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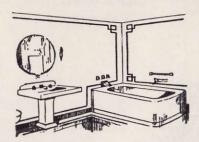
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EDITORIAL

The committee would like to thank the school for providing an unusually large amount of articles for the "Southwellian".

We apologise to all those who on turning the pages find no traces of their carefully pieced together works of wisdom but there simply was not room for them all.

Please don't be disheartened — try again next year!!

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1st XI CRICKET, 1969

Played 8; Won 4; Drawn 2; Lost 2.

There were many pleasing features to the cricket during the year. Among the thoughts which come to mind are; the outstanding fielding of the side in all departments, the aggressive, mature captaincy of Coles, the consistent form of the first three batsmen, and the good performances of the fourth-form members of the team.

Two individuals must be mentioned for their contributions to the standard of cricket played. Coles combined his duties as captain with superb ability in all departments of the game. As well as being the mainstay of our batting, he played for Nottinghamshire Grammar Schools and Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club Colts with great distinction.

As a cover point, Hunt managed some incredible feats of running and throwing, and instilled fear into any batsman who dared hit the ball his way. We wish these two, and all others who have now left us, every success in the future both on and off the field.

The victory over the Old Boys was a particularly interesting one in that it demonstrated the strengths and weaknesses of the team. Some alert chasing and long, accurate throwing drew frequent applause from the spectators.

It was probably this aspect of the game which paved the way for the ultimate victory by 10 runs, after a middle-order collapse had made a total of 99 runs seem unlikely.

The other victories over the season were achieved at the expense of Nottinghamshire Clergy (5 wickets), Worksop College (3 wickets), and the staff-parents XI (Luckily of course!). We were defeated by De Aston (44 runs) and in the Dudley Doy match (45 runs), while the matches against Sherwood Hal T.G.S. and Brunts G.S. were drawn.

Our thanks go to Mr. Fox, Mr. Brown and scorer Guy Clements for their unfailing support throughout the season, to Miss Scrivener for most welcome sustenance, an to Tom for some splendid wickets.

Colours were awarded to B. J. Hallam, S. L. Clements, D. Hunt.

The Bartle Cup for the most improved cricketer was awarded to S. L. Clements.

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U.15 CRICKET

- v. Worksop. Lost by 22 runs.
- v. De Aston. Won by 6 wickets.
- v. E. Cludd. Won by 1 run.
- v. E. Cludd. Won by 5 runs.
- v. Carlton. Cancelled.

The first two games were quite different for our batting at Worksop was dreadfully weak, whereas against De Aston the runs came easily.

The last two games were played on an "overs basis" and both were extremely exciting. The season's best score came in one of these games — Haycox's 52 not out.

Over the season Neill, Worrall, Foster, Heyworth and Dodson all made over 30 runs. In the first two games Foster had 12 wickets in all for only 39 runs. In the "overs" game his analysis was 3 for 56 whilst that of Way was 5 for 47.

The fielding standard has at the worst been competent; Smeeton's ground fielding and throwing set an excellent example to the others.

Worrall as Captain and Foster as Vice Captain have done their jobs well. Our thanks to Bradley who did a very good job as scorer.

1st XV REPORT, 1969/70

Played 16, Won 10, Lost 6. Points for 162, Points against 122.

The results show that this has been a better than average season, and in spirit and improvement it most certainly has. Both new and experienced first team players developed individually, while the divisions prospered as confidence in each other grew.

D. Hunt's leaving school and H. Thomas breaking his leg at Christmas were two of the season's mishaps. However they were very competently replaced.

Much of the credit for the team's success goes to the captain and colours, a fine trio who led and inspired by their own example. At its best the team provided entertaining Rugby which was a pleasure to watch and produced notable victories over Henry Mellish away, and Manor and Cranwell at home.

M. Croft played for Notts schoolboys 1st XV and the Three Counties.

C. Dodson vice-captained Notts schoolboys 2nd XV. Colours are awarded to D. Burton, H. Thomas, J. Haycox and J. Turton.

The Olsen Cup for the most improved player is shared by N. Croft and I. Dodson.

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1st XV v. OLD BOYS

The 1st XV was without many of the regulars included in the side at the beginning of the season including the Captain M. Croft who was on a Three Counties tour.

However as usual the team played its best game of the season in ideal conditions.

With little difference in the two teams N. Croft kicked a penalty. In the second half C. Dodson scored a good try which was converted. Under much pressure the schol did well to concede only one try and eventually the school won by 8 points to 3 points.

R.G.M.

2nd XV REPORT

Played 16, Won 6, Lost 10. Points for 160 Points against 242.

We were dealt two shattering blows before the season began due to injuries to two senior players, one of whom being the captain.

During the season we used 30 men in 42 positions. Despite this the front eight was very settled so the statistics indicate where our problems lay.

The season was half over before we had formulated a proper policy, but the result was well worth waiting for. The victory over Carlton G.S. was a truly thrilling affair, a triumph for tactical planning and team discipline. It was most unfortunate that subsequently many potential victories were thwarted because of the weather.

That the team showed a real improvement over the season there is no doubt. We gave the Newark Technical College side a really good game, and in fact the Tech. were at least twice as good as some of the teams who had thrashed us early on.

Our strengths lay at full-back, wing, back-row and scrum-half, in the tight scrummaging, and at the line-out. Our biggest asset was team-spirit, and this made the team a real pleasure to work with. Much credit here goes to all the players, whether newcomers to the team or its senior members.

It has been a great pleasure to understudy a very good 1st XV and an even bigger one to be pushed from below a most enthusiastic "rabble". All praise to them and congratulations to its members who eventually played for the 2nd XV with such distinction.

Colours are awarded to Kevin Gooch for some inspiring play and leaderat scrum-half; and to Adrian Christmas for his great support and leadership of the XV over several seasons.

