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EDITORIAL

A new policy was adopted this year as regards the date of publishing the magazine. It was thought that if extra time was allowed for work on the magazine, we would have more material for publication. This year the search for hidden talent was further intensified. However the well of knowledge and inspiration which is to be found in the Sixth Form was tapped not by us but by the Rag Mag (Soul of the Sixth) Committee. Therefore the usual vast quantities of brilliant writing has not come our way and we turned to the junior school for help.

Misdemeanours at this school are usually punished with a minor detention and so the misbehaving juniors found themselves with a piece of paper with a heading: "An article for the School Magazine — quantity does not matter so long as a serious attempt to produce a good article is made." However the school's behaviour seems to have improved because we did not receive many articles, and as one can well imagine neither quantity nor quality was forthcoming in these compulsory articles.

Faced with the fact that suitable material was not produced we decided to bully the team captains and other report-writing bodies to produce some readable reports. Not only did we receive readable reports but also very long ones, however we hope members of the school will find these interesting and that the high quality of the articles contributed will more than compensate for the lack of quantity.

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1st XV REPORT 1971-72

Played 21 Won 17 Lost 3 Drawn 1 For 520 Against 108

The figures reflect what a great season the team had A season in which many records were broken and in which the school produced one of its best ever sides.

There were no weaknesses and the success can be estimated by reflection of the record. In the first term, all the games were won, and although towards the end one or two games were rather close, the team were well in control of all of them.

Let us pick out one or two figures in that first term. Fifty tries had been scored by half-term and that was in six matches. Fifteen of these were scored against Henry Mellish which we beat 79-0. We had played seven matches before the opposition managed to score a try, and were the first school in Nottinghamshire to beat High Pavement, inflicting on them their heaviest defeat for two seasons. (Only two schools in Nottinghamshire were able to beat them this season). Then we defeated Magnus for the first time in a decade and reached the semi-final of the knock-out cup.

When playing against De Aston, we were so impressive that we were offered a game against Lincolnshire Under 19 schoolboys. We accepted and went there to beat them 36-6.

By Xmas we were a respected side and were hailed by the press as the best school side in Notts. Would it be the same after Xmas ? We thought so, as long as fitness remained and there were no injuries.

Unfortunately, after Xmas Ian Smeeton and Simon Rider had contracted glandular fever and were certain to be out of the game for some time. As it turned out, Smeeton only missed one game, but Rider missed the rest of the season.

His absence was, I think, the key factor in some disappointing displays during the second term. For although Michael Rainbow and Andrew Walker were excellent reserves, the backs never really found the rhythm which had made them so good during the first term.

However, the team soldiered on and we won all but three of the remaining games. In the end it took a touring team all the way from

Wales to beat us. This was Lewis G.S. Pengam, who proved too good and we lost 22-0. The major upset of the season was the defeat by Ecclesbourne (14-4). For although we were playing without S. Rider and J. Haycox, the captain, we should have had enough in reserve to beat them comfortably. The other lost game was against High Pavement G.S. (9-3) in the semi-final of the Knock-out cup.

Of the games this season the most pleasing wins were against Lincolnshire (36-6), High Pavement (19-7), Magnus (8-3), Arnold (10-9), Carlton (8-7), and Grantham (11-9). Even more creditable when one remembers that they were all played away from home.

Towards the end of the season, the team picked up again and recaptured all their old skill and flair against Lincoln, winning 55-0. After that Cranwell were also beaten 24-0 and then a strong Old Boys side were held 6-6.

It would be wrong, I think, to mention a few individuals without mentioning everybody, for this year it has been a team effort. In the backs Ian Dodson — a sound full back who developed his attacking play Andrew Whiteford — a skillful, left-winger, always looking for the opportunity to attack Andrew Worrall — a devastating centre with good acceleration and a brilliant side-step Simon Rider — another strong, try-scoring centre Nigel Croft — a strong, hard-running right-wing, who scored no fewer than 25 tries J. E. Haycox — an inspiring outside half who led the side intelligently Simon Carter — a hard-working scrum half who covered and tackled well. In the forwards Trevor Hall — a strong robust prop, who only came into Senior Rugby this season Ian Smeeton — a brilliant hooker with a good sense of positioning in the open Jeremy Berridge — a strong prop with surprising speed and stamina Edward Shutt — who turned in consistently good performances even when others were playing indifferently Richard Smallwood — who produced a constant supply of balls from lineouts and rucks Max Mosenthal — who once he came into the side established a regular place as an aggressive flank forward Nigel Matthew — who may have been the smallest but was always in the thick of things and Stephen Foster — who has led and inspired the pack by his good example and fine play. The main point-scorers out of these were A. Worrall with 130 pts., N. Croft with 100 pts., J. Haycox with 82 pts., and A. Whiteford with 64 pts.

Why has the team been so successful this year? Basically, it can be attributed to three main factors:-

- i) The availability of considerable talent.
- ii) A fine set of forwards who gave maximum effort.
- iii) Mr. Brown who welded the team together, looked after the training, and above all, kept the team spirit up. The team will always be indebted to him.

We have also been lucky with the depth of talent in the 2nd team, and I would like to thank Mr. Stuart for his unending co-operation. During the season, six 2nd XV players played for the 1st XV and all have performed very ably. Many of them are of 1st team standard and I would like to thank them all for being such a help throughout.

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Among others I would like to thank for making the season a success are Mr. Harris and the Headmaster for their constant support, Chris Stanley our ever present touch-judge, who ruled the line with such authority, the Supporters club headed by Nigel Page, and, last but not least, the girls who have kindly come in and made tea for us.

Congratulations must go to S. Foster, N. Croft and S. Rider for gaining places in the County 2nd XV, R. Smallwood for playing in the County 1st XV, and J. Haycox for captaining the County 1st XV, and being selected for the Three Counties XV, the East Midlands XV, the Midlands XV and the England Squad.

Colours were awarded to J. Berridge, M. Mosenthal, I. Dodson, A. Whiteford, and R. Smallwood. The Olsen cup for the most improved player is shared this year by M. Mosenthal and T. Hall.

Finally, I would like to thank the colours (S. J. Foster, A. Worrall, and N. Croft) for their invaluable help and support in all things and the team as a whole in making this a really enjoyable season.

