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EDITORIAL

This is the last edition of the "Rutlishian" which will be published before the school leaves its present buildings in Rutlish Road. The new school, so long a dream, is at last reality and it is hoped that the transfer will take place before the end of this school year.

The scope of the magazine has been extended slightly to include reports of all the cricket teams, and a larger report on the Chess Club, which has shown remarkable progress. The amount of original work published in the magazine has been limited, as the committee feels that only work of a good standard should be included.

There have been many visits arranged during the school year, and those in which large groups took part have been reported more fully elsewhere in the magazine. Smaller groups of Sixth Formers enjoyed productions of "Le Misanthrope" and "Phèdre" by well-known French companies at the Palace Theatre; other presentations attended were "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme", "Les Mains Sales", "El Sí de las Niñas" and "Henry IV (Part 2)". In another sphere a day was spent by a party from the school at the Surrey Quarter Sessions, to mention but one interesting outing which was also of educational value.

It is with regret that we record the departures of Mr. Esterson and Mr. Whitehead, who have been prominent in school activities during their stay at Rutlish, and we offer a belated welcome to Mr. Simmons and Mr. Denning, who have now been with us for nealy a year. Mr. Sheehan, after a very long and devoted stay with us, is retiring this year; an article appears on page 35. We wish him a very happy retirement.

Finally, the editor would like to thank the Magazine Committee for their willing assistance in the preparation of the magazine.

M.J.T.

SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1956-57

School Captain: P. C. CONWAY.

School Vice-Captain: J. H. W. JAMES (*Autum Term*).
B. A. KEAST

Prefects:

A. D. BLINCOE	P. A. LEONARD	J. L. PRETLOVE
C. W. J. CROUCH	C. E. POWELL	M. J. TYDEMAN

Senior Sub-Prefect:

D. S. R. FINNING

Sub-Prefects:

ARMITAGE	HUGGETT	PROSSER
BELL	JOHNSTON	SLATER
BREED	JONES	STILLWELL
BROCK	KING	TARRANT
BROWNING	MARKSON	THOMAS
BUCHANAN	MINNION	TOMLIN
CHARLES	MOODY	WILLIAMS
DAMBMANN	MORRISON	WOODALL
EASTALL	PLUMMER	

Rugby, 1956-57:

Captain: J. H. W. JAMES* — Vice-Captain: B. A. KEAST*
Secretary: P. A. LEONARD* — Committee: P. C. CONWAY*

Cricket, 1956:

Captain: A. D. BLINCOE* — Vice-Captain: B. A. KEAST
Secretary: T. C. SALTER* — Ex-Officio: P. C. CONWAY*

Athletics, 1957:

Captain: C. W. J. CROUCH — Vice-Captain: C. E. POWELL

Cross-Country, 1957:

Captain: P. DAMBMANN

Swimming, 1957:

Captain: P. F. BREED — Vice-Captain: A. J. BURFORD

* Denotes colours.

SPEECH NIGHT, OCTOBER 22nd, 1956

As in previous years, the Speech Night was preceded in the morning by the Annual Commemoration Service in Merton Parish Church, which this year took the form of two services, the first being for the Senior School and the second for the Junior School.

The evening's proceedings commenced with an introduction by the Chairman, Mr. J. C. G. Crump, to our guests of the evening, Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt, the former being one of the Royal Physicians and a distinguished athlete. The Headmaster gave his brief report, followed by the distribution of prizes by Sir Arthur to various members of the School. In his address to the parents and boys of the School, Sir Arthur implied that success was not due to luck, but to hard work, plus some natural ability, giving apt illustrations from events in his own life. His speech terminated with some sound advice, "The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement". Sir Arthur very kindly closed with the suggestion of a half-holiday for the School.

Mr. Luffman, President of the Old Rutlishians' Association, announced that it was intended to erect a memorial to the perpetual memory of Mr. E. A. Varnish, the late headmaster, at the New School Building. This was followed by the suggestion for another half-holiday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Old Rutlishians' Association.

Mr. Sawtell, speaking on behalf of the Parents' Association, impressed upon us all the financial position of this "social and benevolent association" and appealed to the parents of new boys to attend the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor of Wimbledon, Councillor Reid, proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Arthur Porritt, and this was seconded by the Rev. S. H. Heaton-Renshaw.

The usual brief speech of thanks on behalf of the School came from this year's School Captain, P. C. Conway, who delivered an excellent oration. He thanked the Governors and Staff for their support during the past year, and the Prefects and Sub-Prefects for their help in running the School. He finished by calling for three hearty cheers from the School.

The evening's proceedings came to an early close with the singing of the School Song.

S.P.B.

FORM PRIZES

I II.A. J. T. Yerbury	IV.A. D. E. Uden
I II.B. J. R. Piggott	IV.B. D. I. Heather
I II.C. R. F. Mayers	IV.C. D. R. Fishwick
I II.D. P. G. Eyles	IV.D. J. A. Ericson
III.A. T. J. Delbridge	R.A. P. H. Rolfe
III.B. H. B. Jones	R.B. A. D. Clark
III.C. J. D. Beck	R.C. C. Campbell
V.1. M. E. Ayling: N. Gilbey	V.UP. G. E. Green
V.2. E. G. Jones: J. J. Tarrant	V.3. G. Markson

Transitus:

Modern Languages	P. M. Charlton
Latin	J. L. Minnion
English	M. T. Skinner
History	P. F. Breed
Mathematics	D. J. Huggett
Physics and Chemistry	R. I. Cooper
Biology	J. H. Kuruber
Geography	C. Brock

Sixth Form:

Old Rutlishians' Prizes	P. C. Conway: J. L. Pretlove: M. F. Russell
Languages	D. S. Finning: M. J. Tydeman
English	C. J. Crouch
History	J. L. Fryer
Mathematics and Science	J. A. Parker: R. E. Saunders: D. M. Carr

SPECIAL PRIZES:

Music Prize: J. R. Williams
Louisa Bennett Art Prizes: Senior—A. R. Rutstein.
Junior—R. A. Tribick.
Beaverbrook-Bennett Commonwealth History Prize: C. G. Dudley.
Everett Memorial Athletics Prize: P. A. Leonard.
Mullens Memorial Prize: D. J. Lane.
School Captain's Prize: D. J. Lane.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

University Scholarships: G. Downie (Bristol, Engineering).
D. J. Lane (Southampton, Engineering).
C. Grindlay (Manchester, Technology).
State Scholarships: J. L. Pretlove; M. F. Russell (Mathematics).
John Innes Scholarships: M. F. Russell; C. G. Dudley.
Disney Scholarship: A. Huxtable.
J. Innes Travel Awards, 1956: P. F. Breed; D. S. Finning; J. L. Fryer.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced Level:—

A. D. Blincoe (2)
B. E. Bridgeman (3)
D. M. Carr (4)
M. J. Case (2)
J. L. Evans (2)
C. M. Grindlay (1)
E. J. Grisley (3)
A. King (1)
D. J. Lane (3)
M. F. Tomlin (1)
P. G. Rea (1)
J. A. Parker (4)
J. L. Pretlove (4)
M. F. Russell (4)
T. C. Salter (2)
R. E. Sanders (4)
D. S. Southgate (3)
N. C. Allen (3)
J. D. Connell (3)
P. C. Conway (3)
M. J. Tydeman (3)
A. D. Blincoe (1)
C. W. J. Crouch (2)
P. Dambmann (2)
D. S. Finning (3)
J. L. Fryer (3)
A. Huxtable (3)
J. H. James (3)
P. J. Kefford (2)
D. A. King (2)
M. I. Stillwell (2)
J. R. Williams (2)

Ordinary Level:

A. G. Acketts (8)
M. E. Ayling (8)
A. J. Bing (7)
J. C. Bishop (5)
K. N. Boorman (8)
R. A. Bowler (8)
J. S. Clarke (7)
M. C. Cooke (3)
C. Deacon (7)
N. Gilbey (8)
P. J. Hall (7)
D. B. Harper (6)
D. V. Hodges (6)
D. E. Holmes (7)
C. J. Hudson (8)
S. G. Jones (7)
P. J. King (5)
A. D. Lea (7)
B. G. Maton (7)
K. H. Pannell (7)
J. R. Pullen-Burry (6)
B. J. Richardson (8)
C.Richardson (8)
G. Roby (4)
P. W. Stevens (7)
D. W. Voss (7)
P. J. Voss (6)
K. A. Woodall (8)
R. J. Wright (7)
F. S. Andrews (3)
L. S. Bellamy (6)
K. Bennett (3)
I. Brent (2)
R. N. Bridgeman (5)
P. W. Catt (3)
C. S. Charles (5)
R. A. Davies (6)
D. H. Eastall (5)
I. N. Faulkner (2)
D. Fox (5)
M. C. Griffiths (4)
M. D. Hall (8)
M. J. Hogarth (5)
R. J. Hutchins (7)
G. H. Ireland (5)
B. Jelley (6)
E. G. Jones (7)
R. Kitchen (6)
A. Linstead (6)
H. E. Mouatt (4)
B. P. Purslove (4)
O. Riches (6)
P. A. Rylance (5)
B. A. Saggers (4)
I. R. Stewart (4)
J. J. Tarrant (7)
A. D. Taylor (5)
P. J. Tooley (3)
A. E. Bagworth (5)
D. H. Cranefield (3)
A. D. Dawe (2)
R. J. Flynn (2)
D. E. Griffiths (3)
R. C. Housego (2)
G. Markson (5)
G. L. Mead (5)
C. R. Money (6)
L. P. Murdey (2)
N. J. Ridler (1)
R. B. Sewell (2)
A. J. Slater (4)
D. B. Witney (1)
M. Campbell (1)
A. J. Collins (1)
J. C. Doerr (1)
P. J. Ennis (5)
J. B. Field (3)
G. E. Green (6)
P. Kitcherside (3)
B. J. Lewis (3)
T. B. Mahon (5)
S. Markson (3)
P. D. Prosser (3)
D. J. Ridout (6)

The following added subjects:

E. G. Black (1)
S. P. Browning (1)
P. M. Charlton (1)
A. R. Gautier (2)
R. C. Hawkes (1)
C. J. Hunt (1)
W. James (2)
D. J. Lane (1)
J. L. Minnion (1)
D. H. Moody (1)
P. Noble (2)
J. R. Williams (1)
D. J. Huggett (1)
J. Sawtell (2)
J. C. Bowry (3)
P. C. Cargin (2)
T. V. Morrison (5)
M. E. Munday (5)
A. J. Wild (4)
R. P. Bell (2)
R. W. Hetherington (2)
I. G. Low (2)
P. M. Perrin (2)
B. G. Reynolds (3)
R. W. Wright (3)

HOUSE TROPHIES

	Winner	Runner-up
Work	Romans	Parthians
Rugby	Parthians	Crusaders
Cross Country	Parthians	Crusaders
Athletics	Argonauts	Spartans
Cricket	Crusaders	Romans
Swimming	Crusaders	Romans
Shooting	Argonauts	Spartans
COCK HOUSE	Parthians	Romans

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JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

The time is fast approaching when we shall again be united with our seniors. The imposing edifice that dominates our new field is now externally complete and we who have been able to watch its progress find it hard to recall the time when it was not there.