UNDER 15 RUGBY, 1969/70

Played 14. Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 5. Points for: 152. Against 119.

To win more games than lose, is a very fine achievement when you consider that eleven of the fourten games were played away, and two of the home games were against Rodney and the Edward Cludd.

However, the team has improved steadily through the season, although one or two faults never were eradicated.

Henry, Mollart, Higgons, Cobb and Gutteridge have all improved tremendously since the start of the season. Some of the breaks of Gutteridge from fly half are most exciting.

A great deal of the success of the side has been due to the leadership on and off the field of Carter and Smallwood. Both are very knowledgeable of the game and have inspired and encouraged backs and forwards respectively.

The team paid its tribute to the faithful touchjudge as he left the bus on Saturday, and this spirit has been the hallmark of the side throughout the season.

Junior Colours are awarded to S. Carter, R. Smallwood and K. Gutteridge.

UNDER 14 XV. REPORT ON THE SEASON 1969/70 Played 10; Won 4; Lost 6. Points for 145; Against 101.

This has been the most determined and skilful under 14 side to pass through my hands in ten seasons, and a great joy it has been to work with them. From the very beginning of the season, it was obvious that this was *not* a one-man team, as I had been led to believe from their previous season, and although Rider led his team sensibly, he would be the first to admit that he had the entire support of the others.

There was no match in which we didn't score, and despite losing six games, we scored so heavily that the final points show a 44 — point credit. This is the first time that has happened. Scoring has been achieved by doing orthodox things properly; good possession has been won by the forwards, especially from the tight, and our backs have been given the room in which to demonstrate their undoubted talents. Many points have been lost however, by inaccurate kicking. Greater skill needs to be developed in quick rucking and possession from the loose, but we have not fared to badly in this department against other schools.

It has been a great advantage to us in training to be able to play with the Under 15 team on Thursdays, and the credit for this must go to the other boys in forms 3 and 4 who have allowed this to happen, and also to Mr. Brown for the same reason. In the final analysis however, the credit for the season's success must go to the team, and the superb

spirit in which they have backed one another up: 8 of them played in every match, and a further 3 only missed one. They trained together, and were able to rely upon each other. This is what rugby should be all about.

Finally a word of thanks to the leaders of the team, Rider its captain, and Pollock as pack leader, who both by their example and encouragement have left the team in no doubt as to which way play was going, and who was going to take it there.

I said it last year, but it is even more true now; I have enjoyed this season's under 14 rugby as never before.

W. BANNISTER.

UNDER 13 XV RUGBY, 1969/70

Played 7; Won 1; Drawn 1; Lost 5. Points for 11; Points Against 80.

The points position does not sound good but in spite of this the team showed promise. No less than twenty different players have been used, positions have been varied, and personal abilities discovered. There is still much to be learned, but the talent is available and extremely willing.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1969

The school atheltics team did not have one of it's best seasons as a team, beating only Carlton-le-Williows and Forest Fields. However there were some oustanding performances by individuals. P. Vitkovitch; Javelin.

Notts Schoolboys Champs.	1st	152ft	2in.
Notts A.A.A. Champs	1st	155ft.	6in.
Broke the school record on Sports day	1st	168ft.	10in.
C. Marsh, Pole Vault.			
Notts Schoolboys Champs	1st	10ft.	3in.
England schools Champs.	7th	10ft.	6in.
A new school record			

Other good performances have been seen. J. Turton has done well in the shot and J. Haycox was second in the Notts. schools champs. in the Javelin. D. Morton and A. Godfrey must be congratulated for their efforts with the hammer. Junior colours were awarded to P. Ellis, J. Way, S. Carter, and S. Rider.

Senior colours were awarded to: C. Whiteford, M. Croft, C. Marsh, P. Benton, J. Haycox.

SCOUT TROOP

The year under review in some ways marks the highest standards we have achieved, and one must be forgiven for a few moments of nostalgia.

It began with our first Chief Scout's Award presentation, to J. Haycox, at the beginning of the new term. As usual, the summer term was busy with Patrol Camps carried on in conditions ranging from monsoon to drought. One patrol, encamped on a first year grass ley, found the accommodation was better in a nearby barn, after even the tractor had become stuck in the mud. Others found it so hot they needed to build a 'fridge, or at least that's what they called it. Another Patrol camp was made the scene of C. Burr's Chief Scout's Award presentation — the second to Woodpeckers.

Throughout this term, preparations had been going on for Summer Camp, and the worth of these was very evident when we arrived in Kingussie. The programme was very strenuous for those older boys trying to qualify for various hiking and mountain walking tests, but they were favoured by wonderful weather for all of the critical times, and there was always the stimulating thought of an evening swim in the burn to cool fevered feet. A visit to the local church convinced some that perhaps a fifteen-minute sermon in the Minster is not after all the worst thing that can befall. It was also interesting to sit down to sing metrical psalms unaccompanied, and be invited to stand to pray. At the outset of the overnight hike, the leader, a certain J. Haycox, had been heard to say that he would be back in bed by 05.00 hrs. By dawn, at about 03.45, many were the minds which having been numbed by stumbling over miles of bog and heather "What's the bearing now John?"), would have settled for REST there and then. But whenever a halt was called, the inflexible will of the leader was invoked to rouse them to further efforts. ("How far now, John?" "Only about a mile-and-a-half.") After hearing this reply for the third time, no-one bothered to ask again, but he was back in bed by 04.59³, and his patrol were as usual up first at 07.30, with a fire going. As a certain motoring journalist has been heard to say "It's all a question of keeping a sense of proportion."

