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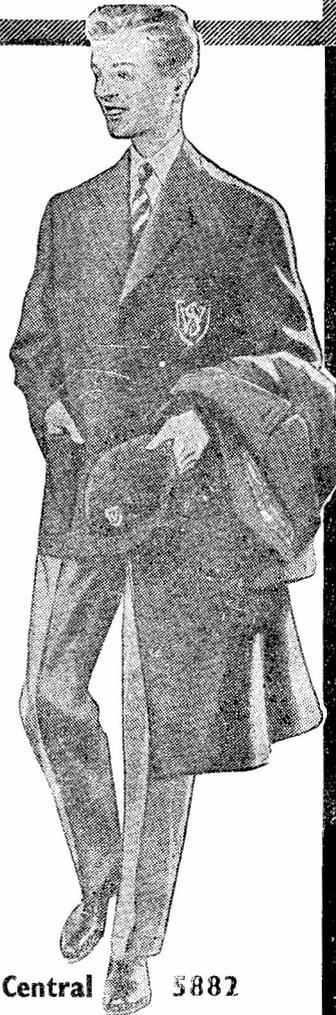
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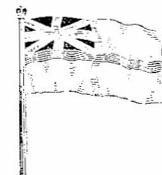


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## EDITORIAL

The Editors have been spared, for this year at least, the unenviable task of writing the epitaph for the Institute, but there can be no doubt that the reprieve will prove to be a purely interim state of affairs. The changing face of education has no place for the School in its present state. They are no longer fighting to preserve the Institute in name, but in the grim hope of retaining, for the future, the most worthy aspect of the education which this School provides.

The most unsatisfactory and irritating aspect of the whole affair is that the issues at stake still remain rather vague. Is the motivation behind this upheaval specifically due to educational demands, or are the undercurrents of social discontent more significant than parents would care to believe? It is more a way of life, rather than the nebulous traditions of a school, that hang in the balance.

The Comprehensive system of education has many merits which find favour with the Editors. The educationalist-revivalist maxim of "liberté, égalité, fraternité" has, however, produced an entirely unwarranted slur on the efficiency of the grammar school. The precipitate destruction of institutions such as the School cannot result in anything except animosity. The whole problem is one of educational efficiency. Does the system offered to the city for the future have, as it stands now, any material educational advantages over the present set-up? Is the majority going to benefit, even a decade from now? Would a considered long-term policy be ultimately more beneficial? These are the doubts which are being constantly reiterated.

It is not the Editors' part to be critical of the proposed system, or, indeed, to participate in what has regrettably developed into a major political issue. The Editors do, however, feel they are fully justified in expressing, in their own publication, the general sentiments of those pupils who are aware of the implications of the changes proposed. The policy of the authorities is one of complete upheaval rather than one intended to bring about a more gradual, natural change by way of evolution. Above all, one cannot help suspecting that the well-being of the school-children of this city may be sacrificed to some elusive social principle.

It must be emphasised that social equality is not automatically the result of the removal of such arbitrary and intangible barriers as "secondary modern" and "grammar". We are fully in favour of a truly comprehensive system, of the gradual integration of grammar and secondary modern schools, of the abolition of the eleven-plus; but what we want is a harmonious union, not a shot-gun wedding. The situation surely calls for a compromise from both sides, and we very much hope that, by the time this issue of the Magazine is published, such a compromise will have been effected, thanks to the mediations of the Minister of Education.

The "most unkindest cut of all" has come with the realisation that there is no place in the general shape of things to come for the Institute and its kind. Such personal sentiments count for little in the face of demands for modernisation and social justice, yet they mean much to those who have reaped the full benefits from the opportunities which the School had to offer. Such schools as the Institute lie at the crossroads, however, for, despite the reputation, they lack the financial independence of the Etons and Winchester and Harrows and their ability to resist the pressures from the outside world.

The School has, one must acknowledge with regret, little scope for development in the way of amenities and facilities for ultra-modern apparatus. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the authorities have not overlooked what the Editors have stressed since time immemorial: the reputation of a school is created by the positive efforts of its pupils over the years; if it is intended that the new influx, when it arrives, should reap the benefits of the Institute, they must, like their predecessors, contribute their share of the effort.

#### MR. MALCOLM P. SMITH

It is with great regret that we say goodbye at the end of the term to the Headmaster, Mr. Malcolm P. Smith, who has been appointed Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe.

When he came here four years ago, he quickly and easily grasped the essential purpose and aims of the School and its traditions, and during his time here has encouraged and extended them. He has won our respect for his scholarship and his principles and for his drive to instil in others the same sense of purpose and will to serve the community.

The four years he has been Headmaster have been probably the most momentous in the history of the School. He has spared neither time nor energy in his outspoken efforts to maintain the traditions of the Institute and to ensure that the School should be able to make a full contribution to the life of the City in a re-organised secondary school system.

Although Mr. Smith has been with us for so short a time, he has found time to identify himself as an active participant with a number of societies, and, in particular, the Choral Society, the Photographic Society and the Old Boys' Association have been the richer for his vigorous association with them.

We wish him and Mrs. Smith and their family many happy years at High Wycombe. D.B.

#### MR. W. H. JONES

Mr. W. H. Jones joined the Staff in 1930 and for the last twenty years has been Head of the Science Department, and Chairman of the Sixth Form Science Society. Great changes have taken place, not only in the field of Physics, but also in its place in the School curriculum during the period of Mr. Jones's service. The success with which the resources of the Physics Department have been deployed is made manifest first by its results and, second, in a more intimate fashion, by the steady flow of Old Boys who come into School to report smooth transfer to university studies.

With no trace of facile optimism in his character, Mr. Jones has been able to guide many a boy into his proper course—commercial, industrial or academic.

Two branches of Applied Physics have claimed his ardent adherence: photography and music. Of the former no comment is needed here, but of the latter it is worth recalling that some years ago, in a more leisurely period, the Music Club enjoyed recitals of songs for tenor voice, and the orchestra services as fiddle-player.

The Sixth Form Science Society enables all Sixth Form boys to make contact with scientific thought and procedures, both by lectures and also by visits to works and university departments. The viable state of the Society stems directly from the enthusiasm and the catholic tastes of the Chairman.

Mr. Jones has proved himself a staunch colleague socially and academically. The School loses much by his departure, but all will join in wishing him many years of fruitful retirement. L.A.N.

#### PARTICULAR ROARING STEAM

The Rev. H. H. Symonds not only offered me a post at the Liverpool Institute, but urged me to live at the University Settlement in Nile Street.

The residents of the Settlement came in all colours, creeds and interests (as did the other inhabitants of Nile Street). One of the residents was Archie Moy: another, a mineral-water manufacturer, with a vocabulary as fizzy as his drinks, who boasted his new motor car as going like "particular roaring steam", although it owed nothing to James Watt's invention. Borrowing one adjective, I say that a particular steam will go out of the Institute with Mr. Moy.

He and I have come to School together, then gone to opposite ends of the building, and then gone homewards together for thirty years, a comfortable routine which might well have continued until our final retirement from the School.

The mineral-water man commonly addressed Mr. Moy as Prebendary Moy (and me, more obviously, as Apothecary Naylor). The legend of the prebend's stall at the Cathedral hard by arose on the day when a decree went forth from the Rev. H. H. Symonds that all boys were to be examined in Scripture. The questions were to be couched in such a manner that the marking of the answers lay within the capability of every member of the Staff. Mr. Moy, in charge of Scripture, was to set the papers. In this task he suffered the unstinting mis-guidance of the residents, agnostics and free-thinkers for the most part.

Now for Quartermaster Moy. Without donning the Queen's uniform, Mr. Moy has held the purse-strings of the C.C.F. up to the moment of disbandment. The School cannot be aware of the nice balance of accountancy and diplomacy demanded in this office.

Finally, Monsieur Moy. At the end of the summer term in 1962 I said to him, "See you on the Place d'Armes (Versailles) a fortnight on Monday, at noon". From this rendezvous started a perfect holiday. My halting French received both encouragement and enlargement from the expert whose ability to pass for a native provoked my respect and envy in equal proportions. "Quel numéro"—I console myself at his departure with the selfish thought that while the School's loss is total, mine is only partial.

L.A.N.

#### D. G. BENTLIFF

How excellent an example he has been to us of versatility and many-sided interests! Mens sana in corpore sano indeed!

Not so many years ago he was playing Fives Doubles with subtlety and great enjoyment, often devoting a Saturday morning to it. He has always been a tireless walker over hills, averse only to those of Wales, but familiar with every famous peak in Scotland and the Lake District. In Wasdale, his annual or biennial visits have made him better known to the hotel management than Scafell itself, and nearly as legendary as Will Ritson. He is almost as fond of several of the Austrian mountain huts, from which, on one unforgettable occasion, he led a party up the Wildspitze.

One could not wish for a more efficient organiser of parties, whether to British Hills or to Austria, Italy and Greece. He has inspired many boys with his own infectious love for foreign travel.

Indoors, we encounter him producing plays for Hobby Shows with immense zest, presiding over the Lit. and Deb. with dignity and wit, absorbed in the proceedings of the Macalister Society, intensely active and fearlessly outspoken as A.M.A. representative, member of half-a-dozen committees (some of national importance), and, of course, steeped in the life and literature of ancient Greece and Rome, a scholar genuinely in love with his subject.

As a man, his energy, cheerfulness and integrity have earned him the deep respect and admiration of his colleagues. We wish him a long and happy retirement and the consciousness of a job well done. D.W.R.

**MR. L. NELSON**

When Mr. L. Nelson left us in December for the freer and more bracing atmosphere of Blackpool Technical College, the Institute lost one of its finest masters.

Mr. Nelson taught Classics but, to him, this was not the study of two dry-as-dust languages for 'O' or 'A' level success, but the language, literature, religion, history and culture of two vital nations.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Nelson was as valuable as within. Throughout his years here he helped with the football teams, and his work in this field, particularly with the "gentlemen" of the third team who played the game for fun, was much appreciated.

As an officer and, latterly, C.O. of the C.C.F., Mr. Nelson gave great help to those boys who liked this sort of recreation, but he had the courage to recommend the closure of the Corps when it no longer seemed to serve a useful purpose.

He also gave the benefit of his fine intellect and love of learning of the past to the Archaeological Society.

Boys and members of staff will miss the wit and kindness of Mr. Nelson, but all will wish him the greatest happiness and success in his new position.  
M.D.

**MR. D. T. JACK**

During the last five years, Mr. Jack has added much to the honours he gained at the School as a pupil. He has helped to bring some of the wind of change in Mathematics into the classroom and he has been an ardent advocate for widening the scope of the subject.

His reputation for public service has been enhanced during his time here. The School Fund has been transformed, whilst the School Chess team has gained many distinctions under his supervision. He has also discharged his responsibilities for fire precautions and the preparation of the School stage for plays with efficiency and enthusiasm.

As part of the present movement into Further Education, he is to take up a post as Lecturer in Mathematics at the Liverpool College of Technology.  
J.N.B.

**MR. D. WILSON**

We congratulate Mr. D. Wilson on his appointment as senior science master at Leiston Secondary School, Suffolk. He leaves at the end of the summer term after four years as a member of the Science Department. His service to the School has included many extra-curricular pursuits. In particular, tribute must be paid to the zeal and energy with which he has managed the affairs of the Models Society, his contribution to the Natural History and Junior Science Societies. He has, moreover, been an enthusiastic member of the Sixth Form Science Society, and also of the Photographic Society.

Speaking personally, I say his constant helpfulness as a colleague and as a companion on Field Courses in the Isle of Man marked my association with him.

We wish him every success in his new appointment.

R.G.W.

