

## Obituaries

### **Mr. W. Ifor Jones, A.R.M.C.M., A.T.C.L.**

The passing of Mr. Ifor Jones, a colleague and dear friend, will be mourned by every member of staff., every pupil (boy and girl), and everyone who has been associated with Moseley Hall Grammar School since its foundation in 1946. His teaching career here, which began after wartime service with the Royal Air Force, was unique in that it spanned the life history of the school. He was to retire this year.

His deep love and knowledge of music, combined with the emotional and spiritual hiraeth of his Welsh ancestry, produced a tremendous and unflinching enthusiasm for making and listening to music, in which he showed a surprising catholicity of taste. The extent to which he was successful in transmitting his instinctive feeling for music is measured by the great enjoyment experienced by a whole generation of pupils and their parents.

It delights us to recall the many musical occasions for which Ifor was responsible, when something of his soul came though to participants and audience alike. We remember with gratitude the choral and orchestral concerts and Carol Services in Cheadle Parish Church, where he was organist for many years.

Ifor had many and varied interests outside his main love: he established the school's Model Railway Society; he supported with the same degree of enthusiasm both the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team and Manchester United at Old Trafford; he enjoyed watching fast cars at Oulton Park.

In his relations with his colleagues and pupils Ifor was always held in the highest respect. Ingenuous, kindly and thoughtful, he possessed an explosive and infectious sense of humour. He was gentlemanly at all times; no request of his could ever produce a negative response, and its fulfilment produced a degree of appreciation, which embarrassed. Ifor loved life and companionship. Now that he has gone, our society is the poorer, lacking his good fellowship.

Sharing their great sense of loss, we extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Jones and her daughter, Dilys.

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In accordance with wishes expressed by Mrs. Jones, a donation has been sent to the National Heart Research Organisation on behalf of the staff, choir and members of the school.

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It was with deep regret that we learned of the tragic deaths, in the period since the last issue of the Magazine of three members of the school – P.R. Bennett (L VI Bio), F. Bergsagel (V Sc1) and J.R. Parker (V A).

### **In Retrospect by W.J.R.S and A.H.T.**

The first edition of "Chedleian" appeared in December 1946. Although, it had only sixteen pages its publication at the end of the school's first term was something of an achievement. Today, "Vol. 1, No. 1" may justly be regarded as a collector's item by anyone interested in the origin and development of our school. This edition is the thirty-fifth, for in the early days two or three issues were produced every year, but the 1970 "Chedleian" is exceptional in that it will be the last

published from our present premises. It is this, which is our excuse (if, indeed, an excuse be necessary) for taking a brief look at the last, eventful twenty-four years.

In the County Record office is a transaction dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1857; James Henry Deakin of Manchester, wine and spirit merchant purchased from Reginald Fowden of Arthog, Merioneth part of what was described as the "School's Hill Estate". Mr. Deakin paid £6,550 for 47 acres, which included both Moseley Lodge and Moseley Hall. This document is the earliest record of the Hall which has so far come to light. During the next ninety years the building was owned by a number of families, and it was requisitioned by the National Fire Service during the Second World War. In 1946, Cheshire County Council bought the Hall from its last private owner for the sum of £6,500.

Moseley Hall Grammar School was the first county grammar school to be opened in Cheshire under the 1944 Education Act. The inaugural ceremony was held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 1946, and the school opened the following morning. There were seven members of staff, including the Headmaster, Mr. W.B. Simms, and during the first academic year a total of 124 boys and girls was admitted. Improvisation was everything at the beginning: the only accommodation was that provided by the Hall itself, and equipment of all kinds was scarce. Mr. Simms wrote enthusiastically about "the advantage of working in an old Manorial Hall, set in a pleasant garden of lawns, flowers and trees", but he had to admit "the rigours of our Spartan existence". In sport also there were hard lessons to be learnt: both the Association Football teams which the school fielded in its first season were reasonably successful, but on one occasion during the glorious summer of 1947 the Cricket XI suffered the indignity of being dismissed for five runs – a total which the master-in-charge, Mr. Bailey, hoped would be "the lowest we shall ever score".

In the years which followed, however, rapid progress was made. "Tall oaks from little acorns grow", and successive achievements are recorded conscientiously and with justifiable pride by the editors of the School magazine. At the start of the academic year 1951-52, during which Mr. Armishaw became our Headmaster, there were 539 pupils, about 40 being in the Sixth Form, and 26 staff. It was a time of extensive building; lawns, shrubberies and flower beds were inexorably destroyed as essential rooms were added – Blocks I-III, the Dining Hall, the Gymnasium and Block IV, the "New Block" and so on. In many ways the 1950s saw an increasing number of "firsts": the first pupils to sit the new G.C.E. examinations, the first full Sixth Form, the first leavers to go to training colleges and universities, the first to take their degrees.

One change was more fundamental. Early in 1956 our sister school opened, and Moseley Hall ceased to be fully co-educational. The girls in Forms I-III left immediately, and within a few years we had become wholly a boys' school. More recently we have "lost" other pupils to the new grammar schools in Wilmslow, Marple and Bramhall. Yet our numbers have not decreased, for the population of the Cheadle area has continued to rise, and more and more boys have been staying to enter the Sixth Form. Last September there were 877 boys on the roll, of whom 250 were in the Sixth. We have in the past exceeded 900 pupils and appear likely to do so again next year.

Our new premises are now nearing completion and should be ready within a matter of months. Among the most notable features of the new school are a Sports Hall five times the size of our present Gymnasium and special Sixth Form accommodation, which includes a large common room. Plans for reorganisation are also well advanced, and there will inevitably be many changes ahead. Yet in charge there must be continuity. Since 1946 nearly 4,200 boys and girls have been educated here. They and the staff have combined their energies to set high standards and build sound traditions, both inside the classroom and on the games field. It is worth remembering that, although even the oldest of our ex-pupils are only in their mid-thirties, many of them have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and have attained positions of high responsibility. There is every reason to believe that these well laid foundations will prove the basis for continued development, and that our success and progress will outstrip even those

already achieved. Moseley hall has become in every way a thriving and enjoyable school community. It must continue to be so.

“A school is something more than an institution or organisation; it is a community and I think I can see the beginnings of such a community at Moseley Hall.....” - (Mr. Simms, 1946)

## **Parents' Association** *by B.E. Roberts (Chairman)*

The committee of the Parents' Committee is grateful to the editors for the privilege of reporting on its activities again this year.

It was most gratifying to see the new parents' evening so well attended, when the purpose of the association was explained to the meeting. We were entertained by a slide and film show which showed some aspects of a boy's life at the school.

After such good support from new parents it was somewhat disappointing to count the numbers attending the A.G.M. This is the most important evening in the calendar and gives every parent the opportunity to meet the officers of the association, to elect representatives and to inject some new ideas.

Social activities started with an excellent Christmas party, followed by the very lively evening entitled "The VIth Form Invites". We had a Cheese and Wine Evening and, for the ladies, an "Evening of Beauty" which dealt with make-up, wigs and floral arrangement. The Annual Dance at Abney Hall will again be held in April, and we look forward to a full house once more.

The Garden Party last year produced a record income. This year's function is on 11<sup>th</sup> July, and with all parents' assistance we hope to establish an even higher figure. With all costs increasing, and the proposed move to new premises on the horizon, the School will be able to make good use of any additional moneys your association can make available.

Your committee spends much time attempting to organise events and activities which will bring parents together in a congenial atmosphere to raise funds for the school; whether we succeed or fail is in the hands of all parents, and at all times we look for your support. If you have any suggestions, let your local committee member know.

As chairman of the association, I should like to thank all parents and friends who have supported us and look forward to your continued support. My grateful thanks go to the committee who do so much to help our sons, to the longer serving members for their help and guidance, and to the new members for their enthusiasm. I most sincerely appreciate your support and friendship.

## **SCHOOL TRIPS**

**Holland and Denmark, Easter 1969** .....**J.M.N.**

We thought that we would go somewhere different. Easter journeys had followed a regular pattern for a number of years, and now we were going to break fresh ground. We could not reasonably travel too far in twelve days and we wanted to stay away from the mountains which had been visited in Switzerland the previous year, and would be seen again in Austria the following Easter. With a map of Europe spread before us, we decided that the only possible route was northwards. So it was that the school came to stay for four nights in Amsterdam before travelling northwards to a small village south of Copenhagen, Fakse-Lapeplads.

Our first stay was at a Youth Hostel in the Dutch capital. We had some reservations about the accommodation, although most of the boys quickly made friends with some of the many other young visitors staying there.

