

(Covers the academic years 1967-68)

Parents' Association – F. Hall (Chairman)

“The school has once again extended to the Parents' Association the facility of reporting on its activities in the Magazine and the Committee is grateful for this privilege.

Over the years we have tried many different ways to stimulate the interest of parents in the School, which really means in their boys. As you know from the calendar of events the Committee this year decided not to arrange any lectures owing to variable but generally poor support in the past few years. However, we think that an interesting, if shortened, programme has been provided.

The first event of the 1967-68 School Session was the New Parents' meeting which was well attended and at which many new parents pledged their support. In addition to the general business of explaining the aims of the Association there was an entertaining illustrated talk by Mr. Wilson about the School summer camp. The Christmas Party was again held in December, and this year we experimented by holding it in the Main Hall and Library. It was general felt that this was better than the canteen, but there were, of course, a few who preferred the latter.

An innovation, proposed and arranged by the Ladies, and which was highly successful, was a Fashion Show of shoes and accessories. Even the half dozen or so men who attended thought it most enjoyable. The traditional Sixth Form debate was held in February and proved to be very entertaining. The Careers evening, which is always the best attended evening event, will this year be held in May and will feature technology.

At the time of writing the next two events are both of a social nature. Following 1st year's very successful Buffet Dance at Abney Hall it was decided to hold a similar event this year, again in April, and it is encouraging to note that it will once more be a sell-out. The advisability of holding a Wine and Cheese Evening was debated at length by the Committee. In spite of the Breathalyser, commonsense prevailed and the wine will flow in May.

You may have wondered why there was no Orchestra Concert on the programme this year. This was owing to the unfortunate illness of Mr. W.I. Jones, but I am happy to report that he has now recovered, and we look forward to a Concert some time in May.

The main money-making event is of course the Garden Party, which last year raised a record profit of £550. This year's Garden Party will be on 20th July and with your continued assistance I am sure we can establish a new record.

As Chairman of the Association I would like to thank all of the parents and friends who have supported us so well in the past. With your continued support the Committee, which this year is very new, only four members out of twelve having more than one year's service. I appreciate their support and friendship.”

SCHOOL TRIPS

Belgium, Luxembourg and German Rhineland, 1967 D.J. Rowlands

“As the last pinpricks of the lights of our parents’ cars disappeared around the bend at the Back Lane lay-by, our midnight coach, full of boys, was now entirely filled with holiday excitement. We reached Dover at 10 a.m., before boarding the “Prince Philippe” to Ostend. As this was the first holiday abroad for many of us, the thrill of the channel crossing was appreciable. The train journey from Ostend via Bruges (where we slept over-night) and Brussels, was continued in fine weather, which enhanced the beauty of the Ardennes countryside, to Clervaux, in Northern Luxembourg, with its castle and cathedral.

Our first hike from Kautenbach to Diekirch was completed in drizzle, and our feet suffered terribly. It was so exhausting that we crowded on to a bus to Vianden, where we slept at the youth hostel opposite the old castle of the Orange-Nassau dynasty.

Proceeding through Luxembourg’s “Little Switzerland” and Beaufort, and after another stay at Echtenach near the “Wolfschlucht”, on the border with Germany (where we played an international soccer match with the natives) we came to Wasserbillig. From here we travelled by train along the vine-clad Moselle valley to Koblenz, with its hill-top castle, partly converted into a Y.H.. After a pleasant trip up the Rhine to Oberwesel in glorious sunshine, and Koblenz again, we journeyed to Luxembourg City, and explored it thoroughly with the expert guidance of Mr. Simon, the English teacher from the Echtenach school.

From here we journeyed to Han-sur-Lesse with its fantastic grottoes, and on to Namur on the Meuse, where the group’s beer mat collections trebled. After our second stay in the large Bruges Y.H., we were sadly queuing in the Ostend customs build for the crossing; but that holiday I shall never forget, and thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Lea, Hawkesford, Fielding and Simon I am intent on journeying there again.”

SCHOOL CAMP, 1967 J.M.N.

“The 1967 school camp proved in many ways to be the most successful yet. Two sites had been chosen which were already familiar, Wray Castle on the further shore of Lake Windermere (where we had camped in 1965) and Stonethwaite (which had been used in 1966).

The routine of camp remained the same, with a fairly arduous day of activities starting early in the morning and leaving each evening free. There were few objectors this year to the early rising and the physical activity culminating in a dip either in the icy Borrowdale stream or in the not much warmer but considerably dirtier depths of Windermere. Perhaps this was because, in the Senior camp at least, many of the participants had been before and knew what to expect. There were some justifiable complaints that not all the staff took part, thus not establishing the example they should have given!

All the sailing was done this year at one camp. Since Borrowdale camp was several miles away from Derwentwater which is in any case not particularly suitable for sailing, the activity was centred at Wray Castle, but it is a difficult sport, dependent on the weather. Conditions have to be just right before sailing takes place at all.

For once this year the other activity which is to some degree governed by the weather, rock-climbing, was probably less affected than ever before. We had our share of rain, but it seldom came at times or in quantities which would have made the rock face dangerous. All the climbing was carried out in the Borrowdale area, which has faces suitable for the beginner as well as climbs testing the ingenuity of experienced men.

Canoeing at Borrowdale resulted in a number of the canoes sustaining minor damage, for not all the boys negotiated the stream, at times quite shallow and swift-moving, with the same skill and accuracy. It proved, however, much more interesting to canoe on the stream rather than being merely limited to a lake. Derwentwater could still be used as a place to teach some of the skills of manoeuvring a canoe, which demanded deeper and calmer water.

The only activity, which took place at both camps, was fell-walking and for many it remained the most popular of the activities. Both areas provide some of the most beautiful country in England whether it was in the areas around the Gables and Scafell or further south in the Langdale Valley. It always seems a pity that, with the emphasis on the physical activity, those taking part seem to have so little time to absorb the magnificence around them. Watching a party of our boys climbing a mountain side we could see them steadily overtaking other walkers all the way up, proving certainly their strength and walking prowess but perhaps missing something less tangible and possibly more important in the process.

The 1967 camp will be remembered for many smaller events. Those who went out with Mr. Dean always had to be prepared for a late dinner for even his famous (or notorious?) Land Rover could not succeed in getting his group back on time. Near disaster at the Borrowdale camp occurred when Mr. Bagshaw broke a bone in his hand, but he administered the camp until the end and even managed to master driving with his hand in plaster.

During the last week violent thunderstorms disturbed two nights. On the first occasion, the storm raged all night and all the morning activities were postponed for an hour until the storm abated. By eight o'clock the camp was up and activities begun. As we reached the shores of Lake Windermere the rain began heavily again and a watcher would have seen some thirty young men (and one or two not quite so young) doing physical exercises in swimming trunks as the rain streamed down and then running into the lake to swim. The water felt very warm that day but one was tempted to reflect that only the English would act so with such good-humoured enthusiasm.

The senior camp ended with a splendid competition hike which extended over some twenty miles. The winners covered the mountainous course in less than five hours, and many of the competitors ended with a run over the last section, a tribute to their energy, enthusiasm, and strength.