**MR. D. B. DAVIES**

The only benefit that we shall feel at the departure of Mr. D. B. Davies at the end of this term will be that the Music Master will be able to enjoy a monopoly of his initials.

Mr. Davies is another whose move from the School is a loss to us and a gain to further education, for he is going to lecture in English at a technical college in Derby where he will be able to continue and extend in the Department of Liberal Studies the valuable work he has done at the Institute in

non-specialist groups, including his organisation of the Anglo-American book exchange. He will also be missed for his teaching of Latin, his Vice-Presidency of the Junior Literary and Debating Society, for his stalwart support of the Choral Society, where we last heard him among the angry old men in "Trial by Jury", and for the keen interest he has taken in soccer and cricket.

We are sure that he will be appreciated at Derby both for his work and for himself, as he has been at the Institute, and we hope that he will be as happy there as one feels he has been here.

H.G.B.T.

**CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR**

At the beginning of the School year we were pleased to welcome the following new members of staff: Mr. C. J. Byrne, B.Sc.(Liverpool); Mr. P. N. Clarke, B.A.(Liverpool); Mr. G. Davies, M.Sc.(Bangor); Mr. H. B. Jones (C. F. Mott); Mr. R. D. Lloyd, B.Sc.(Liverpool); Mr. R. E. Roberts, B.Sc.(Liverpool); Mr. J. E. Sharp, B.A.(Cambridge); Mr. G. Simmonds, B.A.(Nottingham); Mr. J. B. Young, B.A.(Nottingham).

Mr. Goodall will be absent for the next School year while he attends a course at the Liverpool University Institute of Education.

The prizes for the best original contributions in this issue of the Magazine are as follows:

Senior Section: P. F. Ainsworth.

Junior Section: P. A. Wildman.

Last autumn, forty-five boys gained admission to university. This was a record number for the School and is all the more gratifying given the increasingly fierce competition for university places.

As we go to press, we hear that Mr. Scholes is leaving at the end of term: he goes with our best wishes for success in his new appointment.

Our two assistants, Herr H. H. Hestermann and Monsieur G. Morel, are also leaving at the end of term: they, too, leave with our best wishes for the future.

We congratulate Mr and Mrs. Young on the birth of a son, and also Mr. and Mrs. Williams on the birth of their son.

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Rowell and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts on the occasion of their marriage.

R. J. Poole has represented Bury 'A' and 'B' football teams.

Parties from School have been present at the occasions listed below:

6th October: "The Quare Fellow", by B. Behan, at the Playhouse.

25th October: "Henry IV, Part I", at the Everyman Theatre.

13th November: Philharmonic concert conducted by Trevor Harvey.

18 December: the film, "The Cruel Sea", at the Philharmonic Hall.

28th January: Philharmonic concert conducted by Trevor Harvey.

2th January: Cervantes' "El Juez de los Negocios", at Liverpool University.

5th February: "Murder in the Cathedral", at the Everyman Theatre.

4th March: "Macbeth", at the Everyman Theatre.

5th March: "Waiting for Godot", at the Everyman Theatre.

16th March: Sudermann's "Die Ehre", at Liverpool University.

18th March: Arthur Miller's "The Crucible", at Liverpool University.

23rd March: Philharmonic concert conducted by Charles Groves.

9th April: the film, "Inherit the Wind", at the Philharmonic Hall.

During the autumn term a mock election was held: the Conservative candidate won, the Liberal came second, the Labour candidate was third, and the Communist candidate, who came fourth, lost his deposit.

The School Hobbies Show was held on the evenings of 2nd and 3rd March.

The School Sports will take place on 3rd July.

The Swimming Sports will be held on 13th July.

We are pleased to record the following successes at Oxford and Cambridge:

- R. J. Butcher, Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.
- I. Leverton, Exhibition in Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- A. R. Prince, Scholarship in Mathematics at Balliol College, Oxford.
- P. K. Cripps, Scholarship in Mathematics awarded by English Electric, at Queen's College, Cambridge.
- P. J. Moffatt, Commonership in Modern Languages at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.
- P. M. Cherry, Commonership in Mathematics at Christ Church, Oxford.
- D. R. Hignett, Commonership in Mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge.

During the Easter holidays, Mr. Watson and Mr. Moy took a party of boys to Paris, while Mr. Bowen, with the assistance of Messrs. Parker, Sweeney, Bentliff and Dobson, took a large party of boys to Switzerland.

Mr. Dobson will also be taking a group of boys to Greece during the summer holidays.

#### UNIVERSITY/TRAINING COLLEGE PLACES 1964

##### Bangor

D.G.Rock, P.J.Taggart.

##### Birmingham

R.N.Howard, G.H.White.

##### Bristol

J.R.Simonds, R.W.Wagner.

##### Cardiff

J.Bridge.

##### Durham

J.E.Harrocks.

##### Edinburgh

D.G.Humphreys, M.Ryan.

##### Leeds

D.Ritchie.

##### Liverpool

E.S.Abenson, S.Elsworthy, D.A.G.Gray (left 1963), G.L.Ross,  
S.R.Scholes, K.A.Tubman, R.B.Woodward.

##### London

J.C.Cooper, G.J.Huston, A.S.McCubbin, A.M.Peters, D.K.Roberts (left 1963), C.J.Savage.

##### Manchester

R.E.Hands, T.G.Lowe, I.A.Thomas,

##### Sheffield

A.H.Harris (left 1963), D.L.Headey, D.G.Maude.

##### St. Andrews

M.M.Edge, J.Hall, A.J.Wallard.

##### Cambridge

J.S.Bradbrook, P.Cartmel, M.H.Hadfield, D.J.Jarman, A.W.McGeorge,  
D.C.Townend.

##### Oxford

T.B.Davidson, T.Dawson, A.D.Jackson, I.D.McGowan, C.N.Prince,  
C.F.Woodcock.

##### Training Colleges

R.T.Brown (Exeter), L.E.Edwards (Chester), M.J.Graham (Cheltenham),  
D.P.Rowlands (Chester), A.J.Anderson.

#### SCHOOL MAGAZINES

The Editors wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines with sincere apologies for any omissions:

The Blackburn House Magazine; The Wallaseyan; The Holt School Magazine; Esmeduna; The Calder High School Magazine; The Hillfoot Hey High School Magazine; The Quarry; The Squirrel; Essemay; The New Heys Magazine; The Woking County High School Magazine; The Wirral Grammar School Magazine; The Manchester Grammar School Magazine; The Caldeian.

#### SPEECH DAY, 1964

The annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes was held, as usual, in the Philharmonic Hall, on Tuesday, 15th December, 1964, with Professor R. A. Morton in the chair.

After the anthem had been sung, the Head Boy, P. F. Ainsworth, gave the customary address of welcome, extended to the guest speaker, Professor Emrys Williams, B.Eng., Ph.D., M.I.E.E., M.Brit.I.R.E., parents and guests. The Head Boy made reference to Professor Williams' academic achievements and to his mountaineering feats. The chairman then called upon the Headmaster to present his annual report on the activities of the School during the previous year. The Headmaster commenced by giving an account of the distinctions gained at the highest academic level—that of Oxbridge. The Headmaster stressed that, although the School was not functioning entirely for the benefit of its more gifted members, entrance to Oxford and Cambridge was nevertheless an important aspect of the School's achievements. In the previous year, the School had succeeded in having twelve boys admitted to either Oxford or Cambridge, and the Institute was one of the three leading grammar schools in the country on its Oxbridge record over the past decade. After referring to the 'A' level and 'O' level results, the Headmaster spoke on the controversial subject of secondary re-organisation in Liverpool. He pointed out that no objections were being raised against the actual principle of comprehensive education in general, but against the implementation of a scheme which had failed to win approval of any of the Liverpool Teachers' Associations. Mr. Smith found some hope in the words of the Minister for Education, Mr. Michael Stewart, which warned against the rash implementation of any scheme of secondary re-organisation which would fail to provide the benefits provided by the supplanted system.

The Choir then sang the aria from Bach's "Sleepers, Wake!" and the Mexican folk song "La Paloma". The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Professor Morton, then addressed the assembly. He, too, touched upon the subject of secondary re-organisation, stating that, as a statistician, he found that in such problems too little attention was paid to the irrefutable statistical information of the experts, whereas the significance of the principle at stake could quite easily be over-stressed.

The Choir then sang the German carol "In Dulci Jubilo" and The Cachucha from "The Gondoliers", after which came the distribution of the prizes by Professor Emrys Williams, who was subsequently called upon to address the assembly. Mr. Williams reminded the audience of the fact that he was an Old Boy of the Institute, and that, like many other fellow Old Boys, he felt that the School had changed little in spirit from the time when he was a boy. If there had been any change, then it could only have been one for the better. Professor Williams quickly gained the sympathy of the School assembly by recalling the occasions when he had been forced to suffer the Old Boys' speeches at the Speech Days which he had attended. Hence, he recited wittily, he realised that little moment would be attributed to his speech, and he would soon fade into oblivion. Professor Williams claimed that he spoke from experience. The speaker then embarked upon a series of very witty anecdotes about his school days, illustrating to the audience that school life had changed very little since he also wore the

green-and-black-ringed cap. Professor Williams concluded his speech by wagering the audience that the Liverpool Institute could still exist in its present form, despite the attempts of the City Council!

The Deputy Director of Education proposed a Vote of Thanks, which was seconded by the Vice-Head Boy, N. A. H. Robertson, and after the School had sung "Ye Mariners of England", yet another Speech Day was brought to a close with the traditional rendering of the School hymn, "Lo, the sound of youthful voices". I.L.

### SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday, 18th December, 1964

#### Bidding Prayer

Hark, the herald angels sing .....	The School
Past Three o'clock .....	The Choir
<b>First Lesson</b> —Micah 5: 2, 3, 4; Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7 .....	E. Griffiths, 1A
Ding dong! merrily on high .....	The Choir
Angels from the realms of glory .....	The School
<b>Second Lesson</b> —St. Luke 2: 1-7 .....	S. C. Cripps, 4Sc.
In dulci jubilo .....	The Choir
O little town of Bethlehem .....	The School
<b>Third Lesson</b> —St. Luke 2: 8-20 .....	The Head Boy, P. F. Ainsworth
Infant Holy .....	The Choir
<b>Fourth Lesson</b> —St. Matthew 2: 1-15 .....	A Master, Mr. D. G. Bentliff
Once in Royal David's City .....	The School
See amid the winter's snow .....	The Choir
<b>Fifth Lesson</b> —St. John 1: 1-14 .....	The Headmaster
<b>Prayer</b>	
O Come all ye faithful .....	The School
<b>Benediction</b>	

D.D.

### THE HOBBY SHOW 1965

It would be no exaggeration to say that this year's Hobby Show, revived after a lapse of four years, proved to be one of the most successful which the School has ever produced. Here, in an exhibition ably reflecting the diverse nature of the School's interests, was ample evidence to support the School's claim to cater for all tastes and all abilities. From the very high standard of the show, the considerable amount of hard work put in by boys and masters alike over the past couple of months was more than obvious.

Special mention should be made of the Historical Society's admirable "History of the School" display, which was the result of over six months' investigation by D. R. Morris (6AMI) into the growth of the School from its birth as a mechanics' institute to its emergence as the Liverpool Institute we know today. Use was made of many old and precious documents as well as an abundance of fascinating statistical information. Morris is to be congratulated on his truly splendid achievement.

In the School Hall during each evening a continuous programme of varied entertainment was provided, the success of which can be gauged from the tremendous applause recorded at the end of each performance. The entertainment took the form of three plays—"Campbell of Kilmohr", by J. A. Ferguson, "The Boatswain's Mate", by W. W. Jacobs, and "The Deluge", a play based on the Chester Pageant. Together with these plays, there was a diversity of musical acts consisting of a First Form Choir, a Jazz Band, four instrumental solos, and a magnificent production of Gilbert and Sullivan's rollicking operetta, "Trial by Jury". I am sure I will be expressing the wishes of everyone when I say that this latter production deserves a special mention.