Even the end of camp was memorable for at least one P/L, who found himself incarcerated in the passenger seat of 'El Bruto' for the journey back. After some three hours' travel, during which he had explored all the possible positions the seat afforded, without apparent satisfaction, it was announced proudly by the driver that the first 100 miles were achieved. Apprehensively the P/L asked how much further there was to go, and the look of sheer incredulity which greeted my reply of "About 300 miles", was worth much hardship to see. And hardship there was, for the Brute had as usual, a cunning trick to play: windscreen-wipers from the Scottish border, in driving rain. (Actually, this P/L has become so attached to 'El Bruto' that he has volunteered

to go by the same method to camp this year . . . "Still, it isn't as far, is it?).

During the Autumn term, the Troop was led by many of the same P/Ls, although they were now in the 5th form. This experiment carried us through the operation of hot dogs for 250 at the Guy Fawkes Bonfire and Firewook Display ,and through a fairly busy training term. During this time, a third Chief Scout's Award was presented, to S. Foster, of motoring fame.

Since Christmas, leadership has passed to the 4th formers, and despite some teething troubles, the prospects for the next year begin now to improve. They have had the benefit of camping on the Summer Camp site, at Easter, and planning is already afoot again. At present, the Troop is still shrinking in numbers, such that five patrols make up a total of 40 boys. Of these, very few are now well qualified, there being only 2 Advanced Scout Standard and 13 Scout Standard holders. There are a good number of keen recruits however, and we look forward to a gradual improvement, as the re-shaping takes place.

All this activity could not have taken place without the regular help of the Supporters' Association, who have by coffee evening, bazaar etc., raised considerable sums of money and relieved us of that strain. To them we are most grateful. Our supply of ex-Scout instructors continues to do valiant service, now in the persons of J. Eggleston and D. Haycox, as well as our faithful Q.M.s "Slim" and "Trog". A. Walster has now more urgent duties to perform in the defence of the realm, and can no longer drive the Brute with his usual demoniacal glee. To him go our best wishes, and my thanks to all.

W.B. SCOUT LEADER

VENTURE UNIT REPORT 1969/70

This has been another good year for the Unit. It began last summer with four members competing for their Explorer Belts in Italy. We were all delighted to hear that John Eggleston and David Haycox had been awarded their belts, and that William Jessup and Stephen Littlewood had been awarded certificates for successfully completing the expedition — a commendable achievement in itself. Eggleston and Jessup have been awarded their Queen's Scout Award, and Malcolm Croft and Peter Yates have completed them and will receive the awards this Summer. In the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Eggleston and Croft have received their Gold awards and Hadyn Thomas and Ian Pallister their Silver awards.

Besides these individual successes, the group as a whole has been active. Meetings have been held once a month and talks have been given on various subjects, notably one on gliding which included a demonstration with a glider in the school hall. The group's activities are

now beginning to cover a wider field, and members are now indulging in canoeing and rock climbing. Recently three members took part in the very difficult Fellsman competition hike. Although they did not complete the fifty mile course, they did very well and paved the way for future attempts.

This has been a good year financially too. The bank balance began at £21 15s. 8d., but with careful planning by the treasurer, W. Ellis; and a better than ever effort in Job Week, the balance now stands at £38 17s. 4d.

The future of the group looks bright. Planning is already underway for an expedition in Summer 1971 to walk either the Pennine Way and/or Hadrian's Wall.

Finally our thanks must go once again to Mr. Pulford, without whose boundless energy the group could not exist.

I. PALLISTER (Committee Chairman)

GRAY HOUSE REPORT, 1969-70

Gray finished last school year with a fair amount of success retaining two cups and winning a share of one with Booth. In cricket we again beat Booth in the final. Our congratulations go to P. A. Coles who played for the county 1st XI cricket side.

We regained the Merit Cup, holding a convincing lead at the end of the year.

In Athletics ,the house were again disappointing being easily beaten at House Standards and House Finals but managed to share the House Relays.

In the Music Competition we unfortunately finished in third place but this was due to a general lack of music skill in the House which made the job of the music captains, D. Bull and N. Thorpe, a difficult one.

The House started the present academic year in fine style by gaining four cups but unfortunately losing one.

The cross-country cup was won through a good team performance special mention goes to G. Rhodes and N. Madin for winning the Intermediate and Junior races respectively.

After losing last year's swimming gala by one point, we made sure the mistake was not repeated, in winning by a clear forty points. Individual cup winners were, J. D. Cup — J. Williams, Junior Cup — J. West, and Senior Cup — N. Matthew.

For the first time in its history, the House seven-a-side cup has

moved off the Booth House shelf and now resides with Grays. In winning this cup the junior and intermediate teams took maximum points.

The cup we lost was the Rugby Cup. However this was no discredit to the team. They played a much more skillful Booth's side containing nine 1st XV regulars. What the House team lacked in skill they made up in courage and determination and were unlucky on the day to be beaten 9-0. Special mention must be made on IVth formers Carter, Henry, Mollart and Smallwood and IIIrd former Pollock who played in the side and will be the main stay of future house teams. The house congratulates C. Dodson on gaining the position of vice captain in the County Rugby 2nd XV and D. Burton on gaining his Rugby colours.

Another notable success was the winning of the Drama Cup. The play presented was a Greek comedy entitled "The Acharmans". D. Burton took the leading role of Dikaiopolis and was ably assisted by a cast drawn from all departments of the school.

All considered last Spring term must be the most successful term Grays have had in the some time, and as the House's strength lies in the middle and Junior parts of the school the future indeed looks bright.

PAUL R. CUSTANCE, (House Capt.) CHRISTOPHER C. DODSON, (Vice-Capt.)

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THOMAS HOUSE REPORT, 1969/70

Thomas House has not had a successful year in terms of 1st class success, but we have come a close second in most of the competitions.

We were extremely unlucky to be just beaten into second place in both the House Finals and House Standards Cups.

To quote the last two House Reports "Unfortunately at cricket our dismal failure of the previous season was again repeated and this cup fell well beyond our reach."

