members travelled all day to Dum-

fries and back. The last trip of the year 1968-1969 took advantage of the half holiday on Ascension Day when eighteen members visited Lincoln railway depot.

Attempts have been made to alter the type of meetings taking place at school. The result has been a success with several film shows throughout the term and a quiz on February 11th, when twenty-eight members tried their railway knowledge for a prize given to the top marks attained. Also there have been two talks; one by Mr. J. Hall on "Yesterday and Tomorrow" and the second by Mr. R. C. Taylor on the "Raven-glass and Eskdale Railway".

Particular tribute must be paid to the secretary, Mr. J. R. H. Taylor, who has worked hard to keep the society running and to arrange trips. Also in 1968-1969 he has introduced a monthly publication "The Railway Newsheet". This has involved a good deal of work, which Mr. Taylor has done mostly by himself.

Members leaving this year who have played an important role in the society are: —

D. C. HAYCOX, (Chairman 1966-68)
R. C. TAYLOR, (Ardent Supporter of the Society).
G. R. CLEMENTS, (Library Representative)
J. M. HALL, (Chairman 1968-1969).

It is to be hoped that next year will be as eventful and as successful as the year 1968-1969.

J. R. H. TAYLOR, J. M. HALL

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY REPORT

This year the Society has had difficulties in arranging visits but in spite of this it has remained extremely active with the help of many visiting, and its own lecturers.

The annual "summer visit" which took place in July 1968 was to Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon. We reached Coventry after changing route because of floods. Here we looked round the new Cathedral and the Old Cathedral Ruins. We lunched at Stratford after which the Society reassembled outside the theatre for a conducted tour of the town with the Headmaster. After we had visited many interesting places we returned to the car park to find cars stuck in rising flood water about to be towed away; luckily our coach was safe.

Among the many interesting speakers at the Society's meetings have been the Provost who spoke about his experiences abroad, and Mr. Haxby who added humour whilst explaining what one does to become a veterinary surgeon and some of his experiences. More recently Mr. Kawalec gave an interesting talk on abstract sculpture.

The visit to the Assize Court proved very interesting to members who attended, the case being "robbery with violence". Boots at Beeston and Worthington and Simpsons (Pumps) at Newark were among the industrial concerns visited.

The Society would finally like to thank Messrs Beck, Brooke and Eggleston to whom it has entrusted the honoured position of Chairman over the past year. These people have without doubt given their maximum amount of effort to ensure the smooth running of all Society events. The Secretaries and Treasurers are also thanked for their part of arranging a varied programme.

S. J. LITTLEWOOD, (Chairman).

DRAMATIC SOCIETY REPORT

The year 1968-1969 has been a memorable one in the history of the Society with two productions which have been widely praised.

The first was an offshoot of the concert in July 1968, and was a short musical comedy entitled "The Batman's bride". Sir Roderick Celluloid admirably played by R. Beck had invited the M.C.C. team to visit his village in the hope of finding a husband for his daughter Grace (D. Pamell, but George Cowshot (J. Loughton) intervened by scoring twenty four runs in the last over of the match, winning the praise of Sir Roderick the hearts of the village maidens, and the hand of Grace. The match was reported on by three commentators on one side of the stage, and one local paper stated that they would have done credit to the B.B.C.

The other performance was, of course, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar which must go down as one of the school's finest productions. Brutus and Cassius magnificently portrayed by R. Beck and J. Brooke gave the impression of true Romans. R. Brunning captured the part of insolent Casca, a fine contrast to D. White's haughty, self-assured Caesar.

The athletic Antony was represented by D. Burton whose "cry havoc" and "friends, Romans and countrymen" speeches will long be remembered for their sensitivity and polish. This cast was well backed up by the smaller parts: Trebonius (M. Croft), Octavius (J. Eggleston), Decius (A. Christmas) and Cicero (P. Carter) to mention but a few.

Praise must also go to those responsible for the production of the play: — The Headmaster, Mr. Pallister, Mr. Gill, Mr. Yates and Mr. Bolland — for without their guidance and expert advice the play would never have risen to such great heights.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society, having been disbanded several years ago due to insufficient support, was successfully reformed in the first half of the

Easter term. A Committee of three was elected consisting of: G. R. Clements (Chairman); J. P. Eggleston, (Vice-Chairman) and F. W. L. Ellis (Secretary).

Meetings have been held on alternate Thursdays during second lunch. The attendance at meetings has increased each time, although at present membership is limited to the fourth form upwards, however the interest shown by the fourth form has been regrettably almost nil.

Motions debated so far have included one on the Appollo space project and also one on whether television should be cleaned up. The latter showed that there were few followers of Mary Whitehouse in the Society. The motions have produced a great deal of discussion from the floor of the meeting, one of the most prominent speakers being Mr. Cowgill whose comments are the cause of great hilarity. Of the main speakers, Mr. Lucas stood out by the excellent manner in which he proposed the motion concerning the Appollo Space programme.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Pallister for providing the venue for our meetings — Room III. I also wish the society every success in the future and I hope the present interest in the Society is maintained.

G. R. CLEMENTS. (Chairman).

FILM SOCIETY REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting in October I Pallister was elected as treasurer, I. Matthew as secretary and J. Lucas as projectionist. Films were shown after school on Fridays but attendance was small and mainly confined to Sacrista Choristers. Membership has not proved to be very large even though the society has a large amount of money in its possession, but it is to be hoped that this situation will alter for the better in the very near future when full length feature films will be shown. Our first film will be "The Colditz Story" to be shown on June 7th and others will follow depending on the success of that film.