There are still a few people who remain sceptical about the value of camp but anybody who had been can observe the effect on character and personality which occurs in these surroundings. It is possibly true that a particular sort of mentality benefits most but there can be little doubt that very few who go come away with no benefits at all. When I first went to camp three years ago I was not a regular camper, I was not particularly keen on outdoor activities, and I was somewhat sceptical about the whole idea, but I was willing to be convinced. I have been entirely converted and one must hope that, as the camps pass by, enthusiasm will not wane because the novelty has gone and that each new year group that becomes eligible for camp will try its pleasures. It was never meant to be a holiday but many boys prefer the challenge and stimulation of hard activity to the more conventional idea of a holiday. It is a tribute to the main organisers that many boys who go to camp return the following years. The camp of 1967 established, if it needed to do so, that this is one of the school's greatest achievements and one of the most successful activities."

“Once again the annual sixth-form trip to London is over. Masters and pupils have more or less recovered, but the memory lives on.

The organisers behind-the-scenes, T. Nahmad, A. Sandall and Mr. Thompson produced a carefully worked out timetable, which allowed the economists to see how economic theory is put into practice by visits to Lloyds, the Stock Exchange and the Ford Motor Works at Dagenham. For the students of British Government, who formed the main body of the party, the usual wide range of visits was open; these included the Houses of Commons, Bow Street Magistrates’ Court, the Central Criminal Courts, and the Royal Courts of Justice. The geographers made studies of the London Docks and Dorking and the North Downs. Once again the museums were the focal point of the trip for the biologists and geologists.

Interest in the trip, however, was not purely academic, for the rugby and soccer teams played two games each. Although the rugby team lost both games I am told that they played very well. The soccer team fared a little better, beating Kynaston, although they lost to Westminster City. The pupils were allowed out at night to see plays and take part in various cultural activities.

As usual thanks are due to Mr. Thompson, A. Sandall and T. Nahmad for their organisation, Mr. Thompson and the other members of staff for helping to make it so interesting, the various M.P.s who procured our seats in the House of Commons, and Dr. Winstanley’s private secretary who showed us round the Houses of Parliament.”

School Play

Strife E.T.H.

“‘Strife,’ by John Galsworthy, is a story of conflict on many levels, and in the M.H.G.S. production, directed by J.M. Newcombe, all these levels were given due emphasis. Brainwashed into the correct atmosphere of depression by the appropriate background music, the audience was involved, with occasionally uncomfortable proximity, in the struggles of the factory workers against their leaders, their union, and their employers, and in the struggles of the Company’s Chairman against the management, the union, the men, and David Roberts.

Perhaps even more important is the conflict between the two men. John Anthony, Chairman of the Company, played with increasing maturity by Michael Stenton, and Roberts, as exemplified by Alan Sandall, who gradually emerged as an opponent worthy of him. The stature of these men is dictated by Galsworthy, but both characters were played with sufficient strength, and enough appropriate restraint to give validity to their respective principles, and to make Anthony’s gesture of fellowship towards Roberts one of the most telling small touches of the play.

Both men contribute largely to the climax of the final scene, each striving for domination in his own sphere, and the final meeting between them, with Roberts’ pleas “Yea would never sign them terms.....I reckoned on ye!” is so moving as to make the brief moment of anticlimax both effective and revealing.

In this story of drabness and depression, the variety of personality displayed among the smaller parts was a factor which provided not only relief, but also the occasional touch of humour. Of the

Board of Directors, Wanklin (Iain Hughes) was probably the most convincing because his performance was consistent, although others made individual speeches which were most telling. Simon Harkness (Christopher Fisher) emerges as a cross between the Artful Dodger and Uriah Heap, and Henry Thomas (John Sampson) was seen in Act II as a prototype of the religious Welshman. It was in Act II, moreover, that we were treated to one of the most effective scenes in the production. Outside the factory gates, the crowd pushed and shoved with realistic noises far removed from the usual "rhubarb" murmur. In this setting, even the violence of their frequently changing opinions carried weight, and instead of appearing farcical, built the tension up until the climatic appearance of Madge Thomas.

Of the women, Madge (Jill Grimshaw) possessed the greatest fire and spirit and besides her even the rather hysterical Enid Underwood (Elizabeth Donohughe) seemed suppressed, but the portrayal of Annie Roberts (Carolyn Saul) betrayed a highly appropriate weariness. In comparison with the dreariness of the workers' wives, Lynn Walsh made a very crisp impression in her brief appearance as the parlour maid.

One of the most important aspects of the play was the contrast between the relative opulence of the factory manager's house, and the poverty of Roberts' cottage. Both the costumes, and J.O. Seed's set enhanced this contrast. Underwood's house was typical of Edwardian gentility, with its sombrely patterned wallpaper, and massive furniture, while the double doors were effectively "sound-proof", but the poverty of Roberts' house was emphasised by its comparative emptiness, and the one huge copper kettle, which accentuated the lack of other ornament. In this setting Jan Thomas (Chris Winstanley) stuffed down his tea with a gusto which not only revealed his hunger, but was typical of the spirit which all the actors brought to this most convincing production."

The Council for National Academic Awards

An alternative way of obtaining a degree

"The Editors have included the following article for the information of members of the Sixth Form. The article outlines a development in higher education which was made in 1964 but as yet is not generally known.

The Council for National Academic Awards (C.N.A.A.) is a self-governing body, established by Royal Charter in 1964 and through the powers granted by its Charter, it awards first (B.A. and B.Sc.) and higher degrees (M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.) comparable in standard with those granted by Universities to students who complete approved courses. The C.N.A.A. is in fact the only organisation in the country, apart from Universities, which can award degrees.

The Council is composed of over 300 members from Universities, Colleges, Education Authorities and industries who are appointed by the Secretary of State, and one of its main functions is to ensure that courses leading to C.N.A.A. degrees are comparable with honours and other degree courses in the Universities. This involves close examination by the Council of the courses themselves and a most careful assessment of the staff, accommodation, equipment and general facilities of the Colleges offering the courses.

At present C.N.A.A. course are approved in some 40 Colleges which have the same freedom as the Universities to plan and teach their own courses, subject to the initial vetting and approval of the course arrangements by the Council. The examinations are conducted with the help of external examiners, the majority of whom are distinguished University teachers, appointed by the College and approved by the Council. These Colleges have considerable freedom in running

their own affairs and the Council ensures that proper library and study facilities are available as well as adequate facilities for social and recreative activities. The tutorial system is a feature of the Colleges offering these courses.

There are at present over 7,000 students attending C.N.A.A. degree courses. Of whom some 3,500 are in the first years of courses, and there are more than 140 recognised courses covering a very wide range of topics in science, engineering, biology, languages and business studies. Where the subjects are not new, the approach and methods of teaching and study usually are novel and often related to industrial, commercial or professional requirements. While the courses are not narrowly vocational, they normally show the impact of the latest developments in the working world today – and tomorrow. This is particularly true of sandwich courses. Most courses last for three years (full-time) and four years (sandwich) and both honours and ordinary degrees are awarded. Honours courses make a different intellectual demand on the student and are normally more rigorous academically, but the ordinary degree is a valuable qualification in its own right and is not awarded for a moderate performance on an honours course. In many instances, a common first year is provided so that students can follow honours or ordinary courses in subsequent years according to their personal needs and inclinations.

While many course recognised by the Council are wholly concerned with one particular field of study, others are designed to cover several subjects from similar or contrasting disciplines. Some courses include subjects from both arts, and science and technology, e.g. commerce with engineering. The Colleges are free to develop new types of courses, and with the varied experience and resources they possess, they are particularly well equipped to do so. It is expected that more “interdisciplinary” courses will be developed because such course are increasingly needed to meet modern requirements.