Meanwhile, from the Junior School there are no matters of any great moment to report. We have lost our Assembly Hall in the work of enlarging the playing area of the field and are somewhat uncomfortably cramped in consequence. On the other hand, the installation of a number of gas-taps in one of our rooms has converted it to a Physics laboratory (sic).

Our musicians display continued interest in this side of our school life, which indeed moves from strength to strength; for there are now more boys than ever before engaged in learning to play some sort of instrument, and the cacophony during the practice period before school every morning has to be heard to be believed. A competent orchestra accompanies the hymn at morning assembly, and a select choir under the ægis of Mr. Simmonds, serves to inspire the singing of the remainder.

Our Tuck Shop continues to function satisfactorily under the management of Branch (3A) and his committee, and while our accounts do not always balance to the last penny, we are making a substantial profit.

Pressure of other activities has prevented the production of a junior play so far this year, but rumour has it that there is something under consideration for presentation in the not too distant future.

The Junior Historical Society has held regular well-attended meetings, and on three occasions has paid visits to places of historical interest with Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Simmons.

A surprising number of boys are the proud possessors of chess sets which, on occasions, have even had to be confiscated owing to the unwise enthusiasm of the owners. The Chess Club, initiated by Mr. Esterson, has a good number of keen players.

Of our other societies we have to report that the Christian Union is continuing to hold its weekly meetings which attract quite a following; while the Photographic Society, though undermanned, continues to function.

VALETE

PREFECTS:

CONWAY P. C. (1949) (0, 9: A, 3) School Captain, Crusader House Captain 1955—6, 1st XV 1955—6—7, Committee (Colours) 1957, 1st XI 1953—7 (Colours) Captain 1955 and 1957, Editor of "Rutlishian 1956, C.C.F. Under-Officer, John Innes' Travel Scholarship 1957. Leaving to enter H.M. Forces before going up to University College, Oxford.

JAMES, J. H. W. (1949) (0, 8: A, 3) School Vice-Captain, Parthian House Captain 1956, 1st XV 1955—6—7 Captain 1957 (Colours), School Athletics Team 1956, Cross Country Team 1956, C.C.F./R.A.F. F./Sgt., Drum-Major. Left to enter H.M. Forces before going to university.

KEAST, B. A. (1949) (O, 7) School Vice-Captain, Romans House Captain 1955—6—7, 1st XV 1956—7 Vice-Captain 1957 (Colours), 1st XI 1953—7 Vice-Captain 1955—6—7, Athletics Secretary 1956, Cross Country Team 1955.

LEONARD, P. A. (1949) (0, 3) Crusaders House Captain 1956, 1st XV 1955—6—7, Secretary 1957 (Colours), Athletics 1953—6 Captain 1956 (Colours), C.C.F./C.S.M. Left to enter H.M. Forces.

CROUCH, C. W. J. (1949) (0, 6: A, 2) Crusaders House Captain 1957, 1st XV 1957, 1st XI 1955, Athletics 1954-57, Captain 1957, Debating Soc. Committee, Dramatic Society, President of Music Society, C.C.F./C.Q.M.S.

POWELL, C. E. (1950) (0, 4) Argonauts House Captain 1957, 1st XV 1957 (Colours), 1st XI 1954—57, Athletics 1956—7, Vice-Captain 1957, Historical Soc. Treasurer, School Orchestra, C.C.F./C.S.M. Leaving to enter London School of Economics.

TYDEMAN, M. J. (1949) (0, 9: A, 3) Romans Vice-Captain 1955—6—7, 1st XV 1955—6—7 (Colours), 1st XI 1954—5—6—7, Debating Soc. Committee, Editor of "Rutlishian" 1957, C.C.F. Under-Officer, John Innes' Travel Scholarship 1955. Leaving to enter Magdalen College, Oxford.

BLINCOE, A. D. (1949) (0, 7: A, 3) Trojan House Captain 1956—7, 1st XI 1953—7, Captain 1956 (Colours). Leaving to enter Bristol University.

PRETLOVE, J. L. (1949) (0, 8: A, 4) Vikings House-Captain 1957, 2nd XV, Christian Union Leader, Debating Soc. Committee, Library Committee 1954—5, Dramatic Soc., C.C.F./S/Sgt. Leaving to enter Trinity College, Cambridge.

SUB-PREFECTS:

ARMITAGE, B. (1950) (0, 8) Argonaut House Committee 1956—7, 2nd XV, 2nd XI.

BREED, P. F. (1950) (0, 7) Parthian Vice-Captain 1956—7, 1st XV 1955—6, School Atheletics Team 1956—7, Cross-Country 1957, Swimming 1956—7, Captain 1957, Historical Soc. Committee, John Innes' Travel Scholarship 1956, C.C.F. Sgt.

BUCHANAN, A. J. (1950) (0, 2) Roman House Committee 1957, 1st XV 1956—7, School Athletics Team 1957.

DAMBMANN, P. (1949) (0, 9: A, 2) Argonaut Vice-Captain 1956—7, 1st XV 1955—6—7, 1st XI 1956—7, Athletics 1953—7, Secretary 1957, Cross-Country Captain 1957, C.C.F. Sgt.

EASTALL, D. H. (1951) (0, 5) Viking Vice-Captain 1956—7, 2nd XV, 1st XI 1956—7.

FINNING, D. S. R. (1950) (0, 9: A, 3) Romans House Committee 1955—7, John Innes' Travel Scholarship 1956, C.C.F. Sgt. Leaving to enter St. John's College, Oxford.

HUGGETT, D. J. (1950) (0, 7) Kelts Vice-Captain 1956—7, C.C.F./R.A.F. Sgt.

JOHNSTON, P. S. C. (1950) (0, 7) Spartans Vice-Captain 1956—7, Swimming Sec. 1957, President of Photographic Soc., 1957, President of Debating Soc. 1957, C.C.F. Cpl.

MOODY, D. H. (1950) (0, 7) Viking House Captain 1955—6—7, 1st XV 1955—6—7 (Colours), 2nd XI, School Athletics Team 1956.

PROSSER, P. D. (1950) (0, 8) Argonaut House Committee 1956—7, 2nd XV, Christian Union Committee, C.C.F. S/Sgt., Drum Major.

THOMAS, A. N. (1950) (0, 6) Trojan Vice-Captain 1956—7, 1st XV 1957, C.C.F./R.A.F. Cpl.

TOMLIN, M. F. (1949) (0, 8: A, 1) Spartan House Captain 1956—7, School Orchestra. Leaving to enter Leeds University.

WILLIAMS, J. R. T. (1952) (0, 5: A, 2) Trojan House Committee 1956—7, Librarian, Dramatic Soc. Leaving to enter Bristol University.

SIXTH FORM:

FRYER, J. L. (1949) (0, 5: A, 3) Trojan House Committee 1956—7, School Athletics 1957, Cross-Country 1957. Leaving to enter London School of Economics.

PARKER, J. F. (1949) (0, 5: A, 4) Roman House Committee 1956—7, Science Soc. Sec. Leaving to enter Bristol University.

REYNOLDS, K. D. G. (1949) (0, 5) Christian Union Leader.

SOUTHGATE, D. A. (1952) (0, 5). Leaving to enter Manchester University.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS

Membership of the School Savings Group has increased during the past year in both Main and Junior Schools,, and is now close on 300. The amount collected for the half-year ending 31st March was £562. Although this is generally a fair record, it would have been a better one, if many who were previously regular savers, had not fallen away as they moved up the School. Happily this has not been the case in Trans. Science A and Ra, whose membership has been well maintained.

It has now been decided by the Schools Advisory Committee that in future a single annual return will be rendered on the 31st March. In these circumstances we ought to make it our aim to save at least £1,000 in the course of the financial year, and if more boys come forward to join the Group, this target should easily be reached.

Thanks must be given to those who have regularly supported the cause of savings, and to Mr. Whitehead for his excellent work in increasing membership in the Junior School, where savers now number 134.

H.S.

HOUSE REPORTS

ARGONAUTS

House Masters—R. C. Howard, Esq.; S. C. E. Whitehead, Esq.
House Captain—C. E. Powell.
Vice-Captain—P. Dambmann.
Committee—P. D. Prosser, R. P. Bell, B. Armitage, J. H. Kuruber, P. J. Hall.

Two years ago the Argonauts ended a three year run of being Cock House, but during the two year lapse the House has progressed steadily and once again is within reach of the elusive Cock House Cup. The main reason for this improvement is the return of the House spirit (so often only credited to boarding schools) and a willingness to work and help the house for its ultimate benefit. As a consequence the house is working as a team and not relying on a few isolated individuals to attempt to win every cup under the sun! This has been proved by the results that have been attained this year, for the Argonauts have won the Rugby Cup and Cross-Country Cup; were runner-up in the Athletics and are at present second in the Work Cup. Practically everyone in the House has contributed to these successes; those that were not taking part in the rugby matches were ever present on the touch lines to give invaluable support; and the Juniors have worked very well by presenting us with good letters.

I should like to thank the House Committee, which is undoubtedly the finest in the School, for their constant vigilance over their somewhat difficult charges. It is with regret that we say good-bye to Mr. Whitehead, who is leaving this term, for it will certainly be difficult to replace him, and we wish him every happiness in his new post.

C.E.P.

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CRUSADERS

House Master—H. P. Walker, Esq.
House President—P. C. Conway.
House Captains—P. A. Leonard (1956), C. W. J. Crouch.
Vice-Captain—R. H. Plummer.
Committee—C. F. Nicholson, K. Pannell, A. J. Burford.

The school year is drawing to its close. It finds the Crusaders among "the other seven" who yearly concede the Cock House Cup. It is almost becoming a school tradition that this particular House narrowly misses the ultimate goal. Unfortunately for the Crusaders, the capacity to work, or rather, the willingness to do so, is considerably overshadowed by a healthy exuberance on the sports field.

Having begun the year under the inspiring leadership of P. A. Leonard, the House rapidly improved on the previous year's success in the Rugby Competition. A later slackening of pace resulted in the Crusaders dropping to third place. In this section the 2nd XV, ably led by Harvey, deserves special mention for its determination to succeed. Both Cross-Country teams unexpectedly excelled themselves and main-

tained last year's second position. Even without Leonard the House managed to occupy a position in the better half of the Athletics Cup. However the shortest glance at the Work Cup totals cancelled out all these more than satisfactory achievements. The letter score had diminished, lates had increased and the Cock House Cup began to disappear below the horizon.

It is difficult to assess the chances in future years for a House so unreliable in its work. One can only hope that one day a few more will turn their thoughts to work without neglecting athletic activities.

C.W.J.C.

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KELTS

House Masters—R. R. Rumbell, Esq. and E. A. Edwards, Esq.
House Captain—B. G. Reynolds.
Committee—R. J. Cooper, J. C. Bowry, D. J. Huggett, L. P. Murdey, J. J. Tarrant.

Apart from the efforts of a few seniors, the House seems to have sunk into a latent period. Success neither in field nor in class can be claimed by this House. We started the rugby season with a certain amount of hope, but our spirits were soon dashed to the turf after a few dismal defeats during the early spring term, although the Junior team met with a certain amount of success.

In the Cross-Country we did quite well, once more due solely to the efforts of the few, and in Athletics, I think we could have done better, had a number of seniors not developed toothache and hurried off to the dentist, supressing a somewhat triumphant smile, having succeeded in getting out of Wednesday-afternoon-training.