I. Matthew. (Secretary).

CUB REPORT 1968-1969

This year has been one of the most successful if not the most successful in our history. During 1968-1969 we changed to a new system as there were so many helpers. D. Haycox, J. Haycox, M. Croft and Anne Marchmont produced the programme one week and S. Littlewood, D. Charlesworth, H. Green, A. May and Susan Fox the following week. Mr. Gill was always there as overall leader. Last year N. White and A. Haycox gained their silver arrows and link badges, and C. Deane gained his bronze arrow and link badge. Already this year seven people have gained their bronze arrows and P. Ellis and J. Frankson have their silver

arrows, which is good going since we only have fifteen in the pack.

Last summer we held our camp at Stubbins farm and despite the rain beetles we held a very successful camp in good weather. During the autumn we held a camp fire in which the cubs from the surrounding district were invited, and we spent a very enjoyable evening eating and singing. In March we braved the weather and clambered into "Bruto" and spent an afternoon walking in Dovedale. We went to two old people's homes carol singing at Christmas, and have held two wide games.

One thing that has made this year a success has been the enthusiasm shown by all concerned and that includes the cubs themselves and we hope the standard will remain in the coming years.

SCOUT TROOP 1968/69

Well, it has happened, despite all the predictions of the old boys we had a Summer Camp without rain. Many have been the suggestions offered for this unlikely phenomenon — someone for instance suggested it was due to unusually prolonged anticyclonic conditions (?) over N. W. England, but none of the hardened scouts are taken in by such a facile explanation; from them one hears such remarks as "it wasn't like that in *my* day" or "you see, this year's recruits won't know what to do when they have to camp properly; do you remember at Barguilean when . . ." and again "this is what comes of talking of going to Spain. . . but it's raining like mad down there." But as everyone secretly knew, though not daring to confess it aloud, someone had thrown a spanner in the works. Whatever the reason, the weather was utilized to complete a programme of hiking and scouting, more exhausting than usual, and it lasted not nearly long enough.

Summer Camp was the climax of a good season's camping, beginning with the P/L who took his patrol before Easter, the P/L's at Easter, and a delightful Whit camp at Hartswell Farm 'midst May blossom and that frustrating harbinger of Spring, the Oocuck: yes, it really did it backwards. More patrol camps were followed by representation at the Chief Scouts' Camp out at Wollaton Park, and the season ended in November with the new P/L's training weekend at Oxton. Many hiking pairs, 48 hour journeys, and night hikes took place during the summer and for the first time years, a 48 hour cycle journey was attempted (no-one to this day is sure of the result).

It was of course also the year of 'El Bruto', with a proposed Spanish expedition in the wind, it seemed appropriate that the newly acquired lorry be called 'El Bruto', as anyone who has seen it will agree. This has meant we have had urgently to learn about sacrificial worship. You see, when seeking to start him up after a prolonged stand, it is not enough merely to know that some form of libation is necessary, but the correct order of service must be observed. It would

for instance be of no avail offering blood of boy without first having uttered the only other Spanish known to the staff (unprintable here). The most terrible rite to be used as a last resort if all else fails, demands two attendants. One must make away into the middle distance uttering loud words about fetching the tractor to tow him, So as soon as this acolyte is out of earshot, the second must prod the starter motor whilst the mind of Bruto is still seething with indignation, and so catch him unawares. We are still not sure who enjoys these ceremonies most, us or him, but certainly the numbers in the Troop have declined during the past year . . .

Statistics show there to be 57 scouts, amongst whom are held 1 Chief Scout's Award, 4 Advanced Scout Standards, and 17 Scout Standards.

Much of the activity of the year has been fund raising, and in this we have been led, and worked for, by a very different Supporters' Association, formed chiefly of parents, who have made our programme and indeed our continuance, possible. The net of non-Scouts who now contribute to our well-being, is so wide that it would be impossible to name them here, but we are very pleased that representatives of the Association were able to join us for the Christmas Party.

For my own part, I would have found it impossible to lead such a vigorous programme without the aid of the two student assistants, "Dr. Wal" and "Slim" and my brother, whose continued help must mean they *enjoy* it?

At this point I must broach a matter of great import and no little grief, being the last rites afforded to G. P. Patrol. No longer will a small boy hesitantly ask the Scout Leader at the end of his first Troop meeting what manner of bird is a Gee Pee. An era is at an end: mourn ye scouts. Some hint darkly at the End of Things (after all it didn't rain at Summer Camp). Many must be the small scouts who even in our times have trembled before the wrath of the G.P. P/L as they proffered him smoked toast with his breakfast-in-bed; but were they not the better for it? At any rate, shrinkage, with the need for only eight patrols, allowed us to obey a two-year-old edict from I.H.Q. to the effect that G.P. Patrol was obsolete.

The King is dead. Long live the King.

W.B. S.L.

VENTURE SCOUT REPORT

This year has been a highly successful one during which conversion to the new training scheme has been complete. The number of Venture Scouts wearing the new uniform has steadily increased.

The Executive Committee which more or less runs the Unit has met regularly and has got well into the swing of things.

Financially the Unit has been doing well and has subsidized many events such as the Life-saving Course and the First Aid Course both of which were 100% successful. Our thanks must go to M. Croft the treasurer on his wise choice of spending.