A particular course may originate in one of several ways but often it stems from a specific need which exists in the area; a college may discover that a number of firms in the region it serves has a requirement for graduates with a certain scientific, technological or business education; in other cases the college may be aware of a national need for a new type of course which has to be met. In fact, many C.N.A.A. courses draw students from all over the country. The course itself has to be approved by the Council before it can lead to the award of a degree and this is a rigorous and complicated process. The curriculum and syllabuses proposed, a great deal of supporting information, have to be provided by the college, and this material is scrutinised by the appropriate subject Board, which normally follows this up with a visit to the college. During this visit all aspects of the teaching and examination arrangements are considered and the details of the course are discussed at length with the staff. Only when the Council is satisfied that its requirements will be met is the course approved. In many cases the course is revised in line with the Council’s wishes before it is finally approved.

Most of the courses leading to the Council’s degrees including periods of planned training and experience in industry or commerce. These give the students the opportunity of applying in a work situation what they learn during their periods in college, and of seeing how industrial and commercial organist ions operate. As their course progresses, they are able to carry out more difficult tasks in the firm, and in many cases they can make a useful and responsible contribution well before the end of their training periods. Sandwich degree courses are being developed in areas of study such as business studies in addition to the longer established courses in science and technology.

The normal minimum requirement for entrance to a course leading to the Council’s degrees, whether honours or ordinary, is:

A General Certificate of Education with passes in five subjects, including two appropriate subjects at Advanced level;

A General Certificate of Education with passes in four subjects, including three appropriate subjects at Advanced level;

An appropriate Ordinary National Certificate or Diploma at a good standard. Passes at a sufficiently high standard in the Certificate of Secondary Education will be accepted in lieu of passes at Ordinary level in the General Certificate of Education.

Further information, including the latest list of first degree courses recognised by the Council and of the colleges offering such courses, may be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, Council of National Academic Awards, 24 Park Crescent, London, W.1."

Original Contributions

Prose

Wilfred Simms Prize-winning Essay

Fragments of Summer - P.J. Hay, 6 Arts

Storm on a Barge – G. Woodfood, 1D

The Christmas Spirit – G.M. Waine, 6 Hist

Winter – K. Meekley – 4S2

The Moods of the Sea – J.S. Chadwick, 3A

Poems

The Prisoner – P. Heritage, 5S1

End of the Beginning – D.D. Leggett, 5B

A Journey – P. Mitchell, 1B

The Moonlight Walk – G.C. Kazcz, 3A

The Sun – S.M. Hardy, 4S1

Winter Morning – D.J. Arnold, 5A

The Blue John Mines – G. Swindley, 2M

The Day the Bomb Drops – W.S. Heep, 4S1

The Trap – A. Naisby, 1C

A Town during the Industrial Revolution – J.S. Smith, 5A

Today – K. Roberts, 4S2

I saw a Sight Today – S. Morley, 6 Bio

No Return – P.J. Hay, 6 Arts

Art

Lino Cut 1 – J.N. Thomas, Upper 6th

Figures in a Landscape – P.J. Hay, 6 Arts

The Main Staircase – S. Allen, Upper 6th

Stunted Growth – C. Gilbert, Upper 6th

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

The Historical Society M.M. Stenton

“Now is the winter of our discontent”

“Fortunately the above only properly refers to our financial position. The society itself has failed to flourish; no one in the Lower Sixth has joined this year and only a handful from the Upper Sixth. This has meant that our source of income (the subscriptions from members) has dried up – we have accordingly abolished expenditure. In fact what has happened this year is something in the nature of a constitutional change; the Society itself is merely an organisational group and the Sixth in general constitutes the membership.

The quality of the papers delivered this year, however, has been consistently high and attendances were rarely low – due to the famous posters with which John Hughes has supplied us. Mr. Seaton addressed the first meeting and drew upon his wide knowledge of African and imperial history to give us an account of General Gordon’s curious behaviour in Sudan. Then Professor Goodwin of Manchester University spoke to us on The Effect of the French Revolution on English Politics and, from our own school; Alan Sandall spoke on the Middle East War. Both these speakers revealed a fine grasp of detail and theory and yet, whereas the Professor’s judgements were characterised by a truly academic caution, Sandall both knew the truth and had a political solution – though certain members of the audience found themselves in profound disagreement with him, as a rather lengthy discussion indicated.

The interest aroused for the talk on the Russian Revolution was completely unprecedented and looked like being the highlight of the year until, with great sadness, we had to cancel the meeting due to the illness of our speaker. At the beginning of the next term, however, we heard a fine talk on the structure of Peruvian Society and the last meeting held was addressed by Mr. Newcombe, speaking on the Mystery of Roger Casement. He began by telling that he was not an historian and then proceeded to refute himself by giving us a very impressive display of historical technique – carefully enumerating possibilities and probabilities, provisionally refuting misconceptions, and cautiously suggesting mutually-exclusive hypotheses. We were properly reminded that the

historian is not only concerned with the investigation and interpretation of what is known but also with the definition and realisation of what is not."

The Chess Club J.E.H.

"We started this season with virtually the same team that won the County Championship last season. It was, therefore, very disappointing for the Senior team to be knocked out of the National Championship in the Second Round by what we expected to be weaker opponents; everybody was off form at the same time. Otherwise, the team has only suffered one defeat in twenty matches and, at the time of writing has reached the County Final with considerable ease.

The most pleasing aspect of the season has been the improvement in standards of the younger teams. Playing as U-16, U-15 and U-14, virtually the same group of boys has won the majority of its games. In particular, Booth, Owen, Brown, Nelson and Palmer are to be congratulated on their keenness and perseverance, after suffering some depressing defeats in the early part of last year. They are now a formidable combination.

An innovation is the introduction of a U-14 Second team. This has proved so popular that two such teams will be in operation in September. Lambert and Plant quickly won promotion from the second team and show promise.

Individual Championships for the 1st and 2nd forms and also the 3rd year players are now in their late stages and have caused an interest greater than expected.

On average, two nights during the week are devoted to team matches. When it is pointed out that such matches take 2½ to 3 hours plus travelling and eating time, it will be readily appreciated how indebted the club is to various members of staff (notably Mr. Lea, Mr. Richards, Mr. Gough, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Schofield) who have helped with transport and, although not keen chess players, have often waited for the games to finish in order to make the return journey.

We have had several players in representative teams:

Cheshire U-18 and the Full Cheshire Second Team:

Vann, Stephens, Busby, Davies, Barton and Stenton as a reserve who played

Cheshire U-15 and Manchester U-15:

Stenton, Booth, Owen and Brown

Tebb has had several successes in the Cheshire u-18 individual competition."

The Debating Society S.K. McLean

"At the beginning of this year, it was thought that the future of the society was in doubt, for none of last year's speakers remained, and no one of great ability was known to exist. However, a few believed, and we arose.

A number of debates were arranged with Cheadle County Grammas School. Speakers were co-opted, including me, into delivering speeches. (N.B. Secretaries always have to fill in.) At our first debate attendance was very small, despite advertising, but of the few, every boy spoke, a few distinguishing themselves. We had what we wanted, at least three good speakers. We sallied forth to the Girls' School. Attendance at this debate was remarkable, but the majority were unfortunately girls.

The next few debates were not outstanding, but it was to be seen that nearly all those boys in attendance spoke. Unfortunately, shyness prevented many of the girls from contributing. It must be said, however, that some girls did speak well on a number of occasions.