This term, I hope the bright summer weather will stir the rows of Remove formers from their temporary state of dormancy, and drive them into action in work, and in sport.

The first letters of this term showed a great improvement and I am sure that with the backing of the whole House and with a little more effort, we can attain a creditable position in the Work Cup.

B.G.R.

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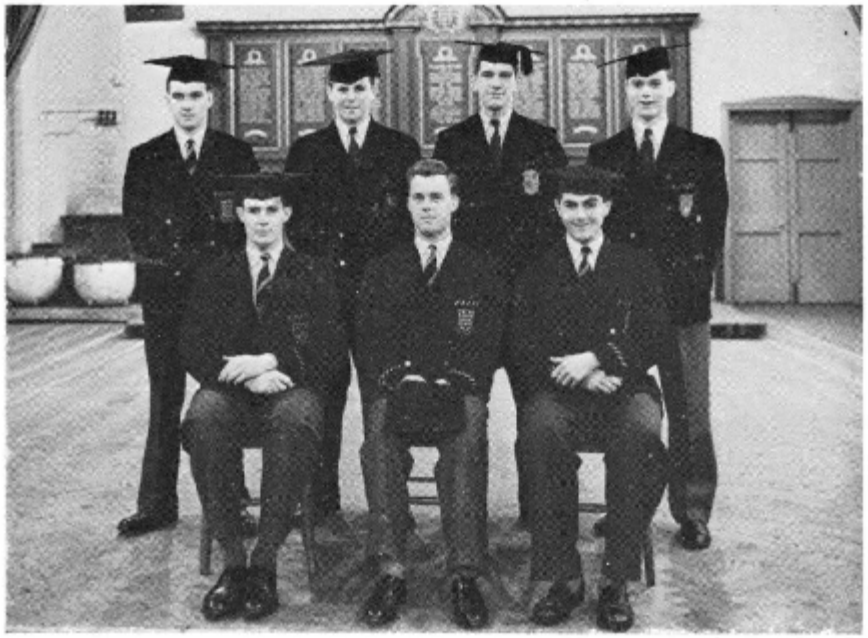
PARTHIANS

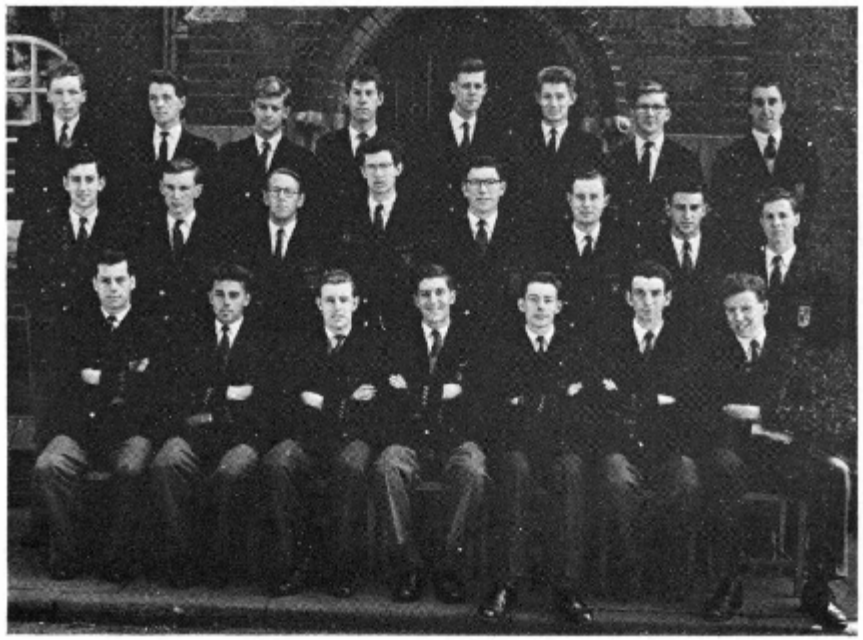
House Masters—J. C. Preuveneers, Esq., J. E. Peckham, Esq.
House Captain—C. E. Brock.
Vice-Captain—P. F. Breed.
Committee—R. A. Bowler, D. J. Ridout, B. Richardson, I. C. Butterworth.

Summer Term 1956 saw the Parthians triumphant in the Cock House Competition. Much of the credit for this must go to the House Captain, J. D. Connell, and to T. C. Salter.

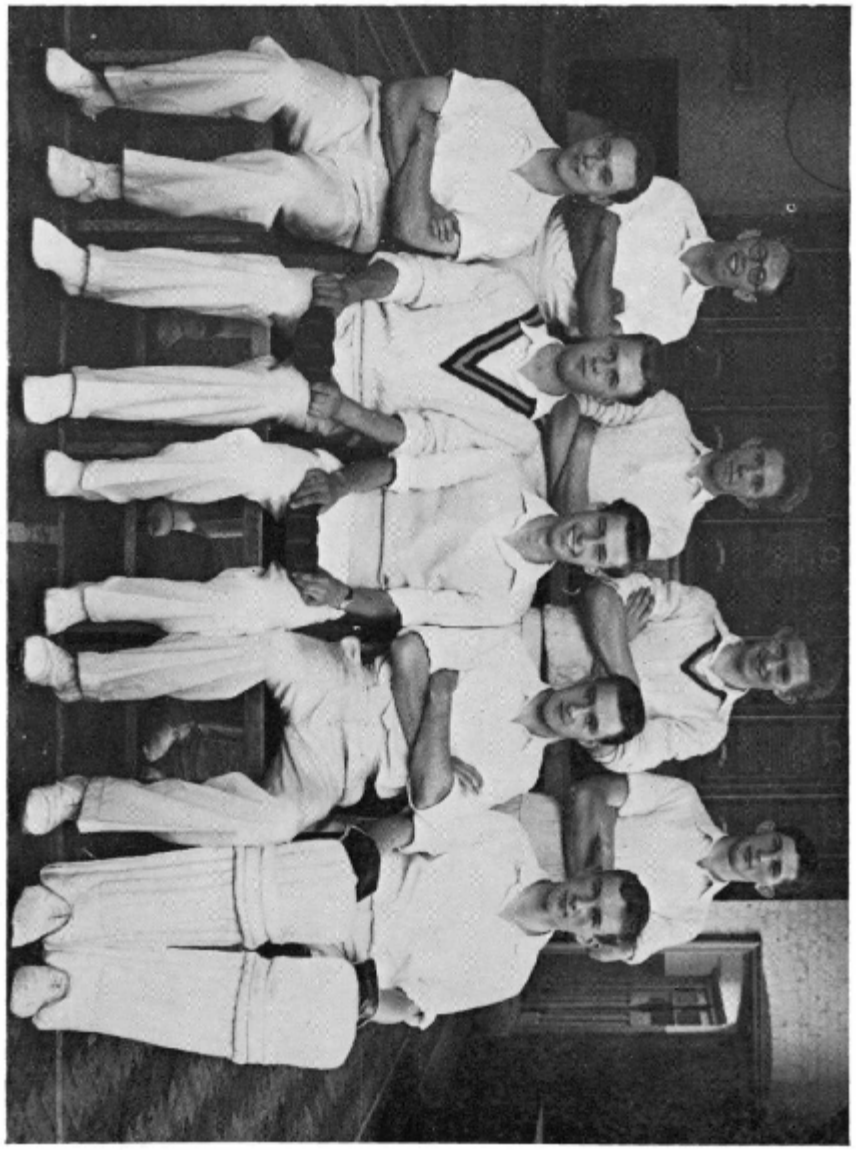
In this year's competition, however, we have descended from glory with a resounding thump for several reasons, the first being the loss of many old and hard-working members of the House, especially on the rugby field. Next comes the lamentable attitude of the Fourths



Prefects, 1956-57



Sub-Prefects, 1956-57



CRICKET XI

Standing: C. Brock, A. Slater, C. Charles, J. Sawtell.
Seated: C. Powell, P. Conway, A. Blincoe, B. Keast, D. Eastall.

and Thirds, most of whom provide a negative contribution to the House. Thirdly, our work during the year has declined, the letters being, on the whole, very poor and a sound personal reflection of most members of the House.

Our rugby results, of necessity, were worse than last year's but the 2nd XV played extremely well. Outstanding players during the season were Breed, Hughes, Redway and Ridout of the 1st XV and Smith, Richardson, Breed and Maton of the 2nd XV.

We maintained third place in the Athletics Cup and dropped to third in the cross-country; in both of these the captain, Ridout, gave of his best with well-earned results.

Despite our loosened hold on the Cock House Cup we look forward to better results in the next two years, for we have a young house and a keen Committee, only one of whom is leaving. I feel that this is only a temporary lapse and we will soon regain the Cock House Cup if members of the House will only realise the object and obvious benefits of healthy House Competition.

C.B.

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ROMANS

House Masters—F. Butler, Esq. and J. H. King, Esq.
House Captain—B. A. Keast.
Vice-Captain—M. J. Tydeman.
Committee—D. S. R. Finning, S. G. Jones, J. A. Parker, A. J. Buchanan.

A good year for the Romans, yet not good enough. We were runners-up for the Cock House Cup last year and if a little more effort were made all round as regards the sport to come, we should be in a challenging position this year. In the Work Cup competition we still top the school, and if the present standard is maintained we shall be easy winners. Rugby brought us a tie for first place with the Argonauts, the Romans winning the knockout and the Argonauts the league, the reason for this being that we lost valuable 1st XV players in Markson and Campbell at Christmas just before the league competition began. However, the members of both the 1st and 2nd XV's are to be congratulated on this fine performance and sustained effort since the Rugby competition can be a gruelling affair. Cricket is still to come and I have every reason to hope that we shall win the cup, having been runners-up last year and winners the year before. Athletics brought us a poor 7th position and it seems that we are destined to do badly in this every year. Cross-Country was disappointing since we had two or three runners in the first ten places and the rest trailing at the rear end of the field.

So much for the statistics, but what of individual effort? Well, on the average, the spirit shown by members of the House has been encouraging but to be Cock House requires a little more than the wholehearted response of the reliable backbone of the House. It does require something in the way of support, even if not material, from the less conspicuous members or those with no aptitude for sport. The

occasional glimpse of them on the touchline does at least show that they are interested in what the House does and is a spur for the players on the field.

To those who have gladly given their support, I extend my thanks and hope that more will join them in the future.

B.A.K.

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SPARTANS

House Master—A. C. Draycott, Esq.
House Captain—M. F. Tomlin.
Vice-Captain—S. Johnston.
Committee—K. A. Woodall, T. V. B. Morrison, S. P. Browning, M. J. Furness, M. R. Shave.

In 1951, the House Captain, W. J. Rowlands, wrote that he had to play Antony and declare that he had come to bury Spartans not to praise them. However, we are not all pessimists and the horizon this year is undoubtedly brighter than for some time.

In the Work Cup, though, the year has brought little success. After a change in the letter system we have been unable to attain a leading position. This is due not so much to any individuals as to groups, mainly in the Third forms, who have produced a consistently low standard.

However, for the first time for many years, success has been achieved on the field of sport. For many weeks we were top of the table in the rugby inter-house league in both the 1st and 2nd teams. Further we very conclusively won the Athletics Cup with a lead of a hundred points over the next house. In this, the cricket season, there is much promise with several enthusiastic cricketers in our ranks. If present trends continue, the Cock House Cup will be ours in the near future.

