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*The things that give intellectual or emotional enjoyment may be accumulated, and do not perish in using; but continually supply new pleasures and new powers of giving pleasures to others. And these, therefore, are the only things which can rightly be thought of as giving "wealth" or "well being".*

*The human race may be properly divided into "men who have gardens, libraries, or works of art; and those who have none"; and the former class will include all noble persons; while the people who have not, or, which is the same thing, do not care for gardens or libraries, but care for nothing but money or luxuries, will include none but ignoble persons; only it is necessary to understand that I mean by the term "garden" as much the Carthusian's plot of ground fifteen feet square between his monastery buttresses, as I do the grounds of Chatsworth or Kew; and I mean by the term "art" as much the old sailor's print of the Arethusa bearing up to engage the Belle Poule, as I do Raphael's "Disputa".*

*The ideal of human life is a union of Spartan simplicity of manners with Athenian sensibility and imagination.*

JOHN RUSKIN.

From *A Joy For Ever*.

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## **EDITORIAL**

Firstly we should like, as usual, to thank all those who have contributed towards this edition. Much of the copy submitted was not of publication standard, but there was an encouraging effort from the lower school. We could approve no poetry, although there were a few borderline entries. The prose, however, was rather better, and there are some good samples of competent writing. T. Craggs's evocation of a personality-charged wind seems worthy of special mention for its realistic description and photographic attention to "significant detail". We trust that this is a harbinger of a literary renaissance among what we had previously considered to be the creatively dormant scientists.

There is evidence in this issue (for example, the report of the newly-formed "15 Society") of the growing "awareness" of a culturally lively sixth form. And we must plead lack of space for the exclusion of B. Sturt-Penrose's excellent, but long, article on Scientific Humanism, which epitomises this growth.

Our sport and society pages give proof of continued success in the outside activities of the school. In football, debating and shooting we have had some outstanding results. We also note that boys who cannot excel at rifle shooting may now revert to archery!



# FOREWORD

BY THE HEADMASTER

## Our Place in Time

**I**T is the thousandth year of Croydon's history and the fortieth of the the School's. There will be many reminders during the millenary celebrations of Croydon's considerable past, and many a scene will be re-enacted to bring before us the pilgrims and the archbishops, the "colliers" and the highwaymen, who at one time or another frequented the town from which contemporary Croydon grew. Here and there a historic treasure—the Whitgift Almshouses or the Old Palace—remains; but to me, who came here in 1946, the modernity of our county is more striking than its antiquity; and this impression will be further emphasised a few years hence with the completion of the present building-plans in central Croydon.

One has only to read "*Praeterita*" to see that Ruskin resented the changes which were proceeding at considerable pace in his time.

"The Crystal Palace came, for ever spoiling the view through all its compass, and bringing, every show day, from London, a flood of pedestrians down the footpath, who left it filthy with cigar ashes for the rest of the week. Then the railroads came, expatiating roughs by every train, who knocked the palings about, roared at the cows and tore down what branches of blossom they could reach."

One sympathises with Ruskin, but history has shown that his views were wrong. The quiet old town with its red roofs, his beloved Aunt's bakery and the old inn in Market Street had to go, and a huge bustling population needing thousands of houses had to come before Croydon could become the prosperous industrial centre it is today; and it was out of that great social upheaval that, eventually and indirectly, came the fulfilment of Ruskin's own aims—health and welfare services, a fairer distribution of wealth, an extension to the many of the prerogatives of the few, and above all, splendid and, indeed, almost unlimited opportunity through continued education.

If, as it deserves to do, Croydon one day achieves City status, then surely one of the determinants must be the education service that has been created here. Few authorities have completed so much fine school building in so short a time, and we at Ruskin have been the fortunate inheritors of one of the best schools and most interesting and enviable sites.

Since our existence covers only one twenty-fifth of Croydon's history, we can hardly expect to appear as part of the Pageant, but established and completed as we now are, we should be able to play an important part in that pageant that goes on for all time—the betterment of humanity everywhere through enlightenment and the spread of knowledge. To that I would add a respect for, and cultivation of beauty, which is the theme of our current Ruskin quotation.

It was not so much the number, as the vulgarity of the newcomers to Croydon that offended Ruskin. Yet who can doubt that a generation

or so later the descendants of at least some of these roughs took their places among the cleverest and most cultured boys ever to pass through our Croydon schools? In that change—wrought by better conditions of home and education—lies one of the great hopes of history.

## AVE ATQUE VALE

AT the end of the Christmas Term we bade farewell to Mr. Neale; at the end of the Spring Term Mr. Catchpole and Mr. Tatham; and at the end of the current term we shall lose the services of Mr. May and Mr. Richardson, and of Messrs. Baldwin, Jeffreys and Larman, who have kindly helped us in a temporary capacity.

Mr. Neale, who had been Second English Master and master in charge of Dramatics since 1953, left us to become Senior English Master at West Bridgford Grammar School, Nottingham. We remember him as a kindly influence and an inspiring teacher of literature, and above all as a splendid producer. The excellence and finish of his several plays can seldom have been bettered in this or in any school.

Mr. Catchpole, who left for a senior post at Holloway Comprehensive School, was our Second History Master and Cadet Officer. In both these capacities he gave outstanding service, and under his leadership the A.C.F. rose to new heights of achievements in many fields.

Mr. May and Mr. Richardson are both members of our French Staff Mr. Richardson since 1949 and Mr. May since 1956. We look back with gratitude not only on their services to their subject, but to Mr. May's services as a Fifth Form master and a sports enthusiast, and to Mr. Richardson's in connection with foreign travel, the tuckshop and school catering. Mr. May will become Senior French Master at Bedminster Down Secondary School, Bristol, and Mr. Richardson a lecturer in French at the Collegiate Institute, St. Mary's, Ontario, Canada.

We have been grateful to the other four masters, three of whom are Old Boys of the School, for tiding us over critical times and we wish them all success in their future careers.

J.C.L.

## SWITZERLAND

AT Easter, a party of 20 boys, under the leadership of Mr. Smith, spent a most enjoyable holiday near Locarno on Lake Maggiore. Excursions each day took us to such varied places as the Cathedral at Milan, the souvenir stalls of Isola Bella, the snows of Cimetta and the gardens of Isole di Brissago. Exercise and entertainment were found in hillside walks, mini-golf, and boating, whilst Tom Craggs, our brilliant accordionist and honky-tonk pianist, enlivened the party and the hotel by his "recitals", as well as providing the accompaniment to our glee-chorus.

In spite of a few green faces and broken Chianti bottles on the return Channel crossing, it was a grand holiday, and the colour films taken by Penhallow, Craggs and Wilson, have enabled us recently to re-live that very pleasant week.

C.E.S.

## NEWS MISCELLANY

WE extend our hearty congratulations to Ald. G. J. Cole, who for many years has been Chairman of our School Governors (as well as Chairman of the Education Committee) on his being elected Mayor for Croydon's Millenary Year. We wish him and Mrs. Cole a happy year of office.

The best item of school news since our last issue is the winning by M. J. Jeffreys of an Open Scholarship to Cambridge. Jeffreys will be going to Peterhouse in October to read Classics. We wish him well there and congratulate him on achieving for the School its highest academic honour to date.

Speech Day was held on November 10th in the School Hall when our Guest of Honour was George Cansdale, Esq., formerly the B.B.C.'s "Zoo Man". Though without his bush baby Mr. Cansdale was very popular with the boys, who listened to his address most attentively. He urged them, among other things, in an age of increasing leisure to cultivate a good hobby: his own hobby had become his career, and what could be better than that?

The speaker at our Founders' Day Service, held in School on the 11th January, was the Rev. Owen Roebuck, C.B.E. (formerly Principal Chaplain to the Royal Navy). The burden of his address was courage and cheerfulness in adversity. He quoted from Scott's Last Expedition—which he seemed to know almost by heart—and recalled as a further illustration, how Paul and Silas had sung in prison.

We should like to congratulate G. J. Hawkins (L.VIa) on his inclusion in the cast of the Youth Theatre's "Hamlet", directed by Mr. Michael Croft. Although only a small part, that of the second gravedigger, the honour is a rare one, as boys are recruited from the whole of the country. An article by Hawkins describing the company's tour of Holland, and its later visit to Paris, appears on another page.

The School has taken a major share in the production of the Grammar School Exhibition in connection with the Millenary Year celebrations. Mr. Thomas was responsible for the lettering and lay-out of the curriculum display. Our Cadet Corps (now captained by Mr. Maggs, in succession to Mr. Catchpole) formed the Guard of Honour at the Pageant in Lloyd Park on June 22nd on the occasion of the Mayor's attendance. Mr. Probert and Mr. Hasler acted as Pageant Marshalls and Mr. Crowe was one of the producers.

A millenary article entitled "Heraldry is part of Croydon's History" which appeared in the *Croydon Advertiser* on May 6th, had this to say about our school badge: "John Ruskin School, originally in Old Town

where Ruskin spent part of his boyhood, is a newer foundation, and adopted as its badge the Cross of St. George with fesse embattled (from the borough arms) with an alpine rose in the dexter chief and the Ruskin family motto *Age Quod Agis* beneath. The badge commemorates Ruskin's Guild of St. George founded to further his idealistic plans for commerce and education."

The extension to the School premises that was announced in our last issue is now nearly complete, and we hope to occupy the new laboratory and drawing office above the biology wing in September. We welcome this additional space which helps to improve our pupil-classroom ratio.

We have also good news of our School pavilion. The second stage of the building is in progress and we hope it will be completed early in the autumn term.

We have also, over the past year, added to the beauty of the School grounds. In the autumn term we had another splendid response from parents on our Bulb-planting Saturday, when we had many gifts of shrubs and young trees in addition to the bulbs. This term we have had the quadrangle beds levelled and turfed, and planted in the corners with roses of contrasting colours. It has made a noticeable improvement to the south side of the School.

We have often meant to give a mention in these notes to Mr. Sidney Bishop who has for so many years given much of his spare time to coaching our boys at cricket. We should like to thank him for his continued help and encouragement, and also to congratulate him on being promoted recently to Superintendent Warden at Mitcham Common.