During Unit meetings which are held once a month we have had various events. A few notable ones being a very interesting talk on Car Maintenance and a talk on Archaeology.

In July of last year a party of Venture Scouts went to camp for the week-end at the "Camp Out" in Wollaton Park at which the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean attended. With the assistance of some Venture Scouts from West Bridgford the party built a swing bridge which formed part of a large display. It was tested by the Chief Scout himself and though it was rather rocky did manage to stay in one piece. On the Sunday four Queen Scouts, H. Green, D. Haycox, S. Littlewood and I. Matthew were among the twenty odd from the County who were presented with their certificates by the Chief Scout.

In April of this year I. Matthew was selected with another Queens Scout from Gedling to represent Central Notts at the Saint Georges Day Commemoration Service at Saint Georges Chapel in Windsor Castle. At the parade before the service the salute was taken by Her Majesty The Queen and also present were Prince Philip and Prince Charles. Over 1,000 Queens Scouts paraded.

Under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme S. J. Littlewood and J. Eggleston have gained their gold awards and M. Croft has gained his Silver award. Two Gold Award holders, H. Green and D. Haycox were presented with their certificates during February at Buckingham Palace by Prince Philip. In March they were invited to meet Prince Philip again at Ordsall Secondary School, Retford when he visited Nottinghamshire. It is worth noting that these two are the youngest ever to gain the Gold Award.

In the new training scheme M. Croft, C. Dodson, R. Higgins, W. Jessup and J. Lowe have gained their Venture Awards. However, C. Dodson and J. Lowe have since left the Unit.

During the year various Venture Scouts have been giving valuable assistance with the Cub Scout Pack and the Scout Troop. Many Venture Scouts are serving the community by gardening for old folk and W. Jessup is now on the Social Services Committee representing those gardening.

Also this year we have had some Venture Scouts camping with the Troop at Summer Camp. Some have made various expeditions among which a 50 mile hike in the Lake District is worthy of note. Venture Scouts have been to the Leadership Course at Ollerton and have made full use of the facilities available there as well as using the Assault Course and firing range at Proteus Camp.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Pulford, our Venture Scout

Leader, for his invaluable assistance throughout the year and without whose help the Venture Scout Unit would not exist.

I. MATTHEW,

(Chairman of Venture Scout Executive Committee)

VIB GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE AT TENBY APRIL 1969

The party of twelve geographers and their learned tutor left a rather drab Southwell at around ten o'clock on April 2nd. Their method of transport was a blue mini-bus fitted with most of the modern travelling amenities, including a seat perched on a petrol can. For the first hour of the journey most of the passengers ate sweets, listened to the radio or went to sleep. The tutor pressed on through part of the industrial conurbation of Birmingham which opened the eye of one of our number — he was a Wolves supporter — then lunch was taken at Bridgnorth. Eventually the party reached its destination at around 6.45 p.m. to be greeted at the Hotel "Fourcroft" by the wife of the proprietor. Dinner was taken at seven and though it was well cooked, the quantity left something to be desired — as we found with most of the other meals. The rest of the night was spent exploring Tenby.

The party awoke at 8.25 the next morning to take breakfast which was at 8.30! At 9.00 we set out to undertake the purpose of our visit to Tenby — geography in the field. A notable feature of this day was the discovery to one of the party of a new word "solifluction". This word seems to have something about it, and was used with uncommon regularity on the course. Another feature of the day was the use of the party's home made clinometers, these are used for measuring angles of dip. One that caught the eye was one simply constructed from four articles — biro tube, a protractor, a piece of string and a lump of plasticine. Although somewhat pre-historic in its appearance it operated with great efficiency. So, the days were spent in the field, looking at and discussing different formation of rocks and land, and paying visits to Castles such as Manorbier and Pembroke. Each night dinner was taken at 7.00 p.m., this was followed by a work session from 8.00 to 9.00. Then from 9 till 10.30 we were allowed out in the town. One night, this hour and a half before bed-time was put to great use by one of our members in a certain amusement arcade!!

I think it is safe to say that all the members of the lower sixth geography option found this an interesting and an enjoyable course. The return journey was made without one of the original party, he had, it would seem eloped with the proprietor's daughter and taken her to Swansea on his way home. The depleted party arrived none the worse for wear in Southwell at 5 o'clock on April 8th.

ONE OF THE TWELVE GEOGRAPHERS

SKI TRIP TO SWITZERLAND — 1969

The school ski trip seems now to have become a successful annual event, and this year's visit to Emmetten was certainly no exception. The party included twenty seven boys accompanied by seven members of staff — Mr. Bannister — whose organisation was again admirable, Mr. and Mrs. Pallister, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, Mr. John Pallister and Mr. Peter Heywood, who was invaluable as an interpreter.

We assembled at 3 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, 9th April, and were seen off by parents, the Provost, and a parrot. The driver made good time down the M1 and through London, and after a short stop at the M.2 restaurant we reached the Townsend ferry with time to spare. After watching the hovercraft depart for France, we assembled in the dining-room for lunch. The crossing was calm, and we arrived in Calais at 12.30 p.m. From here we had to face the unknown quantity of French roads. Although bumpy in places, they were found to be better than we expected, and we arrived at the Hotel Welcome in Reims in the early evening. The hotel itself did not serve dinner, so we were led down the street to an open air restaurant in the main boulevard of Reims.