In the House Cross-Country Cup we had little success but the senior team won quite easily despite two members of the team being disqualified for taking a short cut of 4.2 yards.

In the House Rugby Cup we were beaten by Booth 6-0 in the 1st round, but we gave the champions a very good game. In the 7-a-sides the only team to score any points was the senior team and more effort will have to be made by the junior teams in the future if the House wishes to have any success in this field. J. Turton and J. Haycox have been awarded senior rugby colours, K. Gooch was awarded 2nd team colours, J. R. H. Taylor and D. Charlesworth were awarded rabble rugby colours.

In the swimming competition we came a comfortable second. Our junior team's lack of success was partly due to our star swimmer in that age group being taken ill at the last moment M. Mosenthal should be congratulated on winning the intermediate trophy.

Both the Dramatic and Music competitions have taken place this year. In the Music competition the death of the original adjudicator did nothing to help our efforts and most of the eminent muscians who attended thought that we were extremely unlucky losers. Our congratulations to J. Clarke and J. R. H. Taylor for spending so long trying to teach us to sing.

Thomas House production of "The Cinderella Story" showed that a good play did not necessarily need 1st class actors. Our dramatic talent did not go all that deep but all made a worthy effort rewarded by second place. (Anybody requiring female impersonators should apply to the House Captain).

Although we did not win the House Merit Cup this does not prove that we are all academic "write-offs" J. R. H. Taylor is to be congratulated on being awarded a music scholarship at Caius College, Cambridge.

Many members of the House have made great efforts in all school activities but there is a notable lack of enthusiasm in the junior forms. However at the time of going to press this trend seems to have been reversed and we are leading in this years standards competition.

This year is proving to be a transition period for the House and on the whole has been a bad year. We have lost three cups and gained only one.

In the sphere of Athletics we did well last year, retaining the Standards Cup and the House Finals Cup, and sharing the Relay Cup with Gray. However, this year we seem less favourably placed to do as well, but an all-out effort towards the end of term might just retain the cup for us.

In cricket, we put in a very strong challenge, beating Thomas by 9 wickets after having bowled them out for 27. In the final, a much stronger Gray side batted first and scored 125 for 8. In reply, Booth just failed to reach this total by 18 runs. Our thanks and congratulations must go to Simon Clements who captained the side well and gained his 1st XV colours.

Cross Country was another disappointment. Although we had several individual winners (Stephen Foster, Adrian Christmas) we lacked in team effort, and thus the cup was lost to Gray. Congratulations to Adrian Christmas who won the Newark and District Senior cross country championship.

In the Rugby Cup, the senior part of the House put up a tremendous display. Although having the weaker pack in both matches, our running power in the backs eventually won through, beating Thomas 9-0 and Gray 6-0. Our congratulations go to Haydn Thomas for obtaining his 1st XV colours, and to Malcolm Croft for being selected to play for the County and the 3 Counties. The seven-a-side cup was lost for the first time ever this year, which was obviously a bitter disappointment to the senior members of the House.

This year we were runners up in The Drama Cup, and although we did not win, everybody who took part enjoyed themselves. In "The Enchanted Christmas Tree", special mention must go to Andrew Black, Jonathan Belk and Nigel Croft for excellent performances, but the cast of both plays need worthy mention.

We did however win the Music Cup in a very close competition. It was a splendid effort by all concerned, and Andrew Black, Ian Pallister and Haydn Green did an excellent job in pulling us up from outsiders to winning the cup.

Although this year has been a disappointment in the fact that we have not retained all the cups we gained last year, we think that the House has a great future ahead of it, especially with all the talent in the lower forms. We also must thank Mr. Pulford and Mr. Harris for their continued support and advice.

ADRIAN CHRISTMAS, (Captain) SIMON CLEMENTS, (Vice Captain)

DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT, 1969-70

The Debating Society has been resurrected! On the 11th September 1969, 21 members met to decide how a practically defunct society could rise to glory long since lost. It was a mammoth task to set upon, our major obstacle being public opinion. When the new committee (F. W. L. Ellis, G. F. Sergeant, F. M. W. C. Dove) took over the reins of the society, it had already sunk to the depths of degradation in the minds of the greater proportion of the school: people thought of the Debating Society as a stuffy, boring club who did nothing but talk, and talk and talk. I am pleased to report that our ultimate goal has been achieved — the "Deb. Soc." as it is now know has a new, exciting image. Some people have even nicknamed the Society "The Playboy Club." (The committee should is no way be held responsible for this!) Attendance figures have risen to an average of 25 people, but it must be borne in mind that, with the exception of one meeting when two 5thformers attended, the attendance has consisted entirely of 6th formers This means that there has been an average attendance of 50% of the 6th form.

Debates have included "Monarchy in Britain is outdated", "Hippies", "National Service in Britain should be compulsory", "The Springboks 1970 tour" and "Vietnam". However, the highlight of the year was our first mixed debate, with the Lilley and Stone Girls High School of Newark. This took place in December and was an outstanding success.

The motion that was debated was put forward by the ladies and opposed by us and was that "Protest demonstrations are ineffectual. Despite the fact that Miss J. Joints, leader of the "opposition" nearly succeeded in hypnotising Mr. D. Burton, mainstay of our attack; we won our case by an overwhelming majority. An excellent meal was put on for us by our female hosts at the end of the debate.

We hope that this mixed debate will serve as a fore-runner of many more of such high quality to come. The Committee was changed half way through the year and now consists of F. W. L. Ellis (Chairman) D. A. Burton, (Vice Chairman), G. F. Sergeant, (Secretary), I. Atkinson, P. Benton, (Publicity). Special mention must also go to G. Clements, A. Christmas, D. Charlesworth and H. Thomas for valuable and top class debating. Also many thanks to M. Dominic Lacroix for his enthusiastic support of Society events.