Some forty-one members of the Choral Society took part in what proved to be the highlight of the whole evening. Mr. J. G. Rogers as the Learned Judge, and Mr. R. W. Clark as the Defendant, both gave very polished and very entertaining performances, while P. F. Ainsworth as the Usher, and D. P. Trump as the winsome bride, gave equally convincing performances. In all, the various performances, not forgetting the superb musical direction and accompaniment of Mr. D. Davies, or the equally excellent production of Mr. H. B. Jones, combined to give a fine and worthy rendering which was appreciated and enjoyed by every member of the audience.

Throughout the rest of the School exhibitions and practical demonstrations were staged by nearly all the other branches of School activity—the Gymnastic Club, the Photographic Society, the Models Society, the Radio Society, the Engineering and Transport Society, the Geographical Society, the Historical Society, the Handicraft Society, the Angling Club, the Scout Troop, the Departments of Art, Biology, Physics and Chemistry.

There is no doubt that the Hobby Show clearly demonstrated the scope and variety of the many enthusiasms pursued by the boys of the School. It is also particularly gratifying that such an exhibition should also demonstrate how the School promotes, not only high academic standards, but also broadly-based interests reflecting the wider implications of a practical, cultural, vocational education.

We list below the prize-winners in the various sections of the Hobby Show.  
T. R. A. KING

### HOBBY SHOW PRIZES

**History of the School:** D. R. Morris.

**Geography:** M. H. Coulshed, P. D. Rimmer, W. N. Parker, D. F. Stevenson, A. M. Childs, W. T. Shaw, P. Newman.

Prize for work of special merit: A. P. Lyne.

**Woodwork:** B. J. Benson, I. D. Headey.

**Engineering Drawing:** E. R. Carr, S. F. Dinn, P. E. Dawson.

**Art: Senior:** J. D. Kerruish, A. R. Martinez, R. R. Varley, H. W. Shaw, A. Johnstone.

**Junior:** P. E. Dawson, D. S. Hort, F. Olchowski.

**Photographic Society: Prints:** M. J. Lloyd, D. Bicket, B. Hunter.

**Slides:** D. S. Honour, W. Kenyon.

**Physics Lectures:** C. I. Coleman, W. Kenyon, M. H. Yardley.

**Chemistry Lectures:** B. J. Benson, D. K. Cotton.

**Chemistry Demonstrations:** D. Bicket, R. J. Holland.

**Engineering and Transport Society:** P. D. Johnstone, N. K. Grant.

**Biology Quiz:** Mrs. Ellwand.

### CHARITY FUND

The Fund Committee has continued to meet regularly since the publication of the last Magazine, and the sums of money donated are shown below.

In response to a suggestion made, a joint meeting of the Committee and the Fund representative from each form in the School was held early in the spring term, at which methods of collection and distribution of the Fund were discussed. A substantial body of opinion considered that the amount of money given to the Florence Institute was out of proportion to the total donations and should be substantially reduced. This recommendation will be implemented next year.

Many of the Form Representatives argued that the above state of affairs was having a detrimental effect on the giving of some senior boys. It is noticeable, however, that in spite of the change in policy referred to above, the giving of the forms above the Fourth year has not yet increased at all. We look to the upper forms to take the lead which is at present being given by the younger boys. In this affluent society, everyone has a personal respon-

sibility to help the social needs of the community: 2d. a week is a very meagre contribution.

1964, December	Children's Hospital	£20
	Florence Institute	£40
	St. Joseph's Home for Motherless Babies, Ibadan, Nigeria	£30
	Guide Dogs for the Blind	£10
1965, April	Florence Institute	£40
	"Feed the Minds" Campaign	£25
	N.S.P.C.C.	£10
	Gordon Smith Institute	£5

D.T.J.

### MACALISTER SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society this year took place on 2nd September, when Mr. A. J. Wallard, an Old Boy now at St. Andrew's University, read a paper on "Horology". In his paper, Mr. Willard described the methods by which man has calculated time during the ages, from the crudest of early devices to the atomic clocks of the future.

At the next meeting, on 6th October, the Society was favoured by a lecture from P. F. Ainsworth on "Aspects of Dutch Painting", in which he expertly outlined the period in which Dutch painting was in its hey-day.

On the 22nd October, we were taken back many centuries by K. W. Sheridan to "Baby'on". In a very informative paper, Sheridan gave the Society some idea of the social set-up of the Babylonians.

The Society welcomed, at its next two meetings, members of the English department who spoke on subjects which, though both concerning English literature, were diametrically opposed. On 3rd November, Mr. D. B. Davies read a paper on "Graham Greene", which provided one of the most interesting meetings this year. A fortnight later, Mr. H. G. B. Toobe spoke on "The Countryside in English Literature", a subject obviously dear to the other members of Staff present. Mr. Toobe held the attention of those present for much longer than the usual time, thanks in no small measure to his sense of humour and aptitude for dialect.

At the first meeting held this term, the Society was addressed by yet another member of the English department, Mr. T. Williams. He, however, in a paper entitled "The Elizabethan Background", explained the beliefs and theories popularly held in the time of Shakespeare.

On the 2nd February, D. A. Watt delivered a paper on "The Isle of Skye", tracing the island's history from its earliest mention in the second century, through Norse invasions and clan rivalry, to the present day.

The final meeting of the term, on 9th March, proved by far the most controversial. After W. T. Shaw had read a paper entitled "Towards an Economically United Europe", outlining reasons why Europe should become a single economic unit and suggesting ways in which this could be implemented, a period of heated debate ensued, so prolonged that finally the Chairman was compelled to intervene and adjourn the meeting.

Thanks are due to the Society's Chairmen, Messrs. D. G. Bentliff, R. T. Jones and T. Williams, for their continued support, encouragement and help.

Although mention has also been made elsewhere, the Society would like to express its own sincere thanks to Messrs. Bentliff and Jones, in appreciation of the energy and time which they have unstintingly given for many years.

A. R. MARTINEZ, D. R. HONOUR

### SIXTH FORMS SCIENCE SOCIETY

"Glass" was the subject of the first lecture this term; it was given by Mr. Swecney of Pilkingtons. With the aid of a film he described many types of glass, the methods of production and their uses.

The second lecture was given by Mr. Towers of I.C.I.; his subject was "The Ups and Downs of Hydrogen Chloride". He described how hydrogen chloride was once a nuisance as a by-product of industry, whilst later, as a result of research, it became a useful starting-point in new developments.

Dr. P. J. Twin came from Liverpool University to speak to the Society on the subject of "Lasers". He described ruby and gas lasers, the way in which they work, and how they have developed from the "one Gillette" model.

Mr. R. E. Goosey, from I.M.I., provided the final lecture of the term. In it he described the production and properties of titanium alloys and their uses in modern industry, where lightness and high tensile strength are required.

Attendances at most of the meetings have been good, but with such a large membership it is a pity more members do not make an effort to attend. New members are always welcome, and it is hoped that many more members of the non-science sixth forms will consider joining.

Three lectures have been arranged for next term, including two by members of the Society. Visits have also been arranged to John Summers Ltd., and to the ever-popular Imperial Metals Industries works at Birmingham.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. W. H. Jones for his valuable assistance and Messrs. Naylor, Schofield and Scott for their help and support during the past term.

B. J. BENSON

### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society has had yet another successful year. Thirteen meetings have been held during the session, and, although the attendance has been rather disappointing, the standard of debating remains high.

For the opening meeting, the motion was "That this House has no confidence in the prefectorial system" (Pro.: T. Wild and P. Lofthouse, Con.: P. F. Ainsworth and N. W. McNaughton). After a lively debate, the motion was lost by twelve votes to nine, with, remarkably, no abstentions.

On September 29th, the motion was "That there will always be an England" (Pro.: I. Leverton and D. A. Watt, Con.: P. K. Cripps and R. N. Parsons). The motion was carried by nine votes to four, with eight abstentions.

On October 13th, the motion "That socialism is out-of-date" (Pro.: P. Lofthouse and T. R. A. King, Con.: M. N. Shaw and T. Wild) produced the expected high feeling. The motion was eventually carried by one vote, ten votes to nine, with five abstentions.

On October 20th, the Society decided to be serious. The motion was "That this House demands the abolition of the motor car" (Pro.: N. W. McNaughton and A. Wild, Con.: D. A. Watt and N. A. H. Robertson). The voting was close; eleven for the motion and twelve against, with one abstention.

On 10th November, the motion was "That this House believes that Remembrance Day should be abolished" (Pro.: P. L. Lofthouse and G. Brunskill, Con.: T. R. A. King and R. W. C. Kelly). The motion was defeated by seven votes to three, with nine abstentions.

The final meeting of the Christmas term was held on December 14th, when, after the traditional "two-minute speeches", the Society held its equally traditional "feast".

On January 19th, the motion was "That this House supports the abolition of the death penalty" (Pro.: D. R. Morris and P. F. Ainsworth, Con.: J. Capek and E. G. Makin). After some heated debating, the motion was declared carried by nine votes to six, with two abstentions.

On January 26th, the motion "That this House has no confidence in Her

Majesty's Government" (Pro.: P. Lofthouse and T. R. A. King, Con.: A. Wild and W. T. Shaw) was defeated by nine votes to eight, with one abstention.

On 9th February, the Society debated the motion "That this House considers one's schooldays to be the happiest days of one's life" (Pro.: N. W. McNaughton and C. G. Sanden, Con.: W. T. Shaw and M. Garland). The voting was seven for the motion and seven against, with five abstentions. The Chairman gave his casting vote for the Opposition.

On February 23rd, the motion was "That this House believes that 'Extremism in the defence of liberty is no vice; moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue'" (Pro.: T. Wild and E. G. Makin, Con.: M. Garland and E. D. Roberts). The debate produced some surprising alliances, and the motion was eventually defeated by twelve votes to seven, with one abstention.

On March 9th, a Staff Debate was held, the motion being "That this House believes that the laws of poetic licence have more to offer our age and generation than have the laws of gravity" (Pro.: Mr. H. G. B. Toobe and P. Lofthouse, Con.: Mr. H. B. Jones and N. W. McNaughton). After much elevated and serious discussion the motion was lost by ten votes to eight, with four abstentions.

On March 23rd, the motion "That this House demands the immediate abolition of money" (Pro.: T. Wild and A. Wild, Con.: D. R. Morris and P. Lofthouse) was defeated by twelve votes to two, with two abstentions.

The final meeting of the session was held on April 5th, when the motion was "That the time has now come" (Pro.: P. Lofthouse and A. Wild, Con.: M. Garland and C. I. Coleman). After a lively debate, the voting was four for the motion and four against. The nine abstentions perhaps had something to do with a wish to embarrass the Chairman by forcing him to use his casting vote at his last meeting, but he, unruffled as ever, unhesitatingly decided for the Opposition. The Society then adjourned to the Masters' Dining Room, where a "banquet" was held in the Chairman's honour, and a presentation made to him as a token of our esteem.

We would like to thank the Vice-Presidents and other members of staff who have supported our activities during the year, and especially Mr. D. G. Bentliff, who has been our Chairman since 1961, and who was our Vice-President for many years before that. He is retiring in July, and therefore relinquishing the Chairmanship; we thank him for all he has done for the Society over the years, and wish him a long and happy retirement.

D. R. MORRIS, T. WILD

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had a most successful year; a considerable number of meetings have been held, and all of them have been well attended.

The first meeting of the year took place on October 16th, just after the General Election, when Mr. Rogers gave a most informative and amusing lecture on "Eighteenth Century Elections".