We left early the next morning along Route 66 towards Basle, passing through Domremy (the village where Joan of Arc was born), and Neufchateau. From Basle, where we crossed the Swiss border, we went to Lucerne and from here onwards we followed the lake round to Beckenreid. It was only in the few miles from here up to Emmetten that we experienced any difficulty in the journey, for there were three hairpin bends that were almost too tight for the long, 52-seater bus. However, with the help of the amazing skill of John, the driver, who handled the vehicle like a "mini", we reached Emmetten half an hour before dinner.

We were greeted at the hotel by the staff and were shocked to be told that there was no snow. However, the ski instructor arrived later in the evening and put our minds at rest. Opposite the Hotel Post was a brand new cable car to Stockhutte, which had been open only a few weeks. At the top was an equally new restaurant and plenty of snow to begin skiing on.

The following day we were fitted out with skis and boots, and left with our packed lunches for our first lesson. During this and the next day the snow was melting quickly and we wondered whether there would be enough after six days.

On the afternoon of the second day, however, we were all brought up from the ski slopes and told that the police had ordered us to descend as quickly as possible for a storm was brewing up. Nothing actually happened that afternoon, but when we woke up the following morning we found six inches of fresh snow lying in the valley, and nine inches on the top.

The hotel was excellent, with comfortable rooms and very good

food. Downstairs there was a bowling alley which helped to pass the apres-ski hours.

On the Monday we spent only the morning skiing and in the afternoon went down to Lucerne. Some of us visited the excellent transport museum, and the others just wandered round the town shopping.

The last two days in Emmetten were spent skiing again, and the conditions on the top after the fresh snow were excellent once a piste had been trampled down.

We left to come home on Thursday, and travelled back along the same route as that on which we went. In Reims we stayed in the same hotel and had dinner in the same restaurant.

The last day involved a lot of travelling, so we left early in the morning. The long journey was livened up when we passed through St. Omer, collecting a gendarme's nose and a shop assistant's bucket! The crossing back was windy but calm, and after a meal at the M.2 restaurant we left on the last leg for home, arriving tired but happy at 11.30 p.m.

I. PALLISTER. (Vib)

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REFLECTIONS ON THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

This article is intended to explain to the uninitiated the complexities of preparing and publishing "the Southwellian".

It all starts in the November preceeding publication when some member of that austere gathering the Sixth Form Society proposes that the committee for the School Magazine be elected. There are four vacancies to be filled, nominations are called for, and voting takes place, thus the four editors are elected. In addition they may be joined by the Chairman of the Sixth Form Society who is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Thus the wheels begin to grind; sometime after Christmas at a preliminary meeting of the Committee, the format of the magazine is discussed, innovations suggested, and wider publicity advocated.

Like blood from a stone, the articles begin to trickle in, an influx of essays from Form 1 English lessons, a whole host of limericks from those sadists in the third and fourth form, and very occasionally a masterpiece from a sixth-former.

However it is after Easter that things become hectic. The gathering or reports, booking with the publishers contacting advertising agencies and worst of all editing and rewriting every article submitted to the magazine, a task which last year amounted to 110 sides of foolscap but reduced to thirty pages of print in the magazine (excluding advertisements.)

The dedicated committee work on with public examinations looming in front, the deadline for the printer must be reached, but then there is the relief when all is finished.

But is it finished . . . I do not know if you have ever tried selling three hundred magazines to two hundred and thirty reluctant people — it is a feat that merits recognition and, but for the refuge of the boarders bill, our sales would be very limited indeed.

VI FORM POPULARITY POLL

For past editions of the "Southwellian," a variety of census have been carried out, they have covered topics ranging from pop-groups to VI Form prayers, and have always produced a certain amount of interest in the school.

This year it was decided that a poll would be made to establish the most popular VI formers in the school. Lists of fifty-seven people were compiled and then upward of 95% of the school asked to vote. The results which are given below (in percentages) are rather interesting in several ways.

| Name | Percentage |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 P. A. Coles | 17.52 |
| 2 D. C. Haycox | 9.79 |
| 3 D. C. White | 6.78 |
| 4 B. J. Hallam | 5.65 |
| 5 R. J. Brunning | 5.09 |
| 6 R. A. Beck | 4.52 |
| 7 J. P. Eggleston | 4.33 |
| 8 J. R. Taylor | 4.29 |
| 9 W. Jessup | 2.82 |
| 10 A. J. C. Christmas | 2.64 |

These were the only people to poll more than 2% of the vote.

First of all, of the ten most popular, only one is domiciled permanently in Southwell, and he too is a border. All but one of the people have played for the 1st XV or 2nd XV at Rugby. It became apparent that the school divides prefects into two distinct categories, for again, all but one of the ten most popular are prefects, while some prefects gathered few votes at all. Another feature of those named is that all but drives or is learning to drive a car.

The one exception in all these cases has been J. R. Taylor whose vast following in the junior school stems from his activities as secretary to the Railway Society.

In conclusion it would therefore seem, that any junior aiming to be popular, should not live in Southwell, should be a good rugby player, hold prefectorial office, and be able to drive a car. Failing all these J. R. Taylor should be overthrown, and you should take over the running of Railway Society.