We only hope for an even more successful second year after "renovation".

F. W. L. ELLIS, (Chairman)

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY REPORT

The Society has remained active over the past year, with numerous visits and visiting lecturers, as well as its own entertaining lecturers.

The annual "Summer Visit", which is the major event of the year, was to Oxford, and took place at the beginning of July last year. In the morning the Society visted the Sheldonian Theatre, where our Headmaster and Deputy-Headmaster had received their degrees after studying at the University. The Bodleian Library was visited before lunch, but unfortunately the Society could not gain access to the library of Merton College. In the afternoon the Society was split up into two parties, both of which were shown around Magdalen and Christchurch Colleges. The party also toured St. Edmund Hall, where it was learned from a plaque that the Headmaster was once the President of the Hall's Common Room.

The Society has enjoyed many varied lectures from visiting speakers, among whom were Dr. M. Large from Jodrell Bank and Mr. Bark from the Forestry Commission who not only showed us slides, but also brought some antlers and other interesting items from his forests. More recently, Mr. Hill, a former Head Boy of the School, gave us an enlightening and educational talk on the "Anatomy of a Computer."

Among the many visits arranged by the able secretaries, was the visit to Mansfield Crematorium, which was to surprise many of the members who atended as nothing was hidden from view. The visits to the Assize Courts and down Calverton Colliery will be remembered as outstanding.

Finally the Society would like to thank Messrs. Littlewood, Clements and Stafford who have competently filled the honoured position of chairman, whilst successfully keeping order during the lively meetings and ensuring the smooth running of other events. The Secretaries and Treasurers are also thanked for continuing to oragnise a varied programme of visits and lectures.

CHARLES B BENTLEY, (Chairman).

RAILWAY SOCIETY REPORT 1969/70.

After the magnificent achievement of last vear, the activities of the society for this year should have been somewhat of an anti-climax And this was most certainly the case. The membership remains around the 60 mark, the new members in the top form being rapidly upset by a decrease in numbers in the middles chool. Last year's policy concerning subscriptions, films and talks was continued this year, after the highly successful application of last year.

The final activity of last school year was a trip (yet another!) to

London. There was no particular object in view, but after a whistlestop tour of the main line termini, the remainder of the time was spent at the Science Museum, which most members found fascinating. It's hoped that this summer we might give London a miss.

The high spot of the year was the first meeting (which was well attended), the occasion being a talk by Mr. John Jerome, Passenger Sales Consultant of British-Rail Internationals' New York Office.

The question of where to go on trips is an ever increasing problem to the committee. It comes as a great relief, therefore, when a member comes up with a suggestion, and it was such an idea that decided the Christmas trip, to travel on the electric line between Manchester and Sheffield before its closure in January 1970. Easter saw a visit to Keighly and Worth Valley Railway, as 18 members reminded themselves what an engine was (and still is). Previous to this some 24 members had undertaken a hastily arranged visit one miserable Saturday morning to Colwick Diesel Depot, a ghost of an establishment which has since closed down.

Thanks must go to Messrs Chilvers, Williams and Gill for

accompanying the Society on these trips.

A proposed feature film at the end of the year should increase

interest in the society, at the expense of draining the funds.

BEWARE FOR THE FUTURE. That curious phenomena, half a dozen members who have no interest in railways, but nevertheless always go on the trip will not be with us next year. There will be a difficulty in raising parties in the future.

Thanks to M. Jones and the rest of the committee for their

help over this year.

I wish the society every success for the future.

J. R. HUGH TAYLOR (Chairman)

TABLE TENNIS CLUB REPORT, 1970

Shortly after Christmas the school acquired its first table tennis equipment. Several members of the upper school immediately showed interest in the sport, so two members of the upper sixth decided that some organisation was necessary and that a club should be formed. Response throughout the school was phenomenal, the club now boasting members, sixty of whom are from the junior forms. Games are played during every lunch hour, and after school on most days, each playing period being allotted to a different form. A competitive spirit is developing among the members, and one form now has its own league. As yet only one inter-school match has been played, which was against the Edward Cludd School. The school was represented by J. Betts, I. Pallister and J. Stevens; the team gained a narrow victory by five matches to four. However, the club hopes to arrange more matches for the coming year and the organisers hope that interest will be maintained when they leave school in the summer.

J.BETTS, I. PALLISTER, VIA.

THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE, 1970

The nine members of the VIB Geography option, plus two members of staff left school for Tenby at 10.15 a.m., on April 12th., in a selection of vehicles (a Cortina Estate, a Land-Rover, and a lump of scrap metal with an engine (?) attached to it), we had all arrived at Tenby by 6.30 p.m. (same day). The weather was fine on the first day, so we went out along the beach looking at various coastal landforms. On Tuesday the weather was not so pleasant and we went by car to see places of historic interest, including Pembroke Castle. We also went to see the Green Bridge of Wales, but this could not be seen very well because of rust. On Wednesday we all started projects and these ranged from "Communications around Haverfordwest and Tenby to "Coastal Industry". The followed day we visited St. David's Cathedral, and the Bishop's Palace. In the afternoon we journeyed out to St. David's Head. and saw an old Iron Age Fort. We then descended en masse upon a woollen rull. We were allowed to walk around and it proved quite interesting. After this we went to see a "Cromlech" which we discovered is an ancient religious structure. After Mr. Monk's vivid description of the next site to be seen, Stirling Ellis and his motley crew went back to Haverfordwest, where they enjoyed an ill-deserved meal relaxing in the contentment of imagining their poor comrades plight. At least one of their comrades enjoyed the jaunt up, and cross-country down, a mountain where they had seen _____ nothing, except ____ rain, sleet, mud and a heap of rubble right at the top. They arrived back at the hotel, cold, wet, and miserable.