M.F.T.

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TROJAN

House Master—C. M. Lee, Esq.
House Captain—A. D. Blincoe.
Vice-Captain—A. N. Thomas.
Committee—J. R. T. Williams, D. M. Bowdery, J. L. Fryer, M. Ayling, J. S. Lewis.

" Per Ardua ad Astra " is the motto of the Trojan House yet one would not think so judging by the results and the efforts of the past year. In all activities the committee has had to overcome an almost complete indifference to house affairs by the majority of members.

Thus in rugby, there was great difficulty in raising teams for most of the matches, though this was due in some respect to there being seven members of the house medically excused. The results in the Athletics Cup were little better than those in the rugby competition and the fifth position attained was only due to the brilliance of individuals.

Academic abilities were of average standard as shown by our present position in the Work Cup. However, in this field the House has again been let down by the apathy of certain members who have continually lost points for lateness.

This apathy, it is pleasing to note, has not been seen in the junior house which has a great deal of potential both on and off the field of sport. If this potential is fulfilled, then the Trojans might once again reach the dizzy heights of some years ago when we won the Cock House Cup five years running.

A.D.B.

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VIKINGS

House Master—B. W. Hope, Esq.
House President—D. H. Moody.
House Captain—J. L. Pretlove.
Vice-Captain—D. H. Eastall.
Committee—R. L. Morley, C. S. Charles, A. D. Clark.

We have to report a year in which the Vikings have been thoroughly inconsistent. At times, the letter score has been first rate; at others, appalling. The House XV usually started their games by leading throughout the first half, and eventually losing. The cross-country is best forgotten. In athletics we attained the bottom position. Here tribute must be paid to Eyles Junior, who obtained three firsts, and fell in the fourth event—this mishap reduced him to third position.

We must now turn to the small faithful band who have made all the difference to our letter total. These are those who have been late. It is remarkable that some people are never late, others late often. The only answer is laziness on the part of the late-comers. If we are to raise the House out of the mud, this must stop.

My predecessors have often written that we are a House of great potentialities. That is still true. The trouble is that the Vikings themselves will not realise this. When they do, we can expect great things. The question is, " How long must we wait?"

J.L.P.

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PATRIOTISM'S RETRIBUTION

When a man hath not freedom to fight for at home,
Let him combat for that of his neighbours;

Let him think of the glories of Greece and of Rome,
And get knock'd on the head for his labours.

To do good to mankind is the chivalrous plan,
And is always as nobly requited;

Then battle for freedom wherever you can,
And, if not shot or hang'd, you'll get knighted.

Upper VI.

CRICKET, 1956

FIRST XI

The 1956 XI was not one which covered itself in a mantle of proud achievements, as the score book shows. In retrospect, however, one sees the team, not, it is true, as a strong combination, but surely as a "good-average" one. It had considerable potential, but seldom realised it.

Seven members remained from 1955, including four successful bowlers. Of these, Brock and Conway added to their achievements of that season. A customary deficiency in our attack was a hostile assault upon batsmen's weaknesses: too much reliance was placed on the stock ball. Hence, while commanding respect, our bowling rarely enjoyed a harvest of wickets.

Salter established himself as a generally reliable opening batsman and on one occasion at least, he and Eastall began in the grand manner. That was in the Eltham match, where the opening partnership of 118 was the most memorable feat of the season. Yet our batting was never trustworthy. Inability to move forward into a forceful drive, and to play back strongly and safely off the back foot, these chief weaknesses were coupled with a defeatist complex. Many a wicket was thrown away.

It was in the field that the team made most progress, with Charles effecting some memorable slip catches, while Salter guarded the covers well. Eastall developed with the season into a reliable wicket-keeper.

As captain, Blincoe kept an easy and firm control, and left little to be desired in the example he set. As a team, however, this XI lacked the morale to fight its way out of a tight corner, to contain the other side when runs were coming too quickly, or to regrasp the initiative after a setback. All three points, at one time or another, accounted for a defeat, and contributed largely to the generally cheerless appearance of the 1956 score-book.

FIRST XI RESULTS

Rutlish 105 (Charles 25); St. Clement Danes 106-2.
Royal Masonic 87 (Brock 4-28, Conway 3-25); Rutlish 38-3. Rain.
Rutlish 107 (Powell 25, Salter 24); Wimbledon C.C. 108-5 (Brock 4-30).
Rutlish 56; Reading 57-6 (Brock 4-22).
St. George's, Weybridge 74 (Conway 4-5, Blincoe 3-26); Rutlish 75-6 (Salter 35, Blincoe 20*).
Rutlish 112 (Eastall 27*, Salter 24); Tiffin 113-4 (Brock 3-22).
Match v. Kingston Grammar School: cancelled.
Stage Club 117 (Conway 6-28); Rutlish 108-9 (Brock 29, Slater 27).
Old Rutlishians 117 (Blincoe 3-29, Conway 3-30, Brock 3-31); Rutlish 60.
Rutlish 86 (Slater 26); Parents 65 (Conway 6-28; Brock 4-20).
Rutlish 151-4 dec. (Salter 68; Eastall 38); Eltham 95-7 (Keast 3-17; Blincoe 3-25).
Match v. Wimbledon College: cancelled.
Rutlish 72 (Blincoe 26*); Ottershaw 76-9 (Conway 4-19, Blincoe 3-24).
Rutlish 69; Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 70-7.

* Denotes not out.

The following played:—A. D. Blincoe, P. C. Conway, T. C. Salter, Keast, Brock, Powell, Charles, Eastall, Slater, Noble, Tydeman, Connell, Sawtell.

SECOND XI

The first match of the season was played against St. Clement Danes, who scored 62 in answer to our 74, Dambmann taking 8 wickets for 22 runs. In the next game, we scored 87 for 4 declared, and Royal Masonic were 9 for 0 when rain stopped play. Against Reading, the match was drawn with their score standing at 136 for 6 in answer to the school's 169 for 9 declared. St. George's, Weybridge, were beaten in the next match, in which Morrison scored 66, and Dambmann took 5 for 17, and Doerr 3 for 21. Against Tiffins, the seconds scored 71 in answer to 136 for 7 declared.

COLTS XI

In winning six of their seven completed matches, the colts had a most successful season. They fielded a balanced side which, though at first leaning a little on Adcock and Furness, showed a wide variety of cricket talent. The team was ably captained for most of the season by Kitchen. Variety in attack was provided by Adcock, Furness, Ennis and Pannell, the last of whom took six wickets on two occasions. Most members of the team showed they could score well; Maton, who scored a half-century against Queen Elizabeth's, with Flinders and Windsor showed considerable polish but lacked consistency. Those colts who do not leave school should be of great use to the first and second elevens.

JUNIOR

Of their fixtures, the Junior XI were able to play only seven, of which they won three, lost two and drew two. The batting, which looked so promising in the early days of the season, did not fulfil expectations. Two common weaknesses were that batsmen were often out off bad balls and would allow balls outside the leg stump to pass unpunished.

The bowling was adequate although better results would have been obtained had more emphasis been placed on length and direction rather than on the desire for speed.

BANTAMS XI

This season will be remembered for the enjoyment and pleasure it provided, and for a complete lack of incident. Outstanding batsmen were Young, Moore and Burnett, who scored consistently throughout the season; while Weymouth was conspicuous for his all-round ability, and Bovingdon for his good bowling.

RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1956-7

The 1st XV had a more successful season than for the past two or three years. The strength lay clearly with the forwards, many of whom had had previous experience. They obtained a good share of the ball from both set and loose scrummages and their defensive covering was good. The chief weakness was in the line-out work.

A less experienced back division did not always make full use of their opportunities. Several of the younger members did not fulfill early promise and althought several experiments were made, it was only on rare occasions, as in the games against Ottershaw and Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, that the backs really looked promising as an attacking force. The mid-field trio lacked initiative and thrust and rarely looked dangerous unless joined by the full-back to provide an extra man.

Generally, the defensive work of the XV was sound but sadly lapsed on two occasions. Against Emmanuel, unfortunately, the back division was rather depleted through injuries and only a magnificent show by the forwards prevented a humiliating defeat: the heavy defeat by Wimbledon College, however, was due to the team's bad tackling. Probably the best game played by the XV was against Bedford Modern, where a high standard of teamwork was attained.

In the Rosslyn Park Sevens held at Richmond the school seven beat St. George's, Weybridge, 8—0 in the first round. In the second round we were defeated 3—0 by Haverfordwest, having spent three-quarters of the game inside our opponents' twenty-five.

Other events of the season were the Surrey P. S. XV trials, in which J. H. W. James, B. A. Keast, P. A. Leonard, S. Markson and A. J. Slater took part. James and Keast subsequently played in representative games.

During the season, 1st XV Colours were awarded to:—J. H. W. James, B. A. Keast, P. A. Leonard, A. J. Slater, D. H. Moody, S. Markson, C. E. Powell, P. C. Conway, M. J. Tydeman.

In addition the following also represented the XV:—Charles, Field, Buchanan, Plummer, Crouch, Dambmann, Campbell, Jones, Nicholson, Thomas, Breed, Rutstein, Stillwell.

RESULTS — FIRST XV

Date		Opponents	Venue	Result	Points For	Points Against
Sept. 26th	W	Trinity Whitgift	H	Drawn	6	6
29th	S	City of London	A	Won	11	0
Oct. 3rd	W	Emmanuel	A	Lost	5	20
6th	S	Ottershaw	A	Won	19	3
13th	S	Bedford Modern	A	Won	8	3
20th	S	Eltham	A	Lost	0	3
27th	S	St. George's, Weybridge	H	Won	13	0
29th	M	Wadham College, Oxford	A	Drawn	11	11
Nov. 7th	W	Reading	A	Drawn	6	6
10th	S	Wimbledon College	A	Lost	3	32
24th	S	Bancrofts	H	Drawn	9	9
Dec. 1st	S	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	H	Won	22	8
8th	S	Caterham	A	Drawn	0	0
12th	W	Old Rutlishians	A	Lost	0	6
Jan. 26th	S	Rosslyn Park XV	H	Lost	5	6

RESULTS "A" XV

Dec. 20th	Th.	Woolverstone Hall	H	Won	5	3
Jan. 19th	S	Coopers	H	Won	18	0

Matches played 17, won 7, drawn 5, lost 5. Points for 141. Points against 116.

SECOND XV

The Second XV did not have an impressive season. The team started with a good game against Trinity School, and, in spite of the rather warm day, played with unexpected vigour. The result, however, was a win for our opponents. City of London held us to a draw, and then we went down to Emmanuel, 13 points to 6. Having beaten Ottershaw by 41 points to 0, the seconds were held to a draw by Bedford Modern, and beaten by Eltham, 8 points to 0. The game against St. George's, Weybridge, gave us our second win, but Reading held us to a draw at 8 points each. Wimbledon College were beaten 18 points to 0, but then Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, and Caterham defeated us in the last two games.

Played 12, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 6. Points for 101. Points against 103.