A SCARING STORY

There, in the dark was a faint outline,
It looked like a shadow but it was not mine,
I gazed in fright at the horrible sight
For standing over by the wall
Was a horrible thing about seven feet tall
As it moved nearer and nearer still,
I began to make a hurried will,
A voice came out, not a shout,
Clear and still and very quiet
Then — the lights went out and what a riot,
The ghostly figure of about seven feet tall,
Was part of the wallpaper ripped of the wall,
And I wasn't alone in that desolate place,
I saw many other people face to face.

R. EDLIN (I)

APOLLO XI

The pale crescent of the moon hangs low in the morning sky. The sun peeps over the horizon and its first red rays strike the steaming space launch waiting on the launch Complex 39 in the Cape Kennedy Space Centre. The Saturn V rocket is being fuelled up. As frigid bubbling, liquid oxygen and hydrogen cascade into the tanks, the rocket groans and creaks as its structure is subjected to unbelievably low temperatures and its weight increases from 250 to over 3000 tons. If the tanks were to suddenly burst open and spill out their contents, the whole pad and acres around it would be engulfed in fire.

350 feet above the ground, atop one of the two service towers that cling to the 30 foot wide hull, the three astronauts, clad in white space suits and almost obliterated in the white clouds coiling upwards from the sides of the rocket, clamber across a platform and disappear into a small hole in the side of the cone shaped crown of the Saturn.

Three miles away, in a concrete blockhouse, a team of scientists and technicians sit facing rows of panels crammed with all manner of instrumentation. It seems to be a den of chaos-cathode tubes spit and fizzle, coloured lights flash, bells ring, everyone is talking — but don't be misled, it is extremely well ordered chaos. The men are linked via computers and miles upon miles of cables and wires to each and every contact, switch, pump, instrument and motor inside the rocket. All parts of it are duplicated and some triplicated in the event of a malfunction during flight, and these are checked and double checked during countdown. Communications and tracking equipment are checked right round the world, meteorological reports are sifted and checked, physiological changes in the astronauts are constantly recorded and 1001 other vitally important tasks are done and checked in the last few remaining hours.

In their tiny, dim capsule, the three astronauts have been strapped in and connected to the rocket through pipes and cords. They speak occasionally to each other and ground control as they flick switches and watch neon bulbs blink on the control panel which faces them. The commander, in the left hand couch, holds a lever which can ignite the escape rocket and whip them and their capsule four thousand feet into the air in the event of the unstable chemicals below feeling like making trouble. He does not want to pull it though — that is the last thing he would wish to do. He is about to take part in the most wonderful and greatest tribute to the whole of man's scientific and technological achievements in all history. He is sitting inside the crowning glory of it all. In ten years his nation has spent twenty thousand million dollars in this venture, and he doesn't want to fail now.

"T minus twenty minutes and counting,"

says a metallic voice in his headphones.

Having completed the checking procedure, the computers now

proceed with the final countdown. Valves are opened, switches closed, and pumps are primed

"T minus two minutes"

The astronauts do not speak now. They are steadying themselves for what is to come!. They have no fear, but are apprehensive.

"T minus nine seconds"

Pumps are activated. Fuels course their way through a maze of pipes, mix and ignite. The five mighty engines splutter smokily and then tongues of flame issue forth. Thrust and noise increase and the rocket shudders and strains at the bonds which still tie it to its pad. Smoke begins to billow from the base of the rocket and the rumble builds up.

"T minus 3 seconds"

The service towers release their hold and fall away. Thrust remains steady at $7\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds, and the rumble has become an earsplitting roar.

"Lift Off"

Clamps are released and the rocket slowly starts to ease itself off the ground. For a few moments it is shrouded in smoke, but then its spiked tip pierces the grey wreath, and the sleek white shape of the Saturn V pulls itself clear and rises quickly on a spectacular hundred foot long column of white flame, tearing itself through the thick atmosphere,

"She looks good"

The astronauts inside are conscious only of one thing, their ever increasing weight, as quadruple "g" forces try to squeeze all the life out of them. Puffs of life-giving oxygen blow around in the transparent domes on their head which makes breathing easier. It will continue like this for four minutes.

All that is visible from the ground now is a diminishing orange plume winging its way across the sky. Man is about to set foot on the moon, the earth's nearest neighbour in space.

J. A. LUCAS VIB

THE ROADS OF SOUTHWELL

What a great example of County Council workmanship! Perhaps the best roads of Southwell are centred around the "Saracens Head" namely, King Street, Queen Street, Westgate and in other parts Burgage Lane, Private Road, and so the list continues.

With what precision have these roads been repaired?—a spirit level would be of no use on, for example, the end of Queen Street — ditches six inches deep make no difference at all anyway. Then we must consider the pavement — dips in the surface all the way up to Hill House from Dowses do not make our feet ache or anything like that — in fact it is rather pleasant. And repair work is not needed very often on that particular stretch — only about every month. Here there is a lack of noise, surely we regard its pleasure when a dirty great pneumatic drill performs outside our shops. Moreover repair work does not block the road at all, because it is so wide in the first place — it can take at least two full size Trent buses — don't you think that a speed limit could be extended here to Motorway standards on such a fine road? And vans parked outside the shops are no trouble when one is driving through on a busy Saturday morning.

Now another thing — we didn't have to wait long for a sign saying that there is a school on a hazardous bend — only about four years, I believe.

No doubt we will soon have town planners coming to Southwell to take the example which our workmen have set.

The Minster, of which some parts have been standing for over a thousand years, is in far better condition than the roads of Southwell.