The first term passed and a number of speakers distinguished themselves. Stenton's wit made some debates very enjoyable, but there were also many excellent thought provoking passages. Robinson also did well. He was ready to speak at any time and did so. Cross, Smith and Christys spoke frequently from the floor and helped the Chairman to arouse the members of the floor.

At the time of writing, three large events have been arranged. The first, already held, was a Four School Debate. It was well attended and after numerous speeches it was decided that the House did not support Euthanasia. The other two ventures are Teach-ins of a kind. One is to involve our M.P. when a date is settled.

I would like to thank everyone for their help. In particular, I would like to thank all those who spoke, also our poster painter Hughes (U. VIth), whose artistic performance has been outstanding. I would like to thank the Cheadle County's Society for their help and Mr. Newcombe for his help and advice. Lastly, I must express the Society's gratitude to the Headmaster for allowing us to hold the two Teach-ins and help in planning.

In conclusion, I would like to discuss the future of the Society. This year, the apathy of the U. VIth was so remarkable that nearly all the Societies in the school have commented. We have only survived by the presence of the Third year VIth and L. VIth. By virtue of the L. VIth, the Society will have a very good year next year. A number of this year's speakers are to remain and on them this society will be founded. I sincerely hope that they have better responses from the U. VIth and as much as we have had from the L. VIth next year."

Senior Christian Union D. Johnstone

"This year we have had much more in the way of special meetings involving films, filmstrips and visiting speakers. These meetings have encouraged large and regular attendances, and have been received with enthusiasm. Our success formula may well be summarized by the key phrases "personal commitment" and "united in spirit". We believe that God is very much alive amongst us and in the world in which we live, and it is a privilege to share this belief with others to whom life may have no real purpose or meaning. Our aim is to promote an intelligent interest in Christianity in the school, and to show its practical consequences in our lives by a genuine love and concern for our fellow men.

The programme of regular Tuesday meeting during the past year has included two filmstrips; a lively discussion entitled "Predestination of free will"; a talk by an ordained minister from Uganda; a book review by Mr. Forbes entitled "God is for Real, Man"; an informal Brains Trust; and Bible study sessions from Ephesians and 1 Timothy. A Fact and Faith film, "Voice of the Deep", attracted over one hundred people. We were also privileged to have a visit from Mr. Peter

Marshall, travelling secretary of the Northern Branch of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, who gave an illustrated talk on summer activities and camps.

Joint meetings with the girls' school continue to enjoy considerable success. A recent guest speaker, the evangelist Gordon Bailey, spoke on the subject of the indwelling Christ.

A noteworthy contribution to the life of the Christian Union has been made by the four boys who attended the New Year I.S.C.F. Leaders Conference. The boys had obviously enjoyed the Conference and returned full of practical ideas. It was the first time that our school had been represented at this important annual event.

Finally, the Senior Christian Union wishes to thank all members of staff concerned with the society for their great help, support and Job-like patience!"

The Intermediate Christian Union C.B.M.

"One of the interesting innovations has been the arrival of "Bible Football". Games of the quiz type mean so much more when points scored count as spaces moved towards the other team's goal! This has been one of the many items by which the meetings have been made interesting as well as helpful. A meeting has been held every Thursday lunchtime, and each week members can be sure of a different programme, usually prepared and taken by the members themselves.

The main step forward this year has been the arrangement of I.S.C.F. regional meetings here once a term for the Christian Societies in the Cheadle and Wilmslow Scripture Union. We held two meetings in the school gymnasium on Friday evenings in October and May, and a ramble near Marple in May, when we explored the locks and viaduct of the canal, and concluded with a meeting in a Church Hall.

The I.S.C.F. also organises Christian camps in the summer holidays, and three boys went to the camp at Pooley Bridge, near Ullswater, and had a very useful and enjoyable holiday."

Model Railway Society P. Mothershaw

"The main activity since the 1967 Garden Fete has been the exhibit of the Society on the annual Manchester Model Railway Society Exhibition at Christmas. This is the second most important Model railway Exhibition in the country, and our members are proud that the club has now been represented three times at this occasion. Previous inclusions were in 1964 and 1965 when we exhibited our limestone quarry layout. But in the Christmas show, by way of a change, we sent our first "N" gauge layout, which is a model representing a forest with a saw mill, from which wood is dispatched in various forms by the railway to a small harbour. Once again we received a diploma.

There have also been several changes to the clubroom since last summer, notably the provision of a door directly to the outside, since the English drama department had taken over next door, occupying the rest of Brookfield. Of course this alteration necessitated quite a reorganisation of benches, and so on. Since the Christmas holiday the younger members have begun a small layout incorporating their own ideas and under the supervision of Mr. C. Nother. Since

membership has, however, declined, efforts are being concentrated on the completion of the "N" gauge layout."

The Theatre Club R.F. Thompson

"The recent addition of this club to school activities has proved very popular. Its aim was originally to enable any sixth former studying English to visit various theatres and see as many different types of plays as possible. Since then the club has had to broaden its scope to allow fifth formers to join. We try to run each trip as cheaply as possible by obtaining tickets at a reduced rate and then only having to pay the cost of travel. The club does not charge a membership fee, and the only restriction on the number of people we can take is the size of the school buses.

Already we have attended performances at the Playhouse Theatre, Liverpool, the Victoria Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, various cinemas in Manchester and Macclesfield, and, of course, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. The most popular presentations so far have been "A Man for All Seasons", "Far from the Madding Crowd", "Roots", "Henry V" and "The Taming of the Shrew". The most interesting visit was to Stratford to see the Theatre-Go-Round Company in a performance of "The Hollow Crown" and a demonstration of dramatic technique. We were also pleased to be able to visit all the performances of the Royal Shakespeare Company for a short season. Two further visits to see this company at Stratford, have been arranged for "Julius Caesar" and "All's Well That Ends Well".

On behalf of all the boys who have enjoyed the club activities I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Headmaster for allowing us to form the club, Mr. Goulding, Mr. Lakeland and Mr. Hayhurst for their support and help in arranging the excursions, and those members of staff who either helped to transport us or accompanied the groups."

School Scouts R. Bateman

"The Summer camp at Wharfedale in Yorkshire was a great success. The venture scouts went out on many expeditions including a day canoe trip, several rock climbing outings and many hikes. The scouts indulged in similar activities and also took part in the Camp Cooking competition, won by R. Stansfield and his patrol, and the Camp Sports.

Since Mr. Fowler left, things have been rather chaotic, and we have realised what a superb leader he was. Perhaps the main contribution to the chaos was the frantic rebuilding of the old scout hut burnt down in November 1966. Here again Mr. Fowler put more than his share of work into the rebuilding, never missing one weekend "working party". Another contribution to the chaos was the change-over from the old Baden Powell-type scouting to the much more modern Advance Party Report. However, Mr. G. Costello with the help of Mr. J. Gaw has been running the troop very smoothly since the departure of Mr. Fowler.

Under the new "Advance Party Report" system the scouts are engaged in the making of a model hovercraft, finding out how a car engine works, constructing a model car layout and making electronic devices, things not usually associated with "scouting" but made possible under the new system."

Aviation Enthusiasts Club 1967-68 The Committee

“Membership has now reached its highest peak and the club is going from strength to strength.