J. E. HAYCOX (Captain)

2nd XV REPORT 1971-72

Played 15 Won 10 Drawn 1 Lost 4 For 287 Against 96

During our lives consistent success is elusive enough as to be worth savouring when it is met. This is particularly true of our second team football, when we can never expect success as if it has been conferred on us by divine right. Thus the above record gives particular pleasure, and it includes ten victories.

There are several reasons why we were so successful. Firstly, the standard of the first team was such that we were fortunate enough to be able to call on players who would normally have been 1st XV material. Secondly, the fifth form members of the team had graduated to us from a successful and well coached Under 15 XV. Thirdly, we were the fittest 2nd XV to take the field for some years. Indeed I must pay tribute to the way in which the members of the squad cheerfully (?) threw themselves in to our training sessions.

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The most important reason, though, was the captaincy of Ken Bradley. Not only was he one of the finest players ever to don the red and white hoops, but his conduct and actions on and off the field were always such as to bring out the best of all his men. Consequently team spirit was sky high, the teams successes were his successes, the team was his team. He had grand support from his fellow selectors David Smith — a very fine scrum leader — and Keith Gutteridge.

The team was a well balanced one with no obvious weaknesses. The defence of both forward and back divisions was particularly sound. I shall long treasure the memory of eight forwards working together time and time again to achieve huge drives out of defence, sometimes 30 metres or more. Mid-field defence was particularly good all season. Gutteridge found an effective tackle to add to his many talents, while Michael Rainbow, and then Andrew Walker bottled up the centre. Simon Evans was an ideal attacking foil. Clive Burr missed nothing on the left wing, and his ferocious tackling and fiery running in the tour match v. Lewis G.S., Pengham were worth going miles to see.

Andrew Gregory willingly moved from the wing to fill the gap at full-back, and gave a very good account of himself. Donald Howard, Simon Taylor and Will Roberts formed a good, solid front row, and John Edmonds and then Steve Ingall, with David Walters gave us plenty of power from lock. Geoff Ellis, Allan Pollock and Paul Sishton provided attacking and defensive speed from the flanks. Some of Williams' place kicking was an inspiration to the team, and the scrum half wasn't bad either! We were fortunate to have reserves of very good standard ready to take their place in the team at short notice, and we pay tribute to the contribution they have made during the season.

One feature of the season was the gradual building up of confidence which comes with the realisation of quality of performance. This had built up to such a pitch that by the end of season the team was playing irresistably, knowing they were going to win. This produced a snowballing effect and some splendid victories. I have never seen such an attitude from a 2nd XV here. This had the added advantage that, when opposing the 1st XV, we were able to give them good opposition on occasions, to the mutual benefit of both sides. We even managed to score a try against them — hotly disputed, of course!

There were some outstanding matches during the season, notable the two High Pavement games, and the matches against Magnus, Lewis and Carlton. The big disappointment was our failure to beat the Magnus Grammar School after being 14-6 up with just a few minutes to go. To their credit Magnus never gave up and snatched what looked like certain victory from our grasp. We plotted and planned our way to victory over Carlton, and everything worked perfectly.

We were good enough to give Lewis G.S., Pengham, Glamorgan, a very good game. The game was played at breathtaking pace (about their normal pace, apparently) and after we had settled some of the play was quite heroic. A most enjoyable experience, say I, from the touchline!

During the season we defeated West Bridgford Comprehensive, De Aston, Bilborough G.S., Worksop College, Henry Mellish, Carlton G.S.,

High Pavement, Ecclesbourne G.S. and Lincoln G.S., and drew with Arnold High. We lost to Nottingham High, High Pavement, Magnus G.S., and Lewis G.S.

We gratefully acknowledge the support given by a number of parents and members of the school throughout the season. This support is quite invaluable. One member of the school, Bryan Lloyd, although only playing one game for the team, was only missing from the touchline once all season. Until mid-season he also turned out to training and practice, even though he could not have held out very much hope of being selected regularly. This type of individual spirit, on top of a first-class collective spirit, is what 2nd XV football is all about.

Thank you, team, for a memorable season. Colours were awarded to K. Bradley, C. Burr, D. Howard, D. Smith, A. Walker.

The 3rd XV again won their match v. High Pavement G.S. by 13-0.
I.C.S.

UNDER 15XV REPORT 1971-72

Played 13 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 6 For 240 Against 166

In terms of results, to break even was perhaps all we could expect. What is more important for the future, is the way in which the standard of play of many of the team improved as the season progressed.

A. Haycox, the captain, played both for the Notts. Schoolboys XV and the Three Counties Schoolboys XV. A. Garbutt was a tower of strength in the pack, and was ably supported by W. Brown and E. Waddington in this respect, also by the speed of the diminutive A. Wheeler, the weight of D. Stokes and L. Jones and the guile of the flankers, J. West and M. Hall.

Behind the scrum, T. Edgar was very quick at scrum half, and had a good understanding with J. Phillips his fly half. The two centres, A. Coles and S. Tunnicliffe ran hard, and the defence of the former was tremendous. Wingers N. Kaye and J. Townell lacked real speed but made up for this in elusive running.

UNDER 14XV REPORT 1971-72

In a variety of ways, this year's under 14's are unique. Since first coming to the school, they have been borne along by the enthusiasm and knowledge of Rees, to whose father we therefore owe a debt of thanks. He set a standard, and the others in the form to give them due credit, rose to the task of beating him if they could, and amongst them grew a fine spirit demanding quality and success.

In another way, they have reaped the benefit of continuous coaching, and in this respect the debt is owed to Mr. Brown, who made himself available to coach them as second year boys, thus ensuring continuity — so vital to maintaining progress and the spirit in search of success. Also his training in P.E. has ensured that they are as big as, and as strong as the likely opposition, which is a very rare thing for a Junior Southwell side to be.