Holland was predictable and very friendly. Everywhere were dykes and windmills. We visited a flower auction and saw Delft pottery being made. In the tradition Dutch villages of Marken and Volendam ladies in national costume ushered the tourist into expensive gift shops, almost everybody spoke English. Perhaps the most memorable sight came as we left Amsterdam journeying north for an overnight stay in Lübeck. During the journey we crossed over the IJsselmeer whose dyke is over twenty miles long, cutting throughout the North Sea.

We saw little of Lübeck on our way north, because it was nearly night when we arrived and we were leaving early the next morning. A ferry took us across the Great Belt, and we soon found ourselves in Arnold Jensen's comfortable hotel on the shores of the Baltic. It was very peaceful here, in contrast with Amsterdam; indeed, some of the boys found it too quiet.

We were taken round a glass factory, but the visit which was most enjoyed was the tour of Tuborg brewery in Copenhagen. Most noticeable there was the Danes' scrupulous observance of hygiene. Copenhagen was a fascinating city, with many aspects mingled together; one turned from one street to another to find that in a few yards the atmosphere had changed, from the Royal Palace to the docks, from the sailors' quarter around the Newhaven to the fashionable shopping streets and, of course, eventually (if somewhat obscurely) to the Little Mermaid.

We made a day trip to Malmo in Sweden which involved a short ferry trip across the straits at Elsinore where we saw Hamlet's castle. All too soon it was time to journey south again. This time we were able to look round the fascinating towers of Lübeck, and then it really was home. We had travelled some 2,600 miles and had had a most enjoyable trip. We felt that the holiday (organised by Messrs. Newcombe, Pallister and Thompson) had been a great success.

## **Whit Trip, 1969     A. Masterman**

The trip started on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at eleven o'clock at night. The party consisted of nineteen boys and three masters, Mr. Lea, Mr. Fielding and Mr. Hawkesford. The coach travelled through the night and Saturday morning. On reaching Dover we embarked, after a short wait, on to a small ship which rolled abominably on the trip.

We entered France and travelled to Lille by train. Next day we left the hostel and caught a train to Koblenz in Germany, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg on the way. The hostel was an old castle which had been used in the war, and was perched on top of a hill. The weather was hot in Koblenz, and we had the chance to go for a swim while staying there.

Altogether three days were spent in Germany, and when we left we returned to Luxembourg. This was where we were going to do our walking, in the forests and beautiful countryside. We stayed at hostels in Echternach, Beaufort, Vianden, Ettelbrück, Clervaux and Wiltz.

When walking, we were glad of the forests which kept us cool in the hot sun. Every morning as we left the hostels, the proprietors would hand us our packed lunches, containing sandwiches, fruit and chocolate. All of us appreciated this kind gesture, because it enabled us to eat when we desired. The towns which we visited in Luxembourg were small, neat and usually had castles.

On one occasion a group of us managed to lose the main party in a forest. On another occasion one of the boys lost his passport at a fair, much to his despair, and after a long search it was handed back by one of the circus people.

We left Luxembourg and entered Belgium again. We travelled by bus to Han-Sur-Lesse, a village in the south which is famous for its grottoes. We went in one of these and were fascinated by a huge rocks, caves, fossils and the river. It was illuminated by flood-lighting and explained in three languages. Next day we went by train to Bruges. Here we stayed at a huge international hostel. The town is famous for its canals and old buildings.

The following day we set off home. We took a very fast coach to Ostend where we boarded a ship. We were glad to see the white cliffs of Dover again, but we really had enjoyed the trip, which for many of us was our first abroad.

### **School Camp, 1969 S.C.F. & J.E.T.**

The successful formula of having two sites, one in the mountains and one by a lake, was again employed. The sites chosen had proved to be excellent in previous years: Wray Castle on the western shore of Lake Windermere was used in 1965 and 1967, and Stonethwaite in Borrowdale was used in 1966 and 1967. In one way, however, the character of the camps changed. For the first time we took boys in the Second Year, and they were introduced a little more gently to the camp activities. Even the "Senior" camp was younger than in previous years, but as usual the fortnight was most successful and enjoyable.

### **Borrowdale ..... S.C.F.**

For the first week we had the senior boys, many of whom had been to camp before. They were thus expecting the early starts and a run up the valley, followed by a swim in the icy stream where the water was chest deep. Some preferred to watch the staff and hardier boys dive while they screwed up their courage to get in, but all agreed that the last vestings of sleep disappeared in the stream.

The rock climbing addicts were pleased to see Mr. Sims and the semi-staff warming up on a tree with an "interesting overhang" in the shape of a branch. They were also glad to learn that we had a flexible time-table which allowed them to go rock climbing or fell walking whenever the rain and wind permitted. Shepherd's Crag, Great Gable and Burness Combe were all well used both to introduce the novices and to gratify the "hard" men! In one way, however, the "flexible time-table" was misused: there was always someone who wanted to do "just one more climb" at the finish, and this disarranged our transport schedule. Moreover, our long suffering cook, Mr. Pallister, was sometimes left almost alone with his carefully prepared evening meal rapidly spoiling!

The fell walking remained for many the most popular activity. The camp is situated in the centre of some of the most magnificent country in England. It is perfect for fell walking, and, with minimal use of min-buses, a wide varying series of walks was enjoyed, including Scafell Pikes, Haystacks and Glaramara.

Orienteering was introduced early in the week by Mr. Richards, and later a series of map and compass cross-country races was organised to see how much had been learnt. The results were extremely good.

Our small fleet of school canoes, supplemented by three doubles from the school scouts and two other fibre-glass singles, again proved its worth by introducing the newcomers to the sport on tranquil Derwentwater and then by testing their skill on the rapids of the River Derwent between Keswick and Bassenthwaite. The variety of vessels gave our boys a wide experience of the sport. Although the old bridge at Portinscale had been removed and was being replaced by a new construction, the river remained an ideal place to learn how to ferry glide, how to look for the "V" of a rapid, and how to read the surface of the water so as to know what was below. The stronger and more skilful soon experienced the thrill of going up as well as down the rapid, but some will have to come next year and try again.

During the second week we had the Second and Third Year boys. Once more, the activities were very enjoyable. Mr. Seed gave the older boys a gentle introduction to rock climbing, but on the first occasion they were forced off the mountain tops by cold, wind and driving rain. They therefore went to the "Seathwaite Slabs" with its twenty feet of safe practice rock. The remainder of the week passed without notable incident, but, in rather mixed weather the boys were given a profitable introduction to the various activities camp has to offer.

## **Wray Castle .....J.E.T.**

I have always been a keen swimmer, but my hitherto unquestioned enthusiasm for this sport was put to a severe test as my warm, urban frame plunged into the depth of Lake Windermere at cock-crow. The first full day of school camp at Wray Castle had been well and truly inaugurated!

Ahead there lay a week of endless variety. Mountain and fell stood prepared for the climber and walker; the lake was ready to test the sailor; and each nook and cranny of wood and field awaited the orienteer. Even the weather promised to be varied.

All thoroughly enjoyed the immediate change, and as the week progressed and fitness increased, we moved smoothly into camp life. Staff and boys worked together to produce a lively, enthusiastic and disciplined community. A full day in the country always ended with an excellent meal, thanks to the skilful and much appreciated cooking of Mr. Jenkins and his helpers. The evenings were always pleasant: members of staff usually went for a stroll, while the boys enjoyed the pleasures of Ambleside. Sleep was truly a gift of the gods.

When the time for departure came, the sun shone brightly over the Langdale Valley and glistened on the calm waters of the lake. We were healthier and wiser. The camp at Wray Castle would be an excellent memory for everybody there, and we felt sad in the knowledge that we should miss our early morning dip.

My tale begins at an unearthly hour on the “morning” of Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, when our gallant company of 116 Sixth Formers and Staff set off in a motley array of transport to explore those regions south of Watford. On we ploughed, quietly and determinedly, until one of the coaches ground, equally quietly and determinedly, to a halt half way along the M1, having generously all its engine-oil over the said misbegotten motorway. Such a minor problem did not, however, hinder us for long, and so, emergency repairs having been effected, we eventually succeeded in reaching our destination, from which point we were able to look back on the whole incident as merely a restful stop during which our souls had doubtless benefited from surveying the glorious scenery of industrial Luton.

Our return journey also proved eventful, as the heater in the double-decker was found to be unequal to its task on what was an exceptionally cold night. Indeed, by the end of the journey a most effective simulation of Arctic conditions had been achieved!