During November, several meetings were devoted to the Second World War. Mr. Sharp, Mr. Devereux, Mr. Treeby and Mr. Rogers each dealt with a different aspect of the War, and the entire series attracted a great amount of interest.

Three meetings were held in the spring term. At the first of these, two films were shown, one giving an account of the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers, and the other showing life in Georgian England.

On Wednesday, February 24th, Mr. D. Lambert spoke to the Society on "The Character of the Lancashire Clergy, 1540-1640". His talk was most enlightening, and made the religious controversies of the time seem very much more alive and understandable.

On March 10th, Mr. D. J. Pope, an Old Boy of the School who is at present doing research at Liverpool University, delivered a lecture on

"Liverpool in the late Eighteenth Century" to a small but appreciative audience.

At the Hobby Show, the Society had two exhibits, an exhibition showing the history of the School, and a project on Austria-Hungary. Both caused considerable interest.

We would like to express our thanks to our Vice-Presidents, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Sharp, for their continual interest and encouragement, and also to the other members of the staff who have supported our activities throughout the year.

D. R. MORRIS

### GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Society is enjoying an excellent year, with a larger number of members than ever before. The financial situation of the Society is, therefore, pleasing and any surplus funds will be used, as in previous years, to extend the Society's map library.

Mention may be made, in passing, of the Society's excursions towards the end of the last School year. Both the Malham expedition, under Messrs. Edwards and Parker, and the Cwm Irwal excursion, led by Messrs. Boote and Poad, proved valuable and enjoyable to the large number who went on them.

During the autumn, the Society met eight times, each meeting being extremely well attended. A particularly congenial meeting was held on 6th October, when Messrs. D. B. Davies and R. Hunt fascinated the Society with illustrated tales of their North African holiday. The other meetings of the term were occupied with film shows, some proving more instructive than others, but all being of considerable interest. At the end of the autumn term, the Society sustained the loss of one of the secretaries, D. Ward, but prompt action was taken by the Chairman, who appointed S. D. Osborn to take over Ward's duties.

The film shows of the spring term attracted consistently large attendances, audiences of over one hundred boys being common. "Top of a Continent" was, perhaps, the outstanding film, and its description of Canada's North West Territories was all the more helpful because of the prominent position North America occupies in the Geography syllabus. The Society was also privileged to enjoy a lecture from Messrs. Salt and Spencer, two gentlemen engaged in research at Liverpool University.

The secretaries would like to express their gratitude to the many masters who help and encourage the Society's activities, in particular to Mr. W. H. Jones for his kindness in lending the Physics Laboratory, to Mr. C. J. Byrne for recommending the Society to Messrs. Salt and Spencer, and, of course, to the Vice-Presidents, Messrs. F. J. Boote, B. L. Parker and K. Poad. The Society was honoured by the presence of the President, and of the Vice-Principal of the School, at the meeting of October 6th, and the secretaries are gratified by Mr. Goodall's recent interest in the Society. They hope this interest will spread to other non-Geographical members of the staff. Finally, as always, our especial thanks are due to the Chairman, Mr. J. R. Edwards, whose constant help, advice and attention has made the Geographical Society one of the foremost in the School.

S. D. OSBORN, S. PREECE

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The annual excursion took place in July, when a party of boys travelled by coach to Kendal and the southern end of the Lake District. Here we visited Cartmel Priory, a beautiful old building providing ample opportunity for photography. The day was warm and occasionally sunny as we explored the quaint little village of Cartmel. The coach was then boarded again and the

party returned home after a further two stops.

The highlight of this term's meetings was a lecture on "Sail and Camera" given by Mr. A. W. Pyner, of Ilford Ltd., who showed some excellent prints illustrating his twin hobbies of sailing and photographing large and small sailing boats. We are also indebted to Mr. D. S. Moran, who gave an extremely instructive lecture on "Exhibition Prints".

The Hobby Show exhibition was fairly well supported. Our thanks are due to our President, Mr. M. P. Smith, for providing an invitation panel of prints, and for judging both prints and slides. The competition was divided into three sections—general prints and slides, and prints of the summer excursion. In the general print section, prizes were as follows: 1st, M. J. Lloyd; 2nd, D. Bicket; 3rd, B. Hunter. W. Kenyon and P. J. Millican were commended. D. Honour supplied the best two slides and W. Kenyon was third. In the summer excursion section, the winners were: 1st, D. Bicket; 2nd, P. J. Millican; 3rd, B. Hunter.

It was with great regret that the Photographic Society heard that Mr. W. H. Jones intends to retire. He started the Society at the request of the Sixth Form in 1949, and it has thrived ever since under his expert leadership. In previous years, although a very busy man, he has managed to devote an immense amount of time and effort, giving tutorials and looking after all the Society's monetary concerns.

With his going the Society will sustain a great loss.

We all wish him a happy retirement and hope he will have more time for his fascinating hobby.

P. J. MILLICAN

### CHRISTIAN UNION

Throughout the spring term, an interesting series of meetings has been held at lunch-time on Wednesdays.

The main theme of the meetings has been a number of talks by various people on words spoken by Jesus, as recorded in St. John's Gospel.

Early in the term, Mr. Toobe spoke on the subject "I am the Bread of Life".

The following week the film "Mid-Century Martyrs" was shown. This told the story of five young missionaries, murdered by Auca Indians of South America, less than ten years ago.

During February, talks entitled "I am the Light of the World" and "I am the Door", were given by Rev. J. H. Mayoh and Rev. E. Bramhall, respectively.

A Fact and Faith film, "The Quest", was shown, illustrating man's quest down the ages for lasting fame and immortality.

The Rev. J. T. Hamilton spoke on the words "I am the True Vine", and at the last meeting of the term, Mr. Cooper spoke on the importance of Easter and the Passover.

Members of the Society have also taken several of the meetings. Two have led Bible Studies, and one conducted a meeting based on a recorded tape of the Crossbeats, a first-class Gospel group.

Meetings have also been held in conjunction with Blackburne House, on Friday evenings. These are open to members of fifth and sixth forms. Apart from some lively discussions, they have had visits from various members of the Liverpool clergy and a member of the S.C.M. staff, Rev. Nigel Melville.

Finally, thanks go to our Chairman, Mr. Watson, and Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Jack and Mr. Cooper, for their keen interest and enthusiasm in the Society.

G. F. HADFIELD

### CONCERT OF MUSIC

Diversity without amorphism was achieved at the Concert of Music held under the auspices of Liverpool Institute Music Club on March 19th, 1964. The programme was, indeed, varied and ambitious, but its architect, Mr. L. A. Naylor, had shown the sagacity born of ripe experience in contriving a happy and judicious balance of musical style and idiom in the items performed. These concerts are accepted now as a significant and integral branch of musical life in Liverpool, offering the connoisseur a splendid opportunity to explore rare avenues of musical delight.

A Chamber Group of eleven players opened the programme with a well articulated and vivid performance of Bach's Fourth Brandenburg Concerto, in which the accomplished soloists were Miss P. FitzSimons and Messrs. D. Evans and R. J. Temple. The Group evinced both courage and discernment in electing to prepare a work of such scope and complexity. This performance was such as to justify the choice and was invested with a musical understanding which transcended mere technical fluency and dexterity.

Darius Milhaud's suite for two pianos, "Scaramouche", scintillated in the capable hands of Messrs. W. S. Paton and J. R. Parry, who captured the exotic, pulsating rhythms of the music in a performance in which the two pianists dovetailed flawlessly. Mordant, pungent humour contrasted effectively with delicacy and nuance, and the pianists brought both unashamed bravura and fastidious sensitivity to their interpretation.

Handel's Sonata in E major for violin and harpsichord was played by Mr. R. J. Temple, partnered by Mr. Parry. This was an eminently stylish and polished performance in which the composer's intentions were faithfully realised. Mr. Temple is a violinist of immense talent who always seeks diligently to serve the music and shows wisdom beyond his years in never allowing his superb technical prowess to obtrude. He has the modesty of the true artist whose rôle is always that of the servant.

John McCabe has made striking progress both as composer and pianist since we last heard him. His name is becoming known to a wide audience through the concert hall and the B.B.C. His Violin Concerto has been accorded an enthusiastic acclaim after public performances. This evening, the composer played a set of variations for piano which he completed in 1963. This is a work which one would well wish to hear again. In these variations, Mr. McCabe has shown that he is now developing a highly original style and is becoming far less dependent upon his teachers and models. These variations, developing two initial statements, explore a wide tonal range, revealing the composer's concern with the percussive qualities of the instrument. The two musical ideas, enunciated at the outset, interweave kaleidoscopically but, at the same time, pursue a clear-cut linear progression, culminating in a brilliant and powerful climax. Logic keeps pace with imagination.

We were delighted to welcome back to School Mr. R. N. Evans, who, apart from his invaluable support to the Bach "Magnificat", contributed an organ solo—"Choral for Organ in B minor" by the Belgian composer, César Franck. Mr. Evans' warm advocacy of this work and his outstanding merits as an organist did not altogether succeed in glossing over certain "longueurs"—apparent, at least, to the reviewer—in this work.

Madrigals of the sixteenth century, performed by a group of eleven voices under the aegis of Mr. Rowell, provided moments of unalloyed delight and left the listener wondering why such exquisite music is so rarely performed. Each madrigal sung by the group gave evidence of excellent musicianship and a feeling for the idiom which was sensitive, intelligent and always carried conviction. Perhaps, in this case, choice would be invidious, but the present reviewer found "When David heard" by Thomas Tomkins particularly mellifluous and poignant. Mr. Rowell is to be commended for his enthusiasm and inspiration in producing singing of such high calibre.

The major work of the evening's programme was the Magnificat in D

major of Bach. Considerable forces were deployed for this performance—five soloists, a choir of sixty-nine voices and an orchestra of nineteen musicians. Mr. D. Davies showed true dedication in the daunting task of marshalling and training his forces and in attaining a gratifying measure of integration and cohesion. Mr. Davies insisted—very wisely—on a generally brisk pace so that the apparently disparate elements emerged as a close-knit, homogeneous whole. Apart from one or two ragged entries, the choir sang with confidence and understanding, achieving some delicate “pianissimos” and vigorous, telling climaxes.

The soloists—Messrs. J. Cain, W. R. Clark, and S. C. Tuck, R. W. Fluke and P. F. Ainsworth—all acquitted themselves with honour, although there were some occasions when pitch and tempi seemed precarious. It would, of course, be unjust to cavil on minor points of detail when the overall impression was one of sincerity and musical breadth. Mr. Davies has clearly continued the outstanding work of Mr. R. N. Evans in the musical life of the School and merits the highest praise for his successful endeavours.

Diversity without amorphism—in this respect, this concert represents a microcosm of the life of the School. It is most gratifying to see so many boys, Old Boys and members of staff joining forces to present such a diverse face to the musical world. Behind and beyond this diversity is a strong unifying bond—a devotion to music which transcends status and age. To be a part of this band to serve the profoundest of the arts, is a rich and uplifting experience.

A. EVANS

### MUSIC CLUB

The Society began the year with a selection of gramophone recitals, comprising Britten's “Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra”, Dohnanyi's “Variations on a Nursery Song”, Elgar's “Enigma Variations”, and Roselyn Tureck playing extracts from Bach, which was of special interest to those who were going to hear her play at the Philharmonic Hall the following Saturday. The term ended successfully with an organ recital by E. R. Carr, which was unfortunately poorly attended.

At the beginning of this year it was thought suitable to play two records of Sibelius, since this is the centenary of his birth. This spring term we have had a greater proportion of “live” meetings, including a First Form Concert which provided an entertaining and a well-attended meeting.