It could be that we have a future Cup Final referee in our midst. R. F. Clark (Vm) passed the Surrey County Football Association examination for referees over a year ago and since then has refereed 74 local and schoolboy games. He has already made several contacts with first class football officials and has been interviewed on B.B.C. "Sports Session". As Clark says, "Refereeing can be a very satisfying side-line for boys who cannot excel as performers".

From a Fourth Form Essay: *All was well until his father became a heroine addict.*





## HELM

**T**HE winter sun is setting amid a tangle of clouds behind the distant mountains. A farm worker, making his way home across the desolate heights of Cross Fell, looks at it with apprehension, and turns his coat collar higher against a sudden, icy breath, which sweeps down over the moor. There is one thought in his mind: the same thought that is in the minds of all who live on or near these empty slopes: "Helm's going to blow".

A lorry driver from Carlisle swings his heavy vehicle around the hairpins of the bleak road across Hartside Height. He passes an old roadside cafe: there are sheets of corrugated iron over the windows, and the green paint is peeling from the greying woodwork. He sees sheep, damp and shivering, huddled in the lee of a stone wall, and he shivers himself and closes his cab window. For him, alone on these lonely heights, the words "Helm's going to blow" have little meaning, for he is merely passing over from one lowland to another, and will be at his destination in a few hours. He knows nothing of what is to come.

As night falls the wind rises. Housewives in the villages and at the farms take in their still-damp washing and fasten the doors and windows. Wisps of straw fly about the farmyards. A few flakes of snow swirl by and are gone in the gathering darkness.

By midnight the Helm is blowing with all its fury. To the farmer it appears almost alive: a huge white monster, roaring by in the night. In a small moorland town a dustbin-lid bowls across a yard, its loud clatter swallowed by the storm, and a chimney-pot falls from a roof and lies unbroken in a snowdrift across the street. Up on the empty fell-side a chicken-coop is hurled bodily on its side, the screaming birds within tumbling about in confusion. The Helm has the land in its grip and means to hold on.

It holds on for nearly a week, grey and impenetrable by day, black and opaque by night. Occasionally a farmer fights his way across the yard to feed his pigs and chickens: for the sheep on the fells he can do nothing. Those that reach a wall will be safe beneath the snow under its lee, those that do not . . .

At last the Helm relaxes its hold on the fells. It draws back its curtains to reveal a white world, with roof-tops and telegraph poles protruding from it like black, broken teeth. Up on Hartside a car lies half-buried in a deep drift by the roadside: its driver is in hospital, being treated for exposure. The Helm has finished its terrible work.

For the farmers and shepherds, work is just starting. They face the prospect of spending days on the snow-covered fells, combing the slopes with their dogs for their sheep, digging out those that are buried, dragging out sledges of fodder for the survivors. Most of the sheep will live through their temporary internment, but many will not. There are repairs to be made, too, for even the stoutly-built fell farms are vulnerable to the Helm.

Thus the Helm, that strange wind which, even today, is something of a mystery to scientists, comes and passes. It is not always as bad as



this but sometimes lasts much longer. It is said that, if it blows for a week, it will blow for forty days. It seems strange to a town-dweller that there is still a part of Britain where Man is not the master; but there is, and the master there is the Helm.

T. CRAGGS—U.VI.Sc.

## CAIRO—1960

**I**T took us about a week to realise that we were completely free to walk about Cairo just as we pleased and we were very surprised to find, as our confidence grew, that everybody received us most cordially, and even went out of their way to be helpful.

Cairo is once again a great centre for tourists and to attract them several first class hotels have recently been built, chief of which is the ultra-modern Nile Hilton Hotel, and the rebuilt Shepheard's Hotel—both beautifully situated overlooking the Nile. The Nile Hilton stands on the spot where the British Forces famous Kasr-el-Nil Barracks used to be, immediately adjacent to the Cairo Museum where the fabulous treasures of the Ancient Egyptian tombs are to be seen.

This was the first place we visited, and we saw something of the legendary relics from the tomb of Tutankhamen. The work is so beautiful and so exquisitely done that it is difficult to realise how many centuries ago they were first fashioned.

High up on our list of places to visit was the Mohamed Ali Mosque, which is situated on the edge of the city on the approaches to the Mokhattam Hills. This mosque, which commands a sweeping view of Cairo is the premier mosque of Egypt and is built of alabaster, a beautiful, translucent, marble-like stone which abounds in upper Egypt.

Some days later we paid the inevitable visit to the Pyramids of Ghizeh. These are in the desert outskirts of the City and can be seen from many miles around. Originally they were covered in pure sheet gold, but needless to say, as time passed, the tombs were ransacked, the gold stripped and most of the valuable contents removed. It is still not certain whether any further treasures lie cunningly hidden away within the Pyramids, but they stand as timeless memorials of a once great civilisation.

Within their shadow lies the equally famous Sphinx, a vast statue with the head of a woman and the body of a lion. It has its back to them and it stares with a calm smile across the sandy plain where once flowed the Nile.

Present-day Cairo is a queer mixture of the very old and the very new. The business centre of the city largely consists of very modern buildings with smart shops and towering blocks of flats; yet robed natives bearing their wares in wicker-baskets held on their heads rub shoulders with men and women in smart Western dress. On the roads gleaming motor-cars hoot incessantly and impatiently as donkey carts, mules and boys on ancient bicycles impede their progress.

In the native quarters the houses are so ramshackle that one may be forgiven for mistaking them for derelict, bomb-stricken hovels. The streets are unmade and each passing cart leaves a trail of dust in its

wake. Dogs scuttle round corners, more often than not dodging kicks from the natives, who have little or no affection for animals.

We said goodbye to Egypt with very mixed feelings—pleased to leave the dust, the dirt, the heat and squalor, yet sorry to turn our backs on the colour, the friendliness, and the pervading air of mystery which is the East, and which no modernisation can conceal.

R. CLEMENTS—IVu.

## AT THE REHEARSAL

LET me take you back in time to the few weeks preceding the school play: "Toad of Toad Hall". The bell sounds and school is over. For many pupils there remains only the tedious task of homework, but for some there is more work to be done first—rehearsals.

On the stage the smell of fresh paint floats towards one's nostrils. The gaudy panorama of colours painted with surprising care on canvas backcloths registers on one's eyes. But this is no time for gazing; there is work to be done. Mr. Field shouts: Thompson (who has the title rôle) makes a joke; an equally witty reply comes from the supporting cast; and the rehearsal begins.

Thus we spent rehearsals. Amongst the clutter of back-cloths and half-completed scenery one could feel that the stage had its own peculiar atmosphere. Now as memories of the play become distorted I can still recall this atmosphere—the wonder animal land with Thompson, the boastful, egotistic Toad; Hoffman, the rather naive Mole; Boyce, the sensible, intelligent Rat; and myself as the venerable Badger.

Thus the days wore on with their anxious moments and their humorous ones. As the first-night drew close nerves became taut and tempers frayed. Thompson's witticisms were greeted only with forced laughter; Mr. Field took to chain-smoking, and shouting; and soon nobody had any nails left to bite. Rehearsals became longer and homework correspondingly shorter.

I spent the afternoon of Friday, April 1st, "Der Tag" as far as the cast were concerned, in a state of nervous excitement. We were supposed to be resting—I found it impossible. At 5.30 p.m. I arrived at school two hours before the curtain was due to rise—and settled down to wait. By 7 o'clock my make-up was almost finished and so was my wait. I made my way on stage five minutes before the start and got into position. As I lay on stage I began to worry. Would I forget my words? Would anything go wrong? And, most important, would the audience like the play?

Mr. Peacock's voice, "Ready!" brought me back to my senses. Lofty Hoffman's voice wafted towards my ears, "Are you scared?" "Of course." Before we could exchange any more words the curtain rose.

I can remember surprisingly few details of the performances but I can sum up what I thought of them—magnificent fun.

Now the acting is over and the play is a memory. But what a memory! I have been bitten by the dramatic bug and am looking forward to our next production. Who was it who said, "The play's the thing"? He was certainly right.

J. RIVERS—IVu.

## YOUTH THEATRE

ON a sunny Easter Monday the "Hamlet" company gathered at Liverpool Street railway station, bound for Harwich and Holland.

When we arrived in the evening a coach took us from the dismal harbour of the Hoek van Holland to the Hague, and the Queen's old palace. After a scanty meal the agony of meeting hosts began; we were all to stay with Dutch families. The people were charming and generous, and their homes light and well kept, but the suspense, nearly every day, of waiting to meet a new family became almost a legend.

Performances were very well attended, despite the fact that the play was in English. The theatres were large and clean; all, that is, but for the "Centraal" in Amsterdam, which was due for demolition shortly after we left. Once the initial depression of seeing such a decomposing ruin wore off, however, the Centraal kept us laughing for the two days of our stay. Each stage entrance could be reached only after ducking through dark and sinister corridors, avoiding chipped hand-basins which, plugged up since the fall of Jericho, invariably contained six inches of stagnant water. Indeed an upstage-left entrance could only be achieved by climbing a rickety ladder erected during the performance in the booking office!

But the tour was a great success; the newspapers spared no effort to give us praise worthy of the Deity, and the youngest member of the cast was interviewed by Radio Hilversum.

At Utrecht, where we celebrated our fiftieth performance of "Hamlet", the theatre was an impressive modern building, surrounded by an ornamental lake, into which, by accident or design, the theatre sewage ran, balefully watched by the naked and fountain-sprayed stone "Graces", which, we observed, formed a major attraction to tourists. The stage here was typical of many we visited; large, well-lit, and comfortable. Here, too, many of us had our first experience of riding on the luggage rack of a bicycle in heavy traffic, a procedure not to be recommended to those of a nervous disposition or sensitive anatomy, particularly in a town which has so many level crossings.

The performances developed a great deal in Holland, and we came home after our two weeks feeling that we had given something worthwhile to the Dutch people, and with a healthy regard for the stamina of the Dutch actor. The tour was tiring, surrealistic almost, but a valuable experience and an insight into the cultural and domestic life of a country in many respects similar to our own.

The Dutch tour taught us a great deal which was to be useful in Paris. Our invitation to the Paris Festival met with some real opposition from a certain myopic bureaucratic faction in the country, but there was little they could do about it.