D. BULL (VI B)

MARGIDUNUM PAST AND PRESENT

Shortly after Christmas before last, boys in the senior school connected with the Geography Department were presented with information about an archeological dig taking place in the following summer. The general attitude amongst those who put their names down was that it would be as good a way as any of spending spare time during the summer holidays, and few people went in for it with any great enthusiasm, but it turned out to be a most fascinating holiday, despite the fact that it took place only a few miles from Southwell.

The object of the dig was to excavate buildings situated outside the Roman town of Margidunum, on the Fosse Way, near Bingham. There was a need for urgency because in mid-September the excavation site was due to go under the bulldozer for the building of a round-about where the Gunthorpe Road joins the Fosse. Infact they moved in several months late, although our work was finished on time. Accommodation was under canvas on the fields of thea Toothill Secondary School at Bingham, using their toilet and shower facilities. Transport to the site was by minibus, which made several connecting trips each day.

Each digger put his name down for one of three fortnight - long sessions although several of us, having worked the first fortnight, stayed on doing as much as five weeks work. There were as a rule sixty diggers

of both sexes at any one time, and there was never any shortage of space. The food, bearing in mind it was both camp food and mass-produced, was fair. The site was comfortable, and in spite of a few minor skirmishes with the greasier natives Bingham received us well.

The dig was organised by Nottingham University and archeology students took positions of responsibility, although after a few weeks the more creepily of us managed to leave like positions ourselves. In fact the Southwell contingent made a reputation for itself as hard workers, once it could be woken up, got up, caught and transported to the site before dinner time.

The dig began on the 27th July and after a tour of the site and a lecture, the following day (Sunday) saw the first work. This was perhaps the most exhausting day of the dig, because an area of one hundred by fifty feet had to be covered to a depth of one foot. Work began at nine and lasted till six at night, with an hour for lunch, and a couple of short breaks for refreshment. This was the standard routine for the whole in week period. During the first few days finds were rare and so the work was uninteresting. Then the features came to light. It was hard work, not all trowelling and brushing, but the discovery of the odd piece of pottery, or with luck a coin, or with greater luck a statuette made the work rewarding. Many of us were possessed with the obsession for finding stiffies (one of the objects of the dig was to find a Roman cemetery known to be in the area) which was aggravated by the constant turning over of bones belonging to horses, dogs, cats etc. Anything but human bones. However in the last few days four stiffies were at last unearthed and to our annoyance fifty more were found by the bulldozers that moved in after us.

To many people what made the work tolerable was the the general atmosphere of friendship, both with fellow diggers and those in charge. Social activities were many and varied and as well as our excursions trips were arranged to other places of archeological interest in the area. At all times we were kept informed of the progress of the dig and we were even asked for our own opinions of what features might be.

As a result of the dig an interest in archeology was instilled in many of us, and with luck other digs in this area will allow us to further this.

N.F.G. N.B.H. (Via)

THE IRISH BUS CONDUCTOR

An Irish bus conductor stopped the bus to let on an American passenger one stop before Time Square. When the conductor saw the passenger he pushed him off, he cracked his skull and died, for the conductor didn't like the Americans.

So he was sentenced to death by the electric chair. He had of

course a final wish, and the executioner asked him what he would like. He asked for bannanas and custard, and it was served to him. After he had finished he was strapped down and 30,000 volts were put through him, but he didn't die. According to American State Rules, he was now a free man.

He returned to his old job, but he again murdered the first American passenger who embarked on his bus. He was sentenced to the electric chair, and granted another wish. "Bannanas and custard, please" he said. Again he was strapped down, and electrocuted, but he didn't die. As he left the chair a free man the executioner said to him, "What difference does bannanas have when you are being electrocuted".

He replied, "I like bannanas, but I'm a bad conductor."

Have you heard about the army that ran out of bullets?

They had to use tiddly-winks — what you might call a counter attack.

ENGLAND'S MODERN CATHEDRAL'S

During the last one hundred years the Church of England has seen the creation of many new dioceses since Ripon was raised to cathedral status in 1836. Most had neither the dimensions or appearance of a cathedral, four totally new cathedrals have however been constructed.

First Truro designed in 1880 by J. L. Pearson and finished in 1910 by his son. This is a building in scholastic Gothic, an academic exercise in the Early English style, but it bears more relation to a French than an English Cathedral with its profusion of 'rose' windows and three Norman-French spires.

Next came Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral begun in 1904 but is so vast an undertaking that it is as yet only nine-tenths completed. Designed by Giles Gilbert Scott when only twenty two, the cathedral stands high above the Mersey and when completed will be the second largest in the world.

The plan is symmetrical except at the east end and consists of a nave and choir of equal length between which is a vast central space. The style is a new interpretation of Gothic. The cathedral is surmounted by a central tower which rises to a height of 330 feet.

The cathedral at Guildford was designed in 1932 by Sir Edward Maufe and work began in 1936 but due to the war most work was done between 1952 and 1965. The design is a simplified version of Gothic of an unadventurous nature built of red brick with an unornamented plastered interior of no great artistic merit.

In November 1940 the Parish Church Cathedral at Coventry was destroyed by German incendiary bombs. The new cathedral designed by Sir Basil Spence was built 1956-62 and has been beautified by numerous Commonwealth artists, included the finest stained-glass since the Reformation. It has become a symbol of the modern Britain and now rivals the great cathedrals as a tourist attraction.