The Desert Island Disc programmes were continued when Mr. J. E. Sharp was castaway. Another successful meeting placed Mr. F. J. Boote on a nearby island. Our thanks are due to both masters for dealing with this crisis so light-heartedly.

In contrast the next meeting was in the form of a piano recital by Mr. R. Parry, a distinguished Old Boy, whose wide choice of music was greatly appreciated by the audience. Included in his programme were works by Brahms, Poulenc and Hindemith. The last meeting of the term was devoted to a live piano recital given by E. R. Carr, D. Weaver and G. Brunskill.

In the near future, we hope to have a recital by a string quartet, which should attract the large audience which has been lacking in the past.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. L. A. Naylor, Mr. J. G. Rogers, our Treasurer, to all other members of the staff and the School who support us.

J. C. TOWNEND

### ORCHESTRA

It is surprising and to many people unbelievable that in a School of well over 1,000 pupils the Orchestra can only expect a regular attendance of 10 or 11.

The main work being rehearsed is Haydn's “Black” Symphony. Con-

sidering this is scored for a full symphony orchestra, our rather unbalanced ensemble makes a very good attempt at it, and it also supplies valuable experience in orchestral playing for the junior members.

Our thanks go to Mr. Davies and Mr. Naylor for their never-failing support, without which the Orchestra would almost certainly have disappeared. May I take this opportunity to appeal to anyone who can play a musical instrument to join the Orchestra—not only to permit it to make more frequent public performances, but also to provide themselves with such a good opportunity for improvement.

S. C. CRIPPS

### JAZZ CLUB

The “21 Club”, formed about a year ago, does for jazz in Liverpool what recording companies' directors do for beat groups in South Africa; in fact, it is the best thing to happen to jazz since Alan Derrick discovered the lost chord at the Hobbies Show, a minor augmented 13th diminished 5th major 7th (you may read that again), and John Bowden really did get his bass under his chin. The “21 Club” meets on Mondays and Fridays. Looking back over the past two terms, I find that the School Jazz Club meets on Tuesday, except when there is an ‘R’ in the month, in which case it meets on Monday or Thursday, except when it meets on Friday.

Despite the overhanging gloom of C\*M\*P\*R\*H\*NS\*V\* (yes, you do well to swoon aghast before this well-worn page of the magazine) we, in all truth, can say that our School Jazz Club will long continue to decay.

Finally, a few words of sympathy for our new Headmaster: The Zbigniew Namyslovski, Wyloozimierz Gulowski, Tadeusz Wojcik, Czeslaw Bartowski Polish Modern Jazz Quartet intend to revisit Chester next year. They will replace Acker Bilk.

C. DAVISON

### CHORAL SOCIETY

Since the last publication of the Magazine, the Society has undergone one or two significant changes. On July 9th, we held the first Society Tea in the Dining Room, which proved a most successful innovation. The Headmaster was the chief speaker, addressing us on the significance of being a member of one of the School's oldest established societies. He complimented those who had taken part in the combined performance of the Bach Magnificat with Blackburne House in the Philharmonic Hall. Mr. Davies, our conductor, gave a report for the year, and emphasised the progress achieved by the Choral Society.

In September work was concentrated on the forthcoming Speech Day and the Christmas Concert. At the former occasion, the whole Choir sang the Aria from Bach's “Sleepers, Wake!” and the Cachucha from “The Gondoliers”, whilst the trebles and altos sang “La Paloma”, a Mexican folk-song. A smaller Choir, trained and conducted by P. A. Wood, gave a rendering of “In Dulci Jubilo”.

Two days later the climax of the term was reached in the Programme of Music for Christmas. The first half was devoted mainly to carols. Also included were two organ solos by E. R. Carr, and solo extracts from various operas. Perhaps the highlight of this part was provided by Mr. R. W. Clark, Mr. J. G. Rogers and P. F. Ainsworth, who sang a Trio from “The Mikado”. The second half consisted entirely of the Mass in G by Weber, and the hard work which had been put into it was made worthwhile by the appreciation of the large audience.

The spring term saw another change, for it was devoted to preparing Gilbert and Sullivan's “Trial by Jury”. The performance formed part of the contribution to the Hobby Show, which proved an exciting and successful venture. The principals, Mr. J. G. Rogers, the Judge; Mr. R. W. Clark, the

Defendant; D.P. Trump, the Plaintiff; P.F. Ainsworth, the Usher, and S. D. Osborn, the Counsel, are of special note.

Unfortunately, the Choral Society's members were too numerous for them all to be included in "Trial by Jury", but it is hoped to accommodate them all in a performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard" next March.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. D. Davies for devoting so much of his spare time to this worthy cause—also to P.A. Wood, our assistant choirmaster, and M. C. Townend and J. M. Aked, our efficient and hard-working librarians.

J. C. TOWNEND

The thanks of the Choral Society must also go to two of our members who are leaving School this term—P. A. Wood and J. C. Townend. They have both been closely associated with the Society since they came to the Institute seven years ago, and have worked unsparingly as Assistant Choirmaster and Secretary, respectively. Our best wishes go with them as they leave to pursue further their studies at Cardiff and London.

D.D.

### CHESS CLUB

This year, with the arrival of Mr. C. J. Byrne, an Old Boy of the School and an experienced chess player, the Chess Club has come under dual command, Mr. Jack taking charge of the older teams and Mr. Byrne undertaking the training and the running of the Chess Club and its tournaments.

The loss of many of our older boys seriously weakened our first team and, although we won the Wright Challenge Shield to retain the trophy, we failed to gain our usual place in the semi-final of the Sunday Times national competition, losing on handicap to Bolton School in the zonal final. The Under-15 team, however, won the Liverpool Senior Championship.

Individual successes were as numerous as in previous years: G. M. Hughes won the Liverpool Senior Championship to keep the trophy in Institute hands for the third successive year. D. N. Millican, P. W. Blundell and R. J. Holland reached the semi-finals of the Under-13, Under-15 and Open Championships, respectively. There were also numerous other quarter-finalists.

This summer, a strong party of boys, under Mr. Byrne's leadership, is going to Hastings for the British Chess Congress, hoping to maintain previous successes in this competition.

R. J. HOLLAND

### SEA SCOUTS

At the end of last year, with great regret, we had to say goodbye to Mr. Nicholson, who took up a teaching appointment at another school. However, a very able replacement was found in Mr. Scholes, who has been associated with the Sea Scouts for a number of years.

Last summer, a short camp was held at Grange-over-Sands in the Lake District. Activities included a midnight hike and a demonstration of how to obtain ten feet high flames from a primus stove, given by an eminent member of the sixth form.

At the end of last term several new recruits joined the Sea Scouts, and new members are always welcome.

A field-day was held in Burton Woods, where much useful Scouting work was done.

An enjoyable Easter camp was held at Llanarmon, Dyffryn Ceiriog, in the Berwyn Range, North Wales.

Soon we hope to purchase a 30-ft. cutter in which we will be sailing this summer at White Man's Dam, where we should be holding meetings each Friday night.

G. O. PRINCE, G. S. THOMAS

### ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT SOCIETY

During the past twelve months the Society has pursued its activities with vigour. Numerous films, kindly loaned by the British Transport Commission, have been shown to enthusiastic audiences. In July, the second annual excursion took place, when the Tallylyn Railway was visited. The inclement weather did little to dampen our spirits and the excursion proved very enjoyable.

In the summer holidays a party of eight, blessed by the very best of a British summer, youth hostelled in North Wales. Some of the more notable achievements included climbing all the peaks above three thousand feet and storming Harlech Castle at night. On one occasion, a large party visited the shipyards of Cammell Laird and Sons, in Birkenhead, and at other times members of the School have been exhibiting their "mountaineering" prowess in little-known parts of Wales and Derbyshire. In spite of the intense cold in winter, and the leader's inability to read the map correctly throughout the year, these walks still prove to be one of the most enjoyable of the Society's activities.

Last term the Hobbies Show was held and films made by J. K. Thomas (M6B) of the summer excursion, and a film panorama of Liverpool Transport, were a great attraction. A competition was organised, the winners of which were G. R. Shepherd, 1A, P. D. Johnstone, 2B, and N. K. Grant, 2Sc., who maintained a standard at least as high as that set previously. It is, however, a pity that there was little support above the second forms.

Talks by members of the Society and from outsiders have been few, but a British Rail official came to talk to us about the electrification of the London to Liverpool line, and the problems encountered in so doing. Mr. D. H. Mawdsley has also given talks.

Once again, we are indebted to Mr. D. Davies for giving up so much of his time to come on visits and walks. We are grateful also to Mr. B. H. Dobson for the interest he has shown.

I. M. PARKINSON, J. C. TOWNEND

### PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The present School year has seen a large increase in the membership of the Society, as a result of which there has been a great emphasis on member-participation at the meetings. During the autumn term, four talks were given by members, on subjects ranging from the early issues of Egypt to the best philatelic products on the market. During the October half-term holiday, a party of senior members paid a visit to the G.P.O. Sorting Office in Victoria Street, Liverpool. It is hoped that another visit will be paid to the Sorting Office in the near future by some younger members of the Society.

A competition was held at the beginning of the Easter term, in which junior members spoke on any aspect of the hobby to a meeting of the Society. All the talks given were of a very high standard, in particular that given by P. Rimmer. The highlight of the Easter term was a very interesting and informative talk given by the well-known philatelic lecturer, Mr. F. Hillard. The subject of the talk was "The Elements of Stamp Specialisation".

Finally, the Society wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Bowen for his support and encouragement.

D. CASEY

### ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

The Society now has a number of telescopes at its disposal, although it still cannot house one of its own. Lectures have been regular fortnightly features and have been well attended, particularly by the junior members. The Society has a number of films and these will be shown at later dates. It is

hoped that more films will be either hired or purchased in the future.

Attempts have been made to form sections for photography and radio physics but, unfortunately, have had little support from members, although some are at present attempting to construct a radio-telescope. Help from the Radio Society would be appreciated here. Attempts to photograph the December lunar eclipse were made but, unfortunately, these proved abortive. Later attempts at celestial photography have been fairly successful.

On the observing side, much work has been done in the field of selenography and I. Stewart has carried out a detailed observing programme concerned with the Orion Nebula. Collective observation periods during the winter were few, owing to bad weather.

Suggestions have been made that we should become affiliated to either the Liverpool Astronomical Society or the British Astronomical Association, and these are well worth consideration in the forthcoming session.

Once again, our thanks are due to Mr. J. R. Edwards for his help and support.

W. J. LEATHERBARROW

### RADIO SOCIETY

The Radio Society continues to meet at 1.10 p.m. in the Physics Laboratory every Thursday. The main event in the term was the Hobby Show, in which the Radio Society obtained contacts in and around Liverpool as well as a few further afield—Abergele, Dublin and Blackpool. In addition, there were a large number of static exhibits ranging from a beginner's crystal set to a 10-valve transmitter.

The three members who entered for the Radio Amateur's Examination last May were all successful, and two have since passed the Post Office Morse test and obtained transmitting licences. It is hoped to enter four more members for the R.A.E. this year.

Mullard Ltd. have recently made a number of additions to their excellent series of films, and these will be shown later this year.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. E. J. Byrne for his technical advice and assistance, and Mr. Bradley for his clerical work.

S. C. CRIPPS

### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This term the Society has had a very active time preparing its display of live exhibits for the School's Hobby Show. Several visits have taken place to Freshfield to observe and collect material. During one of these visits, members were very lucky to see crowds of red squirrels, some of which came within hand-feeding distance of the party. On another visit to Freshfield, numerous frogs and toads were seen, and six specimens of the common newt were brought to School for exhibition at the Hobby Show.

At the Hobby Show itself, the exhibits ranged from frogs and toads to guinea-pigs and a hamster.