On Friday we finished off the individual projects, and the last gallon of Mr. Monk's semingly inexhaustible oil supply. The clatter of numerous non cupro-nickel (pointed out by our international coin expert, Mr. Keith Hall) World Cup coins, and the excited chatter of an extremely virile Gibbon signalled our departure. So ended our week's pilgrimage.

One motley and one "other" member of the option.

(C.W. and F.W.E.).

PROGRESS

Never again will the smoke be seen Gone is the noise of escaping steam; The old steam 'loco' is seen less and less, Now it's a diesel that pulls the express Into the tunnel and over the ridge, Racing along on its long journey west. Goes this sleek, silent monster with never a rest, But no happy school-boys wait at the station; It's the old steam loco that gets the admiration.

A. HICKLING III

A PREVIEW OF UNIVERSITY LIFE

Three members of Six B, G. F. Sergeant, H. A. Euinton and H. Thomas were accepted for a course at Nottingham University, from 30th December, 1969 to the 3rd January, 1970. The course was held in order to give sixth formers a preview of University Maths and Physics and of University Life in general.

The course consisted of four lecture/lecture-demonstrations in Low Temperature Physics, Wave Phenomena, Gases, Liquids and Solids and Nuclear and Particle Physics on the physics side, whilst the mathematics was based upon such topics as Matrices, Number Theory, and the Science of Flight.

Talks were also given by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Dainton and officers of the Student's Union on University societies and administration. Illustrated lectures of a general nature on explosives Glassblowing and Computing, were given in the evening. In addition, there was a trip to the Playhouse or the Odeon. A dance was held on the last evening, in the Portland Building Ballroom, to round off a thoroughly enjoyable and informative week.

G. F. SERGEANT, VI B

ELECTRONICS CLUB REPORT

During the last year the club has undergone a great change. Under the care and guidance of Mr. Stuart, we are now able to use the Physics Laboratory after school on Fridays. During this session, Mr. Stuart has taught the younger members about Thermionic Emission. The use of the laboratory equipment has also enabled us to build High and Low Tension circuits without the expense of buying batteries and transformers.

At our Saturday morning session at Hill House, our leader, P. K. Chilvers, has, at last, been able to supervise the building of some crystal radio sets by groups of our members, and we are now planning to build a binary counter as a collective project.

At last year's Garden Fete, our display was fairly successful and offered a wide range of circuits and information. Among these were the electronically-operated railway, various sound/light displays and a table showing the stages of circuit board construction. We hope to be able to stage another display this year.

Although this is the first time you have seen our report in the magazine we have been in existence for several years. But, at last, we are able to look to the coming year with hope and anticipation.

A. S. CLARKE, (Vice-Leader)

BURGAGE UNITED

Played 18; Won 10; Draw 6; Lost 2. For 70; Against 45.

As the above figures show Burgage United have enjoyed a very successful opening season. The sides efforts were hampered by the fact that they were unable to field the same side for two consecutive matches. All the games were played on Sunday afternoons in various parts of the county, all on a "friendly match" basis. Nine games were played before Christmas of which five were won, three drawn and one lost, after Christmas another nine games were played with the same results. In eighteen matches thirty players were called on to turn out for the team. Stafford Caudwell (J.), Clements and Candy turned out for all but a couple of matches. Candy led the scoring with fourteen goals (12 coming in the last 8 matches), Stafford was close behind with 13. The side has been led by Custance who through injury was unable to appear in all the matches, when absent the responsibilities were capably taken over by Dodson. Finally our thanks go to Bentley who so capably managed our funds and has reported a net profit of 3d, (he is now in custody for the misappropriation of club funds!!) One hopes that the club will continue to exist but as most players are leaving the area this year the future of the club is very much in the balance.

S.L.C.

MINSTER ROVERS F.C.

This has once again been quite a successful season for Minster Rovers F.C. and the small group of fifth and sixth formers who ventured onto the soccer scene. Fixture secretaries — M. Milner and C. Dyson had considerable difficulty in arranging matches. In all fifteen matches were played with six won and nine lost. Perhaps the most notable victory was a 4-2 win over Epperstone F.C. on a frozen pitch with a light covering of snow. This proved to be one of the most sporting and enjoyable matches of the season. If victory has often been hard to come by, it has not been through lack of effort.

Special mention must be given to "Mr. Perpetual Motion" (R. Hoyle) who never stopped running, K. Bradley for some brilliant performances in goal, G. Stafford who scored three Hat tricks, A. Worrall who scored six goals in one match, and J. Betts who led the side very intelligently all season. The club has been unfortunate with minor injuries but the only major injury occurred to J. Stevens who fractured a knee-cap. The club overcame the difficulties arising out of the premature retirement of manager — N. Thorpe. We would like to thank these people who provided transport to remote grounds. Finally we hope that the senior members of the school will continue to exhibit their undoubted soccer skills next season.

M. D. MILNER, (Secretary). N. THORPE, (Manager, retired).

BADMINTON CLUB

At the beginning of the Spring Term 1970 it was decided that a Badminton Club should be formed. A rota was made out with the intention of forming a league table, but as this was started so late in the season, there weren't enough facts and figures to make this worth while. It is hoped, however, that a proper one will be arranged for the 1970/71 school year.

On Monday, February 9th, 1970, we were invited to Forest Fields Grammar School for our first Badminton Match. We were meant to take six players, but due to "O" level mock exams, only four players went; J. Davies, C. Taylor and J. Robinson. Unfortunately we lost 7-2, but it was a start and they were invited for a return match on Thursday 26th, February. This time we produced a full side, and although J. Robinson and J. Davies won their three doubles matches, the school lost 6-3.

The teams: — A team: C. Dyson, J. Stevens
B team: C. Taylor, M. Milner
C. team: J. Davies, J. Robinson

Next year, it is hoped that similar matches can also be arranged with Manvers, Carlton Grammar, and Henry Mellish Grammar Schools.