These, however, were all minor mishaps which in no way detracted from the success and value of the trip as a whole. The two main objects of the trip were achieved: most people learnt something of value and enjoyed themselves.

The range of activities organised was wider than ever before. Some idea of the variety may be gained from the fact that at one time parties were visiting the Science Museum in South Kensington, the Shell Centre, and a West theatre. Although the general standard as always proved to be high, the theatre visits arranged for the English students proved to my mind to be one of the highlights of the trip. In addition, to a number of thought-provoking plays, some of the students also saw D.H. Lawrence’s “Women in Love” – a brilliantly directed film version of a fascinating though controversial book.

Various visits had been put on the agenda for the first time this year also proved their worth. In particular, a visit to the Shell Centre for those taking Economics was, I am told, most interesting. Also entirely new this year were the two visits for historians – the Imperial War Museum and the Public Records Office.

Both the Football and Rugby teams had a most satisfactory trip. Of its three matches the Football team drew one and won two, gaining for the first time a victory over Westminster School, while the Rugby team drew its only match.

As always, we are particularly grateful to Dr. Winstanley and his secretary and to all the other M.P.s who obtained the passes which made possible our trip to Parliament.

In conclusion, it must not be forgotten that the trip was disorganised by myself, aided and abetted by my partner-in-crime, D.J. Arnold, with the ever-watchful figure of Mr. Thompson overseeing us. All those who went on the trip wish to thank him and the other members of staff, without whose efforts the visit could never have taken place.

## **SCHOOL PLAYS**

For the first time in three years, it was decided to devote an evening to the showing of productions of four Junior Plays, presented by the boys in the first three years of each of the Houses, and a most enjoyable evening's entertainment was provided for a near-capacity audience.

The first play, produced by Mrs. Marston and Mr. Dutton for Buckeley, was a melodramatic story of a coal mine accident, called "Hewers of Coal". Played in semi-darkness, with little possibility of movement, it demanded a good deal from the actors, particularly in terms of vocal expressions. Horobin, in the main part of Dick, was very good, and Ashcroft was one of the best of the supporting roles.

Hulme presented a miscellany, "Sterner Stuff", which was compiled and produced by Mr. Lakeland and Mr. McKerchar. A collection of pieces illustrating aspects of courage was linked by a narration clearly and intelligently read by Taylor. The most popular scene with the audience was taken from Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion", with parts played vigorously and enthusiastically by three first formers, Rhodes, B. Williams and A. Wood. Some good work distinguished this collection which came to a climax with Illingworth giving a fine portrayal of Siegfried Sassoon's George Sherston.

After the interval, a more conventional piece of drama was produced by Mr. Seaton and Mr. Hanson for Moseley. Some of the best acting of the evening was seen in this play, the Gadshill Plot from "Henry IV Part I" by Shakespeare. Lloyd was a most intelligent Prince Hal, although he could have benefited from the use of a little more voice in the conditions of the gymnasium. The fun of the situation was well conveyed by the others too, but the honours of the play (and, indeed, of the evening) must go to Llanwarne for his extremely mature interpretation of Falstaff. He gave a performance which surpassed all predictions and really showed he had a stage presence and considerable stature.

The last play, from Etchells, was an adaptation of a radio play, Giles Cooper's "Unman, Wittering and Zigo", and it was produced by Mrs. Humphreys and Mr. Mills. The effect of this play depended on speed, and a series of short scenes and difficulties with lines tended to hamper the pace. However, there was a very good performance from Morris in the central character of the schoolmaster. He had a great deal to do and rose to the demands of the play very well. Two of the other adult parts, played by Heap and Occieston, were quite well conceived also.

In all, the evening proved to be very good value, and it was a pleased and contented audience who went away applauding these first ventures into formal drama.

## **Julius Caesar.....A.A.H.**

In many ways, "Julius Caesar" was a good choice for this year's school play. It called for a large cast, and satisfied the need to involve a large number of people; there were more than fifty actors on stage acknowledging the audience's applause at the end of the play. It had a strong, relatively simple story-line, readily grasped by the participants and audience alike. Its principal characters are boldly sketched out by Shakespeare, and since they derive from heroic times, they readily lend themselves to the larger-than-life interpretation that the drama permits.

The play was presented against a stark, simple, effective background – suggestive of the noble, spacious and simple architecture of Rome. The set was designed by Mr. Seed, and one felt that Shakespeare would have approved of a stage lay-out which almost insisted that attention be

focused on the actors and the action. The music which provided the introduction, scene-links and background was well-chosen and unobtrusive, suggesting the martial conflicts by means of drum-beats and discordant fanfares.

Unquestionably, the outstanding features of the production were the clarity and assurance with which the cast delivered their lines. Scarcely a word was lost, even against the background of rumbling thunder in the scenes preceding the assassination, and there were several happy occasions when a particular intonation gave new meaning to very familiar lines.

The play largely revolves round the activities of Julius Caesar, Caius Cassius, Marcus Brutus, and Marcus Antonius. Though there were many fine supporting roles, the strength of the play depended upon these four characters, John Perrott, as Julius Caesar, brought statue and pompous dignity to a rather unsympathetic part. Francis Maltby gave a well-controlled performance as Brutus, a man of transparent honesty, unable to perceive the dishonest and subtle scheming of the envious Cassius, ably and vigorously played by John Beatty.

Inevitably, the highlights of the play are the assassination of Caesar, and the scene in which Anthony succeeds in inflaming the Roman mob against the conspirators. If the assassination was brutally effective (only a naïve Brutus could imagine that Caesar could be carved "as a dish fit for the gods"), the famous speech of Anthony brought an even greater sense of excitement and conviction. Here was the skilful demagogue, masquerading as "a plain blunt man", using every device at his command to whip up the Roman plebs to an orgy of killing and revenge. This was a finely performed scene, both by Douglas Arnold, as Anthony, and the almost anonymous group of Roman citizens.

Judicious cutting in the second half helped partly to overcome the play's main structural fault – a sense of anti-climax after Anthony's speech.

The lighting was good and precisely controlled, though total blackout at the end of short scenes often tended to slow down the pace of the play, where a more staccato-like effect was desirable.

Costumes were well selected, with sufficient variety in colour and style to avoid any confusion of identity, (a real possibility if all the characters wear identical white togas).

Except in the crowd scenes, there was a noticeable lack of movement, an unwillingness to make full use of the very spacious acting area. Apart from this, the cast, the producer, Mr. Newcombe, and the unseen but vital backstage crews have every reason to congratulate themselves on a very fine production.

## **Community Service.....J.V.T.**

Under the persuasive (almost ruthless) leadership of Geoffrey Lander, an enthusiastic team of Sixth Formers raised the staggering sum of £74 8s 7d for Help the Aged by home-to-home collecting in their own and neighbouring streets. This achievement bettered the previous year's effort by over £26. Already plans are in hand for a similar appeal in 1970.

A film shown to the whole of the Sixth Form entitled "Who Cares?" portrayed a wide variety of community service projects, and resulted in two groups being formed with specific objects in mind. The first, led by Ken Platts, sought to improve where possible the links between the school and the children at Belmont; the second, led by Stephen Cook, sought to be of service to the

Bethesda School for Handicapped Children. Both groups have, I believe, benefited from the contacts made.

Other projects that have been undertaken, include selling programmes for, and taking part in, the Belmont Garden Fête, helping in a Poppy Day Appeal, and service to the Cheadle Civic Society.

We should very much like to extend our activities by helping elderly or invalid people in tasks about the house (gardening, decorating, shopping, etc). Please let us know if you hear of someone requiring such assistance.

Lastly my sincere thanks go to all the boys who volunteered, and to the Headmaster and staff whose interest and support are warmly appreciated.

## **Creative Writing**

### **Prose**

Moor Colliery	N. Higenbottam, 4A
A Fruitful Day	G.M. Woodford, 3M
The Prison of Health	M. Baker, 5S1
The New Manchester	A. Niasby, 3A
Through the Dentist's Eyes	S.J. Tuson, 5B
The Blitz	T. Beech, 3B
Who is God?	S. Marshall, 5A

### **Poems**

Red Nature	S. Hawthorne, 2B
Out of Key	S. Jarvis, 1A
"The Road Hog" – Charlie Brown	J. Chambers, 1A
The White Mare	J.S. Chadwick, 5A
Ruby Tuesday	J.S. Chadwick, 5A
Plasticine People with their Portable Heads	S. Marshall, 5A
The Atomic War	J. Jones, 1C

## Art

Predator	H.A. Stott, 5A
School Camp – Expedition	L6Sci
Sadism	J. Whitaker, 2M
New Beginning	J.A. Sharp, 5A

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### **Musical Activities ..... D.R. Bullock**

The traditional Garden Party Concert this year was one in which a major innovation was made, in that a work in the “Jazz” idiom was performed, a “Jazz Cantata” entitled “The Daniel Jazz”. In an unconventional manner, to say the least, the story of Daniel was told, complete with sound effects. Several Old Boys were invited back, and, among other things, the two Brahms Rhapsodies, Op.72, were given an excellent performance by John Rolands. Other items were performed equally well, and at short notice, by present members of the school.