The most recent of English Cathedrals is the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool designed by Frederck Gilbert in 1962 and completed in five years. The building of steel and concrete is circular and rises conically to a sixteen sided lantern of blue and purple stained-glass rising to 290 feet below which is placed the High Altar.

These five cathedrals show most clearly the rapid change in both taste and designs which has occurred since the death of Victoria and no finer symbol of the twentieth century could be found than Coventry and Liverpool.

M. P. DODSWORTH (VI B)

LOOKING BACK ON TWO SCHOOLS

Each year the number of pupils who can remember the "Old School" steadily diminishes. In fact next year VI A will be the last complete form to have experienced the delights of both establishments.

It is difficult to make a comparison between the two schools, because they are so different. The old building three stories high connected by narrow staircase, the new school spread out, all at ground level and connected by long corridors. Of course the facilities at the old school were inferior to those we have now — baths instead of showers, a table permanently laid out for dining, an inadequate heating system (well I remember doing physical jerks between periods under the supervision of Mr. Hughes because the temperature was only 35° Fahrenheit) — but the building possessed an atmosphere difficult to imagine from our new school.

The advantages of the old school are not easy to find; the history VI is a room sorely missed by senior members, for in it one could remain isolated from the rest of the school; of course the yard football "pitch" was one of the main assets of the school, but this has been countered by the presence of playing fields on the site of the new school, that one mile trek to top ground used to be the worst part of games days.

Prefects at the old School had an easier time than now, with only one entrance to the school there was no trouble at break times, and from the steps they could watch the activities of the junior school before them. The title of prefect was far more respected in those days, we juniors hardly dare look these superior beings in the eye, yet today, the first and second forms have an answer to everything a prefect says.

However looking back at the two schools, the advantages of the new one greatly outweigh the disadvantages. Soon the only link between the two buildings will be those members of staff who served in both establishments, some of these still find it difficult to break traditions of the old school, for only quite recently a certain French master gave a fourth former permission to "go across the yard" in a moment of forgetfulness.

So the "ancient collegiate school" has now become a block of offices and a bank, new boys wonder how we ever existed in that bleak looking building, while those who know reflect on nostalgic memories.

J. P. EGGLESTON VI A

CLASSROOM WINDOW

The hazy vista beckoning the eye, the mind,
To wander out beneath the sun, and find,
Eternal peace Peace
Peace of Paris! — come on, don't you know?
Treaty of Paris! Clements! Taylor! — oh
Come on Hoyle, surely

can't your tiny head,

Retain one once of what you have just read?
Ahem Ahum
A hum of drowsy bees in scented grass
Or first form French mouthed by a mumbling class
Oh to escape the glare, the throbbing brain
Would I could be beyond the pain the pane
To gaze on meadows, hedgerows charged with May,
Over the shimmering skyline and away.

R. A. HOYLE (VI B)

MINSTER ROVERS F.C.

Last August four members of the school who decided that their talents were being wasted on the rugby field decided to form a football team. A letter was written to the provost asking permission to name it "Minster Rovers." Several days later a reply was received in which he wished us luck, and thought the idea was a good one. So a committee of four were appointed :—

N. Thorpe — Manager
C. T. Dyson — Assistant Manager / Vice-Captain.
H. D. Milner — Secretary / Treasurer
J. Betts — Captain

Messrs. Milner and Dyson were invited to a meeting of the Newark

Youth League, which proved fruitful as several fixtures were arranged. An advert was placed in "Football Monthly", and the fixtures began to flow in. Some had to be rejected as the distances involved were too far to travel. A team in Ashby-de-la-Zouch offered us travel there, and a meal afterwards.

Regarding matches we have done extremely well for a newly formed team. Altogether we have won eight matches and lost eight. The team has held its own against league opposition and has achieved memorable victories against Bingham (2-1), Gunthorpe (4-1), Salterford Olympic (8-4) and little Carlton (10-0). There have been setbacks however, particularly against Newark Athletic (2-6) and Woodborough (1-11). We were astonished at the enthusiasm of members of the school and thirty players have turned out during the season, but only M. D. Milner has played in every match. Top scorer is J. Betts with A. Norrall and G. Stafford close behind.

The committee would particularly like to thank R. Hoyle and I. Sneeton for their consistently good performances. We hope the team will rise to greater things next season, with the possibility of league or cup competition. Finally our thanks to everyone who has played during the season, and the parents who have given up their Sunday afternoons to transport us.

FOR THE VERY YOUNG AT HEART

Once upon a time, a very long time ago now, about last Tuesday afternoon, Winnie the Pooh lived in a building with insufficient corridors all by himself, under the name of STUDY.

("What does 'under the name' mean?" asked the new boy.

"It means he had the name on his door on a plastic plaque"

"Oh" said the new boy)

One day he was out walking in the building with his brown case in one hand and a pile of green books in the other, when he met Wol, who lived in a storeroom on the other side of the hall.

"Good morning Wol" quoth Winnie.

"I suppose you realise," said Wol, "that there has been an undue amount of precipitation in the wash-room at the other end of the corridor?" You could tell Wol was intelligent, for he always used long words.

"No, I didn't" said Winne.

"Keep in mind" said Wol, "that if somebody turns all the taps on and leaves all the plugs in, one can only expect to be flooded out."