Despite these advantages, and the one of playing at home in the first match, the season opened with defeat by Bridgford, and the team looked the usual half-hearted, slow-to-warm-up Junior side, and not a

few hearts sank. That defeat was apparently all that was needed to put them on their mettle however, and the next fixtures were full of promise, and indeed of success. The match remembered with especial joy though, was one we didn't win; the result was a draw with no points scored, but the match was one of tremendous excitement and interesting rugby, played in a wonderful spirit. Many players excelled themselves on that occasion against Magnus, and great deeds were done both in attack and defence. Upon the confidence learned in that match came the most impressive victory of the season, against Grantham. As the sides lined up for that match Grantham having several very large and dangerously fast-looking players, it seemed unlikely that we could hold them out. Rees however, had laid other plans. From the kick-off we tore after the ball, and had scored with such aggression and speed that Grantham were completely upset. When they tried to rally, we tackled them with wonderful certainty, and in some cases real skill. How thrilling, to stand on the touch line and see a Junior side from Southwell take the initiative, unsettle opponents of superior size and speed, and proceed to win convincingly! I have waited years, and thought never to see it, but the fulfilment was as sweet as expected.

In another way this team is unique. There have been Under 14's who have won more matches than they lost (one I think), and those who although losing half their matches, had a balance of points exceeding those scored against them. I think I am right in stating that the present team are the only ones to achieve both. The analysis is: Played 8; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 2.

My sincere thanks to all the team, and those faithful reserves and supporters, amongst whom are an encouraging number of parents, for a really enjoyable season's rugby.—W.B.

THE METHOD OF SELECTION OF A SCHOOLBOY RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

November 30th was the date of the first County trial and after that it was hard work combined with a certain amount of luck to reach the England squad.

The trials one has to go through form an interesting pattern. First of all boys are nominated by their school to go forward for a County Trial. In Nottinghamshire there are two trials, one for boys who are at City schools, and one for boys who attend school outside the City. From these two trials two sides are picked to play in a Final trial from which the County 1st and 2nd XV's are selected.

From then every County game is a trial in order to gain a place in the East Midlands team. If you are fortunate enough to be selected for the East Midlands, then there is another trial match against the West Midlands, from which the Midlands side is picked.

The Midlands XV then play Glamorgan as a warm up and get together match before they play the North in the semi-final England trial. The other semi-final trial is played between the South-East and South-West. Out of these two trials forty players go forward to the Final Trial — from which the England squad of twenty-four is named.

This year I was fortunate enough to reach the England squad and it is interesting to know what goes off.

After the final trial weekend which was held at Bisham Abbey in Buckinghamshire, there was a training weekend at Loughborough colleges. This consisted of the practising of certain moves and a match against the Loughborough Freshers XV.

A week later the squad met at St. Mary's College Cheltenham for the build-up to the Welsh match the following Wednesday.

The day was a Sunday and after arriving one hour late — typical British Rail efficiency — we were accommodated in comfortable single rooms at the college. That same evening we spent two hours in the gymnasium, training! The next day we trained for two hours in both the morning and afternoon and the same procedure was carried out on the Tuesday except that the press came to take photographs on that afternoon.

On the Wednesday, after the team talk in the morning, the team rested until about 4 p.m., when a coach came and took us into Gloucester where we were entertained for tea by the Mayor in the Civic Hall.

After this the coach took us to Kingsholme, the ground of Gloucester R.F.C., where, under floodlights, the Welsh were defeated 16-0 in front of a crowd of 8,000. After the match there was another reception this time put on by 'Phillips Petroleum.' We travelled back to Cheltenham at about midnight.

The next morning the squad going to France, which I unfortunately was not among, left the College at 5 a.m. to go to London Airport. From there they flew to Paris and then onto Bourges, about 130 miles south of Paris. There the England team beat the French 19-3. By all accounts they had a marvellous time and when they came back to England they were laden with souvenirs. I rejoined the squad on their return for the game against Scotland at Northampton. This was a Monday and that evening we were accommodated at Simpson Barracks — an army camp just outside Northampton.

On the Tuesday we had a light training session in the morning, then moved to a hotel in the centre of the town in the afternoon.

Wednesday morning was taken up with a visit to Churches shoe factory, where they make the best shoes in the world. At lunch time we dined at the Grand Hotel. Then the afternoon was spent resting until a coach came to take us to Franklin Gardens, the home of Northampton R.F.C., for the game.

Again the match was under floodlights, and the England team recorded their third victory 27-7, the first time ever that all three internationals have been won.

Although I did not play in any of the internationals, it was all a tremendous experience and something I shall always remember. The extent to which we were looked after can be shown by the fact that £1,500 was spent on the squad for the three internationals. The moment I shall remember most was running onto the pitch with the team before the Welsh game and all the crowd shouting "ENGLAND ENGLAND"

I would like to thank all those people who made last season such a success for me.

JOHN E. HAYCOX.

1st XI CRICKET REPORT 1971

Played 13 Won 4 Tied 1 Drawn 4 Lost 4

This was a most enjoyable season, although not a great one in terms of results, it was not until the eighth match that we managed a win, but our record after that was most impressive. It would have been even better if we had managed to find just one more wicket in a curtailed game against the Becket School.

The tied match was fought out against De Aston. The opposition only managed 96, and at one stage we were 60 for two wickets, but we still jolly nearly lost, let alone tied. In all the other drawn matches except one we appeared to have the upper hand, but after the De Aston experience no further conclusion can be drawn.

We played some of our best cricket against Southwell C.C. in the Dudley Doy Memorial Match. Indeed Mr. John Merryweather was moved to write to Godfrey Sergeant, 1st eleven captain, in most complimentary terms. He was greatly impressed on that day by the two things which stood out all season namely team spirit and fielding.

Under the splendid leadership of the whole team must take the credit for both of them. As a captain Sergeant had the quiet air of control which brings the best out of his fellows. His decisions were always sensible, and his example with the bat and in the field first class.

The fielding was always very good, and the outfielding often verged on brilliant. The leaders in this direction were Sergeant himself, but mainly Ian Smeeton and John Haycox. The standard of Smeetons fielding is such that his value to the side is assured whether he scores runs or not, while the length and accuracy of Haycox's throw must instill fear into all opposing batsmens minds. These two set a fine example to the younger cricketers in the school, whom I do urge to watch them, and others, closely this season whenever they have chance. I then challenge them to say that fielding is a dull chore.