A recent trip took us to the Shuttleworth Trust at Old Warden, where we saw a fine display of beautifully preserved vintage Aircraft and Cars. We have also been to London Airport for a day, mainly to satisfy the younger element in our club. On Saturday the 16th March a successful trip was run to Redhill, Gatwick, Heathrow and Fair Oaks. This proved very popular, and is the second of the multi-airport trips we have organised. This was also the first trip organised by the new committee, the previous committee having found A-levels and airspotting incompatible.

Sales of Profiles continue to grow, and total sales have now passed the four-figure mark.

Future plans include a trip to what promises to be the best Farnborough yet, a trip to the ever popular Biggin Hill Air Fair, and a new batch of films hired from Sound Services.

Our thanks as always to Mr. Hayhurst who has continued to give valuable advice and help when needed, to all the masters who have suffered our trips, and to Godfrey Abbott's for continuing to accept our bookings.”

Musical Activities M.M. Stenton

“There are not many musical events in the school calendar – the decrease of the school orchestra has ensured that. Consequently I must refer mainly to a concert given in July of the last academic year. Owing to the illness of Mr. Jones the garden party recital of vocal and instrumental music was nearly abandoned, but the feverish activities of D. Truswell (who has now left us to study music at York University) led to the assembly of a hastily-gathered programme. It is, perhaps unfortunate that these concerts are always held long after most people have gone home from the garden party, for the standard of the performances that evening merited an audience far larger than that which was present. Works by such varied composers as Corelli, Beethoven, Schubert, Wieniewski and Debussy were performed with great taste and skill.

The school (in the person of H. Hitchen) has continued to provide many of us with the opportunity of purchasing Hallé tickets at half-price, and various members of the school must have visited nine or ten concerts in this way since last September. The school choir is also due to give us its annual choral concert fairly soon for which it has now been practising hard for several months.”

Jazz Folk Fraternity N.L. Robinson, D. Cross

“This new society started towards the end of the Christmas term 1967, and since that time we have had several fairly well attended meetings. Support from the upper sixth has been encouraging, but, apart from a few regular attendees, enthusiasm in the rest of the school has been somewhat lacking.

Activities so far this year have included a tribute to Wood Guthrie, a meeting devoted to a short history of jazz and a pre-release scoop of the latest Bob Dylan album.

In the coming term we hope to have some live performances as well as more record meetings. We would welcome suggestions as to the programme next term, especially from members of the lower sixth.

The committee would like to thank J.S. Hughes for providing the posters and H. Hitchen for operating the record player.”

SPORTS TEAMS

1st Eleven Cricket (Captain M.S. Riley) P. Eyre

“The 1st XI had another remarkably good season, losing only two games out of 18, our final tally being 11 wins, 5 draws.

The team was well captained by M. Riley who again topped the bowling averages, was second to S. Heighway in the batting averages and was without doubt one of the finest fielders.

A mention must be made of S. Heighway who proved once again the innings for the school with bright attacking cricket, and was ably backed up by M. Gordon, together giving us a good start to many a win. They were well supported by M. Sykes, P. Galloway and L. Hampson.

We had one of the fastest opening attacks with the arrival of P. Gooch who teamed up well with S. Heighway. After these two had parted the opening batsmen, M. Riley and P. Eyre tried to finish the job off with, later in the season, the help of P. Carlton and L. Hampson.

A special mention should be made of K. Cooper who had the unenviable task of taking over as wicket keeper from D. Miller (who transferred to York School). His hands and chest were battered by the end of the season, but he endured it all good humouredly.

One outstanding game that must be mentioned was the game against King’s School, Macclesfield, who had not been beaten for two years. Our total was 139 for 7 against some very fierce bowling. Their batting totalled 103 for 9, M. Riley taking two wickets in his last over with the first two balls, but was unable to dislodge the last man.

We again held the annual match between the team and the masters, which resulted in a resounding victory for the team.

The composition of our team was good. Over the season, S. Heighway scored a total of 429 runs, obtaining a fine century against Sandbach and went on to a final total of 126 runs. M. Riley obtained a grand total of 327 runs for the school, with a fast 71 runs against Wilmslow and 70 runs against Sandbach.

The bowling stood us in good stead. The chief wicket takers were P. Gooch with 25 wickets, his best match was 6-30 runs against Sandbach, M. Riley who took a total of 21 wickets and P. Eyre 16 wickets with 6 for 10 runs against Sir John Deane’s.

What of the new season ahead? We may have lost some of our “Stars” but we are not downhearted, as there are plenty of up and coming cricketers in the school, and I feel sure next season we will uphold Moseley Hall’s name for good cricket.”

Cheshire and English Schoolboys Cricket P.L.

M.S. Riley captained the Cheshire Schoolboys throughout the season and was also selected to play for the English Schoolboys.

P. Gooch also represented the Cheshire Schools and was reserve for the English Schoolboys.”

Under-15 Eleven Cricket A.S. McQuinn

“With slow, drying wickets predominating at the beginning of the season, the slower bowlers were favoured, taking 14 wickets out of the 21 which fell in the first three matches. Later, however, as the dry weather set in, the fast bowlers, especially Rothwell (21 wickets) enjoyed more success.

The batting was a formidable sight on paper, but all too often failed to live up to its high expectations. Despite this, two members scored over 150 runs and one just managed 100.

In a team where ground fielding was one of its biggest assets, the game against King’s School, Macclesfield provided an exception to this rule. After scoring a fine 126, the school let about 50 runs through its fingers and was sent to its second defeat of the season.

Although knocked out of the Dewes Cup in the second round, the team generally played well, enjoying all their games, and they have asked me to thank Mr. Ackerley and Mr. Seaton for their excellent coaching and umpiring.”

Record: Played 11 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 4

Under-14 Eleven Cricket S.J. Trew

“This was a more successful season than last year for the under-14 eleven. The season started very badly. We lost our first three matches, two of which were against Cheadle Hulme School.

The batting of Griffiths, Trew, Lucas and Booth showed a marked improvement, and our three main bowlers, Lucas, Booth and Richards maintained a high standard. Throughout the season Michaelides kept wicket very well.

Several of our fixtures came near to being cancelled, due to many of the members of the team attending school camp, but were played thanks to the support of our few reserves.

Our thanks go to Mr. Fielding and Mr. Rowarth for their support throughout the season. I would also like to thank those parents who helped out when we were short of transport.”

Record: Played 12 Won 5 Drawn 1 Lost 6

Under-13 Eleven Cricket D. Hardman

“This year’s results are very hopeful for next year. The team have enjoyed quite a successful season and have improved with experience. The first few matches were lost through not having enough runs to play with, but as the season progressed with scores improved, and 7 matches were won in a row.

An innings which must be mentioned is that in which Hardie played in a match against Calday Grange in an 8th and 9th wicket partnership. The fielding was also excellent helping to dismiss Calday for as few runs as possible.

During the season Rossington became wicket-keeper in place of Durden and took some good stumping chances. The best game played was against Poundswick when no chance was missed. During the season Liddle took 55 wickets with some good bowling.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Lea for the way he coached the team and spent his valuable time at the practices and the games on Saturdays, and also those parents who helped with transport.

Record: Played 14 Won 8 Drawn 0 Lost 6

Under-12 Eleven Cricket B. Hardman

“The team had a very good opening season, as can be seen from the results. The batsmen had quite a lot of talent, although sometimes the first few wickets fell cheaply tending to demoralise the rest of the side. When this happened, the bowlers seemed to perform very well, and dismiss the opposition for very few runs. The attack was opened by Haworth and McDowell with fine support from Rigby and, on occasion, Reynolds. The fielding on the whole was safe, with flashes of brilliance and many catches were taken in the field.