And so it was that we flew to Paris on the morning of May 28th. For many of us this was our first visit. After a meal we went by taxi to the vast Sarah Bernhart Theatre, which holds two thousand people, and had a dress rehearsal. The evening performance was attended by most of the ambassadors and élite of Paris; and was surprisingly well received by press and radio, as we were afterwards informed by the

dresser in our corridor, in a stream of excited French.

Of course, with three performances there was little spare time, but Sunday morning was free for climbing the Eiffel Tower, (complete with camera-snapping Americans), and seeing Napoleon's Tomb. And for four of us, a superb lunch on the pavement outside a Bistro, in an atmosphere so delightfully Parisian that returning to the theatre demanded an intense effort of will power. The remaining two performances flew past, and after a short party we drove once more to Le Bourget, our Viking, and the grime of London. The visit was a great success, with very few seats unsold.

In the summer we are planning to perform "Julius Caesar", in modern dress, and alas—in England. But perhaps we have something to offer the British theatre. Certainly, I think we have something to offer British youth, in straight-forward Shakespearian performance.

G. J. HAWKINS—L.VIa.

## THE CONQUEST OF BEN CRUACHAN

**E**ARLY on the morning of August 12th last, my father and I set off to climb the third highest mountain in Argyll, Ben Cruachan 3,611ft. We caught the 8.11 a.m. train from Benderloch to Connel. Whilst waiting at Connel for a bus we talked to a local boy, who advised us to alight at the Bridge of Awe, where the Allt Cruiniche, a small burn which flows in its ravine, rises near the western peak and flows down to the river Awe. He warned us that crossing this burn would present us with some difficulty; we must do it at a height which would put us out of our way, or cross at the Bridge of Awe. When we reached this bridge my father and I were disappointed to find the mountain veiled in mist which however began to lift gradually as we ascended. The western peak of the mountain was about four miles from the main road, but it was a difficult climb all the way especially the last mile, which led over masses of steeply inclined granite.

The climb to the first ridge was about 1,000ft., which was arduous and mainly through long bracken. The route then led across the top of the red scree face (which is a prominent feature of the lower slopes) and towards the burn. Here the stream's tributaries meet. After a wet week this sloping shoulder was a maze of bogs. With the mist swirling above me, my shoes squelching and my feet benumbed, I began to worry.

As the mist seemed to be rising we carried on blindly, little realising we were approaching the eastern summit. The mist began to thicken again, leaving us to pick our way through a cold, moist, rocky wilderness. We had to build cairns consisting of heaps of small stones piled on large boulders to mark our way back. It was pointless to press on without a compass, and with only a limited obscured vision we decided to retrace our steps through the mist. Almost immediately we were dazzled by the brilliant sunshine which was shining on the valley below. Disappointed we descended to about 2,000ft. and resolved to have our lunch there as it was mid-day. Just after lunch something compelled me to gaze up into the mist which veiled the face of Ben Cruachan, and I was astonished to see the mist slowly retreating over the western peak. We accepted the

challenge with no further hesitation! In order to tackle the ascent more easily we trudged on westwards until we came to the region of the marshes on the shoulder, where the Allt Cruiniche's two tributaries rose. Our first impulse was to try and avoid these mires, but this was hopeless, and it was better to become soaked all at once and walk straight ahead. Nothing would keep the peaty bog water out, not even waterproof boots, and my feet were dyed nut brown.

Following the tributary of the burn, which rises near the west peak, but keeping to the right of it, we climbed upwards from the region of bogs and marshes up to the rocky cone of the summit. Here vegetation ceases due to the cold and soil erosion, except for patches of grass which grew intermittently between the masses of boulders, some as large as ordinary houses, some firmly wedged together, and some eroded and weathered to loose rubble.

Now the western summit was well in view, not as a pointed cone as seen from Loch Etive, but as a fairly steep inclined slope with a prominent hump on the eastern end, where the connecting ridge joins both summits, which are a mile apart. As we toiled up the last false crest the summit presented a wonderful panorama for us. The summit consisted of a small rocky, windswept, desolate platform with a cairn on its southern end, beside which was a huge rocky boulder of granite, where all the names of the climbers had been engraved. This panorama included the fantastic gnarled silhouettes of the Black Coolins of Skye, 75 miles north west, and the head of Ben Lomond behind Ben Ime 50 miles south. Loch Awe stretched like a blue ribbon to the eastern horizon. Over in the north, Ben Nevis lay still obscured by mist swirling above our heads.

Looking down from the summit to the mountain's northern foot at Loch Etive, we could see the "Loch Etive Queen" as a small black speck carrying mail and tourists from the top of the loch to Altnacloich. My mother, two sisters and our dog Sandy were on board.

After engraving our names on the rock near the cairn, admiring the grandeur of the magnificent scenery of North-West Scotland which lay all around us, and feeling a curious humming sensation in our ears due to the altitude and cold wind, we scrambled back down over the boulders, plodding our way through luxuriant green moss. We tramped through the ferns and bracken, and then finally slid down to the steep grass sides of the Pass of Brander. Eventually, we came back to the road. We soon found a wayside café where we had some refreshment and rest before going back to Benderloch, after spending five and three quarter hours on the mountain. It was an achievement and an experience that we are unlikely to forget.

T. C. ATKINSON—IVu.

## ARTHUR'S AVALON

It was Monday, April 25th, and King Arthur's Avalon—the land of milk and honey—was about to be invaded by the 17 knights of the John



Ruskin geography laboratory. Clad in "armour" of suedette jackets, jeans and heavy boots, they set off from East Croydon to make a progress to Paddington from where they would advance on Bristol.

Bristol achieved, a full reconnaissance was made. The old town was toured, and the Nails, from where the expression "to pay on the nail" is derived, were carefully examined by one and all, especially the debtors of the party. A short bus ride took us to see one of the Seven Wonders of the West Country—the Clifton Suspension Bridge. This vast structure was built in the nineteenth century by Isabard Kingdom Brunel to span the Avon Gorge; and stands 285 feet above the river—a truly impressive sight. The next day, after a visit to a paper mill which happened to be located opposite a great distraction—Fry's Somerdale Factory, where there are "3,000 girls and one box of chocolates"—the bulk of the party made a tour of the Avonmouth Docks. Here ships from the world over were disgorging cargoes from the deep recesses of their holds under the ever-watchful eyes of Customs officers. Perhaps the most exciting day of all was the visit to the Old Mills Colliery where, on donning helmets and acetylene lamps, we were lowered underground to get an on-the-spot report of mining techniques and problems.

Thursday was to be the great test, with a 13 mile walk with full packs from outside of Bristol, across the Karst country of the Mendips to Cheddar. And had it not been for one stout fellow walking ahead and holding aloft our Excalibur, our inspiration—an Ordnance Map—our gallant band may well have lost all hope. After contemplating entering our socks in a competition against Cheddar cheese (which we stood a good chance of winning) we devoted the following day to farm visits (if you get my meaning), strictly for geographers. It was on one of these visits that a leading member of the party was initiated, by secret ritual, into the honourable Order of Cowmen. And it should be added that it was not entirely the cow's fault!

The Cheddar Gorge and surrounding countryside next received our attention, with tours made of Gough's Cavern, one of the most beautiful cave systems in the Mendips, and Wookey Hole, its close rival. It was a somewhat diminished cavalcade that set out from Cheddar to walk the 11 miles across the moor to Glastonbury on the following day. The eight of us who did go, however, had the pleasure of sipping cider in the heat of the noon-day sun before visiting the site of the Glastonbury Lake Village, a long extinct community whose choice of residence was in the middle of an endless marsh. In Glastonbury Abbey homage was paid at the supposed grave of King Arthur, after we had first laid a member of the party in it to see if it could have held Arthur's gigantic frame.

That evening it was seventeen wearied knights who lay down to rest under the thatch of a sixteenth century cottage at Croscombe, Wells. Their thoughts drifted back on the week gone by, with its moments both hilarious and catastrophic, such as the loss of a pair of pyjama trousers. On the morrow we would be homeward bound to the grime of London, leaving Avalon far behind.

M. A. SWEET—U.IVa.

## THE SCHOOL PLAY

"**A**RMS and the Man" is perhaps one of the most appealing of Shaw's witty plays. As a satire on war and romance it not only ridicules the more absurd treatment of these topics by some nineteenth century dramatists, but also displays a sanity which is relevant and topical. The small cast, which seems at first to commend the play to a producer, makes heavy and testing demands on each actor—and, since three of



*The Petkoffs at home*

*by courtesy of "The Croydon Times"*



*The Principals*

*by courtesy of "The Croydon Times"*



the characters are women, an all-male production might easily founder. These potential dangers however were converted into positive qualities in the splendid production which Mr. Neale put before the School on the evenings of November 19th, 20th and 21st.

Nicholas Wilkinson, as Raina Petkoff, and Graham Beales as her mother, played their parts with an assurance and polish that gripped the audience from the opening scene. The entry of Granville Hawkins, who played Captain Bluntschli, set the standard for his portrayal of that character; it was intelligent, controlled and skilfully acted. He allowed his part to develop and grow throughout the three acts in the manner of a real actor, thus giving a coherent unity to the play. As a humorous foil to the Captain, Sturt-Penrose played the part of a dashing, romantic cavalry officer with a panache which rivalled the swaggering glitter of his costume.

Bevis Kennett added the broad techniques of slapstick to a subtle interpretation of character as "that dear old buffer", Major Petkoff. A taut, realistic performance as Nicola, the money-loving manservant to the Petkoffs was given by Samuel Sayer, while Clive Thompson portrayed Louka with vigour and imagination. Peter Campion was a very capable Russian officer.

The usual host of back-room boys and masters contributed towards the great success of the play. Mr. Gee and the art department painted and designed the sets, which were most picturesque. Many of the properties were made by Mr. Probert and his helpers in the woodwork room. Mr. Peacock led the sceneshifters in their most complicated manoeuvres. As electricians under the command of both Mr. Saxby and Mr. Parker, Hughes, Vigor, Camfield and Jones did wonders; while the excellent make-up was due to Mr. Tryon and his department.

But our praise must chiefly go to Mr. Neale who produced the play. It was a fitting finale to a succession of fine productions.

A.J.C.