At the moment, a knock-out single tournament is in progress, but it hasn't been completed yet. The four semi-finalists are: — C. Dyson v. P. Custance and J. Robinson v. J. Stevens.

JOHN DAVIES V

UNIVERSITY RAT - RACE

M.P.D. VI A

Competition for University entry increases annually, out of those who apply this year on average only one in ten will gain a place, at some Universities there are 30 or 40 applicants for each place in certain subjects. There is little that can be done about this, unless more places are created, but this will not affect the situation for several years to come. Gaining a place is a complex procedure: — All applications must be made through a central authority, on whose application form each student must state to which six universities he wishes to apply, in order of preference and for what subject, also a large amount of other details, including previous examinations taken, and interests. With this form, which must be sent off by early December, is a confidential report from the school's Headmaster.

The Universities' decisions on application vary from place to place: most give interviews, which can have a varying influence on their

final decision; some however do not, and their decision is based entirely upon the Headmaster's report and previous exam performance. If you overcome this hurdle, then you will be given an offer of a place, on condition that you gain three or sometimes two 'A' levels at a required grade, just three passes will not do. Then your only obstacle is to gain good grades at 'A' level.

This system has some important advantages, but also some marked disadvantages. First the advantages: that you are allowed to apply to six universities means that if you find you don't like your first choice then you can go elsewhere; and the centralised system means that the chaos is a little more organised. The disadvantages are great: at the same time as applying you have to work for your 'A' levels and those considering it are at the same time teaching is the University. Many Universities do not give interviews, and those that do will in some cases make it last only ten minutes. In both cases they cannot hope to fully assess the candidates character.

Finally before applying, consider carefully the course and the University, will many people be applying for that course, or to that University? If this is the case their standards will be high. How do you find out such things Well I am afraid you will have to rely upon the ample amount of gossip which goes around, it may not be wholly true, but it usually has some foundation.

M.P.D. VIA.

DUNCE MEANS "BRIGHT LAD"

The word dunce has not always referred to a person slow at learning.

At school a boy who is not very bright is usually referred to as a dunce. Many years ago it was quite common practice for a child who was considered a dullard to be made to stand in a corner wearing a special canical cap called a "dunce's hat".

One would think that a person who gave his name to describe anyone slow at learning was himself not very bright, but this is not so. The word "dunce" means exactly the opposite. It is derived from the name Joannes Dunse Scoties, who was born in 1265. In 1301 he was a famous Scholastic — a professor of Theology at Oxford.

His name was used originally to describe a very learned persons, but for reasons quite unknown it began to be applied satisfically to ignorant and stupid people. It is not known whether this started before 1308 when the professor died, but if so it must have been very embarrassing for him.

T. R. EDGAR III

THAT DAMNABLE, TIME — WASTING MACHINE — THE GOGGLE - BOX.

Assuming that I am one of the few members of the school who live in a household which does not posess a television set, I will attempt to point out the advantage of my own situation, and show how fortunate we minority (only three per cent of Britain's population) of "televisionless" families are.

If one person spends two hours every evening watching television (and some schoolboys, I am sure spend much more time viewing than this) during one year he will have passed away thirty days, one whom month, or a twelfth of that year. Had he spent this time reading, he could, during that year, have studied five volumes of the Encyclopeadia Britannica, and thus inside five years could have completed all twenty four volumes, and also have made a detailed study of the Atlas!

However, it is not so much the time spent watching television which worries me, as the standard of programme which the majority of One expects youngsters to enjoy the frivolous, lightpeople watch. htarted type of programme, but when one walks into a sixth-form babbling about the pros and cons of "Hector's House" and "The Magic Roundabout," surely things have been carried a little too far! The real truth of the matter is that people cannot resist the temptation of television; in most households it is switched on at approximately half-past five, and remains in action until the epilogue is finished, irrespective of whether the programmes are interesting or not. Television is no longer a habit; it has become an obsession. Once it is switched on, people cannot leave that armchairs in front of the fire. Many "hardened viewers" watch programmes dealing with subjects in which they are not at all interested, because they cannot, or will not take the trouble, to switch off. Can there be any greater time-waster or encouragement of idleness?

Over a number of years I have astonishtd a variety of people by telling them that our family does not possess a television set. Their replies have differed greatly. Some have been extremely serious, saying that they too would wish to be in my position; others have openly stated that they "couldn't live" without television. Thank goodness I have never had the opportunity to become addicted!

J. BETTS VIa

"Mean" — Some who switches off his windscreen-wipers whenever he goes under a bridge.

Did you hear about the alcoholic hen who only laid scotch eggs.

Where there's a will there's always relations.

Oui Va La?

Scottish Sentry: "Halt! who goes there?" Fellow Scot: "Frien' — wi' a bottle!" Sentry: "Pass frien', Halt Bottle!!"

Mercy

Irish Judge (to 60 year old prisoner): "The sentence will be 20 years penal servitude."

Prisoner (tearfully): "But, my Lord, I shan't live long enough to serve the sentance".

Irish Judge: "Just do what you can then".

FOULDS

SPRING

The owl swings by in graceful flight Upon the reaches of the night. The field mice peep out at dawn With glowing eyes like sheaves of corn. The spring to all eyes is revealed On tree and flower, on hedge and field.

ANON.

PUZZLES

Three shopkeepers sold twenty-one oranges, twenty nine and thirty-seven respectively. Each sold his oranges at the same price and each received the same money from the sale how was this done?

Three men, Hill, Hall and Hull, were by profession Doctor, Docker and Dentist, (but not respectively) and one by hobay was a philatelist, one an ornithologist, and the other a campanologist.