The next major event, which took place just before the Carol Service, was the production, at the Girls’ School, of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, “The Pirates of Penzance”. Members of staff and boys played parts both as principals and members of the chorus, along with the girls. Rehearsals began as early as May, and led right up to the first night, gradually becoming more intense. All who participated enjoyed themselves very much.

The School Orchestra has begun to flourish once more. The Brass and Woodwind sections are reasonably strong, but, as is the case with most orchestras, there is a need for more string players.

In December, the choir gave their annual Carol Service, which was probably the best one ever conducted by Mr. Jones. His death has been a great loss to all those who regarded him as a friend as well as a teacher. His teaching has been the foundation of many musical careers, and his friendship meant much to us.

### **School Scouts ..... D.G. Bevan, S. Hill**

Despite a shortage of scout leaders, the group has had a full year of activities. One of these was the introduction into the agenda of a monthly hobbies’ evening when boys can bring their hobbies down to Headquarters. Hobbies range from chess and stamp collecting to electronics and amateur radio. Some of the members of the group entered the District Commissioner’s Challenge on Electronics and gained first place in the District competition.

Some of the more unusual Friday evening meetings have included trips to Swimming Baths, numerous wide games, evenings in the gymnasium and a table tennis competition. Perhaps the most enjoyable of all was a joint scout-guide Christmas "disco-dance" in arranging which the scouts themselves played a large part.

We have a full year ahead of us, with such items as a trip to the ice-rink, go-kart racing, and a trip to the "Gang Show" in Manchester to look forward to.

Finally, the Scouts would like to thank Mr. Gow for all the valuable time and effort he has put in to ensure the smooth running of the troop.

**Theatre Club .....D.D. Leggett, K.A.G. Platts**

The academic year has proved to be both enjoyable and informative to the members of the Club. We have attended a wide range of dramatic productions at prices well suited to the pocket of the Fifth and Sixth Former.

The undoubted highlight of the season was our visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford where we were enthralled by a superb interpretation of "The Winter's Tale" in which the principal actors, Barrie Ingham and Judi Dench, gave distinguished portrayals. The Crewe Theatre Company's production of "Hamlet" was somewhat unpolished and disappointing, but the Royal Shakespeare Theatre-Go-Round presentation of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" at Alsagar College of Education was extremely good and very enjoyable.

We have not, however, concentrated solely on the works of Shakespeare. In London we saw three plays, each of them a rewarding experience – the stimulation of Toureur's "The Revenger's Tragedy", the cathartic effect of Arthur Miller's "The Price" and the brilliance of Jill Bennett and Diana Dors in David Howarth's "Three Months Gone".

We were fortunate enough to attend a difficult venture by the students of Alsagar College, who traced the development of drama from the fifteenth century Miracle Plays to the modern Absurdist plays of Ionesco. This literary journey through history produced some cleverly combined fragments of two Shakespeare's comedies and a moving excerpt from Strindberg's "Playing with Fire". Recently we visited Crewe College, where one of this year's Advanced Level Texts, "Coriolanus", was imaginatively performed by the Theatre Workshop.

The 1969-70 season has therefore been very successful, and we feel certain that this will pave the way for a flourishing future. The Club wishes to thank Mr. Hayhurst and Mr. Lakeland for their continued support.

**Industrial Archaeology Society..... The Committee**

The Society sprang from the specific interest in canals shared by a small group of Sixth Formers and developed to encompass the wider field of industrial archaeology. It is hoped that the many facets of this subject will attract a good membership from the school.

Basically, industrial archaeology is the study of the tangible origins of industry, both before and during the Industrial Revolution. Apart from its natural attraction to the historian and economist, for it is relevant to both these subjects, it also provides interest for those of a less academic nature. Canals are interesting to the boatman, for instance, and for the mechanically minded there is an abundance of early machinery. Industrial archaeology also takes into its scope railways, a topic which always seems popular. The architect will find his interest well provided for by mills, factories, warehouses and buildings associated with canals and railways and, of course, industrial housing.

A number of meetings have already been held and it is hoped to organise field trips to sites in order to emphasise that, with the demolition of industrial monuments, industrial archaeology is becoming a subject of great importance. If demolition cannot be anticipated with photography or prevented altogether, Britain will lose the record of many sites just as valuable to her past as the castles and cathedrals which we preserve with such zeal.

**Aviation Enthusiasts' Club..... PJ. Hazelton**

When the new committee took over, the membership was somewhat depleted, so we set about rectifying the situation immediately. Within a half-term we were able to increase the membership from 30 to 200.

We now have a series of films for club members which they enjoy immensely. One of the films is on the Boeing 747.

In May 1969 we ran a trip to Biggin Hill Air Show, which was appreciated by all who attended. Both Mr. Hayhurst and Mr. Sims enjoyed themselves as well as the boys. The main complaint was that there was not enough aircraft, but we were able to see the Phantom which won the Trans-Atlantic Air Race for both England and the R.A.F. An outstandingly fine display of aerobatics by the Red Arrows, the R.A.F. stunt team, put the final touch to our visit, and showed us why the team is in demand at air shows all over the world.

To conclude a highly profitable year we ran a trip to London Heathrow Airport, and we were surprised to see a Boeing 707 belonging to EL-AL, surrounded by a strong guard. This was due to the political unrest in the Middle East. This trip was mainly to please the younger element in the club who insisted on seeing the new Boeing 747 "live", as it were.

It was a very worthwhile trip for everyone concerned and we will be going again in the near future.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Hayhurst, Mr. Sloss, and Mr. Sims for bearing with us during this year on our trips, and also G. Abbott and Sons who have handled all our trips with such efficiency and ease.

**Senior Christian Union ..... D.T. McCormick**

The Christian Union suffered heavily from the loss of several stalwart members to university or college at the end of the last academic year. Membership gradually built up, however, and meetings are now well attended.

Our programme has been more varied than in previous years. Excellent publicity has helped tremendously, and the adoption of programme cards for the first time has added to the success. We began the autumn term with the Billy Graham film, "Century 21", and the spring term with the Fact and Faith film, "God of the Atom". During the term we have had lively bible studies and discussions, covering a wide variety of topics such as euthanasia, morality, covetousness and life after death. Guest speakers have included a practising psychiatrist ("Are Christians Nuts?") and a university lecturer ("Does Christianity Hold Water?"), whilst a Scripture Union sound-strip shown last December featured Ronald Allison, Derek Nimmo and Major Ken Hughes (of the recent Trans-Antarctic Expedition).

This year, joint meetings with the girls' school have taken the form of bible studies which have proved both popular and beneficial.

The aim of the Christian Union is to unite Christians of the Upper School so that we, the members, may learn and establish our beliefs together, upholding one another with Christ as our foundation. Secondly, and of equal importance, our aim is to promote Christian interest in the school, not only in the context of the Tuesday meetings, but also by our conduct.

We should like to thank Mr. Thomas and Mr. Martin for their continuing support, especially in the early stages of our growth at the beginning of the year.

**Intermediate Christian Union ..... C.B.M.**

This year the I.C.U. has been divided into two sections, the Fourths meeting on Thursdays and the Thirds on Wednesdays. This saves the problem of overcrowding when we have a film, for it can be shown to different year groups on different days.

The two sections have had a similar programme, aimed at running the meeting themselves. To achieve this, several people prepare a short time for each meeting and share with the group what they have learned from a Bible verse or passage, a tract, a chorus, a story from a missionary book, or from a collection of short stories of people who have become Christians. We also include reports on what people have learned from Christian meetings out of school. These have included the local "Youth for Christ" meetings and trips to Manchester with the Senior C.U. to the Regional Scripture Union meetings. We have also arranged some outings of our own, and have been hosts to Regional Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship meetings when other schools have joined us at Moseley Hall. The I.S.C.F. is run by the Scripture Union and Christian teachers, and it links and helps the Christian societies in schools. So whether it is the weekly meetings at school or one of the special events, we can always look forward to something interesting, and this is a good way of finding out what Christ has done for others and what He can do for us.