### THE JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAY

**T**HE Junior Dramatic Society performed "Toad of Toad Hall" on the evenings of April 1st and 2nd. It was a spirited production, enthusiastic and original. The general standard of acting was high, reminding us that there is a wealth of talent in the Junior School; the crowd scenes in Courthouse and Banqueting Rooms were conducted with an effective vigour; and there were novelties such as stereophonic sound and entries from the auditorium.

Top marks for acting must go to Clive Thompson who brought Toad's braggart and boisterous character to life on both evenings. A most energetic and impressive performance. He was not alone, however. Perhaps the most memorable feature of the production was the manner in which each actor felt himself into his part and assumed the habits and quirks of an individual. John Rivers' excellent performance as the ponderous, dignified Badger comes to mind; so do the performances of Robert Hoffman and Geoffrey Boyce in their important rôles of Mole and Rat. Other good character studies were given by David Todd as the aged, autocratic Judge and by Ian Castro as an irritable Usher. John Walker was a very convincing policeman, while Coble,

Pierce and Salter played their various female rôles with gusto.

The large supporting cast maintained the quality of their leaders and did much to heighten the delightful comedy of the evening. Turner, Hodgson, Strelczuk and Kinsey were suitably mischievous animals, led by Peter Cook, Peter Goulding and Stanley Mason as principal Wild Wooders. Alan White, Richard Hayward and Michael Martin helped to catch the spirit of the piece by playing the Rabbits with confidence and vitality; Stephen Smith and Peter Wilson were excellent fieldmice and sang their carol beautifully.

The sets were designed and painted by Mr. Gee and his team of boys. They were first class; indeed, the backcloth to the woodland scenes was a picture in its own right. Special properties, such as the hollow tree, were admirably and ingeniously constructed by Mr. Peacock and his carpentry squad. An opportunity for unusual and exciting make-up was cleverly seized by Mr. Tryon and his team: especially effective was the grease paint face of Badger. Messrs. Robertshaw and Richardson took charge of the respective duties of publicity and refreshments.

The co-ordination of these departments was in the able hands of Mr. Field who produced the play. Weeks of hard rehearsal work were rewarded by the excellence of the finished product; but the School must thank him for an exciting production and congratulate him on his successful direction of a cast which was largely new to acting. We look forward to the future activities of the Junior Dramatic Society.

A.J.C.

## MUSIC NOTES

AT the close of the last academic year we said farewell to an exceptional number of long-standing and loyal musicians. The departure of Thompson, Hammond and Rowe was a severe blow to our Strings, and that of Christopher and Walters as tenors and instrumentalists was felt keenly. However the Autumn Term gave us Mr. Hasler who, as an experienced double-bass player, has filled in a vital gap in our ranks and who has taken over the instruction of our 'cellists. We also welcome Mr. Cook amongst the violinists and Mr. Crowe as an invaluable tenor. It would have been a great pleasure to quote many new enthusiasts among the seniors! Thorneloe and Polyblank play regularly in the Croydon Youth Orchestra and Swainson joins them and Drake in other extra-mural music making. Hawkins, though having very much to curtail his original ideas, composed a special rhapsody for the Addiscombe section of the Millenary festivities. And so, with such highlights amongst our musical inner circle, the general groups of choralists and instrumentalists cannot fail to have built up a high standard of performance during the year.

At the Speech Day in November, the Choir included a group of part-songs, whilst its members were joined by the Orchestra in our Carol Service at the end of term. During the Spring a setting of the Te Deum by Vaughan Williams was sung at the Founders' Day Service, but after Drake, Smith and Wilson had helped musically in the Junior Play production our outstanding School Concert followed. Amongst the orches-

tral work may be singled out the eighteenth century suite by James Hook, Purcell's Rondo in D Minor and a Handelian brass trio, ably performed by Coomber, Straw and Thorneloe. In several items strategically effective organ backing was given by Mr. Field. Perhaps the Choir's finest item was the Hallelujah Chorus from Beethoven's Mount of Olives. Drake, Hawkins, Hall, S. V. Smith, Balzano and Allen may be congratulated on individual performances of merit, whilst a special mention must be made of the re-starting of string quartet work by Bacon, Swainson, Smith and Mr. Hancock. We thank Mrs. Cook and Miss Hancock for supplementing our orchestral resources and Miss Sheila Southwood for her soprano solos. Our regret that Miss Gillian Lowe was unable to join in the Bach double violin Concerto was offset by the fact that she had received the signal honour of being called to play in the National Youth Orchestra. Amongst other welcome choristers was G. Forbath, now a music master at Tulse Hill Comprehensive School; and, of course, we add the inevitable thanks to Messrs. Murray, Field and Nunn.

Having dismissed our active music making, and prior to cataloguing the long list of listening sessions engaged in by varying groups of boys may we: (a) congratulate P. C. Maggs on adding diploma L.R.A.M. to the A.R.C.M.; (b) thank I. Hammond for his kind gift with which we have purchased recordings of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos; and (c) again request the gift of any unused orchestral instruments. Visits have been made to the following: *October*—The Ernest Read Orchestral Concert with Kendall Taylor as pianist; A Piano Recital by Dorothy Grinstead; The Spring Park Choral and Orchestral Concert in our own hall. *November*—The Croydon Symphony Orchestra's Concert; The Bromley Ripley Choir's "Messiah" performance. *January*—Concert by The People Brass Band with Miss Dorothy Grinstead, in aid of School Funds, and very generously arranged by Mr. Love. *February*—Ernest Read Orchestral Concert; The Gondoliers, performed by C.O.D.A. at the Civic Hall. *March*—Instrumental Concert for Schools in our own hall; The Spring Park Concert in our own hall. *May*—Elgar's Dream of Gerontius at Bromley; Croydon Symphony Orchestral Concert; Part of Haydn's Creation at Trinity School. Other visits have included listening to the London Bach Choir under Paul Steinetz. Finally, we have actively supported the Croydon Schools' Music Festival and Carol Service by entering junior boys for both choral and instrumental sections.

J.N.H.

## SCHOOL CHARITIES

**D**URING the current school year support of charities has surpassed even the most optimistic hopes, eclipsing last year's total by the handsome margin of £27. Indeed, with still a few weeks of this term remaining, the School has contributed all but £77 to various causes, local, national and world-wide in range.

In response to the World Refugee Year appeal the sum of £12.12.6. was raised, while other channels of relief for refugees, such as Inter-Church Aid, the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, and Save the

Children Fund have benefited to the value of nearly £10. Customary donations on a more generous scale have been made to such bodies as the R.S.P.C.A., Dr. Barnado's Homes, and the Poliomyelitis Research Fund; nor has the appeal of a local institution for the aged and sick—Queen's Hospital, Croydon—been in vain.

A particularly gratifying feature has been the devotion of the proceeds of four activities, notably form magazines; in this respect the benevolent spirit of IIr and IIIv deserves special praise. The highest commendation for generosity must, however, go to Ig for their contribution of £6.16.4.—a record of which any form may well be proud!

D.J.R.

### BRUSHING UP OUR GERMAN

**F**OR five days during the Easter holidays four members of Form Vu attended a German course at Senate House in London. The idea was to improve our written and oral German for the forthcoming G.C.E. examination.

The lessons began each morning at 9.15, which entailed rising early—something previously undreamt of during a holiday—and sharing a 196 bus with 60 other more seasoned rush-hour sardines. It was an effort to try to keep awake amidst the lulling cigarette smoke and soporific mutterings of the upper deck. Reaching our destination we crossed Russell Square on this sunny first morning, we entered the white skyscraper-like building, ascended to Room 381 by lift, pushed through the wooden door, and beheld a terrible sight—a class of about 30 pupils, and at least two-thirds of these girls! This was the first inkling of what we would have to endure in the future!

We had two instructors. The middle-aged man, a corpulent German with a red face, had the task of improving our translation. He had the habit of telling jokes or stories every so often, at the end of which a shrill titter would flow round the room like a tidal wave, while we few serious ones would bury our heads in our hands despairingly. The woman who took us was older than the man, and although her hair was still black, her cheeks were furrowed and she seemed to have less patience than the other, engaging our attention by the staccato rhythm of her voice. She was concerned with our pronunciation, and after a particularly bad fault would thrust out her chin, open her eyes very wide and utter the word with all the emphasis she could.

Just as there was a difference in the teaching methods of the two instructors, so was there disparity in the learning methods of the two sexes. The girls would give a sweet smile and a completely wrong answer; the boys, although equally wrong, would only mumble something self-consciously after they had been resuscitated by a prod from a neighbour.

The lessons each morning finished at 12.45, and after dining in the refectory with London University students from all parts of the world, we would take a bus home. In spite of all the laughs we had, the mornings at Senate House helped us a great deal to approach the proficiency required at "O" level in a useful and interesting language.

A. PATTERSON—Vu.

## PREFECTORIAL

**T**HE fact that we do not possess four walls and a dart-board has brought about a year without excitement. Big Ben, robed in white, still gives his decision even against the wishes of "The Captain" whose orders are never obeyed and the whelp is the best at his racket. Slop and Porker are trying to lose it but the Robust Vein dissector will soon need an uplift.

One of our number Daily Journeys to school by cycle, whilst our Black Knight arrives with his relevant literature. Pater the general gives his commands to the descending troops.

Many tea-makers, in collaboration with the financial manager, bring us our liquor, but someone is left to do the washing-up in order that our relations remain o-kay.

Stone me, let's face it, the greatest disappointment to us during this year is that we have had no bolt on a door of our own.

J. C. F. WILKINSON—U.VI.Sc.A.



### PREFECTS

*Captain:* Wilkinson, J. C. F.

*Vice-Captain:* Bennell, C. F.

*Senior Prefects:*

Rengger, R. E.; Gilbert, C. R.; Jones, M. D.; Harvey, M. J.; Floyd, R. M.

*Prefects:*

Aylesbury, J.; Bolton, J.; Buffrey, R. M.; Grey, P.; Hawkins, G. J.  
Hyslop, R.; Sayer, S. J. B.; Sutton, R. P.; Vigor, D. W.; Wright, M.J.