COLTS XV

The Colts side played much entertaining and lively rugby, and achieved very good results. The forwards were always alert and although they were sometimes slow to come back to a loose scrum, their set scrummaging was usually superior to their opponents'. A weakness in the line-out was eventually cured and thus the backs were assured possession. Campbell, at scrum-half until the first XV called for his services, led the side with great confidence and initiated many good passing movements. These frequently lacked thrust because the ball was passed too soon, or because the backs had yet to learn that the unexpected move leads to a try. Nevertheless, the backs always looked a powerful and threatening division, and with many of the forwards willing, able, and fast enough to join in their passing movements, some excellent rugby resulted.

Played 12, Won 8, Drawn 0, Lost 4. Points for 85. Points against 46.

JUNIOR XV

The Junior side this year started under two handicaps, a consciousness of a previous unsuccessful season, and a disadvantage in size and weight compared with most of the teams they played.

During the season the standard of play improved: the forwards acquired experience and confidence and began to produce a lively and enterprising type of Rugby, especially in the attack, and more thrust was shown by the three-quarters, but defence remained weak and tackling, with certain exceptions, was poor. The Wimbledon College games showed the side at its best, and if they can maintain the form showed on these occasions throughout next year, their prospects in the Colts should be bright.

Played 14, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 8. Points for 142 Points against 130.

BANTAMS XV

Much useful experience was gained during the season for this young side. No high scores were gained—or lost—in any of the fixtures and a good team spirit was shown at all times.

Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 0, Lost 4.

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ATHLETICS

100 YARDS—Open: 1 Crouch (C); 2 Smith (S); 3 Woodall (S); time 11.1 secs. **Senior:** 1 Gill (S); 2 Eggleton (S); 3 Harris (T); time 11.4 secs. **Middle:** 1 Dale (T); 2 Brown (P); 3 Moxham (S); time 12.3 secs. **Junior:** 1 Eyles (V); 2 Knapp (C); 3 Palmer (K); time 12.6 secs.

220 YARDS—Open: 1 Dambmann (A); 2 Smith (S); 3 Powell (A); time 24.7 secs. **Senior:** 1 Holland (T); 2 Boyer (A); 3 Eggleton (S); time 25.5 secs. **Middle:** 1 Dale (T); 2 Brown (P); 3 Morgan (A); time 27.4 secs. **Junior:** 1 Eyles (V); 2 Palmer (K); 3 Legg (S); time 28.7 secs.

440 YARDS—Open: 1 Dambmann (A); 2 Breed (P); Smith (S); time 54.8 secs. **Senior:** 1 Holland (T); 2 Boyer (A); 3 Williams (V); times 55.1 secs. (Record). **Middle:** 1 Dale (T); 2 Morgan (A); 3 Burnett (P); time 64.3 secs. **Junior:** 1 Knapp (C); 2 Peach (S); 3 Eyles (V); time 64.0 secs.

880 YARDS—Open: 1 Dambmann (A); 2 Harvey (C); 3 Fryer (T); time 2 mins. 4.7 ecs. **Senior:** 1 Holland (T); 2 Wood (R); 3 Pyke (T); time 2 mins 11.4 secs. (Record). **Middle:** 1 Morgan (A); 2 Cohen (C); 3 Rance (A); time 2 mins. 33.7 secs.

MILE—Open: 1 Harvey (C); 2 Fryer (T); 3 Fishwick (R); time 4 mins. 54 secs. **Senior:** 1 Wood (R); 2 Andrews; 3 Coller (V); time 5 mins 21.4 secs.

HURDLES—120 YARDS—Open: 1 Charles (V); 2 Hughes (P); 3 Murdey (K); time 19.7 secs.

HURDLES—110 YARDS—Senior: 1 Gill (S); 2 Boyer (A); 3 Moore (P); time 16.8 secs. (Record).

HURDLES—80 YARDS—Middle: 1 Browne (K); 2 Booth (C); 3 Franklin (C); time 14.7 secs. **Junior:** 1 Knapp (C); 2 Kent (S); 3 Piggott (V); time 13.1 secs. (Record).

THREE-QUARTER MILE STEEPLECHASE—Open: 1 Harvey (C); 2 Charles (V); 3 Fryer (T); time 3 mins. 50 secs. **Senior:** 1 Wood (R); 2 Daniels (C); 3 Pyke (T); time 4 mins. 12.8 secs.

MILE WALK—Open: 1 Plummer (C); 2 Bridgeman (V); 3 Finning (R); time 9 mins. 21 secs. **Senior:** 1 Spencer (K); 2 Bovingdon (K); 3 Forster (A); time 8 mins. 54.5 secs

HALF-MILE WALK—Middle: 1 Howse (V); 2 Pope (S); 3 Yardley (R); time 4 mins. 41.8 secs.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP—Open: 1 Davies (P); 2 Phipps (P); 3 Ridout (P); distance 37 ft. 1½ ins. **Senior:** 1 Pyke (T); 2 Andrews (A); 3 Bull (V); distance 36 ft. 0 in.

LONG JUMP: 1 Crouch (C); 2 Powell (A); 3 Davies (P); distance 18 ft. 7 in. **Senior:** 1 Holland (T); 2 Gill (S); 3 Williams (V); distance 17 ft. 2 in. **Middle:** 1 Dale (T); 2 Clark (V); 3 Moore (P); distance 16 ft. 1 in. (Record). **Junior:** 1 Elliott (P); 2 Legg (S); 3 Pope (P); distance 13 ft. 1½ in.

HIGH JUMP—Open: 1 Keast (R); 2 Watson (V); 3 Phipps (P); height 5 ft. 3 in. **Senior:** 1 Yates (S); 2 McKinnon (V); 3 Cross (S); height 4 ft. 6 in. **Middle:** 1 Fowler (S); 2 Burnett (P); 3 Uden (C); height 4 ft. 9 in. **Junior.** 1 Eyles (V); 2 Tucker (P); 3 Hislop (T); height 4 ft. 2 in.

DISCUS—Open: 1 Woodall (S); 2 Rutstein (R); 3 Powell (A); distance 104 ft. 3 in. **Senior:** 1 Davies (T); 2 Rolfe (K); 3 Flatman (A); distance 90 ft. 7 in. **Middle:** 1 Young (T); 2 Fowler (S); 3 French (K); distance 86 ft. 2½ in.

SHOT—Open: 1 Buchanan (R); 2 Potts (T); 3 Conway (C); distance 35 ft. 4½ in. **Senior:** 1 Flatman (A); 2 Moore (P); 3 May (A); distance 34 ft. 5 in.

JAVELIN—Open: 1 Furness (S); 2 Murdey (K); 3 Keast (R); distance 135 ft. 9 in. **Senior:** 1 Burford (C); 2 Moore (P); 3 Breed (P); distance 107 ft. 8 in. **Middle:** 1 Fowler (S); 2 Morgan (A); 3 Young (T).

As is customary in the school calendar, the Athletics Season was short yet sweet; for fine performances were achieved both on the track and on the field.

Several school records were broken and this feature was enhanced once more by Holland (T) who ran well to capture two records. Dale (T), Gill (S), were others who elevated the standards in particular events. Although he broke no records, Dambmann (A) captured three titles on one day and narrowly missed a fourth.

Bad weather unfortunately cancelled the annual triangular match with Reading and Leighton Park but Eltham College provided an extra fixture in May, which we lost by 131 points to 100.

The Holt Cup once again eluded us by one point.

The 21st Annual Huggins Cup match against the Old Boys resulted with a win for the Old Boys to level the scores between us.

C.W.J.C.

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A DIRGE ON THE OLD SCHOOL

No more the prefect's deadly call,
No more the staring at the wall,
No more the jeer and vulgar brawl,
(You wicked boy! Line up!)

No more in wet and windswept yard,
With reeking tube and iron shard,
Will boys be taught their country guard.
(Against an atom bomb.)

No more in blanco all arrayed,
Will there be held that grand Parade,
At which the Kremlin is afraid,
So mighty is its power.

No more be heard the slow-chimed bell,
Sounding another dinner's (?) knell,
As the starved mob, with hideous yell,
Seeks it to devour.

No more in hall, with loving eye,
The prefect, Zeus in the sky,
Hurls thunderbolts with furious cry,
(Move forward in the Kelts.)

No more will echo walls and floors
With childish prattle of no cause,
(To be precise, Diana Dors,
Or Marilyn Monroe.)

So we bequeath these marble halls
With leaky drains and dripping walls
With tottering tables, roof that falls,
With love to Pelham Girls.

P. M. JONES, R.A.

SWIMMING, 1956

This year the pauper of school sport just managed to sustain itself despite the inability to stage the school gala.

Despite previous optimistic reports, the standard of swimming is very low, compared with other sports, there being only about 30 swimmers of average ability, out of a school of over 500. But a few good swimmers usually manage to keep our heads above water in the district through all difficulties, notably A. J. Burford, the new swimming captain, who reached the heats of the English Schools National Championships.

The level of registrations and lifesaving was steady although there was a marked falling-away when there was no gala and the Swimming Cup was decided on these alone.

In the district gala several good individual performers kept up the name of the school, Burford, McLaverty, Potts and Coller especially, while the school team carried off the Senior Relay Shield for the fourth time in six years.

To improve the state of swimming, I feel that swimming should be spread over the year to be fitted in with other sports, and attendance at places where facilities for training are greater than the school can provide, should be encouraged as in other sports. There is considerable enthusiasm and talent latent in the school, and the future will be bright if it is utilised.

P.F.B.

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CLOUDBURST

Black and bulging, the angry stain sears the sky
And shrieks aloud in a menacing wail,
Pregnant with rain, bitter, blinding rain.
The birth draws near,
The murky gloom disintegrates,
And from the gash surges the ocean,
Torrents falling, foaming, hissing,
Cleaving the air with crystal javelins,
Transfixing the bare, undefended lands
Relentless and omnipotent,
A hail of hate
Striates the air which burns with many wounds,
A wall of streaming glass pulps and batters
The denuded earth,
A sea of swirling swamps and murdered mud
Cowering before the elements' wrath.
At last, the sky's vengeful child ceases its scolding onslaughts
The black wound heals
And the scarred cloud moves on in sombre state
In search of fresh lands to flood
Into an abject mire.

P. DAMBMANN, Up.VI.

C.C.F. NOTES

Officer Commanding: Major J. Walton.

Army Section:
Major E. A. Edwards, T.D., Capt. J. C. Preuveneers,
Capt. R. W. L. Thrasher, T.D., 2/Lt. J. C. Moon, C/U/O Tydeman,
C.S.M. Powell, C.S.M. Tomlin.

R.A.F. Section:
Fl/Lt. J. H. King, F/O J. E. Peckham, C/U/O Conway.

To those who camped with us at Stiffkey, Norfolk, in 1956 there will remain a memory but not altogether a pleasant one, for during those eight days under canvas it rained almost incessantly.

There was a belt of boggy marsh-land, potted with a continuous chain of narrow but deep waterways which almost completely barred access to the sea; only two hastily prepared pathways gave us a chance to reach the water at all and even then there was an element of risk of falling foul on the way out or back.

Disappointing as this turned out to be, there remained the incalculable weather to contend with. Rain and wind almost at hurricane force seemed to be with us daily, playing havoc with tents and marquees, turning the whole camp into a quagmire.

But for the ingenuity and experience of the older cadets in adjusting guy ropes and digging trenches, we should have suffered the same fate as many other schools around us. We witnessed many tents being whipped and lashed, twisted and finally thrown to the ground in a saturated mass of canvas and cord.