**Model Railway Society..... R. Wolfenden, C.D.S.**

The most obvious mark that the society has made on the school during the last year is the building, in the school grounds, of a two foot gauge tramway track, running from the back of the Gymnasium to the Metalwork Block, a distance of 140 yards. It is hoped to transfer the railway to the new school and to extend it, if the site permits. The track was obtained from various local quarries and works, as was the truck chassis, on top of which a miniature horse tram was built.

The society wishes to acknowledge the help and co-operation of the Jackson Brick Company, Manchester, and Stockport Corporation in the building of the tramway.

We have been on two trips this year – to the Worth Valley Railway in Yorkshire and to the Blackpool Tramway Department Workshops. In February, the society exhibits at an interesting, one-day model railway display at Wood's Lane Secondary Modern School. At present, it is making a brand new lay-out, which should be ready for the School Fête Day in July.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mr. W.I. Jones, whose interest and enthusiasm created and for many years sustained this society.

**Chess Club ..... J.E.H.**

At the start of the season no players over the age of sixteen remained. Removals, as always, further depleted our playing strength. The master-in-charge was in despair, and only reluctantly were entries made to the major competitions. However, the enthusiasm and loyalty of the remaining players produced astonishing results.

**Senior and Intermediate Teams**

Results:	Seniors -	Played: 16	Won: 12	Drawn: 0	Lost: 3
	Intermediates -	Played: 5	Won: 4	Drawn: 0	Lost: 1

The intermediate team also played as Seniors. At the time of writing, we have won our zone of thirty-two teams in the National Championship. All the six members of the team played superbly, and this, combined with luck and the age-handicap system, enabled them to win through to the inter-zonal stage.

A. Booth had the unenviable task of playing on board one, almost always against boys two years senior. He had played soundly throughout and recorded one win against the Manchester Club Champion. D. Owen, who has since become another casualty in the drift south, concluded his five years' sterling service to the club with a well-played draw in the zonal final. He played two impressive games sacrificial games in earlier matches. R. Lambert, improving with every game, has climbed rapidly up the team and is beginning to impress at County level. I. Wrigley won all his games in the national competition and always seems better against strong opposition. R. Hailless, after a shaky season last year, is becoming a strong attacking board five. A. Naisby has had a lot of wins, but prefers to forget about the king's Gambit! J. Plant, good at the end of last season, disappointed at times. He seems unwilling to follow proved good lines of play and is somewhat impulsive. Nevertheless, he earns his place. P. Shaw has been extremely sound. He is a most thoughtful player and seems destined for a high board. Brown, Nelson and Stansfield have always fulfilled their supporting roles most loyally.

**Under Fifteen Team**

Results:	Played: 16	Won: 12	Drawn: 0	Lost: 3
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This team, unbeaten at the time of writing, has proved our strongest for five years. They won their zone and the semi-final of the County Championship with ease, and Calday will be hard pressed to retain their title against them.

## **Junior First Team**

Results:                      Played: 16      Won: 12      Drawn: 0      Lost: 3

Last year, the Juniors won the Sinclair trophy and the Manchester League South. As always, it has been the strength in length of the team which has produced its success. In addition to those already mentioned, Christie, Nicholson and Edge have all done well.

## **The Junior Second Teams**

Results:                      Played: 16      Won: 12      Drawn: 0      Lost: 3

Last season the teams were first and second in the Manchester League South. In the play-off with the winners of the Northern section, they won 7-0. They could well repeat this. However, lack of strong competition has caused some loss of enthusiasm, and since most of the teams move out of the junior age group next season, things could be difficult. It is on these teams that the future is built, and a big coaching scheme is planned for the Summer Term.

As the Chess Teams could not function without them, we are indebted to those members of staff who have spent many of their (otherwise) leisure hours transporting us around Lancashire and Cheshire. Our thanks go especially to Mr. Stephens and Mr. Lea, and also to those who have always been ready to oblige.

## **Historical Society..... P.C. Frier**

Although there have been fewer meetings of the society this year, a great deal of interest has been aroused, and attendance has in general been very satisfactory. The quality of the lectures delivered has been of an extremely high standard, and all who have been present have found them of value. Our first and most outstanding meeting of the session was the visit of Dr. Prothero of Manchester University. Dr. Prothero has done extensive and detailed research into Early English Radicalism, and his talk proved to be both informative and stimulating. Our next meeting was also fully appreciated. Each year one member of the History staff has the privilege of lecturing to the society. This year it was the turn of Mr. McKercher, who enlightened us on the topic, "Henry VIII and his System of Government". Mr. McKercher's talk was clear, witty and concise, and of special interest to the Girls' School contingent in the audience, for they study Tudor history. Our final meeting this year was in March, when one of our own committee members, R. Hulmes, drew on his wide knowledge of English literature to deliver a dissertation on "The Achievement of George Orwell". This meeting was well attended, as it drew upon various aspects of English literature and politics as well as History. Besides the meetings at our School, there were also several interesting meetings at the Girls' School. Of special note was the visit of the Rev. B. Drewery, an eminent lecturer in Church history and captivated the attention of his audience throughout. The success of the society was due to the efforts of several people; N.G. Brown, C.A. Williams and M.G. Albert helped to arrange the meetings, while D.D. Leggett produced some splendidly eye-catching posters.

The Committee's thanks go to Mr. Seaton for his advice throughout the year and for his chairmanship of several meetings.

**Debating Society ..... R.C. Bennett**

In previous years, secretaries of the Debating Society have complained of apathy, but, despite fears which have been entertained at the end of every year about the continued success of the society, we have in the past couple of years gone from strength to strength.

The facts speak for themselves – we have held more debates this year than ever before; average attendances have been higher; more people have taken the opportunity to speak from the platform; and finally, where it used to be rare for a debate to go on until our time limit, this year every debate so far held has done so.

The strength of the society can be summed up in two words – participation and co-operation. We have not had to rely on the individual brilliance of one or two enthusiasts, but instead have enjoyed the support of a considerable group of people who were willing to speak up and did so. Further, the society has gained new life from co-operation with our sister society at the Girls' School. Last year was the first year in which the aim of a fully joint society was achieved, and we have continued to expand contacts between the two halves of the society.

We are convinced that, in view of the forthcoming move to the new school, the future must lie in ever-increasing contact and co-operation with the Girls' School, especially at sixth-form level.

Debates have been too many and too varied, and the speakers too many and of too high an overall standard for me to single out particular debates for comment. I shall merely express the hope that they have at least made people think, and, perhaps, also entertained them a little, and that such will continue to be the case in future years.

Thanks are due to all those whose support has helped to make the society what it is, but in particular to all the members of the joint committee: D.J. Arnold, R.I. Burrows, S.H. Cook, C.V. Morrison, Jacqui Benson, Kathy Adamson, and the rest of the Girls' School Debating Society Committee. Mr. Newcombe's advice has as usual been very valuable.

**Folk Blues Society ..... R.J. Trasler**

At the start of the year the Society seemed to comprise two factions, one dedicated to "electric" blues and the other to "acoustic" blues. It was therefore decided that there should be two entirely separate Societies. The Folk-Blues Society is therefore essentially concerned with the acoustic side of blues music.

There has been no official Committee this year, but records have been selected by general census of opinion or what happened to be available at the time – the latter predominating.

Records featured included those of The Pentangle, Bert Jansch, John Renbourn, Leonard Cohen, Bob Dylan, Tom Rush, Joan Baez and Fairport Convention.

The Society is greatly indebted to Mr. Jeskins for his support and to all those who have contributed records and designed some magnificent posters.

## **SPORTS TEAMS**

### **Cricket – Captain: A.S. McQuin**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Eleven (*Master in Charge: Mr. Lakeland*).....L. J. Hampson**

Since we had a large complement of players with two or three years of 1<sup>st</sup> XI experience (McQuin, Brown, Cooper, Hampson and Colston), ambitions were high at the beginning of the season. However, spirits were soon dulled by a heavy defeat at the hands of Sir John Deane's. A narrow victory over Altringham in a very tense and exciting finish marked the start of our improvement.

Throughout the season the team relied on a small number of bowlers. Hambleton and Thompson were responsible for two-thirds of all our overs, but they were well supported by Booth, who, despite his lack of overs, still managed to head the "wickets-taken" list alongside Hambleton with 21. Thompson took 20.

Despite occasional contributions from Brown, Colston and Cholerton, it was essentially McQuin who held our batting together. In only 11 innings he accumulated 300 runs, and his consistency and technique were of text-book standard.