There were several outstanding individual performances during the year and they are presented in any particular order. John Way, with his subtly varied and controlled seamers, took thirty-one wickets in eleven

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matches, including the hat trick. No one around can remember so many wickets being taken by an individual during a season, so this must be somewhat a record. It is a pity we have now lost his services. Steven Foster battled on courageously against the effects of a bad rugby injury, and to his credit did not miss a match. There is no doubt that the effects of his injury impeded his progress, but he still managed 242 runs and 24 wickets in the season. He was in devastating form against the Staff and Parents, scoring 61, including two almighty sixes, and taking six for thirty. Not a bad days work. Haycox scored 68 against the Old Boys, and looked set for his century — it was a great surprise when he was out. He scored over three hundred during the season.

The discovery of the season was undoubtedly Keith Hall. He came into the game very late in his school career, having been spotted and worked upon by his fellows at Hill House. His left arm over the wicket deliveries and placid temperament while batting were a great asset to the side.

Sergeant opened the batting for the Nottinghamshire Grammar Schools against Derbyshire G.S. and Nottinghamshire Club and Ground, and took part part in a record breaking opening stand for the Nottinghamshire Youth Council in helping them to defeat Yorkshire.

During the season we defeated Brunts G.S., the Old Southwellians, Nottingham High School 2nd XI, and the Staff and Parents, tied with De Aston School, and lost to Henry Mellish G.S., Manor, Worksop College 2nd XI, and a Southwell Cricket Club XI. The drawn games were against West Bridgford Comperhensive, Carlton G.S., Southwell Clergy and the Becket School.

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We have now said farewell to Tom, who has looked after our interests so well during the past 14 years or so. He had threatened to roll up the square and take it with him, but fortunately he has nowhere to put it, so we are safe. We thank you Tom, for the care with which you have tended your charge, for the cheerful humour you have given, for the interest you have taken in us. Life will not be the same without you, but we look forward to seeing you on match days, in good health for many years to come.

Miss Scrivener again bore the brunt of the provision of refreshments, for which we thank her most sincerely. We were pleased to have the assistance of some senior boys, girlfriends, wives and mothers. Stand by folks we shall need you again. Thanks also to Charles Wheeler, our ever watchful scorer and statistician, for his services.

Colours were awarded to Way, Worrall and C. Dodson, and the Bartle Cup for the most improved cricketer was awarded to Keith Hall.—I.C.S.

POETRY COMPETITION 1971 WINNER

DEATH

- i) Death is sombre, sweet and calm,
Death is where there is no harm,
Death comes when time is done,
Death comes when battle's won.
- ii) They say death is something sad,
To me, death is just as bad
As living is, to one who moans
And grumbles with saddest groans.
- iii) To wish that life were done and past,
To wish that we were dead at last,
To wish that we were never born—
To wish that is to be forlorn.
- iv) We are not born to wish to die,
Like sheep were not born to fly.
It's sad to see a dying face
Going to its resting place.
- v) I know that life's one long toil—
I know, like flowers are born in soil,
I know they die and become forgotten,
I know we all become down-trodden.
- vi) At our death, our memory lingers
But for a short time in their fingers,
Then they go on their way—
Waiting for their ending day.

- vii) To wait is to live a life of gloom,
To wait is like a corner in a room,
To wait is like a shadow on a wall,
To wait is like a leaf when it begins to fall.
- viii) We feel that death comes too soon,
At midnight, daybreak or noon,
It strikes fast and we've left much undone—
Left nothing and had no fun.
- ix) Soon, our time will arrive,
Soon, when we no longer strive,
Soon the day will come—
Soon, when we're far from home.
- x) We become as a piece of wood,
Dead to feeling — neither bad nor good,
We die and perish, to be forgotten
By all, from top to bottom.
- xi) Life's for living, enjoying, being,
Life's for loving, giving, freeing,
Life's for beatuy, so give—RELEASE—
Death is for eternal peace.

J. THORNLEY, VIB

THOMAS HOUSE REPORT 1971-72

The end of last Summer term completed yet another disappointing year for Thomas House. In a year so full of promise, we only managed to win two trophies again. The Relay cup was retained and the Cricket cup which eluded us for so long was won. K. Hall is congratulated on gaining the Bartle cup for the most improved player in the 1st XI and A. Worrall for being nominated 1st XI captain for 1972.

The House Finals cup which we held last year was narrowly lost to Gray House. S. Rider and C. Marsh are congratulated on gaining the cups for the Best Individual Performances in their respective age groups.

The Merit cup again continued its mysterious evasion and in the end we were well beaten. However we have a considerable depth of talent in the Junior school and this could be a pointer to the future. We congratulate all our leavers on gaining places at University.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the year was the loss of the Music cup. After the performance, the House was confident of success, but the adjudicator scored Booth and ourselves equal, and then on a recount, to the utter disbelief of everybody, he awarded the cup to Booth. Special mention must go to J. Thornley in this respect for his hard work and personal skill in this field.

The present year has once again seen us well beaten in the Cross-Country cup, for although the Juniors performed admirably, the Inter-

mediates and Seniors did not have the talent to back them up. T. Newton is congratulated on winning the Junior race and also on finishing second in the Newark & District Cross-Country.

The House again failed narrowly to win the Swimming cup, but there were some encouraging performances and one feels that in the future this cup will once again become Thomas's. M. Mosenthal is congratulated on winning the cup for the best Senior Performance.

After these losses, fortunes changed, for we won the House XV's cup by beating Gray House in the Final, and then, a week later, the Seven-a-side cup was won. Thanks go mainly to S. Mapplethorpe and his Juniors who won all four of their games. On the Rugby field, the House provided seven of the successful 1st XV and J. Berridge and M. Mosenthal are congratulated on gaining team colours, T. Hall and M. Mosenthal on winning the Olsen cup for the most improved member of the 1st XV, S. Rider for his outstanding performances with the county 2nd XV and J. Haycox for gaining a place in the England squad.

In conclusion, things have looked a little grim in the last few years, but now the House is looking up again. We have a great depth of talent, particularly in the Junior forms, and if this talent is not realised this year, then at least the House can look forward to some successful years ahead.

J. E. HAYCOX, Captain.

A. J. WORRALL, Vice-Captain.

GRAY HOUSE REPORT 1971-72

This has again been a very successful and rewarding year for Gray House. We won the House Merit cup but unfortunately lost the Cricket cup in a somewhat decisive match with Thomas House. Our congratulations must go to G. Sergeant who played for Notts. 1st XI and was an outstanding school 1st XI captain.