# SOCIETY NEWS

## THE JOHN RUSKIN COMPANY

**T**HIS has been a year marred first by the loss of the most valuable services of Mr. Martin, who found himself unable to continue his supervision of our Friday evening range activities, and then at Easter by the departure of our C.O., Lt. Catchpole, who, as reported elsewhere, has left us to take up a senior appointment in North London. To Lt. Catchpole go the good wishes of the whole Company for a most successful future, our thanks for his most energetic leadership and a hope that he will be able to carry out his promise to join us at camp. To Mr. Martin we express our regret at no longer seeing him at School, and at the same time our thanks for his continued assistance in coaching our Cadets at Queen's House and on the open ranges. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Baldwin who kindly offered to run the Range for us as often as he could, and to Sgt. Nickson of the 6th Queen's T.A., who has continued to assist us in many ways throughout the year, and has recently begun his second Methods of Instruction course for our new potential N.C.O.s.

The highlight of the year was the presentation to the Army Cadet Force of a banner, by H.R.H. the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. It was presented to the City of London A.C.F. at the Tower of London, and then passed from battalion to battalion, county to county throughout the country.

Our battalion had the honour of receiving the banner twice, at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th, in the morning, and again at Selhurst Grammar School the same day in the evening. The banner was handed over to the Special Arms Group at Croydon Town Hall the next morning. When in the possession of our battalion the banner was ably carried by Sgt. D. Dawson (Redhill and Reigate Coy.) and the banner escort consisted of C.S.M. Jones (John Ruskin), C./Sgt. Gardener (Dorking), Cpl. Bailey (Selhurst), and Cpl. Chatten (Wallington).

Our greatest successes this year have undoubtedly been gained in Shooting. In April ten present and two past members of the Company were chosen to represent the Battalion at the Surrey A.C.F. Rifle Meeting at Bisley during which, in the Deliberate Shoot, the C. Team (Cpl. Bird, Cdts. Money, Simmons, Smith) won the Secretary's Cup and in the Snap Shoot the B Team (C./Sgt. Burton, Cpls. Oliver, Tennant, L./Cpl. Elford) carried off the Surrey A.C.F. Trophy. The Combined Teams were awarded the Jendwine Trophy for the best aggregate score, and in the Falling Plate Competition, the A Team (Cpls. Martin, Shaw, Hills, Humfries) were winners of the Thorne Trophy. At the Home Counties District Rifle Meeting on May 1st, the Battalion A Team failed by only two points to gain the Cadet Trophy, scoring 168 to the East Surrey's 169. Cpl. Shaw was, however, declared Home Counties Champion-at-Arms with an individual score of 46. The Company has also been successful in again winning both Senior and Junior Shields in the Inter-Company .22 Shoot, and Cpls. Martin and Shaw were among forty cadets chosen to represent the A.C.F. in a postal shoot against the other two Cadet Services.

Certificate A training has continued on Friday evenings, twenty-seven cadets gaining Part I in February and six Part II in April. Five Cadets have in addition gained Certificate T. following command courses, L./Cpls. Elford and May in "Armoury" and Cpls. Haithwaite, Humfries and L./Cpl. Ley in M.T. C./Sgt. Burton and Cpl. Fentiman have attended Command Leadership Courses while County Commandant's Badges have been awarded to Sgts. Simmons and Harvey.

Technical Training has been held up recently owing to a shortage of equipment, but we are hoping that new life will soon be given to the M.T. section by the arrival of a demonstrator chassis, and to the Signals section by the acquisition of some new 32 and 88 sets.

Other successes to be noted are the winning of the Inter-Company Drill Competition and the award of the Senior Trophy to the Company Athletics team, headed by Sgt. Simmons, at the recent Surrey A.C.F. Athletics meeting.

To conclude, my personal thanks to Under-Officer Wilkinson, C.S.M. Jones and to a fine team of N.C.O.s who have been doing a great service in running a very fine company.

K.G.M.

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE Autumn and Spring Terms were mainly taken up with rehearsals for "Arms and the Man" and "Toad of Toad Hall", reviews of which appear elsewhere in this magazine. After Christmas it was decided to split the society into junior and senior groups. B. Kennet became Chairman of the senior section and G. Hawkins was appointed Secretary.

The juniors plunged immediately into preparations for their production at the end of the Spring term. Under the direction of Mr. Field this proved to be a most successful venture: it provided an outlet for the energies and talents of a very able group of young actors and served also as a valuable apprenticeship for those who hope to join the Senior Society. Meanwhile, some of the veteran actors on the older group practised scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer" for the "Reynolds News" recorded drama competition. Although there was insufficient time to polish up a performance suitable for submission, the boys learnt something of the techniques and hazards of tape-recording.

The sixth formers are grateful to Mr. Crowe for his playreadings of nineteenth century drama, conducted during the Spring and Easter terms. These useful readings help enormously to enlarge a player's knowledge of theatrical history and background. Visits to the theatre, of course, serve this function as well, and senior members of the Society have continued to support the various local productions at the Civic Hall. Among these was a particularly imaginative performance of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie". On 15th March a party also visited the Old Vic to see the new production of "St. Joan". This was greatly enjoyed, though not without the qualifying criticisms of some of the masters, a large number of whom accompanied the party.

The Annual Verse-Speaking Competition took place in March and the finals were held as usual during Assembly. A most encouraging feature of both sections was the very high standard of reading. The poem



selected for the Junior section was De La Mare's "The Scarecrow". Pearce (3u) gave the most confident performance, followed it with a brilliant, witty recital of T. S. Elliot's "The Railway Cat" and took first place in the competition. Two first form boys, Mottram (1h) and Shrimpton (1h), deserve mention; they took second and third places respectively. Two pieces were offered the Seniors: Wolsey's farewell from "Henry VIII" and the final soliloquy from Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus". Clive Thompson (4u) must be congratulated for giving us an intelligent, mature reading of the former and winning the prize. Hawkins and Sayer (L.VI) read the difficult soliloquy with restraint and understanding to tie for second place.

During the year two members of the Society have achieved distinction, outside the School. Granville Hawkins, who played the Second Gravedigger on the Youth Theatre's production of "Hamlet" last Summer, accompanied that group in a successful tour of the Continent during the Easter holidays. He paid a return visit to Paris in May and will probably continue to go on tour with the Theatre. Nicholas Wilkinson, who appeared in "Arms and the Man", has joined a local amateur company and played a leading part in one of their productions during the Spring term.

The final word must be one of gratitude. We deeply thank Mr. Neale, who left the school last December, for his work in building up the splendid traditions of the society. His knowledge and acumen, the fruits of which were seen in a series of brilliant productions, have left their mark on the actors, and his keenness was an inspiration to all. We wish him luck on his new appointment.

A.J.C.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

CONSIDERABLE progress has been made in several directions during the past year. Both memberships and attendances at society meetings have nearly trebled. This has been due in no small part to the artistic efforts of our publicity man, Tom Craggs, whose services have been much appreciated.

We got off on a good foot in the Autumn term with a visit from Dr. Hamilton, Chairman of the Croydon National History and Scientific Society who delivered a lecture on mechanical engineering with special reference to the construction of bridges. This was followed by a talk by Dr. Knopp of the Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association on Cinematography; one on the manufacture and use of glass; and one on mining engineering.

In the Spring term we were introduced to the intricacies of the Decca Navigation System by Mr. Daget-Clarke of the Decca Navigation Company and to those of the Croydon Water undertaking by Mr. Blackmore, Croydon's Water Engineer. The Star event of the term, however, was the animated lecture given by the prominent science writer, Mr. Richie Calder, C.B.E., entitled, "Science, Master or Servant of Mankind?". The scientific societies of all the Croydon Grammar Schools were invited to attend and refreshments provided for our 100 or more guests. Mr. Calder discoursed on some of the philosophical implications of Science in the modern world, emphasizing the need for communication

between scientists working in different fields of study and between scientists of different nationalities working in different countries. He pointed out that it was essential not to compartmentalize Science or stifle scientific research with security as there were the surest ways of putting the brake on progress. He illustrated his argument with examples from the rapidly developing field of cybernetics.

The Society's activities for this year were rounded off with a coach visit to the National Physical Laboratories at Teddington on May 27th. The N.P.L. Scientists entertained us with, amongst other things, a wind tunnel and a Kelvin electrostatic Voltmeter with a sweep of about fifteen feet—the most accurate instrument of its kind in the country. The separation of Silver from molten lead by the Parkes process was illustrated with radio-active silver and a Geiger counter. Upon concluding the experiment our boffin produced a sample of Cobalt-60, encased in lead and held at the end of a pair of tongs. Our party became just a little apprehensive as the Geiger tube buzzed like a nest of irate hornets and the counter pointer shot off the end of the dial. We were assured, however, that we were in no danger.

Our programme for the Autumn term has already gone past the planning stage and our Society looks forward to another successful school year.

R. FLOYD—U.VISc.A.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society has some excuse for self-congratulation this year by reason of its success in reaching the final of the United Nations Competition. The team, comprising Messrs. Floyd, Gordon, Salter and Courtiour, defeated Selhurst Grammar School for Girls in the first round. This victory was gained on the contention that, "This house believes that Universal Suffrage is not unquestionably the best foundation for government", by the narrow margin of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points. A more tangible triumph was secured against St. Joseph's College by the margin of 9 points. On this occasion the school team changed its tune somewhat, maintaining that, "the present form of government in this country is fundamentally undemocratic", proving to the satisfaction of the judges the apparent truth of this statement. The final is to be held on July 15th against Selhurst Boys. The motion which promises to be violent and controversial, is "This house believes that the world would be better off if America did not Exist".

D. SALTER—U.VI.a.

#### THE CHRISTIAN UNION

THE Committee is very pleased to report a year of continued success in the Christian Union under the very able leadership of S. J. B. Sayer, aided by Messrs. Maggs and Nunn. Many changes have been wrought, from the introduction of refreshments to the reforming of the committee, all of which have combined to give us record attendances this year.

The most outstanding event so far has undoubtedly been our Week in October, when 3 speakers, a research scientist, a theological student and a representative of the Wycliffe Bible Translators came to talk to us and answer questions. The Christian Union also took the assemblies for the week, our leader trying to answer four questions which were thought

to be in the minds of many people. It was generally agreed that this Week was a success, and we will try and repeat the venture.

Contributions to the meetings in the last year have been made by members of the Sixth Form, masters and outside speakers, not forgetting the everlasting Fact and Faith Films. Several topical meetings were also arranged, such as the Election Meeting with Green, Sparks and Camfield speaking for the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Parties respectively, and a very interesting discussion between Sayer and Grey on Baptism.