Some members of the Society took part in an inter-schools quiz, and one of our teams finished second after a very close competition.

During dinner-hours, several films and film-strips have been shown, and the Society has a full programme planned for next term.

We gratefully extend our thanks to Messrs. Wilson and Walker for their indispensable guidance.

I. D. MURRAY

### MODELS SOCIETY

The Society continues to flourish, and this term has seen the culmination of the Society's activities over the past two years.

The Hobby Show display was a great success and we wish to thank all those who helped to make it so.

During the autumn half-term, a party of boys visited the Vauxhall Motors works at Ellesmere Port. At this factory we were shown the production lines of the new "Viva", but, unfortunately, we were not offered any free samples.

Just before Christmas, a party visited the De Havilland factory at Broughton, near Chester.

During the same week, a small party spent an interesting day at the Manchester Model Railway Society's Exhibition, in Manchester.

At the beginning of the spring term, two lunch-time lectures were given by A. L. Jessop of 4Sc and by R. A. P. Thompson of 6BScI. It is hoped that these very successful lectures will encourage other boys to follow their example.

By popular demand, Mr. C. W. F. Smith, of the Merseyside Model Railway Society, returned to show some more of his excellent slides.

Work on the Hornby-Dublo three-rail and scale two-rail layouts progressed rapidly in preparation for the Hobby Show, and a narrow-gauge layout mysteriously appeared on the Friday morning.

A racing car circuit appeared like a Phoenix from the remains of the old track, and this was one of the greatest attractions at the Hobby Show.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Wilson for his continued support of the Society, and for the loan of his layout during the Hobby Show.

C. R. TIGWELL

### MOTORING SOCIETY

The activities of this Society have consisted mainly of library meetings in Room 36, on Thursdays, at which members may borrow from a wide selection of motoring and motor-cycling magazines. There have also been a number of films shown, the subject-matter of which has varied from the veteran and vintage vehicles in the Montagu Motor Museum to present-day rallying in Canada, and from motor-racing around the time of the First World War to modern Formula One racing—the 1964 British Grand Prix. There were also films explaining how the motor-car works and techniques of skid-control.

In addition, there was an excursion to the Ford Motor Factory at Halewood, on April 9th.

Although the membership has increased, we consider that if more boys took an active interest we would be able to expand our activities further.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Poad for his invaluable help to the Society.

D. J. MILLER, P. D. ROGERS

### JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Junior Archaeological Society meets on alternate Thursdays in Room 19, when lectures are given by members. In recent weeks, a Knockout Quiz has been organised, which has proved quite popular among members.

G. A. GANNICLIFFE

### JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This Society, which was formed two years ago, has a membership of over fifty boys. A large proportion of these come from the First Forms, although membership is open to all boys in the Firsts, Seconds, Thirds and Fourth.

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 1.20 p.m. in Room 11. The Society's Library is open on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in Room 11. The Society's acti-

vities this term have included three film-shows, a quiz, and a very interesting lecture by Harris of 2A, entitled "The Causes of the American Civil War".

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Treeby and Mr. Sharp, without whose assistance it would not be possible to hold meetings of the Society.

D. G. UPTON

### JUNIOR LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society's first prize-winner was G. D. Prince. The members, from the results of debates, felt that Britain is in decline and that ignorance is bliss. Blood sports were debated and convincingly defeated, as was the motion that the United States is a good thing.

A "first impressions" game was held last autumn and proved to be a great success. Other literary aspects of the Society were furnished in a quiz and a short stories competition.

On the humorous side, members debated whether fish and chips are the curse of the British, and if Liverpool is the capital of Wales.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Messrs. Clark, Treeby and Toobe, and the members of the committee, without whose co-operation the Society could not have flourished as it has.

C. L. WEBSTER

### ANGLING CLUB

It has been stated that more British people are keen anglers than regularly go to football matches. This large but seldom heard-of branch of sport is at last represented in the School by the newly-formed Angling Club.

The Club meets in Room 28 at 1.20 p.m. on Fridays, and is intended to help its members, no matter how inexperienced, gain the maximum enjoyment from their hobby. A committee, which includes representatives from each year in the School, has been elected to determine the Club's activities. A library of angling periodicals is being built up, and it is hoped that talks, demonstrations, films and excursions will become regular features.

One of the highlights of the term has been a fascinating talk, illustrated with colour slides, given by Mr. Welton of the Liverpool Collegiate Angling Club, about his experiences of sea-fishing in Ireland.

On account of the recent bad weather we have had only one excursion so far, when a party of ten boys gave a stirring display of dogged endurance on the snowy banks of the Bridgewater Canal, on the day preceding the coldest night in March this century. Despite the fearful conditions and numerous "ones that got away", three fish were actually landed, and better things are hoped for next time.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. C. J. Byrne for his help, and for all that he went through on our first excursion!

I. M. RUSSELL

### FILM SOCIETY

Since September the Society has shown a wide variety of films, catering for all tastes. Four films were shown in the autumn term—*Dr. Strangelove*, *3.10 to Yuma*, *A Taste of Fear* and *Village of the Damned*. Of these, *Dr. Strangelove* was undoubtedly the best and it was unfortunate that the film was spoiled by an accident. *3.10 to Yuma* came as a western of high repute and was well received by the members. Little can be said of the other two films, except that the members seemed to derive a great deal of pleasure from them, and the takings brought a smile to the face of the treasurer.

The spring term produced a better batch of films, although it started rather weakly with *Bell, Book and Candle*, a feeble story of modern witchcraft. After this near disaster the Society moved from strength to strength.

The next presentation was *The Manchurian Candidate*, a spy-thriller which seemed feasible. Laurence Harvey gave a competent performance, while Frank Sinatra surprised many people by showing that he was capable of acting.

*Never On Sunday* was much awaited by Society members and they seemed to be disappointed by the content of the film. One is made to wonder about the intelligence of the censors, when they gave an 'X' certificate to a film such as this.

After the lighter vein of *Never On Sunday*, the next film, *On the Beach*, gave a frightening account of nuclear war. In the film there has been a nuclear war and the world is virtually at an end and the futility of life was shown as the remaining people tried to live natural lives. If it did nothing else, the film made the audience think and possibly realise the futility of our present world state.

The Society ended the year on a high note with Bergman's comedy, *The Devil's Eye*. With a lesser director than Bergman the film could quite easily have slipped into the category of farce, but his ability was apparent and the film gave a great deal of pleasure to the audience. Bergman had been acknowledged as Europe's best director and the critics were rather wary when he turned his attention to comedy, but *The Devil's Eye* proved to be one of the best comedies that have been produced in recent years.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Gavin for his help and guidance throughout the year and to Messrs. Hunt, Young and Parker for their support at various meetings.

G. A. JONES, J. G. JONES

### 19th CITY SCOUT TROOP

This year, the Scout Troop suffered a severe blow with the loss of Mr. Evans, whose genial enthusiasm and skill have for many years been a great asset to us, both at our weekly meetings and at camp. His departure left the Troop with no immediate successor as Scoutmaster, and it seemed likely that there would be no Scout Troop this year. However, it was decided that for the first few meetings the Troop should be run by senior officers until a successor was found. It was a great relief to learn that Mr. H. B. Jones was to become the Master-in-Charge of the Scout Troop and his typical Welsh wit and drive were an immediate success with the Troop.

From this very shaky start the Scout Troop has continued to meet regularly on Friday evenings. Our numbers have increased this year with a group of promising recruits, although more new faces would be welcome. Attendances at weekly meetings have generally been good, despite opposition from other societies.

This spring term a five-a-side football competition was arranged with another Scout Troop, the 25th Allerton. The two matches were held in our gymnasium and both our Senior and Under-15 teams were successful, the scores being 6-5 and 8-4, respectively. It is hoped that more meetings will be arranged between the two Troops in the future.

The main event of the year was the School Hobby Show, and, as usual, the Scout Room was filled with a wide variety of both Scout and original exhibits, including a seven-man tent, a two-man hiking tent complete with sleeping bags, and rock-climbing equipment, models and some home-made campsite equipment, which were meant to show the various types of lashings. As usual, a cloakroom was successfully organised and run by members of the Troop.

It is proposed that this year's summer camp will be held in the Lake District, but as yet the arrangements have still to be confirmed.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Jones and Scholes for their interest and encouragement throughout this year, and also to Mr. Smith for his continued patience in supervising the Troop's financial affairs.

S. J. SPAIN

## SPORTS DAY, 1964

At last year's Sports Day, which was held at Merscy Road on Saturday 4th July, the results were as follows:

**100 yards**

- U-12: 1. B.K.Allmann (A); 2. M.D.Sutcliffe(H); 3. I.D.McAllister(H); 12.6 secs. (equal record).  
 U-13: 1. G.J.W.Heron(O); 2. J.S.Wardle(H); 3. A.J.Jones(C): 12.3 secs.  
 U-14: 1. C.J.Smith(A); 2. F.J.Ellison(C); 3. G.O.Prince(L): 11.6 secs.  
 U-15: 1. R.Smith(T); 2. B.J.Lloyd(A); 3. J.P.Groom(O); 4. R.D.Edwards(O): 11.4 secs.  
 Open: 1. A.M.Peters(C); 2. S.Jacks(D); 3. P.W.Rees(A); 4. F.W.Grove(O); 5. L.E.Kay(C): 10.4 secs.

**220 yards**

- U-12: 1. B.K.Allman(A); 2. P.Dolman(H); 3. D.Jones(H); 4. M.Harris(A); 5. R.Park(T): 30.3 secs.  
 U-13: 1. J.I.Neill(O); 2. J.S.Wardle(H); 3. G.J.W.Heron(O); 4. F.S.Bolton(T); 5. S.Cameron(O); 6. D.A.Cook(O): 28.7 secs.  
 U-14: 1. C.J.Smith(A); 2. F.J.Ellison(C); 3. G.O.Prince(L); 4. P.M.Oldfield(C); 5. R.Williams(H); 6. G.E.Birch(P): 27.5 secs.  
 U-15: 1. B.J.Lloyd(A); 2. J.P.Groom(O); 3. S.G.Gaston(H); 4. R.D.Edwards(O); 5. M.Gaston(L): 26.7 secs.  
 Open: 1. A.M.Peters(C); 2. S.Jacks(D); 3. F.W.Grove(O); 4. M.J.Lloyd(D): 24.1 secs.

**440 yards**

- U-13: 1. J.S.Wardle(H); 2. J.I.Neill(O); 3. A.Jones(C); 4. R.Jackson(D); 5. M.J.Howard(A): 64.9 secs.  
 U-14: 1. F.J.Ellison(C); 2. P.M.Oldfield(C); 3. R.Pickthall(T); 4. R.J.Limmack(H); 5. K.Spain(C); 6. Scattergood(H): 59.7 secs. (record)  
 Open: 1. A.J.Wallard(D); 2. T.D.Hughes(H); 3. D.Hughes(A); 4. J.C.Townend(T); 5. D.C.Townend(A); 6. G.J.Taylor(P): 55.4 secs.

**880 yards**

- U-15: 1. J.K.Thomas(H); 2. D.D.Smith(P); 3. A.E.Forrest(H); 4. R.J.Limmack(H); 5. A.M.Childs(T); 6. L.Law(T): 2 mins. 13.3 secs.  
 Open: 1. A.J.Wallard(D); 2. P.W.Rowlandson(A); 3. D.Hughes(A): 2 mins. 8 secs.

**Mile**

- Open: 1. L.E.Edwards(C); 2. N.J.Bainbridge(P); 3. P.W.Rowlandson(A); 4. D.C.Townend(A); 5. S.P.Ireland(C): 5 mins. 1.3 secs.