Finally, our thanks to Mr. Lea who coached the team and encouraged them to many fine wins.”

Record: Played 7 Won 7 Drawn 0 Lost 0

1st XV Rugby (Captain – J.C. Higham) J.C. Higham

“The last few seasons have seen the development of a very strong team which last year proved to be unbeatable. Unfortunately this team consisted of many senior members of the school and so the break-up of the team, at the end of the year, was more or less complete with only four of last year’s regular players remaining. We were therefore faced with the task of building up a new team from scratch, while still trying to fulfil the formidable fixture list compiled over the years.

The season has thus proved to be one of mixed fortunes for the 1st Fifteen, as it struggled to find its feet. In many matches the right combination of players seemed to have been found and really attractive and forceful rugby was played. While in others a weak line was shown so that it was seldom that the same team would take the field two weeks in succession. During all this time, though, many of the new members of the team were developing into really sound rugby players, so that a pool of talent remains for future years.

The Yorkshire matches again proved to be among the hardest we played, the Heath match being particularly notable. Other hard fought games were against our traditional opponents. Sir John Deane’s and Sale Grammar School. Both these matches disappointingly resulted in draws, where we should have won.

Of our newest fixtures perhaps the most exciting was the one against William Ellis Grammar School of London. The match proved to be a long and hard one with both the forwards and backs working together in some spectacular passing moves. The match was only narrowly lost by a penalty kick during injury time.

As usual the school produced a strong pack of forwards which has developed from a rather individual group of players into a compact unit, especially as a driving force in loose scrums. Blake, our hooker, provided us with good possession in the scrums and also proved to be a good all round player. He was well supported on the front row by the two props, Higham and Clayton, both being fast to the loose, the latter proving to be one of the more tireless members of the team. The powerhouse of the pack in the second row consisted of Lord, a very impressive player in line-outs and loose scrums usually being one of the first to arrive. He was partnered by either Dean or Perry, both of whom should be a great asset to next year’s team.

The back row has proved to be one of the strongest the school has had. The open wing Hodgeson although small was very fast out of the scrum and many a fly-half has regretted his existence. At No. 8, Hindle, as well as fulfilling his role in the tam by constant harassing of the opposition, gave us some magnificent kicking for goal. Edwards the third back row forward was a very strong and persistent player who delighted in crashing his way through the opposition.

We experienced some difficulty in finding the scrum-half who could give a long accurate pass to his fly-half. But eventually Sykes, an excellent link man, was found especially as he has had both experience playing in the backs and in the forwards. At fly-half Gordon was our only three-quarter player remaining from last year’s side and apart from frequently running circles around the opposition, taught the rest of our three-quarters much of what they know today.

The two centres, Harran and Mason, have both shown a notable development throughout the year and are now both confident in handling and manoeuvring with the ball and are prodigious tacklers. The wingers were Davis and Chorlton who ran well but lacked penetrating power.

Peters at full-back has had an excellent season being irreproachable in handling and kicking the ball and rewarding us with some perfect tackles.

On behalf of the 1st Fifteen, I would like to thank Mr. Turner for his perseverance in both training and coaching without which the present strong side could not have developed. Finally we would like to thank all those concerned in preparing our refreshments.”

Record: Played 21 Won 9 Drawn 2 Lost 10

2nd XV Rugby S.J. Morley

“This year’s 2nd Fifteen, composed largely of last year’s Under-15 team, must be one of the youngest ever to represent the school.

The forwards produced some good rugby despite their youth. In the tight the play was excellent, but this was not always matched in the loose and the lines out. Hurst, who had many strikes against the head, Walton at prop and Knowles and J.S. Smith in the back row played consistently well.

The backs were rarely penetrative although this does not reflect on the hard work and skill shown by Cholerton and Freeman at half-back. Throughout the season full-back has remained the biggest problem and a variety of players have failed to fill the role adequately.

Altogether a disappointing season, but with the majority of players available again next year and a strong Under-15 team coming up there is much to look forward to next season. We should like to thank Mr. J.C. Smith for his unfailing support and guidance throughout this most difficult season.”

Record: Played 18 Won 5 Drawn 0 Lost 13

Under-15 XV Rugby I. Gibson

“This season has been highly successful for the Under-15’s.

We have been playing well as a team, more so than in past seasons, and the results speak for themselves. As we have improved however, so has the opposition and not infrequently the difference in the scores has been marginal, for example, 8-6 against Wilmslow G.S., 9-6 against Salford G.S., 9-6 against St. John Deane’s G.S..

One of our best victories was against Normanton Grammar School away, where we won by 15 points to 3.

The forward play has been the outstanding feature of the team so far, although it must be remembered that weather conditions have not exactly favoured three-quarter play in the past months. K. Richards has set a fine example to the rest of the pack throughout. He could always rely on support from his forwards, notably Crawford, Cooper and Heap. Low has become a fine open-side wing-forward, worrying many a stand-off. Green was the scrum-half earlier in the season but in recent weeks M.B. Richards has taken over. M.B. Richards has also has a good season with his kicking, despite slight fluctuations of fortune. Gibson has been the regular stand-off and is again the captain. Goodier has given many fine displays in the art of tackling and is an

invaluable asset to the three quarters. Trew, the other centre, has been steadily improving throughout the season.

Hill and Yates have scored some good tries despite a shortage of good service.

Hall, the hooker, was injured earlier this season, and his place taken by Pretty. Hall is now back in the team and hooking well again.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Mason for his constant coaching and support and Mr. Cordwell for his refereeing on Saturday mornings.”

Record: Played 18 Won 16 Drawn 0 Lost 2

Under-14 XV Rugby S. Grunbaum

“On the whole this was a moderately successful season. Although the number of defeats is fairly large, there was a great deal of effort throughout the season. We also had quite a few matches cancelled, some of which we might well have won. Our r best effort during the season was our narrow defeat (5-3_ by the very strong King’s School, Macclesfield, even though we did not have a full-strength side on that day. Our biggest win was 37-0 over Stockport G.S. and another very good win was the 33-12 victory over Huddersfield New College, especially pleasing since we had lost 21-3 last season.

Hardman, at full-back, generally played very well, though at times inconsistently. Tuson, when he played, had some good games, as did Todd who was introduced into the side later in the season. Hardie played exceptionally well at centre, and Shaw, the other centre, gave loyal service. Hassard had some fine games, but a foot injury kept him out of the team for a lengthy period. Mention must also be made of Wingard, who, despite his lack of experience, shows promise for next season. Grunbaum has captained the side at scrum-half. He combined well with Trappe who, with Hardie, was the main source of our tries. Stirling has improved greatly at prop and has also led the pack exceptionally well. Walden has hooked well, though he again was out with injury, and Massey and Martin were a good second-row, Massey in particular tiring out many an opponent. Tomlinson, Lancaster, Poulton and Ramsden, all back-row forwards, maintained a high standard throughout. Another recent member of the side is Care, who should develop well next year. Brown, Yates and Hawthorne, when called on, did not let the side down, Brown seeming to be able to play anywhere.

On the whole, this has been not a bad season and provided that more positive and clean possession can be obtained, next season should continue our improvement. Finally we would like to thank Mr. D.B. Smith and Mr. M.J. Jeskins for their coaching and their time throughout the season.”

Record: Played 17 Won 7Drawn 1 Lost 9

Under-13 XV Rugby A. Haworth

“The Under-13’s had a very good season, winning most of their matches and losing only a few. We were also lucky with the weather as only a couple of games were cancelled.