Finally we would like to extend a hearty welcome to a new member of the staff, Mr. Haster and all new members. To balance this we must bid farewell to Pamphilon, and Gray, both of whose services we will miss greatly. May God bless them and all others who will be leaving school this term.

G. KEYES—L.VI.a (Secretary).

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**DURING** the last term a course of lectures was arranged for the Society covering the technical aspects of photography, but during the present term we shall be more practical, as we hope to arrange a photographic "Field Day" when the examinations are finished.

Owing to building operations the dark room has now disappeared, but we hope to have facilities available for processing for members when the new laboratories are completed.

New members are welcome, and they should see Mr. Cripps or the Secretary.

D. FENTIMAN—L.VI.Sc.4.

### CHESS CLUB

**THE** Club has raised its playing strength immeasurably during the year.

At the same time it has strengthened the base of its membership in the Lower School, whilst attracting a much needed apex of Sixth Form players. A steady following of about 75 are paying a subscription of sixpence a half-term, the money from which has financed the purchase of four new sets.

A vigorous programme of School matches has been arranged with all the local grammar schools that play chess. The strongest of them have heavily defeated our First Team, but we have won just as decisively against the weakest. The Under 14 Team, through refreshing enthusiasm and valuable coaching by Graham Beales and Peter Wilson, has overcome some strong opposition.

#### First Team

- 23rd Oct. v. Reigate G. S. (away). Lost,  $\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 30th. Oct. v Whitgift School (home). Lost, 0—12.
- 13th Nov. v. Coloma Convent G. S. (home). Won, 6—2.
- 6th Nov. v. John Fisher School (away). Won,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 15th Jan. v. Coloma Convent G. S. (away). Won,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 29th Jan. v. Whitgift School (away). Lost, 0—6.
- 18th Mar. v. Coloma Convent G. S. (home). Won, 6—2.
- 11th Mar. v. Whitgift School (home). Lost, 0—10.
- 25th Mar. v. Selhurst G. S. for Boys (home). Lost,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Under 14 Team

- 29th Jan. v. Whitgift School (away). Lost 1—14.  
11th Mar. v. Whitgift School (home). Lost, 4—12.  
1st Apr. v. Reigate G. S. (home). Won, 16—9.  
13th May v. Bromley G. S. for Boys (away). Lost  $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$ .  
27th May v. Lady Edridge G. S. for Girls (away) Won, 7—1.  
10th Jun. v. Purley G. S. for Boys (away). Won, 6—4.

Useful practice against a variety of opponents has been culled from these matches, and from daily lunch hour meetings—on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays for League games, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for coaching. A series of after-School House matches yielded a win for Beta, who beat Alpha by  $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Gamma by 4—2, and Delta by 6—0. Gamma emerged second, beating Delta  $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$ , Alpha 5—1, but losing 2—4 to Beta. Alpha, third, beat Delta by 4—2, but lost to Beta  $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$  and to Gamma 1—5. Delta lost to Alpha 2—4, to Gamma  $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$ , to Beta 0—6.

The school, having entered for the "Sunday Times" National Schools Tournament, was eliminated in the first round by Reigate. One form match was organised in which 1h, after an exciting match, beat 1g by 4—2. Finally, throughout the year members have been playing a knock-out tournament to determine the best individual player. The winner was G. Beales, who thus wins the Weadon Cup—well deserved for organising zeal as well as for consistently high standard of play.

The Secretary's mantle has now been donned by P. Wilson of the Lower Sixth Science A; he had already shown zest both as Treasurer and our regular Board 2 player. In the Lower School R. Lynn of 3g has shown great talent, and A. Boyes of 1g promises as Under 14 Captain.

L.R.H.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

**DURING** the past year the Archaeological Society has made its appearance in the school. Although it has suffered a set-back in the departure of its most energetic patron, Mr. B. A. Catchpole, at Easter, it will undoubtedly continue to prosper.

Several meetings have been held over the past few months, including talks by Messrs. Grey, Hyslop and Procter all of the Upper VI Arts on such topics as excavation at Lullingstone Roman Villa, Roman Pottery, and Egyptology. However, the most popular lecture of all was undoubtedly that of Mr. Catchpole entitled "The man who never was", or excavation of the Sutton Hoo Burial Ship. Despite the competition of the Scientific Society and a football match, this lecture was very well attended.

Finally the support given to this new society has been encouraging, and we hope it will not flag in the future.

R. HYSLOP—U.VIa. (Secretary).

### THE FIFTEEN SOCIETY

**AT** the beginning of this term a Society was formed of sixth formers from both sides of the academic fence with the specific aim of widening their field of interest. The intellectual aim of the Society was to give members a comprehensive understanding of political ideologies and comparative religions. In the future the Society will cover, additionally,

music, art and literature.

To date there have been four successful meetings and they all have had a definite pattern. The speaker outlines his opinions or beliefs for a period of about fifteen minutes and then members ask questions. In this way, stimulating discussions have arisen which always had to be guillotined, because time had run out. The speakers who have addressed the Society so far are:—

Mr. A. Hughes (Roman Catholicism),

Mr. F. H. Amphlett Micklewright (Scientific Humanism),

Mr. R. G. J. Jessop (Jehovah's Witnesses),

The Ven. Ratanesera (Buddhism).

Members of the Society are deeply grateful for the active support of its Chairman, Mr. A. L. Murray, and to Mr. A. J. Crowe.

R. C. COURTIOUR, T. PROCTOR, B. J. STURT-PENROSE, (Joint Secretaries).

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Au cours du trimestre dernier Le Cercle Français de Première est allé voir quatre pièces de théâtre.

Dans "Le Jeu de l'Amour et du Hasard", une pièce pareille aux "Rivals" de Sheridan ou à "She Stoops to Conquer" de Goldsmith, il s'agit d'amour et de malentendus. Un jeune homme veut épouser une jeune fille, mais pour pouvoir apprécier son caractère, il se fait passer pour son propre domestique, tandis que le domestique prend le rôle du maître. La jeune fille cependant a la même idée! Enfin les deux "domestiques" s'entichent l'un de l'autre comme, d'ailleurs, leurs "maîtres", et après bien des hasards les "domestiques" reprennent leurs vrais rangs. C'était une pièce bien jouée et bien représentée et au décor agréable.

"Le Cid" est un de nos textes prescrits. Donc, lorsque l'Institut Français l'a présenté, nous avons été ravis d'avoir l'occasion de la voir. Nous n'avons pas été déçus car "Le Cid" était fort amusant. C'est l'histoire d'un héros de l'Espagne du moyen Age, qui regagne son honneur en vainquant les Maures, les ennemis de Castille.

"Le Maître de Santiago" est une pièce en trois actes, et dont l'action se déroule en Espagne. C'est une histoire d'amour et de la lutte entre une jeune fille et son père possessif, qui désobéit à son roi, à cause de ses principes religieux. Enfin il décide d'entrer dans un monastère, et persuade à sa fille d'entrer dans un couvent, et d'abandonner son amoureux.

La dernière pièce que nous avons vue était "Les Mouches" de Jean-Paul Sartre, à l'Université de Londres. L'action se passe dans la Grèce antique. C'est une nouvelle vue du rôle de la fatalité dans les affaires humaines qui nous a beaucoup intéressés. J. GREEN, R. SPARKS—L.VI.a.

### HERR PETER SQUENTZ

Während des letzten Semesters gingen die Primaner, nur ein deutsches Theaterstück zu sehen. Es war ein Schimpfspiel von Andreas Gryphius, das Herr Peter Squentz heisst. Das Stück wurde auf der Bühne von Kings College auf der Universität von London inszeniert, und trotz einiger Unglücksfälle hat es uns höchst gefallen.

Die Hauptfigur heisst Herr Peter Squentz. Dieser ist ein Dorfschulmeister, der ein Theaterstück über Pyramus und Thisbe schreibt. Er will

das Stück vor dem König und dessen Gemahlin vorstellen, und hofft dabei, eine gute Stelle bei dem König zu gewinnen. Die Einwohner des Dorfes spielen die Rollen im Stück. Leider sind diese unerfahren, und das Stück ist erfolglos. Sie machen viele Fehler, aber viel Heiterkeit entsteht daraus. Natürlich ist der Schulmeister ärgerlich, aber der König und die Königin lachen sich tot über die Possen der Spieler, und das Stück hat einen glücklichen Abschluss.

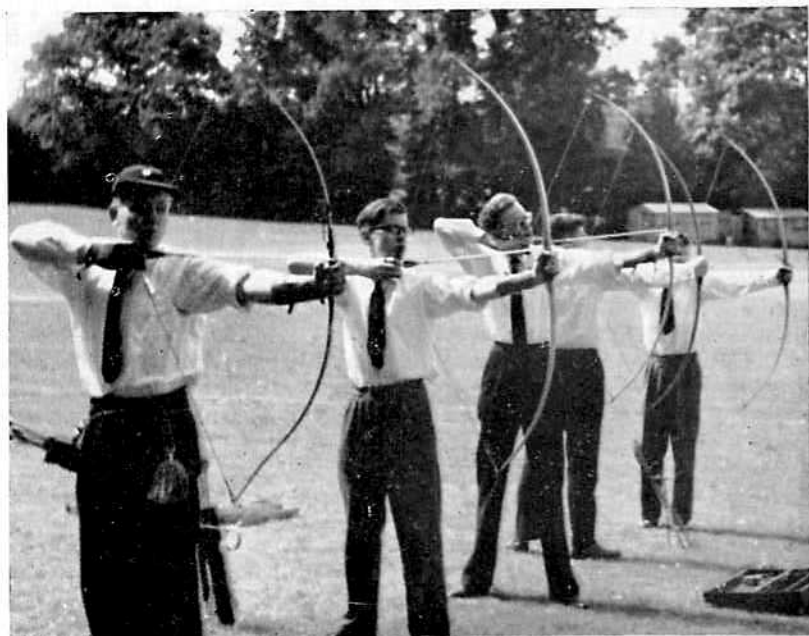
C. R. WEST—L.VI.a.