However, we proved to be more promising on the Athletics Field and it is here where our thanks must go to the younger members of the house who excelled themselves by obtaining as many standards as

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they were capable of, and this led us to retaining the Standards Trophy. Also on Sports Day we won the Athletics cup for the first time since 1963.

Unfortunately we are lacking sufficient musicians and thus were the gallant losers in the House Music Competition. Our thanks go to I. N. Atkinson who competently conducted and arranged the House's entry.

The present academic year has not started too well since we were runners-up in the Cross-country and the losers in the House Sevens. Nevertheless, special mention must go to G. Rhodes and K. Lloyd who won the Fifth Form and Junior races respectively, and who also represented the school in the County Cross-country.

In the Rugby XV-a-side final we came up against a very strong Thomas side but, not demoralised, we raised our game and only lost 10 - 0. Once again our thanks go to the younger members of the House who took part. Especially C. Godber who is only in the Third form, and also Fourth formers, A. Garbutt and A. Coles who also have been awarded with their Intermediate Rugby Colours. Our congratulations must also go to K. Bradley who has very competently captained the School 2nd XV.

Fortunately we retain the Swimming cup for the second year running and also we won three out of the four individual trophies, the Senior Trophy being shared between N. Matthew (Gray), and M. Mosenthal (Thomas), the Intermediate by J. West, and the Junior by K. Lloyd.

We hope this academic year will be most prosperous and we can achieve as much as we did last year. We also hope that we will be able to retain the Drama cup which is being competed for at the end of the Summer Term. S. L. Carter is producing the Gray House entry, "Daniel and Bel."

R. SMALLWOOD, Captain.
K. BRADLEY, Vice-Captain.

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BOOTH HOUSE REPORT 1971-72

Booth House has had little success over this period, if success has anything to do with the number of cups on the Booth shelf in the library. In fact, only two out of a possible eight cups have come our way.

It is perhaps best policy to run through the year in some order, so I shall start with the rather mediocre athletics season of 1971. The House Finals cup was fought for with vigour and enthusiasm and the verdict was uncertain up to the final two relays on Sports Day. Unfortunately, Booth House faded at the crucial moment and we were narrowly beaten by Gray House, finishing well ahead of Thomas. Two individual cups were presented to Booth members. A. Haycox received the Eric Ross cup for the best chorister sportsman and A. Whiteford won the Individual Mile cup. Although I have no record of our performance in the Standards cup, I know the cup again evaded us and can only hope that this year will see more and more of our members, especially juniors, showing a little more spirit, as this is perhaps the one cup in which every single member of the house can do something to help.

To stay on the dismal side for just a while longer, I shall now mention something of the House Cricket cup. Needless to say, Booth were knocked out in the 1st round by a Thomas side really no better than ourselves and who eventually went on to win the cup. After bowling Thomas out for not a huge score, far too much time was taken

initially in chasing the runs and, on realising that the score rate had to quicken, our batsmen made silly mistakes and a stage was reached when some 15 runs were needed in the last over. Our last man, A. "Slogger" Whiteford stomped out to the wicket — and shocked us all by belting his first delivery for a "Six." Unfortunately, the glimmer of hope he gave us was only short lived, and we lost by eight runs.

Our one success of the latter part of the school year was our unexpected gain of the House Music cup. After performing first, we were left to listen to some fine musical treats from our opponents and not one of us believed that we stood a chance. Luckily the judge Professor Deane thought otherwise and he awarded the cup to us, a margin of only one point separating us from Thomas.

We now come to the start of the present school year and with it of course — rugby. Towards the end of the most successful school first fifteen season ever, the House Rugby cup was competed for. Before even setting foot on the pitch, the Booth team had somehow gained the reputation of being a set of thugs. Gray having reached the final from last year, it was left to ourselves and Thomas House to battle for a final place. It was Booth who opened the scoring with an I. Dodson try and this lead was kept for much of the match. Thomas however, pulled back and with five minutes remaining the score was eleven points to six in favour of Thomas. Dodson then scored again and all rested on the final kick. Unfortunately it was missed so the final score was eleven points to ten. Thomas went on to win an exciting final.

On the final day of the Spring Term the senior 'Sevens' were played. Up to the senior stage, Booth was lying third and last, but there was a chance that with a little luck they could pull off a win; they certainly had the talent to do so. Our chances were increased when Gray's "B" TEAM scratched. Out of the three remaining matches for Booth, two were won and one was drawn. However, in the final match against Gray, Thomas gained enough points to take the cup, Booth finishing second by one point.

Our second cup success came in the Spring term with the winning of the House Cross-country cup. Individual winners here were S. Tunnicliffe in the third/fourth form race, and A. Whiteford in the senior event.

Finally, the House finished third in the Swimming cup held at the Southwell Baths. Our only cup won here came when A. Rowell won the Junior Department cup.

The House must not be put off by their lack of success. The talent is there right down the School, and things can only improve. We look forward to a successful Summer term.

S. J. FOSTER, Captain.

SCOUT TROOP REPORT 1971-72

This has been a year of picking up the pieces, and plodding on. To deal with it chronologically, would take us back to St. George's Day 1971, which since it fell during the holidays, meant that we did not parade, and so escaped the soaking meted out to less fortunate Troops. Our efforts were solely inside the Minster.

There was no Troop Whit camp, the boys not demanding it, and the S.L. being on House duty, but N. Bliss and W. Brown attended the District camp at Oxtun, and received a good report from the A.D.C.

During the Summer Term there was quite enough activity to keep us out of mischief; the Patrols went to camp at weekends as usual, and the highlight of the term's endeavour was the Open Evening at Kirklington. There were a number of reasons for this celebration: it was the Troop's 25th birthday; its founder Scouter, Mr. Pulford, was to be presented with his Silver Acorn; our retiring sponsor, Mr. Rushby Smith was to be presented with his Thanks Badge; P/L G. Rhodes was to be presented with his Chief Scout's Award; and the Venture Scouts were to show us how they were faring with their new-fangled canoeing. Cub Camp, held on the superb site by the lake in Kirklington, was selected as the occasion, and all the effort put in (some of it experimental?) produced a really good evening.