The fixture against King's School, Macclesfield tends to be the "clash" of the season, and the game certainly produced some entertaining moments. The visitors set us 126 runs for victory. At one stage the task seemed beyond us, but owing to a magnificent captain's "knock" by McQuin, who made 74 not out, the match was still decided with only two deliveries left. The final outcome was a tie. The scores also finished level after a hectic last over in the match against Marple.

Thus the team enjoyed a very successful season – and one which was marked by a number of desperately close finishes. The leadership of McQuin and the high team spirit maintained throughout by the senior members of the side were chiefly responsible for our success.

Results:                      Played: 12      Won: 7      Drawn: 2      Lost: 1

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven (*Masters in Charge: Mr. Sloss and Mr. Stephens*).....D.K. Walsh**

Cricket, unlike winter games, needs dry conditions and sun which are rare in this unpredictable climate of ours. Nevertheless, a few games of the noble art of putting bat to ball were played.

The team had a good balance of youth and experience and held its own in all aspects of the game. With Gibbins, a solid and competent batsman, Michaelides, whose policy is to knock leather off the ball, and Griffiths, a fine and exciting player, the team did not lack batsmen and made some very creditable scores.

Our bowling owed much to Hardy who returned excellent figures. He was ably supported by our fast bowlers, Rothwell and Heap, who, if not always accurate, worried the batsmen into making stupid strokes.

Our strongest department was our fielding. Gibbins and Rothwell in the slips, Prior, whose speed and reflexes are remarkable and Michaelides were all excellent close fielders.

My thanks go out to all those who turned up to play and made the job of captaining the side easy.

Results:                      Played: 6              Won: 4              Drawn: 0              Lost: 2

**Under-15 Eleven (*Master in Charge: Mr. Mason*) ..... *D. Hardman***

The season opened with a match against Sir John Deane's which was lost owing to the shortage of practice. In the weeks following, practice was impossible because of the wet conditions, and this showed itself in the next few matches when runs seemed to be very difficult to accumulate. Durden and Hassard proved themselves reliable with the bat, and Liddle, as a bowler, helped the team to its first win against Altringham G.S.

At King's School our batting weakness showed itself again, but good work by Jepson, Halsey and Shaw in the lower positions enabled a respectable score to be achieved. In the time remaining, King's scored with relative ease, despite some good bowling and fielding.

Towards the end of the season the team began to realise the urgent need for another victory, and, after being narrowly defeated on several occasions, pulled off two fine wins. The first was against Chorlton with Rossington, who took eight wickets, showing himself an able bowler, and the second was at Marple with a victory in the last over.

Results:                      Played: 8              Won: 4              Drawn: 0              Lost: 4

**Under-14 Eleven (*Masters in Charge: Mr. Rock and Mr. Seaton*) ..... *B. Hardman***

This season's results were fairly good, as the team lost only two matches. There were many exciting games. Those against King's School, Macclesfield, Cowley G.S. and Urmston G.S. were real thrillers.

Against King's School, Macclesfield three runs divided the teams and Rawsthorne and Lidgett scored 20 and 21 respectively. In the game with Cowley G.S. one run separated the teams, both sides being dismissed cheaply – Cowley G.S. for 31 runs and ourselves for 32 runs. The game against Urmston G.S. was full of runs. We scored 120-4 in 20 overs, with Haworth scoring 42 and Hardman 39. Rawsthorne and Hardman scored over 100 runs during the season.

The best individual performance was Haworth's bowling performance against Marple G.S. where he dismissed seven Marple batsmen for one run, achieving a "hat trick". The main wicket takers were Rawsthorne and Haworth.

Results:                      Played: 9              Won: 6              Drawn: 1              Lost: 2

**Under-13 Eleven (Master in Charge: Mr. Fielding).....I. Christie**

The season started badly, as we won none of our first four matches. Even regular scores of over twenty from Firmin did not lift us out of the rut.

As the weeks wore on we gained experience and won three exciting victories with Firmin playing a major part with both his batting and bowling. His best effort was against Sandbach when he was caught attempt his fiftieth run.

In our match against Chetham's School only five of our regular team were present and, although we were narrowly defeated, we might have won had we not thrown valuable runs away by poor running between the wickets. K. Brown bowled particularly well, claiming six wickets.

On the whole, however, the season was only average – some performances being outstanding, but many others are best forgotten.

Results:                      Played: 9              Won: 3              Drawn: 0              Lost: 6

**Under-12 Eleven (Master in Charge: Mr. Lea)      P. Newton**

Because of the early wet weather, the season started late. However, this did not affect our general play, the first match of the season being drawn with Altringham G.S.

As more and more practice was undertaken, the standard of play improved. This became apparent in our next match against Cheadle Hulme School. The steady batting of the captain, Charmer, together with the accurate seam-bowling of Atkinson, helped us to our best victory of the season.

After a defeat by a strong Manchester G.S. team, several new players were introduced into the team. Included in these was a new fast-bowler, James. This move soon paid dividends in that we won the next two matches against Sale and Chorlton.

We played our next game against the Under-13 side, handicapped because Charmer was absent. Newton, one of our fast bowlers, took over the captaincy for the remainder of the season.

The team are grateful to Edge, our scorer.

Results:                      Played: 8              Won: 3              Drawn: 1              Lost: 4

## **Rugby (Captain – R.J. Wadeson)**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Fifteen (Master in Charge: Mr. Turner) ..... R.J. Wadeson**

With eight of last season's 1<sup>st</sup> XV remaining, we hoped for a reasonable success this season. Unfortunately, it has been a very unlucky season, with marginal defeats by Heath, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Leigh and Sir John Deane's.

Again we met schools with differing styles of rugby, and, as usual, the Yorkshire teams played hard and fast, with Normanton annihilating us by 36-6. Heath, another Yorkshire team notable for playing good rugby, just beat us 13-12, scoring their final try under the posts in the dying minutes.

The team has an abundance of individual talent, and this has been combined in the forwards to produce a very powerful pack.

The outstanding players have been Stirling, a young and enthusiastic player, K. Richards, an experienced and powerful second row, and Green, who has played well in both the backs and forwards. Cooper, Trueblood, Crawford, Iow, Bayley and G. Davies have all turned in very useful performances.

In the backs, Cholerton and Freeman have combined well at half-back. Gibson and Wadeson at centre have made some useful breaks, in which wingers Prior, Hill and Hambleton, have scored tries. M. Richards, as full-back, has given some sound displays with his tackling and touch kicking. Heap, S. Davies and Marshall have been reliable reserves throughout the season.

Results:                      Played: 20      Won: 9      Drawn: 2      Lost: 9

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Fifteen (Master in Charge: Mr. Smith)..... P.J. Redfern**

The results this year have been very encouraging, especially since the team almost invariably produced fine open rugby. This was due in no small measure to the fact that nearly all the pack consisted of players from last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

Arnold and Swinglehurst gave us good possession from the line out which proved invaluable. The forwards were strong and mobile and gave us a few "push-over" tries. The back row was quick to snap up chances and succeeded in scoring many points.

We had several hard fought matches, notably a fiercely contested drawn game against Stockport G.S. which showed how close competition was. However, we won the return match decisively. Matches against Heath G.S. and Wilmslow were also very exciting. Our match against Upholland G.S. showed how well the backs could perform. The ball got out to the wings very well, and four excellent tries were made.

Thompson, and later Shaw, tackled well and had very good games at full-back. Wingard showed himself to be a very good centre, and we were unfortunate to lose him with a dislocated elbow late in the season. We were also unfortunate to lose Hambleton and Marshall who gained 1<sup>st</sup> team places towards the end of the season.

Results:                    Played: 18      Won: 12      Drawn: 2      Lost: 4

**Under-15 Fifteen (*Masters in Charge: Mr. McKerchar and Mr. Mason*)..... A. Haworth**

The team had another very successful season as the results show. After winning only two of the first five matches the side went three months without a defeat. In fact only two more matches were lost all season. During the season there were many fine, close matches. For example in the match against Audenshaw G.S. we snatched victory in the final minutes. (During the game Lidgett had broken his leg.) Other good matches were against Sale (9-9), Wigan (8-8), and King's School (6-8).

The much changed pack soon developed into a fine unit, which wore many sides down in the later stages of games. They did, however, suffer from an inability to get going in the first half. Outstanding members of the pack were Jones, Ballington and Ashlan. They were given good support by Heap and J. Nieto.

Behind the scrum the side was much changed also. In this department McDowell did well in his new role as a centre, as did Plant at scrum-half. Haworth played as well as ever at stand-off. The person who impressed most, however, was Williams who, in his first season, played well on the right wing.