### THE ARCHERY CLUB

THIS Club was formed in January of this year, under the guidance of Mr. Graham. At first our membership list contained 13 names, but though a few have since dropped out, we have still a hard core of really keen marksmen. Owing to our small number, our finances are rather low, but a grant from the School Fund at our formation enabled us to buy two new bows and a dozen arrows. In addition to these, we have four butts with stands, a 25lb. flat bow and a 42lb yew longbow, kindly presented to us by the Surrey Bowmen, and we have made most of the small articles (ground quiver, finger-tabs etc.) ourselves. A few of our members also have their own equipment.

Our standard of marksmanship, under the expert guidance of our Captain, D. H. Robinson, has steadily improved, our best result to date being 4 golds out of 5 arrows by D. Faulkner. This, however, is exceptional, and, as a rule, none of us scores more than half a dozen or so golds in an afternoon.

T. C RAGGS—U.VI.Sc (Secretary).



*The Archers*



# HOUSE NOTES

## ALPHA

This has been another year of activity in which Alpha acquitted themselves exceedingly well. Our best sports performances have undoubtedly been in the Athletics and Junior Football Competitions, both of which we won convincingly. The Junior Football XI captained by Fentiman (3u), beat Gamma 4—0 and Beta 5—2.

The team was:—Fentiman, Davies, Lemmer, Wrigglesworth, Askew and Quickenden of 3u; Mason, Reid and Compton of 2n; Tyler 1m; and Baron 1g.

The Senior Football XI were unlucky to be knocked out by Beta in the first game.

In Basketball (captain, Wilkinson) we beat Beta and Delta but lost to Gamma.

We seem to be weak at present in swimming and Cross-Country. We congratulate Young (4g) in again winning the Diving Cup—this time the Senior Cup. In both these competitions (Swimming and Cross Country) it is hard to single out individuals but I am pleased with the way that boys came forward to "have a go" when they weren't very good. It shows a very healthy and sporting spirit. In Cross Country our best individual runners were:—Simmons (4u) 5th, Rolfe (5t) 7th in the Seniors, and Buckley (3p) 9th, Avery (4u) 11th and Reid (2n) 13th Juniors.

We again won the Athletic Sports, for the fourth successive time. This was a victory which all forms in the house share. We congratulate Wilkinson in raising his own school record in the long jump to 19ft. 4½in.; Grieve (Vt) on winning the 100 yards and 220 yards; Aylesbury (L.VI) 1st in javelin, 2nd in shot, 2nd in Hurdles; Stinson 1m, Tyler 1m, Harrison 1g, Compton, Wrigglesworth 3u, Rolfe 5t, Hoskin, 5u, Fentiman 3u, and our Medley Relay team (Lamb, Grieve, Wilkinson and Rolfe) and thank our many other loyal supporters.

A special word of thanks for help in chasing up boys, for helping in Standard Tests and for team management is due to Buffrey U.VI.Sc, and Fentiman L.VI.Sc; to Mr. Parker and last but not least to Messrs. Graham, Hasler and Smith for their help in the standards.

We are especially indebted to our House Captain Gilbert (U.VI.Sc) for the tremendous amount of work he has done with the Senior and Junior Football and Athletics, to Simmons (5m) for looking after the Cross-Country and Swimming, and also to Stone (U.VIa) our House Secretary. Furthermore we only narrowly missed retaining the Endeavour Cup for the fourth successive year.

We heartily congratulate Jeffreys on winning his open Scholarship in Classics at Cambridge, (and on his State Scholarship).

D.D.

## BETA

Beta House, the finest of the four, can report a period of grand progress and real endeavour since the last issue of the magazine. Hundreds of House points and the keenest of competition in all sports, show a healthy state of affairs. Other Houses may have more 1st XI players,



the faster bowlers, and a concentration of swimmers, but we have some grand triers who often so nearly won the day by virtue of keenness and courage.

At basketball we were within sight of the winning shot. At football, both Senior and Junior teams reached the finals both to be gallant runners-up. Our young and talented Senior XI came so near to beating the strong Gamma combination. Our Junior XI missed the services of Hodgson who broke an arm prior to the Final.

In the Cross-Country Race we beat all comers in both age groups, with both individual winners and leading runners in Sturt-Penrose, Briant, Little, Richardson, Entwistle, S. Smith and Noakes.

At Athletics and Swimming our teams again acquitted themselves well. The javelin and shot throws gave the Athletics Championship to Alpha House by a narrow margin, but K. Robinson and M. Noakes, Senior and Junior Victor Ludorum respectively, are to be congratulated upon their fine individual performances.

Noakes is further to be commended upon being the youngest player on record to gain 1st XI status at football, playing at the end of the season against the Old Boys, an Undergraduate XI and the Staff team.

Lyle also deserves special mention for his high-jumping for the House, for the School in open competition and for the Croydon Team, in which McDonald (220 yards) and Noakes (Hurdles) were also included.

Another notable success was that of Thompson (4u) in winning the Verse-Speaking competition.

With a little wider effort now from a few boys whose names seem absent from our sporting records and House-point lists, we can look forward to further successes in the coming School year.

Support the magnificent contribution of the loyal and hard-working, hard-playing group.

Real endeavour, Beta!

R. P. SUTTON—U.VI,Arts.

## GAMMA

We wish, first, to welcome all new members who have joined Gamma House since the last issue of the Magazine.

In a closely contested struggle for the Endeavour Cup, we finished fourth. The coveted trophy would have been Gamma's, if everyone had made that final effort. Although the shocking number of Gamma "lates" has dropped recently, it is still far too high, and should be eliminated. As regards House points, why not give the secretary some practice in Arithmetic, by sending in several House points at a time, instead of being content with one?

The House teams in short have had quite a reasonably successful season, with few really outstanding achievements, however. We won the Basketball competition, after many keenly contested games (team:—Adams, Barson, Bird, Cokerton, Hurn, Taylor). Our soccer team won the Senior football competition, with a 4—2 win over Beta in the final, thanks to a fine display by Cokerton. The Cross-Country run was well supported and Gamma had the largest entry of any House in the Senior run. There were some good individual results (Sims 2nd), but the team

was unlucky not to have been placed higher than 3rd.

We were very sorry to lose Bird, our Sports Captain, at the end of the Spring Term. He worked hard to instil enthusiasm in the House, especially among the juniors.

The Gamma placing in the School Athletic Sports was very disappointing (4th). Although the team, especially some of the juniors, gave of their best, we have little talent available. In the Swimming Sports, we did better. We gained 3rd place; and the House owes a debt of gratitude to Beaumont for a lot of work in organising entries and for some first-class swimming on the night of the Gala.

The moral for the House is obvious: each member must try really hard to improve his work, and his sporting record, and make sure that he can do his all-round best for his House.

A. W. C. ADAMS (Capt.), R. HYSLOP (Sec.) U.VI.

## DELTA

Since the last issue of the Magazine the House has seen many new faces. Some thirty boys soon showed their mettle with a fine production of House points and it was with due pride that we viewed the Endeavour Cup on Speech Day adorned with a green ribbon. Perhaps it would be unfair to single out any one boy for special commendation as almost everyone played his part and played it well. Nevertheless, I feel that we must congratulate both our Vice-Captain, D. Larman, on gaining a State Scholarship to London University and our Secretary, M. J. Harvey, who became a Surrey County Commandant Cadet during last term—a very high honour in the Cadet Force.

We regret to say that we lost the valuable services of Mr. Catchpole last Easter, but have, in Mr. Hasler, our first Physical Training House Master for a considerable time, an admirable successor whose willingness to assist the House in all sporting activities has been in evidence over the past few months.

In the field of sport, we gained creditable third place on Sports Day after getting off to a good start tying with Beta for the Field Events Cup whilst, after a considerable training programme, we just failed to clinch the Senior and Junior Cross-Country. Worthy of mention are Reeve who shared the Senior Victor Ludorum and Collins who shared the Junior. The swimming trophy was ours once again due entirely to the concerted efforts of Mr. Maggs and his few stalwart supporters with Burford "walking away" with the School Championship.

It is still regrettable that although there are over one hundred and fifty members in the House, little over forty names appear on the House Point List. Lateness still occurs far too frequently and must be checked.

You, members of Delta House, have a high standard to maintain. Let us better this standard by everyone making a real effort in future.

C. F. BENNELL (Capt.)—U.VI.Sc.



# SPORT

**A**FTER years of frustration and of impatient waiting we see, at last, some encouraging signs which lead us to believe that the pavilion should be ready early in the football season. Four dressing-rooms will then be available, with, we trust, quite good facilities for washing and changing, and for the provision of refreshments.

The accommodation will frequently prove too small for the numbers involved, but the comfort and convenience will be most welcome. We look forward to other improvements to follow, until the Playing-Field and its amenities become worthy of a Grammar School.

## FOOTBALL

The past season, 1959-60, has been most encouraging in that it has shown that there is considerable playing strength in the Middle School, and this augurs well for the next two years. Over one hundred matches were played with the following results:—

			P.	W.	D.	L.
1st XI	...	...	18	7	2	9
2nd XI	...	...	15	8	1	6
3rd XI	...	...	20	17	1	2



*Schools Cup XI*

*by courtesy of "The Croydon Advertiser"*

M. Stanford, M. Noakes, P. Holmes (Capt.), J. Little, P. Whitaker, D. Shoubridge, J. Baugh, J. Lloyd, H. Colliver, K. Robinson, P. Smith.

4th XI	...	...	18	14	1	3
5th XI	...	...	21	9	2	10
6th XI	...	...	13	9	1	3

Outstanding during the season was the performance of the 3rd XI (illustrated) in winning the Croydon Schools Championship Cup, and following this feat by winning the Surrey Individual Schools Trophy. For the Senior Competition, Pyke and Cockerton substituted at wing-half and centre-forward respectively.

Supporters who followed this series of games agree that each member of the XI played really good football, and the teamwork in semi-finals and finals was superb.

A letter of appreciation of the excellent standard of play has been received from the Croydon Schools' Football Association.

As is usual, many of our players were in Croydon XI's: P. Holmes, J. Little, K. Robinson for the Senior XI; C. Bateman, M. McDonald, I. Paye, M. Noakes, R. Simmons for the Intermediate XI.

Cockerton played for the Croydon team which won the "Cyril Black" Cup, and J. Little played for the County XI.