**Three Miles**

- U-15: 1. D.D.Smith(P); 2. P.G.Facey(C): 17 mins. 31 secs.  
 Open: 1. L.E.Edwards(C); 2. P.W.Rowlandson(A); 3. N.J.Bainbridge(P); 4. S.P.Ireland(C): 17 mins. 55 secs.

**Putting-the-Shot**

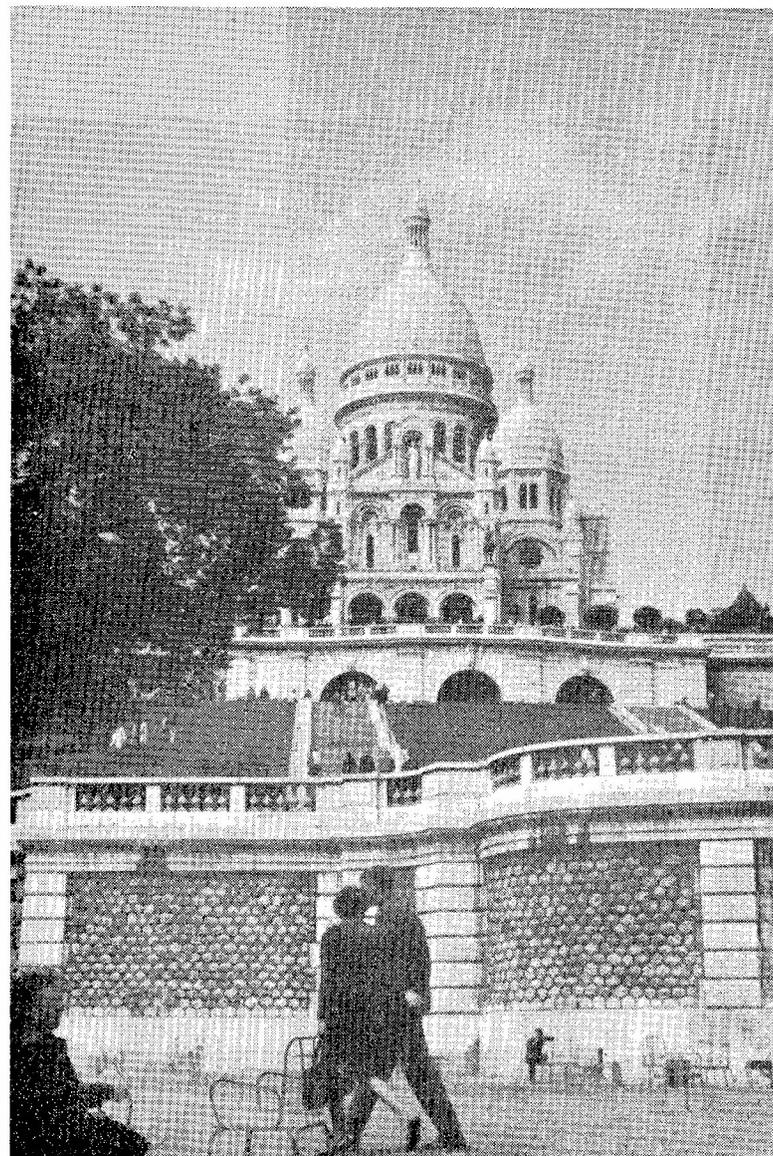
- U-13: 1. A.S.Browne(T); 2. P.G.Stokes(C); 3. G.P.Read(L); 4. I.G.Banks(O); 5. W.R.Smith(D); 6. R.Baines(C): 29 ft. 3 ins.  
 U-15: 1. M.T.Tickle(A); 2. R.A.Humphreys(T); 3. N.D.Jardine(L); 4. K.R.G.Mealor(H); 5. M.P.Walsh(H); 6. A.G.Humphreys(A): 32 ft. 4 ins.  
 Open: 1. W.T.Shaw(H); 2. J.Capek(P); 3. D.A.Watt(A): 31 ft. 4 ins.

**Long Jump**

- U-13: 1. S.Cameron(O); 2. J.I.Neill(O); 3. B.R.Linden(P); 4. F.S.Bolton(T): 14 ft. 18.5 ins.(?)  
 U-15: 1. R.Smith(T); 2. B.J.Lloyd(A); 3. M.J.Gaston(L): 17 ft. 5 ins.  
 Open: 1. A.M.Peters(C); 2. P.W.Rees(A); 3. D.Hughes(A); 4. A.J.Wallard(D): 20 ft. 10 ins. (record).

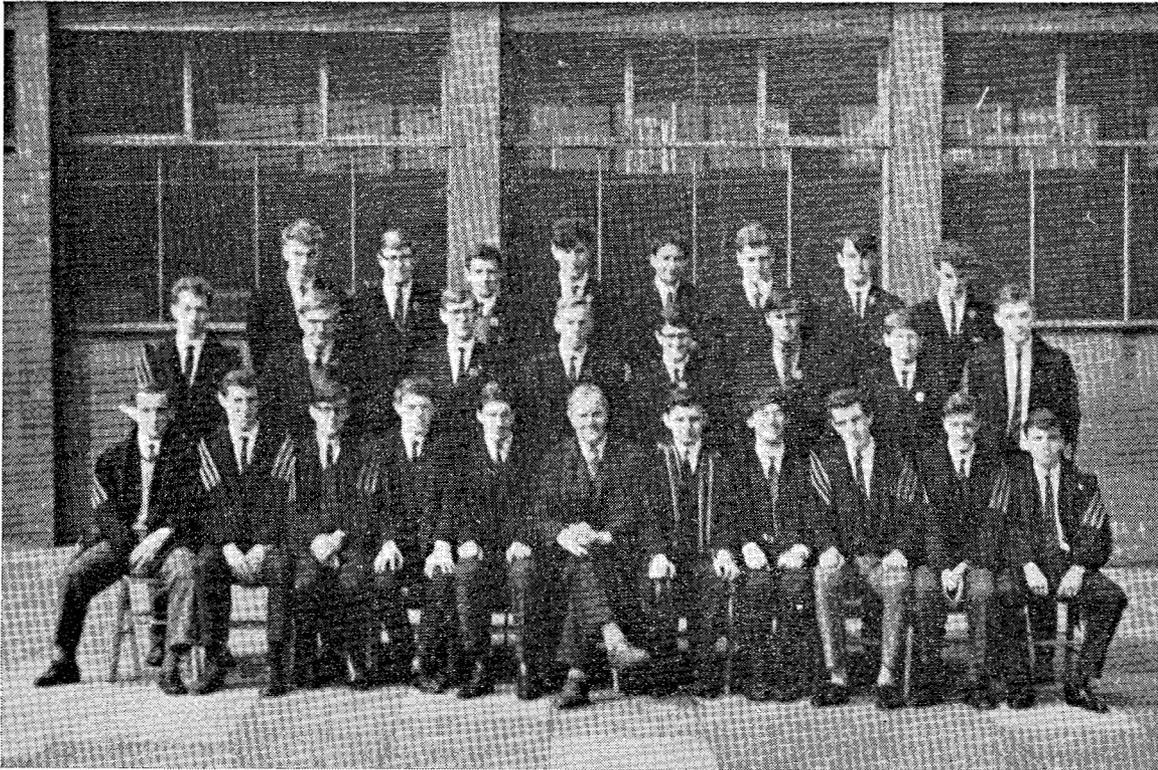
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- U-15: 1. A.E.Forrest(H); 2. N.V.Seddon(A); 3. A.M.Childs(T): 31 ft. 4 ins.

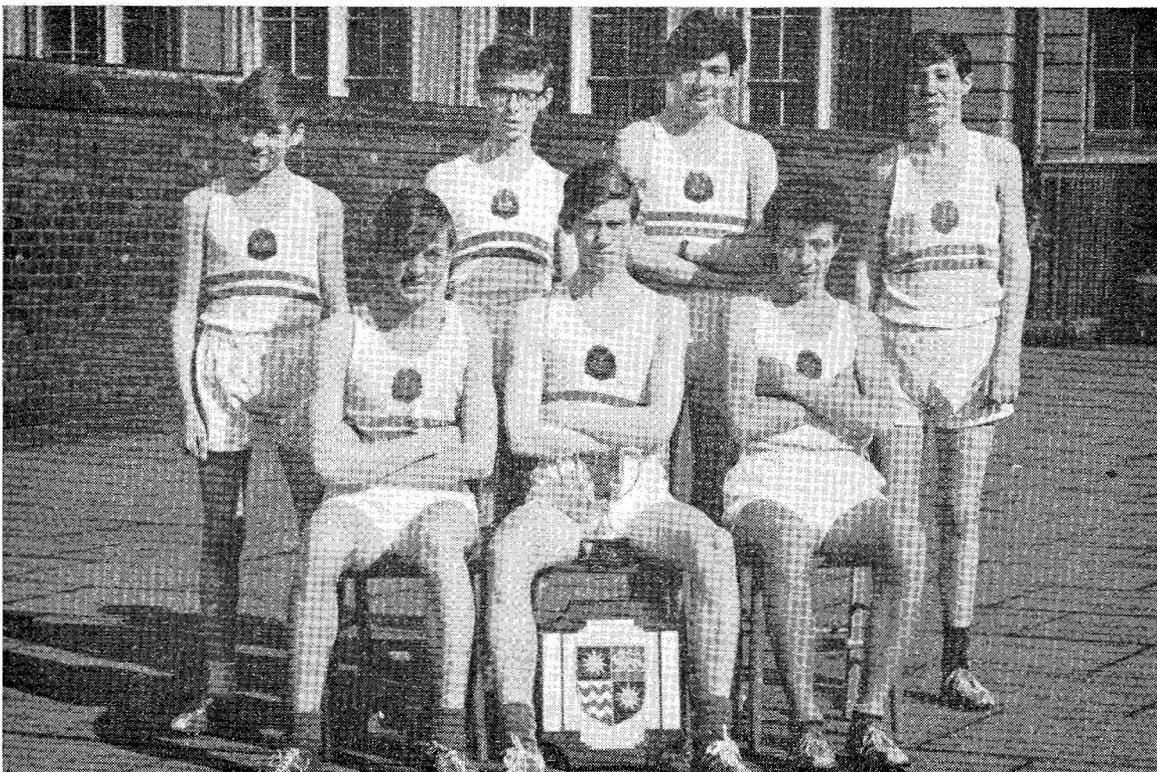


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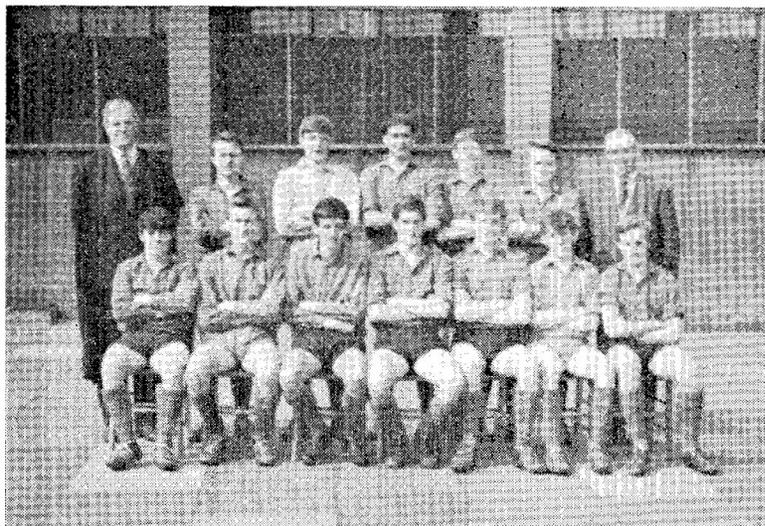
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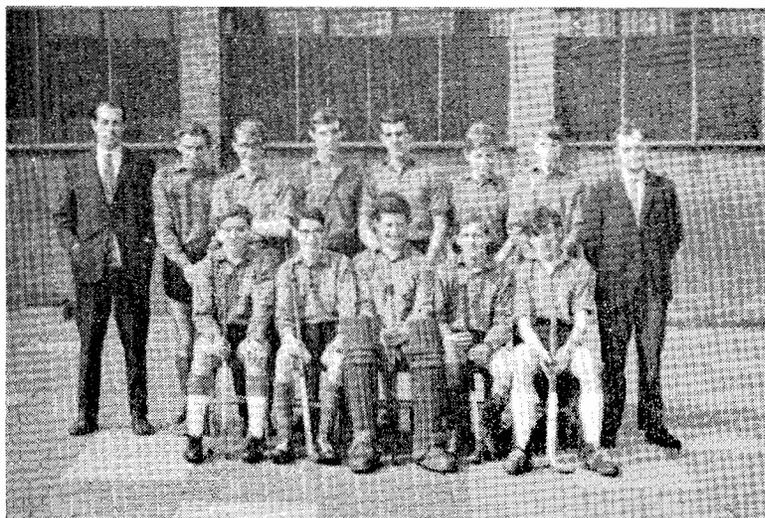
SCHOOL PREFECTS — 1964-65



UNDER-16 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM Winners of the Northern Schools Championship



1st FOOTBALL XI — 1964-65



1st HOCKEY XI — 1964-65

Open: 1. A.M.Peters(C); 2. D.G.Rock(C); 3. P.W.Rees(A); 4. F.W.Grove(O): 39 ft. 11 ins.