After some drastic changes at the beginning of the season, the team got better and better as the season progressed. The team was well led by the stand-off half who was their top points scorer. At the beginning of the season there was a definite lack of forward strength, but this was soon corrected, and by the end of the season the pack were playing extremely well, outstanding players being MacDonald and Plant. The backs, who helped a lot by some fine hooking from Lambert, played attacking rugby whenever possible and made many fine tries out of nothing. Hopwood and Rigby, the two wings, were given little of the ball at first but nearer the end of the season produced some fine runs to score some vital tries. We were lucky to find another good full-back in Roberts, when Plant was moved into the forwards. This helped a lot to let the backs play more freely and not to worry about a mistake and a score.

We should all like to thank Mr. Lea for his coaching and for all he has taught us.”

Record: Played 17 Won 12 Drawn 2 Lost 3

The Cross Country Club 1967-68 Season S.C.F.

“This 1967-68 season has been a most memorable one for many reasons – for the wettest of autumn terms and the coldest of spring terms, for the mud, the frost, the snow, for the much stronger opposition we met, for the smaller numbers running and yet the much higher standard of those who still competed. We have had wide press coverage, results mentioned on the radio and a most successful season when only three schools, Knutsford, North Manchester and Cardinal Langley have been able to take two races off us. Twenty times we beat all the teams that schools brought for us to race against.

The team captains, whose reports are below, have been the backbone of the club. They encourage training, lead their teams in the races week by week, and assist in many other ways. Without Kingston, we should hardly have had a senior team and has been our best runner in both age groups on many occasions. Grimsley has trained very hard to score so well this year, and Winstanley has not missed a match, winning most races and finishing as League Champion.”

Senior Cross-Country Team N.B. Kingston

“This year the senior team has been very dependent, not on the results of one or two individuals, but the whole combined effort and achievements of the whole team. The regularly runners were Donkin, Kennedy, Kingston, McCormick, Pearson and Howsam, supported by Grave of the U-16 team for many matches. Lyon strengthened the team for half the season, and Holmes, who in

previous years has been a valuable, regular runner was unfortunately struck by injury for most of the season, but still managed to turn out and give his all in some of the last few races.

The team had mixed success in a season of often new and harder fixtures. Out of the fourteen matches before the Christmas holidays, which included two university fixtures, the team won six and lost several by only a couple of points. After Christmas the team was badly affected by illness and shortage of numbers, but managed to come fourth in the Cheshire A.A.A. Championships, and later on in the season, third in the Cheshire Schools Championships, thanks to the packing of the team and Donkin, our first counter. In the N.E. Cheshire League, the seniors won two matches but lost two, but Marple Grammar School came out on top over all, and so won by only nine points. On behalf of those in the senior team who trained regularly, I should like to thank Mr. Newcombe for spending a couple of dinner times a week in timing us while we trained.”

Raced: 25 Won: 10

Under-16 Cross-Country Team R. Grave

“This has been a most successful season for the U-16 team, not just because of our excellent results (our record remained unblemished), but also because of the encouraging number of the team’s members who turned out week after week.

As in previous years, the U-15 team strengthened the U-16 team, and together they captured the Bob Watts Memorial Trophy in adverse conditions and the Cheshire Schools Trophy, and were almost certainly deprived of a hat-trick with the Northern Championship being postponed owing to the foot and mouth epidemic. In the Cheshire A.A.A. Championships we were beaten into second place by a club team, but I think we might have achieved a better result if the team had not been suffering from the after effects of Christmas.

In the North-East Cheshire League we comfortably finished first with only two other teams completing all the races, Allen being the individual champion.

It is difficult to single out any individual in this powerful team, but full credit must go to Allen who, despite his young age, has had a brilliant season and, along with Grave, has been picked to represent Cheshire in the National Schools Championship. Again, Bateman, with a minimum of training, has achieved incredible results, and Beatty, with much more training, has improved considerably.

The surprise of the season has obviously been Ferguson who did not really have a bad race and in the final league match at Marple ran magnificently to finish second to Pike.

A final word of congratulations must go to Jepson, Gillett, Booth, Shone, Jenkins and Codling whose excellent packing played a major role in all our victories”

Raced: 43 Won: 43

Under-14 Cross-Country Team S. Grimsley

“This year the U-14 team has had quite a good season. Three of our defeats have been inflicted by Cardinal Langley. However when these defeats were suffered our team was not at full strength. The other five defeats have been by Knutsford, Sir John Deane's, Ellesmere Port, North Manchester and Marple Hall.

In the North East Cheshire League we came third overall, behind Broadway and Saint Augustines, after we had won the first league by forty-four points.

The U-13's have helped the team a lot, and only three third year runners have run consistently, Fine, Clarey and Grimsley. Marshall (under thirteen) has won the most races, with Herd and Gill close to him.

The U-14's team could be strengthened if more people, who are good at sport would run.

In the U-13's Marshall and Evans are the most consistent runners with McIntosh, Herd, Masterman, and ball just behind. Rawsthorne, Roxborough and Jackson run occasionally. Naisby has hardly missed a race since coming to our school at Christmas.”

Raced: 23 Won: 15

First Year Cross-Country Team C. Winstanley

“As can be seen from the summary, the season has been a most successful one.

The first year retained their North East Cheshire League title. We had the very slender lead of two points over Marple before the final league match, but they had the advantage of racing over their own course. With extra training we won with ease and brought home the trophy.

The team has been supported almost every week by Sleight, Chadderton, Whitehead, Rider, Croston, Plant, Hudghton, Hume and Wijeyesekera (until Christmas), with help from Wilby, Honeysett and Shaw. We were sorry to loose “Wij”, who returned to Ceylon, but his place was filled by Garnett who will soon be leaving himself.

Sleight has not missed a match and after consistent training became the most reliable high counter. Chadderton started in great form, but just regained it, at the end of the season, with training. The real power of the team has been the way Whitehead, Rider, Croston and Plant have been able to race so enthusiastically filling the counting positions with high placings, and yet being in an unpredictable order.”

Raced: 32 Won: 27

Inter House Cross-Country Championship S.C.F.

“Buckley, having narrowly won the Under-12 and Under-13 races, most convincingly won the U-16 and Senior age groups, yet could only manage third in the U-14 race.

Rider was third in the First Year race, and in the U-13 age group McIntosh, Evans and Ball took three of the first six places. The U-16 record was broken by Bateman with Ferguson and Booth in fourth and sixth places. McCormick won the Senior race easily with Donkin in third place. When all the points were added up Buckley had won by 313.

Etchells won no races, but was a close second in the U-13 and U-14 races. Though third in the U-16, fourth in the Senior and fourth in the first year races, these were all narrow defeats, and so in total the house found to be second, 29 points ahead of Moseley, which was surprising for this house had a first and three seconds in the team placings.

Sleigh, U-12, Marshall, U-13 and Smith, U-14 all won their races, but the only other Etchells runners in the first Six in any age group were Lidgett, who, as a rugby player, did splendidly to finish fourth in the U-13 age group, and Grave, who holds several course records but had not fully recovered from illness and finished 3rd in the U-16 race.

Moseley did very well in the team placings, winning the U-14 race and being second in the U-12, U-16, and Senior age groups, but was held back (into 4th place) by a heavy defeat, in the U-13 race.