- (i) Hill lives halfway between the dentist and the philatelist.
- (ii) The dentist gave Hull a filling.
- (iii) Hall beat the ornithologist at darts.

What are the hobbies of the three men?

ANSWERS

They each charged 1 shilling for a dozen, and 3d for a single one. So the first shopkeeper sold 1 dozen and 9 odd ones giving him 3 shillings and 3d.

The second sold 2 dozen and 5 odd ones giving him 3 shillings and 3d. The third sold 3 dozen and 1 odd one giving him 3 shillings and 3d.

From (i) Hill is neither dentist or philatelist, nor can the dentist be the philatelist.

From (ii) Hull is not the dentist. Therefore Hall is the dentist, and so is not the philatelist, so Hull must be.

From (iii) Hall is not the ornithologist, so he must the companologist. By elimination, the ornithologist is Hill.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

A lot
Are not
Drop-outs
Or louts
But simply
Pimply

(R. Hoyle 6a)

How many were the soles which more with time Those steep stone steps with unrelenting tread How many were the souls Which Bore the Cumb. To where "the Upper School" meant what it said. Who can still feel the "dungeon's" heavy chains In which, at Mediaeval desks, we slaves Gazed, bound and fettered at barred window panes Which sealed us in our cold and sunless graves.

Who can recall the sudden hush in sound When, dining Twist-like in that lofty hall, We matched a window splintering to the ground — The target of an errant tennis ball: Who can forget the subterranean rule Of He Who held within his boundless sway The endless Labyrinth of the lower school — The Minotaur Who Ate Seven Boys a Day.

Or who forget that hazy horrid awe
Which caused the new boy's fearful heart to quake
When, having scoured some mazy corridor,
He went into the wrong room by mistake.
Gone to the dim recesses of the mind,
Those dim recesses. lit by dimming lights,
Those distant rooms which nobody could find
(Save "Second Year" and former "J.D." — ites).

We few would fain that tane still venerate Where did Those Sacerdotal and Austere In degenerate generations generate Reverence, Holy Wisdom, Knowledge, Fear.

(R. Hoyle VIA)

THE MAG.

I fear This year Is gone

VARIATION ON A PREVIOUS THEME

Anon.

Its very dark in the minster
And I can only see about two feet.
I know that isn't a metre
But it's as far as I can scan

I have a hunch That men who scrunch Or munch their lunch Can't write poetry.

"NEVER DWELL ON GOOD THINGS PAST"

Decayed stone walls. Muddy, narrow and winding lanes. Abandoned carts. Collapsed buildings. Air of detioration. Lack of life. I stood at the stone pillars which once supported a beautiful green gate, decorated with twin cart-wheels; symbol of success and prosperity. Gone, gone. Gone. Heartbreaking. In the ditch beside the pillars lay a large circular object, half covered with grass and filth. I stopped and touched. Tears rose to my eyes so that I couldn't see what it was that I was staring at. I blinked to clear my sight, and lifted up the object. It fell to pieces in my hard, rotten and deteriorated. I had a funny feeling in my stomach as I realised that it was one of the cartwheels that I had watched my father carve so painstakingly and lovingly so many years past. Symbol of previous splendour. I realised I was becoming sentimental and, in a fit of rage, picked up the wheel, viciously snapped it in half, crumbled the rotten crusty wood is my hand and slung the fragments back into the ditch. Dark storm clouds obliterated the sun in the sky above and all was black. Dark storm clouds passed before my eyes and obliterated my vision. I looked, but saw nothing. I walked purposefully with mixed feelings rising inside me. Rage. Misery. Sadness. Pity. These and many more. I walked slowly. Tombstones in my eyes. Lead weights in my boots. Thoughts flowed freely through my mind, yet by brain did not function. What turned man against man? What is it inside a man that makes him suddenly decide possession and property are wicked vices to be demolished? I was now on the veranda where I had sat and meditated so many times in my youth.

Communism had rooted itself in my soul on this very sport. The drops of rain fell on my head as I sat down on the steps. The sound of a heavy lorry approaching. A hare scuttered towards me and sat down at a safe distance away. The rumble of wheels. The hare twitched. I could see the great green monster. The hare scampered away. My last friend gone. Lighting flashed across the sky. Water dripped down my nose. The vehicle stopped ten yards away and six men climbed down each one clutching a rifle. Six black nozzles pointed towards me. I stood up. God is good and so was life

Lightning flashed across the clouded sky as the hare licked the blood gushing out of the dead-man's head. The drome of a heavy lorry became softer and shofter. And all was quiet. The man's eyes stared motionless and glassity at the sky above one should never dwell on good things past.

The end.

THE RECORD

Music and the pop-world are today synonymous. A record bought from a shop is the end product of a whole host of intricasies which go into its making.

This is how it all starts: —

Firstly,, someone who is moderately good at music, who holds an ordinary job from day to day, writes some words in his spare time and composes music for it.

This is then copyrighted and sent away to a prospective publisher, who either rejects or retains it. If he accepts it as "commercially hot," he will place it (for a small fee) on a demonstration record, which is distributed to all the main record centres, and at the same time the sheet music for it goes onto the market. Now is the time that the songwriter starts to collect returns. He is entitled at least 50 per cent of all profit. The remainder is distributed to the company who accepted the material and the tax-man!

Anyone at the aforesaid record centres who likes the material is permitted to record it provided a) the manager of the label agrees to its commercial potential and b) the recording artist pays a certain fee. It is now that the song begins to pay its way.

In the recording studios, the record is arranged and produced, to add any effects needed. This done, the record is printed and finally goes out to the public.

The last stage is with the shop-proprieter. If a record is in demand, he buys a number of copies from the label's headquarters (this is their profit) and sells the record to a customers at the standard rate in order to secure his own living. Last year, in Britain alone, 46 million discs and 11 millions L.P.s were bought this way.

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