Happily for us we remained dry and intact except that our store marquee failed to stand the strain and only in the nick of time did we manage to vacate it before it crashed to the ground.

Training was naturally restricted, but the exercises which were blessed with reasonable weather were voted among the best so far attempted, especially the attack on Bec School, which in our opinion ended in a complete victory for Rutlish.

October and the new term found cadets again facing the Certificate "A" Examinations. The results this year, as last year, were very satisfactory: 90 per cent. of those who entered Part I passed and 98 per cent. passed in Part II. The total number of cadets examined was 105.

It is encouraging to note that a large number of senior cadets are taking advantage of the courses offered by the War Office, Air Ministry and Admiralty. The most popular of these have been the Vehicle Maintenance, Armourers, Supplies, Naval Aviation, Junior and Senior Leadership Courses and as a result of these Sgt. Hall, M.D., Cpl. Charlton, Cadets Potts, Tompsett, Angus, Smith and Rutstein have qualified for the Certificate T (technical).

The R.A.F. Section has had another very successful year: 15 cadets passed the Proficiency Examination, and 10 the Advanced Examination. But the event of the year has been the arrival of our glider. Through the winter we have had few opportunities of flying it, but it was well used on the day of the Annual Inspection, and the combined strength of many senior members of the unit even gave our sturdy liaison N.C.O., Sgt. Smyth, a short "hop" as a reward for the loyal service and excellent instruction he has given the unit.

We visited Stradishall for our Easter camp this year, and an enjoyable and instructive time was spent by all. Flying was naturally limited on a fighter station, but all cadets had some useful map-reading practice, and the N.C.O.'s flew in a Meteor, thanks to the untiring efforts of F/O R. Clarke, the liaison officer, who was well supported by his fellow pilots.

The section, in two parties, has visited R.A.F. Kenley, where excellent programmes have been organised for us, including an hour's flying for each cadet.

This year's Annual General Inspection was held on Thursday, 21st March. The contingent was inspected by Col. Davies-Scourfield, M.C., Welsh Guards. The standard of turnout was high and the marching was considered the best for some years. Col. Davies-Scourfield congratulated members of the band on their turn-out and playing and stated that the standard of playing obviously contributes greatly to the high standard of marching. This was a word of praise to S/Sgt Prosser and Sgt. Morrison for their untiring efforts in training new recruits and keeping the band at a satisfactory standard. The Inspection Report again showed the contingent "efficient". Reports on Stores, etc., this year were very satisfactory, we received a "good" for instruments; "very good" for Arms and Ammunition (congratulations Cpls. Bell and Charlton); and an "excellent" for Wireless and Line. This last report prompted the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, to send a letter of congratulation to the O.C.

An "excellent" report is very rare and the one we received was the first given to any unit by R.E.M.E. Inspectors in five years. The credit for this, of course, goes to Mr. D. Davies, who although not a member of the Corps has put in many hours of hard work to ensure that all the sets work. We are also greatly indebted to him for his assistance and continued interest in the Signals Section which has increased its members in the past year.

Finally, a word of thanks to Mr. W. Packham for keeping us up to date with the paper work of the "Q" Branch; again we benefit from the wealth of his long experience as a Major Quartermaster. We must thank Mr. H. Walker also for producing an excellent coloured film record of the General Inspection. This proved to be most entertaining and instructive.

J.W.

BLACK LIONS SUMMER TOUR

ETRETAT

Once again the Black Lions tour, organised as ever by Mr. Elison, was a most successful and enjoyable holiday. A party of some thirty boys from the School, and Rishworth, made the trip to the town of Etretat on the Normandy coast. The hotel was excellent but unfortunately the weather left something to be desired. Excursions of interest were to Paris and the Benedictine monastery at Fécamp to see the making of the famous liqueur. The tour ended with a team of older members of the party challenging the French to a volley-ball match. Before a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators the British contingent was narrowly beaten.

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MEMORIES

The stars up above gleamed fitfully
As I stood on the cliffs by the edge of the Sea,
The moon in the sky was enshrouded in cloud—
Below me, the breakers seemed roaring and loud.
The lights of a liner were barely in sight,
The lamp of the lighthouse was piercing the night—
The sea-birds slept on the rocks peacefully,
As I stood on those cliffs by the edge of the sea.

Beneath me the breakers crashed, roared, and sang,
In my face blew the spray with a salt, sharp tang.
In my eyes came an image from far memory—
Of a similar cliff by the edge of the sea,
And a lighthouse, and stars, and the faraway light
Of some vessel plying her trade by the night.
And a cloud-shrouded moon, and blowing spray
And far in the East the beginnings of day.

These youthful memories of a faraway place,
Of a faraway life, of a faraway face,
Where the wind blew shrill o'er the cliffs by the sea
Where night's beauties were shared by Nature and me—
All this, and much more, of a pained memory
Occurred long ago on a cliff by the sea.
Quite similar to this, on which I now stand,
But those days have now passed and have slip'd from my hand.

The breakers crashed, and my memory shook,
Blew the dust off itself, like a long-closed book,
And in every detail as plain as could be
Re-enacted that scene by the edge of the sea.
The lights of a distant ship twinkled and shone,
And my heart and whole mind was urging them on—
For the vessel was bringing my loved one to me,
And I waited and watched it creep over the sea.

But now from my eyes fades this memory,
And nothing is left—just the cliffs and the sea.

M. A. ENDACOTT, R.b.

"MACBETH"

by William Shakespeare

WIMBLEDON TOWN HALL, 18th AND 19th FEBRUARY, 1957

The school dramatic society's task this year was a difficult one: Macbeth is not an easy play and few senior boys of any experience came forward to fill the important supporting roles. However, among the younger boys, D. M. Parry as Malcolm showed great promise, while S. S. Goble as Lennox, was competent and effective. Of the more experienced actors A. W. Jones was convincing in the part of Ross and J. R. T. Williams' Banquo was a thoughful, confident performance. A Linstead gave the impression at times of being a cultured Hamlet rather than a military Macbeth, but his renderings of the soliloquies were quite outstanding, and in the first two acts his acting was of a very high standard.

The evenings will be chiefly remembered, however, for J. R. Pullen-Burry's Lady Macbeth, which went the full gamut from the insidious, scheming woman to the pathetic figure of the sleepwalking scene. The lighting, under the direction of Mr. Davis, was also outstanding, especially in the effects gained in the scenes with the witches where the actors were assisted greatly in the creation of atmosphere. Scenery and costumes were very good: in fact, all involved gave valuable assistance to the producers, Mr. Peckham and Mr. Morris, to whom credit is due for the creation of a pleasant evening. On both nights it was evident that a large part of the audience were not lovers of Shakespeare, for they found much to laugh at: however, it was pleasing to see such a keen interest shown in this School function.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Duncan, King of Scotland		P. J. Hall
Malcolm	Sons to the above	R. G. Walden
Macbeth		D. M. Parry
Banquo	Generals of the King's Army	A. Linstead
Macduff		J. R. Williams
Lennox	Scottish Noblemen	J. C. Bowry
Ross		S. S. Goble
Donalbain		A. W. Jones
Menteith		D. E. Uden
Angus		D. M. Nash
Caithness		J. L. Fryer
Fleance, son to Banquo		K. Bovingdon
Siward, General of the English force		H. Ashford
Young Siward, his son		J. A. Ericson
Seyton, officer to Macbeth		A. D. Spencer
Son to Macduff		A. F. Glass
An English Doctor		A. M. Eyles
A Scottish Doctor		P. S. Johnston
A Sergeant		K. B. Hughes
A Porter		R. W. Hudson
An Old Man		E. G. Jones
Attendants		N. I. K. Allen, K. Baldwin, T. Daymond

Murderers	D. J. Ridout, G. S. Hill, P. D. Tompsett
A Lord	M. Summerskill
Lady Macbeth	J. R. Pullen-Burry
Lady Macduff	S. P. Browning
Gentlewoman	A. V. Hall
Servant	H. P. Hope
Witches	I. S. Hugo, R. W. Grant, D. G. Ward

Stage Manager: M. I. Stillwell.

Assistants: J. Pretlove, C. A. G. Clifford, C. W. Crouch.

Lighting and Effects: Mr. D. W. G. Davies, A. Dawe, J. S. Clark, B. G. Maton, I. Butterworth, C. R. Morris.

Wardrobe Mistress: Mrs. E. Lansdown.

Producer: Mr. J. E. Peckham.

Assisted by: Mr. J. Morris.

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SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The event of the year for the school orchestra was, as always, the annual concert, this year presented on Wednesday, 19th December.

The performance as a whole was notable for the quality of the solo items; soloists included P. J. Hall (tenor), A. J. Spedding, J. R. T. Williams and R. V. Terry, all of whom took over the piano at different times, M. F. Tomlin (flute), I. C. Butterworth (violin), M. I. Stillwell (oboe), and P. W. Stevens (horn). Butterworth's playing in Perry's Concertino for Violin and Orchestra was assured and showed a natural ability, and Stillwell, accompanied by his tutor, won enthusiastic applause for his delightful rendering of a " Roundelay " by Richardson; his mastery of the instrument has long been invaluable to the orchestra, and now that he has left his place will be difficult to fill.

The general standard of playing was higher than in previous years; this is due entirely to the efforts of Mr. Howard, whose enormous patience and ready sense of humour has instilled a spirit of teamwork into the orchestra: this spirit, with the valuable experience and skill of Mr. Piper, and the talent which appears to be blooming now at the junior school, should ensure a promising future, and win the school orchestra a rightful place as perhaps the most important of the school societies.

J.R.T.W.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The debates held this year have been few in number but memorable. Enthusiasm waned slowly during the Autumn Term but it was wonderfully revived by the prospect of hearing visiting speakers in the first debate of the Spring Term, when we invited the girls' High School to share tea with us and debate afterwards, the Motion being: "This House Echoes the Cry 'Women and Children First.'" The House of about eighty decided in our favour by a handsome margin: ungallant, perhaps, but inevitable.

S.J.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This was a quiet year for our society. As in so many societies, there are a number of sixth formers prepared to lead it and a number of fourth formers prepared to attend it, but the rest are at that awkward in-between stage when they toss up between the two positions and do neither. I hope that someone does come forward to run it next year because a bottle of developer has been bought from society funds and must be used.

The darkroom has been well used this year and several very good prints have been produced by its user. The society was also very fortunate in having all the lights of the Town Hall stage at its disposal for the coverage of the School Play. As to future plans, I can say that there is considerable interest in the idea of an exhibition later in the year.

S.J.

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NOCTURNE

The night is tranquil—dark as tar,
The cool air murmurs softly—peace,
The moon peeps forth, half blanketed by cloud.
Its mellow light glows down—serene;
The air hangs mist—the breeze recedes
And sylph-like wisps grow fewer,
While ether's quiet descends;
When blinding spears of radiating light
Stab the tarry darkness with their glare
And hurried roar away
In startling red and amber;
Gracefully the smoke-blue fumes ascend
And mingle with the ghostly wisps before:
Once more ethereal quiet—descend.