The 1st XI lost 4-5 to the Old Boys in the Challenge Shield Match, staging a grand second-half recovery against a strong opposition.

The 6th XI was runner-up in their division of the Croydon Schools League.

## CRICKET

As with football, so also with cricket, four or five prospective 1st team players did not continue in the Sixth Form, and the Senior XI has suffered in consequence. Gilbert and Adams have had to share the bulk of the bowling and the batting is considerably weaker than had been anticipated. By the time these notes appear the Upper School XI's will probably have had a mediocre season. Our main strength, again, is in the Middle School and we trust that these players will continue with us for at least two or three seasons.

At the time of writing, representative players include C. Bateman, (Surrey and Croydon) and P. Holmes (Croydon).

V. Reed (3rd XI) was the first player this season to score 50, making 53 not out, in a League match. Other useful scores include C. Bateman 45, and J. Reid 41, both not out.

## SWIMMING

Our competition swimmers are M. Simmons, Treleven, M. Beaumont, P. Rayner. In individual and team events at the Croydon Senior Gala they came second to Selhurst, a most commendable performance for such a numerically small team.

At our own Gala on May 17th, Delta House again won the Championship, with Beta a very good second.

The individual trophies went to:—

V. Burford — "Perry" Cup School Championship 100 yards.

M. Young — Senior Diving.

P. Yerrell — Junior Diving  
whilst Delta and Beta respectively won the Senior and Junior Relay Shields.



Once again our sincere thanks to those many parents who see that their boys are well-turned out in spotless football and cricket kit throughout the seasons.

We are indebted to Mr. Ward who so kindly undertook the renovation of our deck-chairs to make for our comfort during the Cricket season.

Mr. Bateman has very kindly donated a cricket bat to our general equipment.

On very many occasions the conveyance of cricket equipment to and from matches has been most helpfully undertaken by Mr. Noakes.

Mr. Bishop, too, has frequently provided transport to and from matches for both players and equipment, as well as giving much time assisting in coaching our junior cricketers.

To these, and other good friends of the School, all our sportsmen will wish to join in our sincere "Thank you".

It has been most gratifying to find that we have other loyal helpers amongst the boys themselves.

R. Clark, M. Simmons, C. Bennell, and R. Entwistle have been most helpful in refereeing and umpiring at School matches. Their services are greatly appreciated, as are those of the many boys who have acted as linesmen and as scorers during the football and cricket seasons.

## OLD BOYS' CHALLENGE SHIELD

By winning at Basketball, Swimming and Cross-Country, the School has taken the Shield for 1960. The Old Boys won at Football, and at the time of writing the Cricket result is yet to come.

## LAWN TENNIS

We have once again had the use of the courts at Shirley Park and groups of boys from the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms have been playing regularly during the term. A team of six:— Sutton, Rengger, Wilkinson, Buffrey, Fisher and Robinson have arranged two matches with other schools; and a party of older boys visited Wimbledon one afternoon during the Championships.

## ATHLETICS

The first main meeting of this year was our own School's Sports which were held on May 11th at Croydon Arena. Once again, the holding of our sports early in the term seemed to catch many of our athletes unprepared. In spite of this we had several fine performances and some very exciting races.

The Inter-House Championship results for 1960-61 are as follows:—

1st, Alpha; 2nd, Beta; 3rd, Delta; 4th, Gamma.

Senior Victor Ludorum was shared between Robinson and V. Reeve. Junior Victor Ludorum was shared between Collins and Noakes.

The most notable performances were Salter's new discus record of 119ft. 8in., Wilkinson's new long jump record of 19ft. 2½in., Lyle's High Jump of 5ft. 2½in. (only ½in. below the record), and Collins's 11.5sec. 100 yards. Collins, as a 13-year-old, would have been placed second in the 15-16's 100 yards!

In the Croydon Schools' Junior Sports, held at Croydon Arena on May 18th, School fielded slightly weaker team than in previous years. It was therefore a praiseworthy effort by the Junior team in particular to gain fourth place in the overall competition. Noakes had a fine win in the 110 yards hurdles, McDonald again won the 220 yards and Collins had a terrific fight to get equal 1st in the 100 yards.

In the intermediate sports the team gave a most disappointing show. The one shining light was Lyle's 5ft. 4in. High Jump with which he won the event. This proved to be the prelude to his most successful year so far because since then he has won the Surrey County Grammar Schools High Jump with a 5ft. 5in. jump and he also gained 3rd place in the Surrey A.A.A.'s Youth's High Jump, also with a jump of 5ft. 5in., in the face of fierce competition and a stiff breeze.

The County Grammar Schools Sports were again held at Motspur Park on June 2nd. We had our most successful day for some years although most of the points were won in the field events. Salter won the Senior Discus, Lyle won the High Jump, Aylesbury was 2nd in the Senior Weight Putt, Robinson was 5th in the 110 yards hurdles and Grieve 6th in the 220.

As these notes go to press we are preparing for matches against Selhurst, Heath Clark, Warlingham and Bromley Schools. We are also engaged in the Herne Hill Harriers trophy meeting, which extends over six weeks. The Junior relay team will defend the Brockman Trophy at Croydon Arena on June 18th and there will be a new meeting on July 16th for the team when we enter the Crystal Palace Rotary Sports which is being held this year at Croydon Arena.

## **STOP PRESS**

In the Croydon Schools Cricket Association competitions both our Under 15 XI and Under 13 XI reached their respective finals. As this magazine goes to press it will be known whether they proved to be winners or runners-up.

Colin Bateman has been playing for the Surrey Schools XI and was selected for Surrey v. Warwickshire at the Oval.

P. Salter was selected as Discus thrower for the Surrey Schools Athletics Team at the All-England meeting at Shrewsbury this July.

He won this event at the Surrey Secondary Schools Meeting and again at the Surrey Grammar Schools Meeting, both at Motspur Park.

Similarly, M. Noakes, who won the Hurdles event at the Croydon Athletics Meeting, was again winner for Croydon in the Surrey Schools Meeting at Motspur Park.



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**THE JOHN RUSKIN CHALLENGE SHIELD TROPHY.** Since our last report the remaining two events were decided—the finely contested Cricket Match resulted in a draw, and at the Swimming Gala honours went to the Old Boys. Consequently, for last year, the Old Boys retained the Shield, having won three events to one—with one drawn. Which means the School were prevented from winning the Shield outright.

This year the position has changed. The School won the Basket Ball by a comfortable margin, whereas we scrambled home by 5 goals to 4 in the Football Match after leading at half-time by 3 goals to 1. The Swimming Gala held during the middle of May was enjoyed by all, but the match between the School and the Old Boys went in favour of the School. Shortly before we had the Cross-Country event. The position to date, therefore is: School—3 events, Old Boys—1 event with only the Cricket Match to come. Consequently this year the School will have their name on the Shield once again, and it now becomes theirs.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** This was held on Thursday, October 22nd, 1959, but once again the attendance left much to be desired. However, there was no difficulty in selecting a new Committee, as the majority of those resigning agreed to serve a further term of office. The constitution of the new Committee appears above, and as foreshadowed last year, John Bell has reluctantly resigned the position as Treasurer owing to increased family responsibilities. Fortunately he has agreed to serve on the Committee so that we still have the benefit of his experience, and the office of Treasurer has been taken by G. Floyd, an old and faithful member of past Committees.

At the Annual Meeting our Chairman informed us all that he would not be seeking re-election at the end of the current year. This decision will be a sad blow to our organisation—our Chairman's past services have been invaluable. The next A.G.M. is awaited anxiously.

**DINNER DANCE.** 1960 marks the fortieth year of the School's existence and to honour this it has been decided to hold a Dinner Dance. This has been fixed for *Saturday, November 19th.*, and will be held at *The Shirley Poppy Hotel, Wickham Road, Shirley*, with dancing to Johnny Howard's Ambassadors, at present resident at the Orchid Ballroom, Purley. Full details will be issued later, but the time will probably be Reception 6.15 for Dinner at 6.45, then dancing around 8.30 p.m. until midnight. Dress will be optional but formal, i.e. dark lounge suits, dinner jackets or tails. Tickets will most probably be 21/- each person.



**ANNUAL DINNER.** Following many requests it was decided to maintain our usual re-union dinner notwithstanding the further function later in the year. This took place on Friday, April 1st, 1960, at our usual rendez-vous The Shirley Poppy Hotel, with Old Boy E. W. Bradbury, Esq., as our principal guest.

The toast of "The School" by our principal guest threw some amusing light on past events at the School, duly dealt with in the reply from the Headmaster. The present School Captain—J. C. F. Wilkinson—gave us an insight into present affairs at the School when proposing the toast of "The Association". The Old Boys' Secretary replied and thanked Mr. Bradbury—together with all those Old Boys who had far to travel, for their attendance.

On this occasion, apart from the School Captain, the six senior School Prefects were invited by the Association, as part of a new effort to attract Old Boys into our organisation.

**TUESDAY CLUB NIGHT.** There has been a steep increase in the rental of "The Hut" situated adjacent to St. Peter's Hall, Ledbury Road, South Croydon, which has placed this activity in jeopardy once again.

Your support however has been most encouraging and if there are a few other Old Boys who would like a game of billiards, snooker or darts, table tennis, etc., please do not forget these weekly "Club Nights" where old faces are seen quite often.

**TIES, BLAZERS, SCARVES.** These are still available at Messrs. Hewitts, 45/49 Church Street, Croydon (Tel. CRO 1830). We feel sure that you need something new this year, so please send your requests, together with the necessary money of course. Present prices are as follows:

Ties, Wool Cashmere .....	10	6
All silk .....	12	6
Reppe .....	6	11
Jacquard .....	15	11
Saxony Wraps .....	26	6
Reppe Squares .....	21	0
Badges, Silk .....	7	6
Goldwire .....	37	6
Blazers, Flannel .....	95	0
Serge .....	126	0
Barathea .....	132	6

#### NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

E. W. Harding—now Mayor of Beddington and Wallington.

A. W. J. Evers—who recently contacted us after many years—taking up an appointment as Director of Criminal Investigation, Dar-es-Salaam, during June, 1960.

John Ward—temporarily in Nigeria for his firm.

Harold Bailey—has taken up a Government appointment in Northern Rhodesia.