Summer camp, a subject in itself, was held at Newtonmore last year, and although only 20 boys attended, which is the smallest number in the last decade, yet the standard of Patrol camping was good. The great feature of this particular site is the River Calder, which flows between the boys' sites and the H.Q., thus providing opportunities for endless incidents. There was only one morning however when it was so deep that the smaller ones could not negotiate it! Naturally enough, the wide game involved frequent crossing of said river (which brought back into vogue a saying from long past "Please Wally, I'm wet."). Who said it's never cold enough to ice-skate at Summer camp? As a parent, do you know how long it takes your son to "chat up a new bird" whilst at the same time learning to skate? Ten minutes. And that includes time taken off to trip up the newly fledged A.S.L., whose debut on ice it also was. This brand new recruit to the staff, who can now skate at 20 mile an hour, but who shall remain nameless, deserves further mention. You see, like many a lively and unattached young man, he was a keen driver; now we have, as you all know, this lorry and what cost the price of a Leader Permit? The result of course, was that we were delighted to welcome Mr. Myerscough to the Troop, and surely summer camp is the most fitting occasion for anyone to join. (Actually we were able to extract a sermon as part of the deal). Another innovation was the substitution of a night out relying only on emergency rations and kit, for the traditional night hike. It proved a less rigorous experience than had been anticipated by the P/Ls who undertook it.

Back at School in the Autumn, the Going-Up ceremonial was chosen as the occasion to present P/L P. Sishton with his Chief Scout's Award. For once, we were free of school rugby to enter the County 6-a-side football competition, but had little success.

The night hike was for the second year, held during half term, on

Kinder, with a base camp at Edale. We were very fortunate to have a lovely evening and night, so that there were no navigational snags.

The traditional November bonfire party at Gold Hill Farm, by kind permission and help of Mr. Berridge, was the next event of note, and again the Troop were responsible for the Hot Dogs. (Read that how you will).

At the Parents' Bazaar in December, one of our bright young P/Ls scored a commendable success with his 'Norbert's Knockdown Stall,' and I would like especially to thank the juniors, who did so well with their side-shows.

Between the last two activities, and again orientated towards Parents especially, had been the first slide evening we have tried, in which we tried to give some idea of what sort of things we have been using their hard-earned money on, in the past 4 years. I know some parents had their eyes opened a little on that occasion (and just think of the occasions there must have been which missed the camera!); perhaps if there were enough demand, it is the sort of thing which could be repeated.

From then on, it was flat out for the Gang Show in March. In a sense this is so recent that little needs to be written about it, but two things I would like to stress. The first is a simple 'thank you' to all the non-Scouts or ex-Scouts who either found themselves roped in, or whose life was made a misery during the upheavals of the week of performance. Certainly without your help and/or tolerance, we could not have put on the production. The second is to draw attention to the side benefits which this type of event produces: the infectious spirit of being part of something successful and worthwhile; the inevitable need for various unlikely people to rise to stardom — my congratulations especially to Steve Foster in this respect; and lastly the re-affirmation of faith created by Mr. Pulford, G.S.L., who in a very real sense causes it all to happen.

At Easter, the four P/Ls camped in the Lake District so as to visit the site for the summer camp, and to do some hiking. Despite sodden conditions there, we were very fortunate to have a day's hike over Fairfield, in quite good weather.

And so back to School, this year in time to parade at the St. George's Day service. Such an occasion is sufficiently rare for me to wonder afresh each time at the fact that any Sergeant Major can survive to live beyond the age of thirty. Never mind, **we** thought we were smart!

Incredibly, another year has gone by; we have a troop of large numbers of juniors, with very few at the top end to lead them — that is why there are only four Patrols. It is also partly an explanation for the low numbers of badges held, although Gang Show can also be blamed.

Again it falls time to thank all who have made this year possible, especially the parents and helpers who so regularly give us their time and energy. I could wish there were more parents represented at committee level in the Supporters' Association, although realizing that many have to come from a great distance. To any who may be reading — don't be shy, the worst that can happen is that you may get all your spare time and energy drained off at periodic intervals in the name of Scouting.—W.B., S.L.

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The housewife's weary plight.
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Is far below the retail price,
The customers money lost.
- vi) Fullsize adverts plastered
On the village hall,
Telling filthy falsehoods,
Filling all the wall.
- vii) The war will never cease or stop,
The adverts still are found,
The housewife dreads a spending spree,
A penny in the pound.

ROBERT EDLIN, IV

GARGOYLES

In the Minster everywhere,
Gargoyles seem to stand and stare,
Some are big and some are tall
Some are little some are small.

Many years the Gargoyles know
Many people come and go
Many services they know
Come wind, hail, rain or snow.

P. ARCHER, J.D.

REPORT ON THE CUB PACK

You've probably seen them. Small green objects travelling at high velocity accompanied by a loud screaming sound. Most frequently observed on Tuesday evenings in, on, around and underneath the school. This phenomenon is known as the Pack meeting.

Actually, this year has been dominated by the gang show, rehearsals for which started in September, but more of that in a moment. Last Summer term saw the Cubs in camp at Kirklington. The camp site was used on the Friday evening to entertain parents, friends, and 'Top Brass' from the County Scouts, who gathered to witness the presentation of a Thanks Badge to Mr. Rushby-Smith. After the various bodies had departed, the Cub went to bed, only to rise again at 2 p.m., declaring the night was over and it was time to go for a walk!

In the Autumn term, the R.A.F. kindly came to some some exciting films at pack meeting, to which event we invited the scouts. The following week they entertained us at R.A.F. Newton, where the Cubs were allowed to swarm over a Vulcan, Shackleton, and various other aircraft, and were then stuffed full of egg and chips and ice-cream in the airmens mess. An excellent visit!

The gang show arrived, and the cubs provided a substantial item in the shape of the Daniel Jazz, and took part in the chorus items. The whole pack worked hard at what was a very difficult task, and the result was a credit to their hard work, for which all have been awarded a Troubadours Badge.

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Our thanks go to Roddy McMillan, Jane Thorpe and Mrs. Gill for all their work at pack meetings throughout the year.

By the way, if anyone wants to try his hand at Cub-taming, he will be declared insane and welcomed with open arms!

T. S. GILL, C.S.L.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY REPORT 1972

This year has been a year of change and the Society is now slowly falling back into stride.