Chadderton and Croston were 2nd and 4th in the U-12 race. Grimsley and Fine were second and 4th in the U-14 age group. Allen in winning, lowered the record in the U-16 race and was supported by Beatty in 5th place. Kingston set a personal best time when he finished second in the senior race and it was good to see Moss, two places after him, racing well again.

Hulme was third in the U-12, U-13 and Senior races and fourth in the U-14 and U-16 age group.

After winning so many races this season it was sad to see Winstanley, not fully recovered from illness, finish only fifth in the U-12 age group. Herd was back in form again to win the U-13 race. In the U-14 age group Irwin was fifth, and in the Senior race Pearson led the field over the bridge but came back in fifth place just in front of Holmes.”

Moseley Hall's First Inter-School Cross-Country Relay S.C.F.

(March 30th 1968)

“We invited the best cross-country schools in Lancashire and Cheshire to a 6 x 2 miles cross-country relay. The six “legs” of the race were won by the best runner in each age group. This was something new and twelve schools brought sixteen teams, from as far as Buxton, Wallasey and Macclesfield.

After the first year runners had run the first two miles, the teams could select their own order of running. So the order changed time and time again, until our old rivals, Cardinal Langley, took the lead in the fourth leg and looked easy winners. Allen, however, took our team from 4th to 2nd place and handed over to Grave, who finished only 12 seconds behind their runner.

Winstanley, Marshall, Herd and Beatty, who took us to the front, all set personal best times, and Allen and Grave achieved the fastest times in their age groups.

Knutsford were third with their 2nd team in 5th place. King's Macclesfield were fourth, Buxton College sixth, Marple Hall seventh, Wallasey Tech. Eighth, Wallasey Grammar ninth and our second team tenth with six teams behind them."

1st XI Soccer (Captain – T.C. Parker) T.C. Parker

"School Soccer has had mixed fortunes this year. However this is not surprising when one realises that only three of last year's first eleven remained. Thus, the first team has been made up of young and inexperienced players. The main faults with the team this year have been the inability to score easy goals and that the defence has given too many easy goals away. However the team has played very well on a number of occasions notably against Stockport Grammar, Central Grammar, Urmston and Salford Grammar. The second eleven provided adequate cover for injured first team players, supplying twelve different players for first eleven duty.

T. Parker (Captain and Wing-half). Strong in defence and skilful in attack. He has been a good captain, giving the side drive, cohesion and spirit. (R.E.S.)

L. Hampson (Vice-captain and inside-forward) A clever forceful player who has been troubled by injury and illness.

P. Eyre (Goalkeeper) A capable keeper who saved the school on many occasions, but his handling of the ball and the use of his voice in calling suffers lapses.

K. Cooper (Goalkeeper) Very sound on the ground, but tends to be beaten by the high ball.

A. Moss (Full-back and wing-half) In his first season with the school team he has become a strong and reliable defender. However he must improve his distribution of the ball.

A. Pratt (Full-back) A strong tackling player also in his first full season with the first eleven. He tends to be caught upfield, leaving his winger unmarked and this must be remedied next year.

N. Smith (Centre-half) An inexperienced player who matured with every game. He must remember not to stray from the middle of the field.

P. Hamblin (Full-back and wing-half) A good, hard working player who should develop into a good wing-half next season.

J. Fingland (Wing-half) Tackles strongly and is very good in the air. However he must work harder and distribute the ball to better advantage.

M.K. Colston (Inside-right) An extremely useful young player with a fierce shot and good ball control. He must learn to part with the ball to better advantage.

G. Perry (Inside-forward) A strong player with a powerful shot, who suffers from lack of fitness.

N. Brown (Centre-forward) Considering this was his first season of school football he has played well. He must concentrate on developing his shooting skills.

P. Gooch (Centre-forward) An experienced player with a powerful shot. He has however missed many goals by wild, uncontrolled shooting and heading.

K. Norman (Outside-left) A fast winger with a good left foot shot. He seemed to find it difficult to score in most of the games he has played in. He must improve his fitness and his use of the right-foot.

P. Bate (Forward) A fast, tricky player who must improve his heading ability and taste for physical conflict.

I. Pickford (Defence) A useful player who should develop into a good defender next year.

Although this season has not been too successful, many of this year's players will be able to play again next year and with the experience they have now gained we can look forward to a very good season.

I should like to thank Mr. Sayer for his invaluable support and encouragement and Moss for providing the team with a full fixture list."

Played: 26 Won: 9 Drawn: 5 Lost: 12 Goals for: 66 Against: 72

2nd XI Soccer J.A.S.

"After a deceptively flattering start, when the team defeated North Cestrian Grammar School 10-1, the defence was heavily punished in the next few matches for slack marking and indecisive play in the penalty area, and the scores might have been taken as those of another code. However, Rogerson J. (LVI Arts) previously an attacking wing-half, volunteered to play the part of a defensive sweeper, and the gaps became smaller and fewer. With this improvement the capacity to contest the issue has become far more pronounced, the best example of this trend being the recovery from a deficit of 4-6 to a win of 9-6 over Stockport Technical College. When we met this opposition for the third, and what we hoped would be the decisive match, the score was, appropriately enough 2-2. Fewer goals have been scored recently by the opposition and by ourselves, and, what is perhaps a reflection of higher-class football, the teams have often in the second half of a game concentrated on defence, being happy to settle for a draw.

Cooper K. (LVI Science) has proved to be an admirable goalkeeper and captain, setting himself the highest of standards and possessing the gift of spurring on his men to greater efforts even at times of the deepest gloom."

Played: 26 Won: 9 Drawn: 5 Lost: 12 Goals for: 66 Against: 72

Badminton R. Heywood

"This season, despite cancellations, has nevertheless been a successful one. The players showed great enthusiasm and team work which often carried them to victory even when the opposition possessed superior players.

Only Heywood and Blake remained from last season's experienced and successful team, and Park and Hart stepped in admirably as second seeds, whilst Mason and Edwards played confidently as third seeds.

After winning the opening matches of the season against King's School, Macclesfield and Altringham Grammar, the team lost its third match, the return game, at home, to Altringham. However, the team returned to form and, maintaining a good standard of play, was undefeated for the remainder of the season.

The School versus the Staff match was the hardest fought game of the season, and Rees and Eddel, reserves throughout the first part of the year, played well and helped the school to a ten games to eight victory.

There has been a very marked lack of enthusiasm in the lower sixth, and as many of the present team will be leaving this year it is hoped that a new team can be formed next season.

The members would like to thank Mr. Newcombe for his support and encouragement without which the team could not have been so successful."

Played: 6 Won: 5 Drawn: 0 Lost: 1

The Table Tennis Club W.J.R.S.

"Although some of our established players left at the end of the last school year, the senior team has again given a good account of itself in the Manchester Schools' competition. Several of our matches were won decisively, and only once, against Xaverian, the holders of the trophy, were we outclassed. The junior team, too, has played well.

Fortunately we have been able to play a settled team for most of the season. Hampson, especially cool under pressure, and Hardy have been very consistent. Stephens also, despite a certain lack of confidence in his own ability, has produced some really excellent play. Crawford, who has improved considerably, Scargill and Brough have provided steady and valuable support. After Christmas the team was strengthened by the return of Ekstein.

I should like to thank all who have assisted during the season, particularly Stephens for his help with refreshments and those members of staff who have transported the team to away fixtures.

The prospects for next year are good, since the juniors have shown promise, and most of the seniors will be returning."

Played: 11 Won: 7 Drawn: 2 Lost: 2

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