Results:                    Played: 19      Won: 13      Drawn: 2      Lost: 4

**Under-14 Fifteen (*Masters in Charge: Mr. Jeskins and Mr. Nightingale*) ..... P. Shaw**

This has been a successful season for the team, which has been quite consistent throughout. We suffered only one really heavy defeat, and after a bad start to the season, the team soon became well organised, playing good rugby.

There was some very close matches, including those against Stockport G.S. and Cheadle Hulme School (which we won), and the one against Wilmslow G.S. (which we narrowly lost). The team played very well against Rockferry H.S. to achieve a 0-0 draw.

The team was well captained by Mason, and most points came from Sparks, the regular stand-off, Roberts, at centre, and Walklet, in the back-row. All three scored some very fine tries.

In the forwards there was an outstanding performance by Wilton, a very keen and active prop, and he and the other forwards, Mason, Brierly, Mullen, Walton, Cliff, Walklet and Steriopulos, provided a strong, reliable pack.

Thanks to good possession, the backs were able to run with the ball. Ashcroft, the scrum-half, gave good passes to Sparks, who was well aided by Roberts, Shaw, Green and Hall, a fast, strong-running winger. The team was often saved by our hard-tackling full-back, Hailes, who stopped many tries.

Marsden, Chilton and Pearson were reliable reserves.

Results:                    Played: 19        Won: 10        Drawn: 2        Lost: 7

**Under-13 Fifteen (*Master in Charge: Mr. Lea*)..... *P.D. Atkinson***

The team has had a very successful season, throughout which it has been changed around to find the best fifteen. Kewley was tried at centre instead of his usual number eight position. Taylor was moved from prop to flank-forward and Turnbull was played at proper and full-back in different matches. There have been two “finds” of the season. Earnshaw at outside centre and Jones, who has been used mainly as a utility player.

Our largest loss of the season was against Normanton G.S. After a very good first half we slumped in the second to lose by 38 points to 8. The best rugby was played against Audenshaw G.S., where in terrible conditions we stormed to a 35 points to 9 win, playing very open and attractive rugby.

The power lies in our forwards where Kewley, Taylor and Horobin in the back row can penetrate even the best of defence. Whittaker in the second row has played well and his fiery approach has won the team a lot of possession. The half-backs, Humphries and Atkinson, have played soundly, and the hard running of Earnshaw has scored many tries.

At the start of the season there was a lack of penetration on the wings, but both Howson and Newton have improved tremendously and now they are scoring most of the tries.

Results:                    Played: 20        Won: 14        Drawn: 0        Lost: 6

**Under-12 Fifteen (*Master in Charge: Mr. Mills*) ..... *K.R.M***

This season we have experienced a number of difficulties in moulding a settled side, and our record is therefore, disappointing. More recently, however, the standard of our play has improved. In the last two games of the season a more positive approach to the game was evident. We narrowly lost against Sandbach, 5-6, and drew 0-0, with Manchester G.S.

With a more settled team and wider experience, we should be more successful. A.R. Wood, with seven tries, scored most of the side’s points.

Results:                    Played: 12        Won: 2        Drawn: 1        Lost: 9

**Cross country (*Masters in Charge: Mr. Forbes and Mr. Newcombe*)..... *S.C.F.***

After our first League race we anticipated a successful season; our senior team was one of exceptional potential, and the Club in general was expected to do well. We never thought, however, that we should win all five League trophies. Although the Club has had many good seasons, we have never before won so many team and individual trophies.

This year we have had an enlarged fixture list. For the first time we met Anfield, a strong Liverpool club, and lost four out of five races. Other new fixtures were Urmston, where all but the U-16 team won easily, and Wright Robinson, where honours were equally shared.

Despite winning most of the inter-schools races, however, we had to admit, as usual, that Cardinal Langley, Middleton and St. Mary's, Crosby were the better schools although our seniors did well.

## **Senior Team**

The 1969-70 season has for the Senior Team been both challenging and successful. Our success in a very varied and arduous programme of 36 difficult races has been a result of regular training, tremendous team spirit and a determined effort from every individual in the team.

Our "strength in depth" has brought success on many occasions, some of the more important ones being; The Bob Watts' Memorial Races, The N.E. Cheshire League, Manchester University Annual Race, and , perhaps one of the most arduous matches of the season, The Round Derwentwater Road Relay, which we won very closely after a really exciting race.

While Jepson, Higgins, Gillett and Brew were winning the N.E. League for us the remainder of the Senior Team ran in the following races; The Millfield, Wolverhampton, Billborough, Manchester University and the Round Derwentwater Trophy relays at Keswick, in which we were extremely successful.

This year three members of our team have had the honour of being picked to represent Cheshire in the National Schools', namely Allen, McCormick and Bateman.

Inter-school matches:      Raced: 26    Won: 21

Special relays: Raced: 5    Won: 2

## **Senior Team Tour *by R. Bateman***

The Tour Team consisted of the cream of the Senior and U-16 teams. We travelled by car and minibus to our first stop at the Harberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree, just outside London. The nights before and after the race were spent in accommodation provided by the members of the school. We won the race over a flat, fast course fairly comfortably by eight points.

After some sightseeing in London we made our way to Marlborough College where we stayed for a further two nights in the school sanatorium. After winning the race against the College and the Bradfield School we were shown around and spent a good part of the evening in the observatory, looking at Mars, Saturn and the Moon. The next day after a service in the School Chapel our two days of a really great experience of public school life ended, and we moved on to our final fixture of the tour at Coventry.

We arrived at Coventry after a day of looking at Stonehenge, the chalk horse of Marlborough and Avebury. We stayed overnight in accommodation provided by members of the school and at 11 a.m. the following day we began the last race. On last year's tour we had beaten King Henry VIII school so we thought we had a good chance of beating them, but, on their very demanding

course, they just managed to win by six points in a race that was filled with excitement from beginning to end.

After a wonderful dinner we returned home to complete the hardest tour we had ever had – 4 races in 7 days, winning 3 and being narrowly defeated at the last hurdle.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Newcombe for all the valuable time he has spent in organising the tour and our training schedule which has transformed us from a very good team into a formidable one.

### **Under-16 Team by C.S. Halsey**

Unfortunately the U-16 team has not enjoyed the same success as our other teams. This is because there has been a poor turn out of runners this season. The team had a promising start to the season when it won the Manchester athletic Club Trophy, counting 4 in the first 10.

Surprisingly, the team found the runners to win 3 out of 4 races in the N.E. Cheshire League, a credible performance. Consistent running by Fine, Grimsley, and Halsey, aided by the younger members, Masterman, Evans, McIntosh, Ball and occasionally Herd and Rasthorne, accounted for this success. Herd, who ran well in the Cheshire Schools', and Rawthorne, who had a good race in the Manchester Athletic Club Trophy meeting, have shown promise.

Masterman has improved rapidly since Christmas and has supported Fine, Grimsley and Halsey well. For the remainder of the season the team should be well placed in the Northern Schools' at Lyme Park, and also there will be 4 members from the team in the 6x2 relay teams at Moseley Hall.

Inter-school match results: Raced: 56 Won: 39

### **Under-14 Team by N. Jepson**

This has been a good year for the U-14s. They have only lost three races to St. Mary's, Crosby, to Anfield A.C. and to Cardinal Langley, whom we have since beaten twice. Our best victories were over Manchester G.S., Cardinal Langley, Glossop, and Wright Robinson.

Leah and Hilditch are two promising new runners. They started half way through the season and are improving all the time. Winstanley struggled for most of the season to recapture the fitness that gave him so many fine victories last year, but finished well, and had an excellent race in the Northern Schools' at Lyme Park, finishing 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 474 runners. Chadderton had a very good season as usual, along with Sleigh, who found his new running shoes a great help. Whitehead did not have the success this season that he had in the last, but kept up his running and helped the team to some very good victories. Croston and Williams ran a few times and we hope they will be able to race regularly on future occasions.

The team won the North-East Cheshire Cross-Country League winning three of the four races with ease.

Inter-school match results: Raced: 80 Won: 62

### **Under-13 Team *by D. Esser***

The U-13s used to race as part of the U-14 team, but this year competed separately for the first time. In the League competition nine good local schools took part, but we won the Championship, winning two races and coming second in two. In the individual trophy, Esser tied with Jackson of Broadway and was well backed up by Whitehead, Butler, McArthur, Turnbull, Davies and McChesney. Hamer and Hughes were unable to run this season through illness, and we hope they will be fit for the next season.