However, apart from this change in the style of formal meetings, the Society has been abroad in the countryside visiting many of the old favourites. These include:- the Stoke Bardolph sewage works; the Mansfield and District Crematorium; the printing works of the Nottingham Evening Post and Guardian Journal; the Shakespeare St. Fire Station; the Assize Courts; R.A.F. Newton; the Metal Box factory, and the packaging department of Boots in Beeston.

In the first term of this year, the Society's own lectures were of the usual high standard, notably:- Mr. Bell's paper on "Piano Music in the Romantic Era" which was most ably illustrated by himself at the piano; and Mr. Burr's paper on "Drugs" which was most informative.

Several speakers from outside the School have visited us, namely:- Mr. Parker who gave a lecture on certain aspects of Psychology; Mr. D. Edgar who talked about the Common Market; Lieutenant Colonel Egleton who elucidated the Society on the role of the Defence Forces; Mr. D. Haxby who came (for the third year running) to amuse and interest the Society on aspects of his work as a Vet; Mr. Mears who came from Sheffield Polytechnic to help particularly the Lower Sixth with the bewildering process of choosing their places of further education; and, last but not least, the Police who, in the shape of Inspector Wesson and two colleagues, explained, to a certain degree, methods of detection and other important duties of the Police.

This year's summer visit is as last year to London where members will be able to visit many places of interest.

The changes made in the constitution were discussed immediately after Xmas. The basic plan was put forward by Mr. Fox. This involved two main ideas:- i) Meetings should take on a much less formal nature and members should be allowed to undertake projects of their own choice; ii) Every fourth week, a formal meeting should be held. Each meeting would involve two papers, of approximately half an hour each, given by Lower Sixth form members, and also a News Commentary, given by a third Lower Sixth member.

Several projects have been undertaken, including Woodwork, Play-reading, Electronics, Local History, and Soil Tectonics; but other portions of the new system have not been so successful. For instance, no papers have been given. This does not, however, reflect on the attitude of the Lower Sixth form, but only on the fact that a little misjudged planning did not account for already invited speakers and prearranged visits.

Next year will also see change and one can only hope that a regular pattern will soon emerge.

Mention must be made, finally, of the chairmen and committees of the Autumn and Spring terms. Much hard work has to be put into the running of the Society and I must thank them for their effort.

T. J. HALL, Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE 1972

Mr. Bannister, Mr. Spalding, C. Cobb and myself departed from Southwell at 6.15 a.m. on the 12th April, bound for Helston in Cornwall. After picking up C. Stanley at Beeston, we proceeded down the M.5 to Bristol, passing under the Clifton suspension bridge whilst entering the city. We then continued on to Taunton, where we stopped for dinner. After leaving Taunton, we stopped at Lydford gorge, where a spectacular river has cut deep into the rock, forming numerous small pot-holes. From here we went on across Bodmin Moor and, finally, we arrived at Helston at 5.45 that evening.

On the first day, we went down to the cliffs at Porthleven, studying many cliff formations, especially an excellent wave-cut platform, which filled one member of the party with such a great interest that he felt compelled to jump in and out of all the pools of water upon it. We walked for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles along the foot of the cliffs, but due to the incoming tide, we had to walk the rest of the way to Praa Sands along the top of the cliffs. On the way, we stopped for dinner, and, whilst most of us were chomping our Cornish Pasties and crisps, one member was devouring his four apples with great glee. On the return journey, the weather was abysmal and the day ended on a rather wet note.

The next day was project day, Cobb and myself doing a project on "Fishing" and Stanley doing one on "Mining." Our first call that day was at St. Ives, where, the weather being very hot, we spent an enjoyable morning. In the afternoon, we went to Sennen Cove, and from there to Land's End, where we were picked up by Mr. Bannister, who had an interesting afternoon visiting the "Voice of Penwith."

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Sunday morning was our "free" morning and attempts were made to start a game of football, but this was abandoned, due to the softness of the pitch, the weather, and my right sock. In the afternoon, we went to Kynance Cove and the Lizard, studying the geology of that very complex area.

On Monday morning, we visited Cambourne School of Mines, and after looking round a very fine geology museum, we received an informative talk from one of the principals there. In the afternoon, we looked round an iron age fort at Trencrom, the iron age village at Chysauster, which contained some very old preserved buildings, and another village, Carn Euny, which was well known for its fogou.

Tuesday arrived, with the news that Mr. Spalding had to leave that morning. This was received with some sorrow by all members of the party, for he had certainly helped Mr. Bannister in making the party extremely enjoyable. However, we went to Penzance in the morning to finish our projects, followed by a further trip to Porthleven in the afternoon. Our last day ended with us looking at the Loe and the Loe Bar.

The return journey took us through Tavistock, where we stopped on the outskirts, to view the "polygons" at Cox Tor. We arrived back in Southwell at 9.30 that evening.

G. M. RAINBOW, VIB

TABLE TENNIS REPORT 1971-72

This year the idea was to create a club, rather than just have the facilities available, and, in this respect, we have been fairly successful, especially with the seniors. Total membership now numbers 47, each member having paid a fee of 5p. A quarter of this total is made up of 6A members. In fact, the most disappointing aspect of the year has been the lack of enthusiasm amongst the younger members.

However, the table is in constant use, almost every lunch time, during P.E. lessons and after school. It is still in good condition and a new net has recently been bought. The bats, however, are now 4 years old and are showing signs of considerable wear. Once again, the school's stock of balls has been rapidly used and, at the moment, members are being asked to provide their own.

In November, the Senior Table Tennis competition was started in an effort to create a club atmosphere, and to give everyone the opportunity to play a greater number of different opponents. The competition has been successfully run on a league basis, whereby each player plays all members once. Although some members need constant reminders to play their matches, it is now drawing to a close.

Seventeen members of 6A, 6B, and 5 constitute the league, which means that each person plays 16 matches. Those taking part are A. Worrall, S. Foster, C. Heyworth, D. Topham, K. Bradley, I. Smeeton, C. Taylor, D. Ward, J. Hall, J. Austen, J. Davies, J. Robinson, C. Wood, D. Parnell, J. Berridge, P. Chilvers and R. Moore.

At this present time, the top seven positions are as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Sets Against	Points
1) Ward, D.	12	12	0	24	1	35
2) Moore, R.	11	11	0	22	2	31
3) Wood, C.	13	9	4	20	9	28
4) Robinson, J.	12	9	3	18	8	25
5) Chilvers, P.	12	8	4	18	9	25
6) Smeeton, I.	13	8	5	19	13	24
7) Taylor, C.	12	8	4	17	10	23

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1 pt. for a 1-2 lose.