J. L. FRYER, Upper VI.



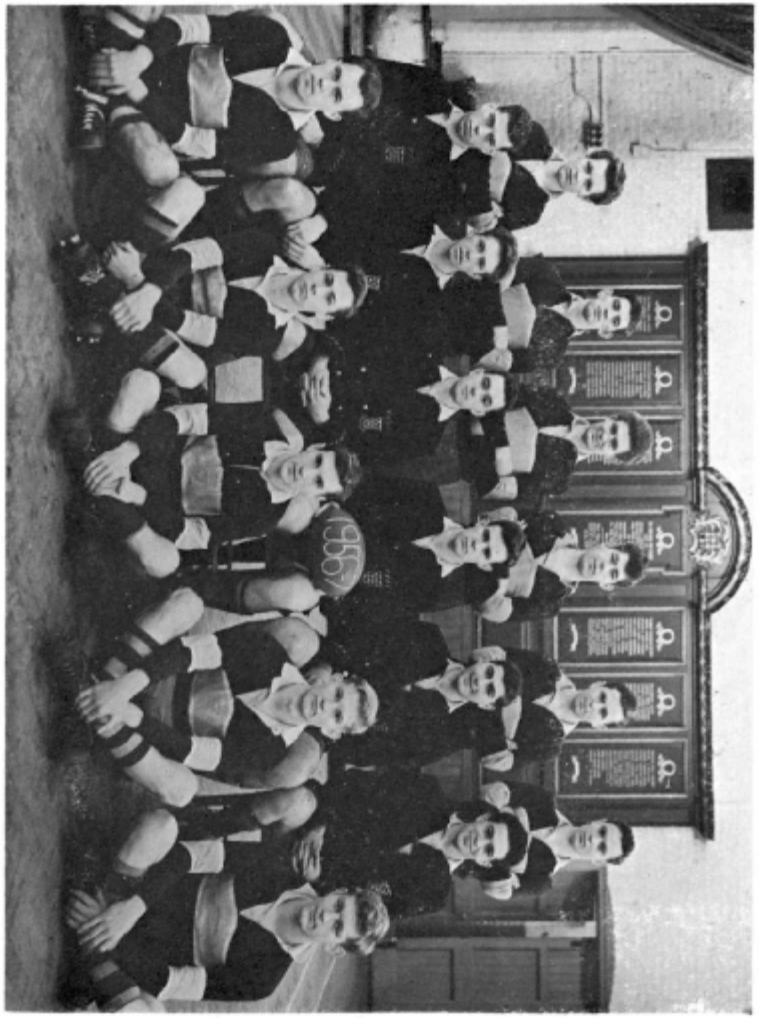
S.J.

Macbeth



S.J.

London Scene



RUGBY XV, 1956-57

Back Row: J. Field, C. Crouch, C. Charles, S. Jones, M. Tydeman, C. Powell.
Middle Row: D. Moody, A. Slater, B. Keast, J. James, P. Leonard, S. Markson.
Front Row: P. Conway, R. Plummer, M. Campbell, C. Nicholson, A. Buchanan.

SENIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President: A. M. Robertson, Esq.
Secretary: S. P. Browning.
Treasurer: C. E. Powell.
Publicity: P. F. Breed.

Although still comparatively young, the Senior Historical Society has flourished during the past year. Not only have the meetings at School been of a varied and interesting nature, but also many visits have been arranged to places of historical interest. We are a complete body in ourselves, but for convenience sake we have often joined with the Junior Section for meetings of special interest to all.

One disappointing aspect of the Society is the lack of support received from the senior members of the School. After all, we are the Senior Historical Society, and I believe we are well justified in expecting good support from members in the upper part of the School. Our Fourth and Remove form membership, however, has increased considerably during the past year, and it is the latter who generally constitute a very loyal audience.

The actual meetings themselves have been of an excellent standard, memorable ones being a talk on " Gilbert and Sullivan " by Mr. Rumbell, and " Historical Wimbledon " by Professor V. H. Blackman, secretary of the John Evelyn Society. Mr. Simmons spoke on " Witchcraft " and C. Brock " The Geology of the Weald ", each speaking with authority on his respective subject. The visit to the Bank of England proved extremely popular. Our party for this visit was unfortunately limited to 12 but it is hoped to arrange another visit to the Bank in the future. Our annual summer trip to Winchester was a very memorable one, for I believe no other English city surpasses Winchester for its wide range of historical interest, and this, combined with its delightful surrounding countryside made our trip well worth while. Other visits included a trip to the New Gallery Centre to see the film " Martin Luther "; a tour of the Victoria and Albert Museum; and a visit to the local John Evelyn Society Museum.

Finally I would like to express my grateful appreciation to Mr. Whitehead who arranged so many of the meetings, and we wish him the best of luck in his new post.

S.P.B.

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JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As a Society, we have just completed another successful year. We were extremely sorry when Mr. Waters had to leave us, but we welcome Mr. Simmons who is filling his place admirably.

During the past year some very interesting talks and outings have been arranged, notably our visit to Oxford last summer term, when we saw many extremely interesting university and city buildings.

At two other meetings, Mr. Robertson conducted a tour of the

city walls of London and later spoke of life in England 50 years ago. The film show was very well attended, as was the talk given by Mr. Walton on "The Organisation of the Modern Army." We again held our Christmas Party, which needless to say, was very popular. Later an exhibition was held of models and pictures made and drawn by members, some of whom received small prizes for their efforts. Two further indoor meetings were a quiz and a version of "What's My Line," both with a historical flavour. Also last term Mr. Simmonds took about 20 second-form members to the British Museum. This term we hope to spend more time in the open and are especially looking forward to a proposed visit to Winchester.

G.H.B.

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SCIENCE SOCIETY

President: J. C. Preuveneers, Esq.

Secretary: J. A. Parker.

The main activity of Science Society has again been the showing of scientific films on various topics including Radio Astronomy, and Insect Pest Control. All these shows were well attended, and thanks are due to Mr. Preuveneers for obtaining and showing the films.

During the autumn term, R. J. Edwards gave a lecture to the Society on "The History and Uses of the Precious Metals." This was followed by a short film on the extraction of these metals.

Last September members of the Sixth Form visited the Tillmanstone Colliery and had a most interesting time.

In March members of the Transitus went to the series of three lectures on the Structure of Matter and to the lecture on "Our nearest Star—the Sun", both at the Royal Society.

A visit to the Royal Society Conversazione is arranged for 24th May, and it is hoped to arrange a visit to the British Oxygen Research Laboratories at Lombard Road. All these visits are arranged by Mr. Butler, to whom our thanks are due for the help he has given in the past year.

J.A.P.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library has enjoyed a fairly satisfactory year. Books taken out have averaged a little more than usual. As always, some books have mysteriously vanished without trace, and as always others have been donated to take their places.

Most of the latter portion of the year has been devoted to preparing the Library for removal to the new school; this has involved a vast amount of re-conditioning and re-classifying. The junior librarians have all cast themselves vigorously into the fray, and the task which once seemed insurmountable is now almost accomplished.

In future the aim will be to enlarge certain popular sections of the library, such as sport and fiction, and thus gradually to bring boys to realise that here they have at their disposal a wealth of information and pleasure. It is to be hoped that they will also realize that by returning a book on time, they save themselves, as well as the Library staff, a good deal of trouble. In its new surroundings, with far superior facilities, the Library will have a chance to flourish. This depends not only on the Library staff but on every member of the school; the essential thing is to use the Libary, and to use it properly. The future, however, despite all reservations, looks bright.

J.R.T.W.

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CHRISTIAN UNION

"They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"—Acts 4: 13.

Leaders: K. D. G. Reynolds, J. L. Pretlove, P. D. Prosser.

At the Senior School, we can look back, and divide the year into two parts: during the first, we saw attendances of about forty regularly; in the second, we have seen attendances rise from the fifties to seventy. It may of course be a coincidence, but since the prayer meetings were started just over a year ago, the attendances have trebled. A weekly Bible Study has been held for a small group at the Senior School. At the Junior School the attendance has usually been a little below twenty, which is disappointing; we would like to see more support here especially.

Our object, of course, is not simply the holding of well-attended meetings. It is the spiritual education of the school, and the extension of Christ's kingdom. We thank God for seeing lives dedicated to the extension of that kingdom. When lives are lived as God would have them lived, Christianity becomes infectious. Our prayer is that the whole school be infected. It would be made a different place.

J.L.P.

EASTER VACATION SPANISH COURSE

During the Easter Holidays the Hispanophiles of Rutlish School attended an Easter Course in Spanish at the City of London College. We confess that Mr. Howard had dangled before us the prospect of conversation with nice young ladies and in this respect he did not prove himself a false prophet. The purpose of the Course is to accustom the ear to the difficult task of communicating to the brain a flow of speech so different in intonation and cadence from the English tongue. This is over-simplification of the problem of learning a foreign language but the basic truth lies in the proverbial "Practice makes perfect".

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association who so kindly helped us, as in past years, to pay the fees, and to congratulate P. J. Hall on winning third prize in the Verse Speaking Competition organised by the Teachers of Spanish Association.

P.M.C.

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A VISIT TO SURREY QUARTER SESSIONS

During the term members of the Senior School visited the Surrey Quarter Sessions—for educational and not punitive purposes. The Deputy Clerk of the Peace gave us an introductory talk on the functions of the various Courts and, armed with this valuable information, we divided into two groups—one to listen to undefended cases and the other to hear a trial. Whatever the verdicts in the individual cases, the general verdict of us all was that the day's visit was both interesting and enlightening.

J.R.P.B.

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PARADISE LOST

(With apologies to Pope)

The Muse sweeps in, the class attend
His ode prepared and time to spend
Athletics* or Pope, Romantics or Sport,
They yearn for the topic, they yearn to be taught,
Then Pxxxxxx† discloses, at each other they wink!
It's Athletics as usual, what else did you think?
But lo, he has started, what knowledge is shown
The outsider would marvel his confident tone
The outsider does—"Steady on, Chaps!"
(J.C.P.‡ a little flustered perhaps.)
Then peace restored, the Muse drones on
Contented, happy, till the bell has gone.
This Muse shall we present to fame—
With Pope and Byron write his name.

* Athletics: An epic poem composed early in the 13th century.
† Pxxxxxx: A distinguished man of letters and an authority on Athletics.
‡ J.C.P.: The eminent scholar and philosopher who also won great fame as a military commander.

M. F. TOMLIN, Upper VI.

CHESS CLUB

President: D. M. Esterson, Esq.
Captain: J. L. Minnion.
Secretary: J. S. Lewis.

The last year has seen a great strengthening in the Chess Club, which has not gone unnoticed in Chess circles. For the first time since the War the School has had a full season of matches, playing some of the strongest teams in Surrey. As well as the Senior matches, some Junior teams played, although the results of the latter did not fulfil earlier promise.

Membership of the Club continues to increase steadily, especially among the juniors. Much of our success is due to the interest and support of Mr. Esterson, who will be greatly missed in the future. We are very grateful to the Parents' Association for offering a trophy to stimulate a House competition.

The following were regular members of the teams:

Senior: Kaye, Lewis, Edwards, Moody, Minnion, Booth, Gilbey, Cranefield, Eastall and Whitney, and Kaye has played regularly for the Surrey Junior team.

Junior: Weisz, Robson, Phelps, Price, McKerrow and Morton.

J.L.M.