Just at that minute, Piglet, who lived behind two flaps near Winnie, and was in the habit of feeding all Rabbit's friends and relations an

on haycorns, came over to Winnie and said that Rabbit had expressed a wish to be fed on something other than haycorns (Rabbit it must be realised, was in charge of all his friends and relations, and usually had a very difficult job if keeping them in order). Winnie told Piglet that if Rabbit had any complaints he should see Winnie and not Piglet. Piglet, slightly appeased, returned to the baps.

Winnie then decided to investigate the washroom which Wol had spoken of. On the way down he called into the cleaners room to find Eeyore.

Eeyore, as usual was repellant in his green overalls with N.C.C. embroidered on the front. As was also usual, Eeyore was having a quick spit and draw in the storeroom.

"Good morning," said Winnie

"Is it?" said Eeyore

"I hear the washroom is flooded," said Winnie

"I believe you're right," said Eeyore

"Of course I'm right," said Pooh

"That accounts for a good deal," said Eeyore. "It explains everything. No wonder."

"Somebody must have left the taps on," observed Pooh

"Somebody must," replied Eeyore gloomily, "How like them." So they went on to the washroom. When they arrived there, Eeyore's tail was floating away (he often used it as a mop, and had forgotten to take it back to the CLEANERS STOREROOM that morning).

"Oh well," said Eeyore, "that's how it goes. Here today and gone tomorrow."

"Eeyore," said Pooh, "I will save you tail for you." And without further ado, he threw in his brown case (which floated quite well) and jumped in after it.

With a gurgle it sank.

"Oh well," remarked Eeyore, "he had to retire sometime."

With apologies to A. A. Milne, and thanks for the transmutation of characters.

J. B. BROOKE (VI A)

LA NUCIA

La Nucia is a typical Spanish village, situated in the foothills of the coastal ranges of Eastern Spain. Most of its population consists of

poor peasants living in lowly dwellings and paid small wages for long hours of work on the land or building sites. They are happy, friendly people always giving a warm comforting smile to onlookers or visitors and ever willing to give assistance to anyone. The best time to visit the village to meet its inhabitants is in the evening. Old men plod up the main street supporting colossal bags of almonds of oranges on their backs or leading a heavily laden donkey. They all dress in a similar manner: sandals or sackcloths on their feet, no socks, long baggy dark trousers, a tattered old shirt with open collar covered by an old waistcoat, and a circular black beret balanced on the crown of the head, all stained by years of hard work and dating back to the civil war. The small family owned and run shops are opened again, their owners refreshed after short siestas and willing to remain open until their last customer goes away satisfied. The bars become hives of activity; workers swarm in to receive reward for their labour, exchange news with friends and play peculiar card games with ancient and dilapidated playing cards. They seat themselves on circular tables and as many as fifteen join in. A jar of cocktail sticks is strategically placed in the centre of the table for use as toothpicks — after an evenings play, the floor around and underneath the table is littered with mangled and chewed cocktail sticks (they are said to be an invaluable asset for concentration purposes). The bar owner himself profits very little from these games, perhaps selling a few glasses of aniseed juice and a bag of crisps, but he enjoys the atmosphere created by these noisy competitors. One last description I must not omit is that of the living quarters of the villagers. Most of them live in dingy little semi-detached houses built of brick and plaster, painted white, and with roofs of thatch or locally made tile. They are built facing each other over unsurfaced, dusty roads exposed manholes presenting problems for motor traffic. However the thing the inhabitants are most proud of is the recent addition of street lighting: Electric street lamps were put up for the first time at the 1968 fiesta. It was a great occasion and every Spaniard within ten miles came to watch the great ceremony of the Mayor switching the master switch on.

Cheers echoed all over the village as one by one the lights went on, old men sat in armchairs for hours, with tears in their eyes, gazing up in wonder at the new lights and marvelling this feat of modern science. It is a touching sight, watching the ancient submit to modern!

F. W. L. ELLIS (V)

LIMERICKS

There was an old man called Green,
Who invented the sewing machin,
On the ninety-ninth stroke it blew up and broke,
And whipped his cotton to cream.

C. DEANE (JD)

There was an old man from Fini,
Who drove a maroon Mini,
When it went at top speed,
It ran over a weed.
And that was the end of the Mini.

J. FRANKSON (J.D.)

OLD BOYS NEWS

President: 1968 - 1969 Mr. D. Ward

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The Old Southwellian Society held its annual dance on the 10th January 1969 at the Admiral Rodney Hotel in Southwell, this proved to be a pleasant evening and was enjoyed by all. It was followed up by the Annual Dinner held in March, again at the Admiral Rodney. Fifty-one people attended; the guest speaker was the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood. Mr. C. L. Ham's represented the staff of the Grammar School.

There have been several suggestions for new activities in the future one being a tennis tournament to be held in conjunction with the Old Boys Cricket Match on the 5th July. A new venue has been suggested for the annual dance — the Bishop's Manor, and it is proposed that parents, VI Form Boys, and residents of Southwell be invited to attend. The dinner, to be held in March 1970, will be at the Grammar School.

At the cricket festival to be held at Top Ground on Sunday July 13th. the Old Southwellian Society is to be the host to the Old Lincolnians, Old Magnasians and Old Retfordians.

If any Old Boys have any news which is likely to be of interest, we should be grateful if they would inform either the officers of the Old Southwellian Society or the School Magazine Committee so that it can be published in next years magazine. Such news would be of graduation promotion, sporting achievements, marriage or any other topics of interest.

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