The top few places have been and are still being keenly fought for and the next few weeks will decide who will be the final winner. We would like to thank all those involved in making the tournament the success it has been.

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FILM SOCIETY REPORT 1972

After nearly two years of non-existence, the FILM SOCIETY was revived under the direction of Mr. Myerscough, who, working along with several senior boys, finally reformed the club, in preparation for the Autumn term.

The club enjoyed a spurt of popularity, and throughout the year the membership has increased gradually to over a third of the school.

The formation of the club has not, however, been without its problems. Limited time, an empty treasury, and problems over the ordering of films have meant that, in the first year, the committee has had to do much brain-wracking, but finally, it seems as though prospects for the future, with better and longer films, are good.

Many films have been shown during the year; notably "Foothold in Antarctica" and "Shot on Ice," which showed the filming of a James Bond sequence.

Finally, I would like to extend the club's thanks to all those who have worked so hard on the committee, and especially to Mr. Myerscough, without whose management the club's prospects would be much less encouraging.

A. S. CLARKE, Secretary.

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ELECTRONICS CLUB REPORT 1971-72

This year was the first year the club had operated as an official school society, and things have now begun to get moving. The group project, which was originally planned, was abandoned at the beginning of the year, because the required construction details did not materialise. Parts were then ordered for the Public Address System, which arrived after six months delay, and are now being assembled by the Committee. This project is being sponsored by the Friends of the School. Some members have made test equipment accessories for the Physics Lab., while others have been doing personal projects. As usual, lectures, films and work sessions have been arranged through the year.

The club, this year has spent only relatively small amounts of money, while its income has been fairly steady. As a result of this the club now has a good financial basis, on which it can start larger club sponsored projects.

At the end of this year three of the Committee are leaving: P. K. Chilvers, brother to the founder of the club, who has held leading offices in the club for the past four years and has given many lectures on the more theoretical aspects of Electronics; A. S. Clarke, who has held the offices of Vice-Leader/Secretary and Treasurer for a similar period and, as a non-scientist, has helped the club in business matters; N. A. Fox, who even before the club became open to Day-boys, helped at the club's Garden Fete Exhibition, and has been of great help to many with his experience in the practical sides of the hobby.

The Committee voted in at the A.G.M. is:-

Leader	...	S. Brown
Vice-Leader/Secretary	...	G. M. Rainbow
Treasurer	...	A. Norman
Committee Members	...	C. Deane, E. Waddington

We must again give our thanks to Mr. Stuart, the President, for his guidance and the use of the Physics Lab. equipment.

The retiring Committee gives its best wishes for the future of the club.

N. A. FOX
P. K. CHILVERS
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CHRISTIAN UNION REPORT

The main physical driving force of the union, Peter Smithers, left at the end of the Autumn term and joined Operation Mobilisation. Contact has still been maintained, as Peter sends Prayer Letters to many of the members.

D. Rainbow was elected the new leader, and gave a lecture on his religious ideas. The next few meetings were taken up playing "Jesus Christ, Super Star." It was then decided that no one was benefitting from the Union anymore, and the Society was abandoned.

P. K. CHILVERS.

A VISIT TO VICTORIA FALLS

One of the most exciting journeys I have ever made, was a visit to Africa, which included a tour of Rhodesia, and seeing the Victoria Falls.

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For centuries before their discovery in 1855 by Dr. David Livingstone, they were known by the local natives as "Mosi-oa-Tunya" — "The Smoke that Thunders."

In the nearby tree jungle, one gets soaked to the skin by the ever present falling spray, but it is worth getting drenched to see such a magnificent and unforgettable sight.

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A variation on a theme:

THE FALL OF THE GNOMAN EMPIRE

Lucinius O.B.B. Orbus was a garden gnoman, who lived in a yellow mushroom at the end of a deserted garden. He was not alone there, but lived in a colony of gnomans, namely Gnome.

The sun was shining brightly, when he woke up that morning, and he jumped out of bed merrily singing his selection of 1908 pop-tunes.

His happiness was not, however, unwarranted, for it was the first spring since his master had left, and so to Lucinius it was the first spring of freedom. Therefore, having combed his now rather tatty moustache, he set off merrily down the garden path with his pet snail, Milius Virtus.

As he was approaching the pool, he heard a muttering coming from behind a bush. On inspection, he found his old friend Chockus, lying on the ground, reciting french poems interspersed with his boyhood memories. Chockus, who was anxious for an audience, decided he would join Lucinius on his walk, and they both set off again towards the pool.

At the pool, they met another group of gnomans; Vulpinius, who was as always surrounded by dusty Latin books, and giving vent to his much renowned vocal ability; Ernius Fumator, who was hopefully fishing in the fishless pool; and last but not least Dulcius looking longingly at his own reflection in the pool.

"I'm bored," said Ernius.

"That's funny, so am I" said Vulpinius.

"Well, what can we do?" said Chockus; and so for many hours, they sat round trying to think of something to do. Finally, Lucinius said;

"Let's go ask Respiratus Aquaticus, he's always full of new ideas."

"Good idea!" chorused the rest, and they set off in search of him. He was found eventually underneath his Noddy car, and being annoyed at the disturbance, said testily and sarcastically,

"Why not start a school?"

"That's it," said Vulpinius, thinking of all the dead knowledge he could pass on.

"That's it," thought Chockus, dreaming of an audience of twenty-five or more.

"That's it," said Dulcius, dreaming of a form of his own.

"That's it," said Ernius, thinking of regimenting all the pupils.

"That's it," said Lucinius, "bag's I be Headmaster." That night, Lucinius went to bed in a joyous frame of mind. "A Headmaster at last!" he thought.

When the next day arrived, Lucinius sprang out of bed, combed his moustache with an unusual care, and rushed outside.

However, he was to receive a shock, for standing on the path was a new Master!!

"Now eef you do not no! I mean rather three minutes to get into school, Orbus! You're late, you're late, you're late."

Slowly, with an air of dejection, Lucinius crept slowly back to his yellow mushroom, which was now labelled "Library" from which he never dared to stray again.

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