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FIRST TIME

This was the great day that he had been waiting for. He had risen early and had been bright and energetic for the whole morning and most of the afternoon. He was thrilled, very excited and a trifle anxious, too. But, after he had taken a quick snack at six o'clock, he had suddenly lapsed into melancholy. He was now bored and listless and felt rather sick.

He carried on walking, slowly with a hesitant step. Darkness was falling and it was not much further now . . . Was he scared, he asked himself? Why, n . . . n . . . , better keep on walking he thought. Oh; he was there. He took off his coat, slowly and apprehensively. He was startled by a girl's voice behind him saying, "Hello". He turned round. Good . . . ! Did he deserve this teenage beauty queen? She stood there, smiling at him, her beautiful blue eyes shining and her lovely blonde hair swept right back off her forehead into a sleek pony tail. He felt his knees sagging as she continued to smile.

Come on, snap out of it, he thought violently to himself. He smiled back and was led through the big swing doors. She ushered him on, still smiling. She pushed open a small door. He went in and it slid noiselessly back into position. He was trapped! There was no way out now.

He sat down. And then he heard a voice behind him saying in a slow, deliberate manner, "Would you like the troublesome tooth out by gas or cocaine, sir?"

I. LEWIS, IVA.

WE SHALL SING HYMN NUMBER NINETY-SEVEN

It was William How who, in 1864, wrote the words which every now and then fill the School Hall with a cheerfully lusty melody, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest". As I write, summer examinations are hard upon our heels, and I suppose that by the time this is read, we shall all be resting from our labours, both saints and others—mainly others.

You who are not leaving will be looking forward to a new school, with bright yellow desks to carve initials upon and gleaming windows to break; but after a time, you will, I think, remember the old one in a more affectionate light, some of its dingy corners will be re-conjured up in the mind's eye through nostalgic, rose-coloured spectacles; you will remember the old days, and the old warriors who marked them down—"We feebly struggle, they in glory shine."

And, after a time, when you too have swelled the ranks of the old warriors, and even discipline is a memory and not a painful fact, will anyone remember any more? But then, the future is more exciting than the present, more inviting than the past—in the words of William How:

"But yet there breaks a yet more glorious day,
The Saints (and others), triumphant rise in bright array,
Hallelujah!"

J. R. T. WILLIAMS, Upper VI, Lang.

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MALHAMDALE AND AFTER

On the fateful day, 4th April, a contingent of Rutlish boys, thirty strong in all, descended upon the peaceful and unsuspecting dales of York for what was described as a walking holiday. The undoubted success of the following week was entirely due to the untiring efforts of Mr. S. Whitehead in his exhaustive preparations for the hikes and visits which were to be made on this holiday. In this, Mr. Whitehead was ably aided by Mr. Sharpe.

The actual hiking accomplished was of an invigorating nature, beneficial to lungs accustomed to the more industrial atmosphere of Merton. In exotic and bizarre raiment, the walkers of Rutlish strode manfully up hill and down dale, surmounting with ease the boulder-strewn slopes. In such a manner the dizzy heights of Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent were ascended whilst the yawning abyss of Gaping Gill was inspected with due caution. The rugged grandeur of Malham Cove received our impressed attention and the beauties of the glittering, amber waters of the beck as they cascaded through Gordale Scar were not passed by unheeded.

During these explorations, rests were scornfully disdained as being excuses for the weaker brethren of this world. Lunch-time naturally was an exception and here the full value of the hostel-packed lunch with its oriental variety and quantity of food could be appreciated. The inner man satisfied, the return trek to the coach would be made with

steps as blithe and carefree as the new-born lambs which gambolled around.

York received the unprecedented distinction of a visitation from the school, the inviting factory of Rowntree's being the first port of call. In return for our courteous reception, the free sample department sustained a heavy loss of exhibits, all stomachs experiencing an unpalatable congestion from a combination of every known product thought of by Rowntree's. In the afternoon of our visit, the historical background of York was looked into, and some members acquired an intimate knowledge of the interiors of several cafés.

Two other visits were of great cultural benefit to everyone, the first to a worsted mill at Howarth and the second to a steel works in Stockbridge. The mysteries of the workings of these respective industries were revealed by guides whose words of wisdom were unfortunately on occasions drowned beneath the noise of the machines, whose remorseless toil fascinated the eye to such an extent that some boys almost had a closer and more material acquaintance with them. No neatly woven bodies rolled off the conveyor belts however or dissolved into a molten state in a ladle.

On some of the evenings the Newfield Hall hostel was entertained by an impromptu skiffle group, which amazed and delighted the somewhat shielded adolescents of the other schools present. The most lasting feature of the holiday was a number of friendships conceived by some of the older members of the party. Even now there is still a spiritual link, through the exchange of letters, between this school and that of Uttoxeter Girl's School. If some of these dreams are materially realised then a permanent value will have been given to this extremely enjoyable trip. All congratulations and thanks must go to Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Sharpe, under whose protective wing Rutlish visited Yorkshire.

P. DAMBMANN, Upper VI.

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The membership of the Association continues to rise and now stands at 750. This should enable even more assistance to be given to the School in the future. The main object of the Association is to help the School but we also try, by means of frequent circulars, to keep parents well informed on school events.

There was no special effort made with the school to raise money in 1956 but the Rutlish Fair and Flower Show takes place in July, 1957, and we hope to take our full share.

G.E.M.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

This year has marked the jubilee of the Old Boys' Association, and we feel we can look back with some modest self-congratulation on the way in which it has grown from a mere handful of enthusiasts in 1906 to its present strength of 1,300, housed in a fine clubhouse on its own sports field. It might be as well to point out that the Association was enabled to function at the start through the courtesy of the Headmaster and the School, who allowed the Old Boys the use of the hall and the ground for their social and sporting activities, and that it was through the foresight and encouragement of Mr. Disney that the O.R.'s took the plunge in the early 20's and bought their present ground in Poplar Road.

There have been a number of special events to celebrate the Jubilee: many present members of the School will remember chiefly the match against the Harlequins early in the season, and we can feel proud of the way in which the O.R.'s defended against a really brilliant side when three of their own team were passengers through injury. The Rugby season on the whole has been highly successful, and it would not be far from the truth to say that we now have one of the finest teams playing in Old Boy football in the south of England.

Other sporting activities have been equally successful. The Athletics team won the Inter-Old Boys' match again, and the Cricket and Tennis sections continue to flourish.

A piece of news that will give the School especial pleasure is that Mr. H. R. Locke has been elected President of the Association for 1957-1958. As Chairman of the O.R. Rugby section he has worked hard to improve the standard of football at Poplar Road, and his advice and experience have been invaluable, but his election, though partly a tribute to his efforts on behalf of the Old Boys, is at the same time a compliment to the School.

It has been felt for some time that the Old Boys have not done enough to inform senior members of the School of the facilities afforded at Poplar Road and of the way in which the Association is administered. The Leavers' Supper is a help, but many leavers find it difficult to attend if they are at the University or in the Forces. This year a meeting of members of the Sixth and Transitus was held at the Clubhouse: they were shown round, told how the Association works, and given an opportunity of asking any questions that occurred to them. It was so successful that it will probably become an annual event.

In the meantime, any boy who is on the point of leaving School and who wishes to join the Association can always apply to Mr. Rumbell for details of membership and application forms.

H. J. SHEEHAN

By the retirement of Mr. H. J. Sheehan, the School is losing the services of one who, though always keeping in the background, has nevertheless taken an active interest in many aspects of School life, and whose help and encouragement have been willingly given to any one in need of them.

After distinguished service in the First Great War (needless to say in an Irish Regiment!), followed by a short period at Crewkerne, Mr. Sheehan came to Rutlish in 1925 as a Classics Master, later to become head of the department, and as such not only gave of his best in the form room, but also gave many hours of his own time in coaching those who, whether willingly or unwillingly, required instruction in the hieroglyphics of the ancient Greek language, or in the much simpler mysteries of Latin, all with great success.

Until recently, he was for many years responsible for the Religious Knowledge instruction in the School—not an easy task by any means, as all O.R.'s know, but he is one of the few men who can inspire enthusiasm in what, to most, is a difficult subject.

Very soon after his arrival, Mr. Sheehan took a commission in the Cadet Corps, and after being for some years the second i/c, took over as O.C. of the Cadet Corps on the formation of the O.T.C. as a separate unit in 1935, retaining the command until the two units were merged as the J.T.C. in 1942. He was then persuaded, in spite of ill-health, to take a commission in the J.T.C. in order to help out the O.C., the only other officer, and finally resigned his commission in 1950 in order to enable a younger man to take his place.

To many it may come as a surprise to know that Mr. Sheehan is a skilled musician, who has a comprehensive knowledge of music and composers, and is a talented instrumentalist in his own right. As a pianist, he shared the arduous work of accompanist at the rehearsals in the days of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and in the early days of the School Orchestra, and in addition was a regular member of the orchestra for the Gilbert and Sullivan productions as a flautist of no mean ability.

Amongst other School activities, he has been the Secretary of the School Savings Group for some years, and was responsible for the organisation of the General School Examinations from 1946 to 1951. Out of School, it will not be out of order to mention his services as an Instructor to the Home Guard in the early days of the last war, and his assistance as temporary organist at St. Andrew's Church, when his friend the Vicar was short handed.

These details are sufficient to show the man—quiet, kindly and courteous in all he did; a schoolmaster whose worth and qualities are perhaps better realised by those who have left the School, rather than by those still there. Very illuminating is the fact that, amongst his colleagues on the Staff, he is recognised as one with whom all are on the friendliest terms.

From all of us, staff and boys alike, we wish him the happy retirement he so well deserves.

THE DISCUS THROWER

The bronzed, lithe Greek enters the circle of fame, a picture of graceful strength. He takes his disc of shining metal into his massive hands and with effortless ease begins to swing it. Then, like a savage hawk preparing for the kill, he begins to circle. He reaches the climax and hurls his missile on its way, soaring into the sky. He steps triumphantly out of the circle.

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The Rutlish schoolboy enters the circle with a flourish. He limbers up, trying to suppress croaks and girlish giggles as the spectators (forced to come to watch by their absent house-captains) are hushed by the magnitude of the impending feat. Whirling round in a flurry of arms and legs, he releases his hold on the glowing piece of metal and it flies daintily into a passing coal-waggon. He trips with infinite ease over the edge of the circle and buries his face into the mud.

"No throw!" is the verdict of the judges, as he picks himself up.

D. DALE, IVA.

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NOCTURNAL REFLECTION

I left the shallow joys of human kind
To dwell in awe on solitude, unscanned,
The void of rustic night.
My body to this temporal earth resigned
Projects my soul to starry realms aligned
To honour lunar's might.

I was not of the world that I now saw,
It was the vision of an age before,
Of silhouetted calm.
I longed to worship mutely evermore,
To glorify, to praise and to adore
This terrifying charm.

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THE SEASONS

I think I like the springtime best,
When leaves are fresh and green,
The lambs, the birds, so full of zest,
The wind so fresh and keen.

But summer quickly follows and
There's swimming in the sea,
Siestas on the sunbaked sand
Where we all long to be.

Autumn comes with falling leaf
Of brown and gold and red,
The hours of light already brief,
The wintry days ahead.

But, Oh, the joys of ice and snow,
With Christmas drawing near,
How quickly seasons come and go,
And soon't will be New Year.

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