Inter-school match results: Raced: 47 Won: 42

### **First Year Team *by N.M. Healey***

The team has had a fine first year in cross-county racing. It had beaten most schools by a large margin and has had the tables turned only the two big Liverpool schools, St. Mary's and Anfield, though our biggest defeat was in the 'flu epidemic over the hilly course at Glossop.

In the league we won all the races by 50 or more points, although there were twelve schools involved. The strength of the team has been in the number of good runners who have trained regularly. Thirty boys, of whom a dozen have raced regularly, have represented their school.

The honour to be first home has usually been the Captain's but he shared it with G. Wood, Allen, and on two occasions Sheard. The invaluable team members who have ensured victory on most occasions have been Whitaker, Fairweather, Falkner, Boothby and Hewitt (who did not miss a race). One boy we have missed later in the season was Follon who suffered a foot complaint.

If this team can keep together and keep training hard in future years, it should do very well.

Inter-school match results: Raced 101 Won: 92

### **Moseley Hall Inter-Schools' Relay, 1970 *by J.M.N.***

Twenty-four teams competed in our annual cross-country relay. Since an early Easter meant that the race had to be held in the middle of the week, some of our normal visitors could not attend, including our friends from King Henry VIII G.S., Coventry. However, the holders, St. Mary's College, Crosby were here to defend their title.

The race begins with the first year runner from each school and thereafter the order of running is decided by each team separately. Early in the race, several schools became predominant, North Manchester high School, St. Mary's, Crosby, St. Edward's, Liverpool, and Moseley Hall themselves. North Manchester established a lead of more than two minutes, but many schools

had kept their best senior runners until the last leg and North Manchester's tactics did not work for they were steadily overhauled.

The favourites, St. Mary's, moved into the lead and, eventually, won by 1 minute 20 seconds, followed by St. Edward's, and the Moseley Hall team came third. Our first leg runner, N. Healey had put us in a very good position when he handed over to n. Jepson, our third year runner. D. Esser (second year) and C. Winstanley (third year) established us among the leaders, and throughout the race we varied between third and fourth places. C. Halsey (fifth year) ran an excellent leg against some strong opposition, and D. McCormick, substituting for an injured D. Allen, held on splendidly to bring us in third.

### **Association Football – Captain: L.J. Hampson**

**1<sup>st</sup> Eleven (Master in Charge: Mr. Lakeland)..... M.K. Colston**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI has had an extremely successful season, and the reasons for this are several. Most of the team have now played together for two or three years, and this has produced a team which, as well as being as skilful as any side it has played, has a wealth of experience. This is needed to mould a team which is more than “merely” good.

Another factor is that there are no less than six mid-fielded players in the side, and this seems to be the pattern in schools' football at the moment. The advantage of having so many skilful players in a side is that dangerous situations can be erased by working the ball out of difficulty instead of becoming harassed.

The construction of the side meant that the main problems were in defence, where two of the “back four” were mid-field players. This was not a great hardship, as can be seen from the results, but on occasions when we were narrowly beaten our loss can be attributed to our over-eagerness to attack and the failure of the defence to act positively. In this respect the team, was glad to welcome Sharples into the side, as a very strong, hard-tackling defender, and Jones, as a talented mid-field player.

Our regular goal-keeper was Jolley, who was at times brilliant and who can reflect with pride on the games in London. McQuin was an extremely skilful full-back, partnered throughout the season by either Hamblin, Hassard or Frier, and it is a tribute to our reserve strength that we were never at a loss for players. In the heart of the defence was Booth, a hard-tackling player, whose opportunism saved the side frequently. There was a mid-field trio of Colston, Hampson and Trappe – the latter's football displaying a maturity well beyond his years.

We played four players in the forward line – two wingers and two strikers – each appearing to compliment the others. Of the wingers, Griffiths was strong and hard to dispossess, while Neilson was a good ball-player. Brown and Tuson were the strikers: the former was a powerful, bustling player, and Tuson, a good, skilful player, capitalised on mistakes to accumulate many goals.

Results:                      Played: 16      Won: 12      Drawn: 0      Lost: 3

Goals For: 115      Against: 47

**2<sup>nd</sup> Eleven (Master in Charge: Mr. Siddell)..... P.C. Frier**

Initial problems of lack of experience and also lack of fitness resulted in an indifferent start to the season. The first game, a 9-0 victory against New Mills, led to over-confidence. However, our failings soon became apparent in the following games, when we were heavily defeated by sides from Altringham and Winsford. After these early setbacks the team settled down to play some attractive and decisive football, best illustrated by a fine 5-2 victory in the return match against Altringham. High scores against Stockport Technical H.S. and Glossop, 12-1 and 9-2 respectively were gratifying, but not as enjoyable as closer victories against Buxton and Ardwick, which required more effort and team spirit.

The success through out the season was largely due to an uncompromising defence, which blended well together: Britton proved an able 'keeper, and Ryan, Rees, Clarke, P.R. Jepson and Ince all adapted themselves admirably to meet all challenges. The midfield was controlled by Liddle, assisted by Ashlan and Pratt, and the fire-power in front of goal was provided by Lowing, C.B. Jepson, R. Smith and the Todd brothers.

Results:                      Played: 24      Won: 14      Drawn: 2      Lost: 8

Goals For: 100      Against: 68

**3rd Eleven (Master in Charge: Mr. Stephenson)..... D.K. Ryan**

After an unfortunate start to the season, being defeated by Broadway Secondary School, the team settled down to play some fine attacking football. Using the 4-2-4 formation helped the attack considerably, as this allowed the full-backs to move up the wings without leaving the defence exposed. The following games all produced victories, the most notable being the 10-1 win against Hulme Hall College on their own ground. The victory against Hillcrest Grammar School was also impressive, as several members of the team were missing, four of them playing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

The weather conditions have been atrocious, causing the cancellation of 4 matches, but the team has managed to achieve excellent performances on heavy grounds. Michaelides proved himself to be a fine player and captain until his unfortunate illness.

Results:                      Played: 7      Won: 6      Drawn: 0      Lost: 1

Goals For: 39      Against: 15

**Tennis (Master in Charge: Mr. Sloss).....A.S. Freeman**

Despite having only two regular players remaining from last year, this season has been the best ever at the school. More matches have been won than ever before, and despite a certain lack of consistency the standard of play was remarkably high with attacking play and determination shown even in defeat.

Redfern and Lowe made a formidable first pair, and, although many combinations were tried, no really comparable pair was found from the rest of the team, consisting of Ashlan, Hall, Perrott, Platts and Freeman. If two compatible combinations could have been formed from these individually very good players, even better results could have been achieved.

The very close matches against Sale G.S., whom we beat 5-4, and Wilmslow G.S., to whom we lost by the same margins, stand out in an enjoyable season where particularly good wins were achieved against Hyde G.S. and Xaverian College.

All last year's players are still available and we are looking forward to an even more successful season. The team would like to thank our captain, Redfern, for arranging the fixtures.

Results:                      Played: 10      Won: 4      Drawn: 1      Lost: 5

**Badminton (Master in Charge: Mr. Newcombe).....R.J. Trasler**

Trasler and Atree have this year led the Badminton Team with moderate success. For the most part, the second pair has comprised K. Hampson and Rees of the Lower Sixth, and the third pair has been selected from L. Hampson, Colston, Perrott and Hargreaves, all of whom have played for part of the season.

This season the team has played against Manchester G.S., King's Macclesfield, Stockport School and other schools. As a team, our weakness must be lack of experience rather than lack of enthusiasm or ability. It is to be hoped that in years to come, with the benefits of the superior facilities of the new school, Badminton will increase in significance as a school sport.

Results:                      Played: 10      Won: 4      Drawn: 1      Lost: 5

**Swimming (Master in Charge: Mr. Hanson) .....J.T. Gibson**

Competitive swimming has never been a feature of this school's sports in the past, but during the Autumn Term the school was offered the use of the pool at Cheadle Hulme School, and we are indebted to all concerned for enabling the formation of a school team.

Five exhausting months have passed since weekly training sessions began, and at the time of writing two matches have been swum. In the first against Reddish Vale Comprehensive School we were narrowly beaten by a team which has facilities for training every day. The second match at Cheadle Hulme School finished in a somewhat heavier defeat. Both these matches showed that we have a potentially strong team, and all who participated deserve congratulations.

If the team is to make progress in future years, more support will be needed. One hopes that enthusiasm will be maintained and that eventually another sport will become firmly established.

Results:                      Played: 16      Won: 12      Drawn: 0      Lost: 3

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