#### High Jump

U-13: 1. R.Jackson(D); 2. M.J.Howard(A); 3. I.Fairclough(P): 4 ft. 5 ins.

U-14: 1. C.J.Smith(A); 2. G.O.Prince(L); 3. R.Glynn(P); 4. B.Ruddle(L): 4 ft. 5 ins.

Open: 1. D.G.Rock(C); 2. F.W.Grove(O); 3. I.L.Burt(D); 4. R.A.Rotherham(A); 5. G.H.Beastall(L): 5 ft. 3 ins.

#### Throwing the Javelin

U-13: 1. D.J.Woodward(P); 2. A.S.Browne(T); 3. D.Ebden(C); 4. S.I.Filson(D); 5. I.G.Banks(O); 6. J.S.Wardle(H): 62 ft. 10 ins.

U-14: 1. P.Howard(C); 2. M.Curtiss(L); 3. G.W.Fishwick(H): 70 ft. 2 ins.

U-15: 1. M.T.Tickle(A); 2. A.M.Halliburton(P): 93 ft.

Open: 1. W.T.Shaw(H); 2. A.R.Martinez(A): 120 ft. 4 ins.

#### Throwing the Discus

U-13: M.J.McCormick(P); 2. D.Ebden(C); 3. S.Taylor(D); 4. P.Spencer(L); 5. J.Elliott(T): 57 ft. 2 ins.

U-15: 1. A.M.Halliburton(P); 2. M.J.Mills(C); 3. W.F.Burdett(T): 86 ft.

Open: 1. A.R.Martinez(A); 2. D.A.Watt(A): 83 ft. 1 ins.

#### Throwing the Cricket Ball

U-13: 1. S.Cameron(O); 2. G.A.Jennings(L); 3. M.Harris(A); 4. S.R.Burton(H); 5. D.J.Bruce(H): 177 ft. 5 ins.

#### Relay

U-13: 1. Owen; 2. Hughes; 3. Alfred; 4. Tate; 5. Danson; 6. Philip: 59.4 secs.

U-15: 1. Alfred; 2. Tate; 3. Danson; 4. Lawrence: 54.3 secs.

Open: 1. Alfred; 2. Danson; 3. Hughes; 4. Lawrence: 49.5 secs.

#### House Championship

##### Junior

1. Owen, 85 pts.; 2. Hughes, 65 pts.; 3. Alfred, 44 pts.

##### Middle

1. Alfred, 9 pts.; 2. Hughes and Tate, 67 pts.; 4. Cochran, 66 pts.

##### Open

1. Alfred, 79 pts.; 2. Cochran, 67 pts.; 3. Danson, 50 pts.

##### Combined

1. Alfred, 213 pts.; 2. Hughes, 165 pts.; 3. Cochran, 162 pts.

#### Individual Championships

##### Junior

1. J.S.Wardle(H), 17 pts.; 2. J.I.Neill(O), 16 pts.

##### Middle

1. B.J.Lloyd(A), 16 pts.; 2. A.E.Forrest(H), 15 pts.

##### Open

1. A.M.Peters(C), 24 pts.; 2. F.W.Grove(O) and A.J.Wallard(D), 15 pts.

##### Field Events

A.M.Peters(C) and W.T.Shaw(H), 12 pts.

##### 100 yards

A.M.Peters(C).

J.L.S.M.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

At the start of the season it was expected that the team would meet with a certain amount of success, but it was not until well into the latter part of the season that any continued success was attained. It was unfortunate that, during this last stretch, we were often unable to play the best combination owing to unavailability or injuries.

It became apparent as the season progressed that, with more effort, the team could have met with the success it deserved—this was borne out by the number of games lost by the odd goal and the number of times the opposition snatched a draw or victory after being goals down.

The season started with a victory over a strong Radcliffe's XI, and in the first school fixture the team was unlucky to lose to Hillfoot Hey, even with ten men. The first Staff match was more even than is usual on these occasions (1-1), hence showing the initial weakness of the school side. The next three matches resulted in defeat, the first to eventual Senior Shield winners Holt (2-1), the second was the first of a series of exasperating matches against King's School, Chester. The last was against a weak Bolton side who, nevertheless, obtained a substantial victory, partly due to bad goalkeeping.

The School's first victory against Quarry hinted at a revival, but two defeats followed, against S.F.X. and Waterloo, the latter after leading most of the game and being on top. Two of the highlights of the season were our games against the strong Manchester G.S. side: the first at Manchester was a 2-2 draw, and goalkeeping errors again lost us the match. The second was lost by the only goal after attractive football by both sides.

This good run continued with a 4-0 victory over Bluecoat and two draws against Bootle G.S. and Collegiate.

Over the Christmas/New Year period things took a turn for the worse, with losses against Chester, Alsop, Holt and Quarry. This dispiriting run led up to a home tie in the Merseyside Senior Shield against Chester, but the School put up a great show and the visitors were lucky to earn a replay which was lost 3-1. The School completed the double over Bluecoat with a 3-0 win, and the following week won an exciting football-cum-basketball match 4-3. The remaining School fixtures were against Collegiate, Ramblers, De La Salle and Alsop, which were lost, drawn, lost, won, respectively.

In the second Staff match, the School won a hard-fought game 5-1, which either showed a School improvement or Staff deterioration. The last match of the season was a friendly against Breckfield A.F.C.—a 7-2 victory.

Out of the twenty-seven matches played, seven were won and six drawn. The goal average, fifty-three for and fifty-eight against, is quite commendable.

All other teams have had an average season. It requires a great deal of masters' time to maintain six or seven games each Saturday, and we would like to thank all those who have made this possible.

### HOCKEY

The hockey teams have not had a very successful season but they do hold promise for future success. The chief problem has been the lack of teamwork caused principally by the fact that continual changes had to be made in the teams. In fact, only once or twice did the 1st XI field the same team in succession. This was because the team suffered an unusual number of injuries which put some of the best players out of the game for a number of weeks. Also, some of the players left School in the middle of the year, thus weakening the 2nd XI.

The 1st XI lost the first match of the season to the Collegiate School, 4-0, but then it had a run of five matches without defeat, which included two easy 3-0 victories over Southport H.C. and Prescott G.S., the defeat of Blackpool G.S., and draws with West Derby H.C. and Bolton School. Then the team met the Collegiate again and lost 2-0. Out of the next six matches five were lost against strong teams such as Pilkington H.C., but the gloom was relieved by a splendid 4-0 victory over Prescott G.S.

The second half of the season was rather disappointing, especially at the start, when bad weather caused the cancellation of a number of matches and thus the team, when it played, was out of practice. In the first match after the Christmas break the team was unlucky to lose an exciting match against West Derby H.C., 2-1. Following this came three further defeats by Arnold School, Collegiate School and Edge Hill T.C. Sefton H.C. was then defeated 3-2 and this victory was followed by a tense struggle with Hightown H.C. who eventually turned out victors, 1-0. The team came

very close to victory against Bromborough Old Boys, finally drawing the match, 2-2. Two defeats followed, one against Calday Grange G.S., and the other against an extremely strong Old Boys side from Sefton H.C. The final match was against Blackpool G.S. and resulted in an unspectacular goalless draw.

The 1st XI, however, reserved its best performances for the two Staff matches, both of which were exciting tussles. In the first one the School won 1-0, while the second match resulted in a draw, the Staff equalising a few minutes from the end.

The 2nd XI had a slightly more successful season than last. Notable matches were victories against Bolton School and Prescott G.S., two victories and two draws against the Collegiate School, and a draw with Bromborough School.

The Colts XI had quite a successful season, beating the Collegiate School twice and being unlucky to lose the return fixture with a strong Calday Grange side, 2-1. This promises well for the future, as many of the players were only third-formers.

Any boys from any age-group wishing to take up hockey next season will be very welcome, and practices will be held at the end of the summer holidays and during the autumn term.

All players would like to thank Messrs. Treeby, Sharp, Gavin and H. B. Jones for their organisation and umpiring of our matches.

P. J. WATERSTON

### CRICKET

Last season, the School teams did not enjoy very much success, mainly because of the lack of experienced players, especially in the senior teams. The season started encouragingly with a sound win for the 1st XI over Liverpool Collegiate in the first round of the Merseyside Grammar Schools' Knockout Competition: J.S. Bradbrook scored a fine 63 and P.J. Taggart captured seven wickets for thirteen runs.

This encouraging start was continued against the Liobians; the result being an extremely tense draw. In the next match against Cowley School, the 1st XI scored 160 for 7—G. K. Duckett, 65—before rain intervened and caused the match to be abandoned.

Unfortunately, the promising start ended here, and the 1st XI suffered the first of a line of defeats at the hands of a strong Sefton XI, and was eliminated from the Knockout Competition by Quarry Bank. Further losses were recorded against Calday Grange, Liobians (twice), Holt, Alsop, Waterloo, Liverpool C.C. and Liverpool Collegiate. The next match, against Birkenhead School, was reported in the Daily Telegraph, and although Bradbrook and N. A. Robertson shared an opening stand of 80, the team was dismissed for 101, a total which Birkenhead reached for the loss of only three wickets.

This run of defeats was punctuated by a somewhat even draw against St. Mary's College. Another close game followed at Oldershaw Grammar School. In the circumstances, the 1st XI was obliged to declare at 101 for 5 (G. K. Duckett 56 n.o.), and only by some very enterprising batting late in the game did Oldershaw win, by the smallest of margins.

A further defeat at Sefton C.C. preceded the Staff match, which was won by the Staff by 45 runs. The Staff were dismissed for 120 (A. M. Peters, 6 for 17), with Messrs. Devereux and Treeby scoring 33 and 32, respectively. The 1st XI started soundly, but collapsed under the fine bowling of Messrs. Treeby, Forrest and Hollis. The collapse was halted by a good innings of 22 from A. M. Peters, but Mr. Clark came on to bowl, was soon successful, and removed the tail-enders. The last game of the season was won with ease at Mersey Road by a very strong King's School side from Chester.

Although the results were poor, team-spirit was encouraging, once the players realised that it was experience which was all-important. J. S. Bradbrook deserves much credit for his great enthusiasm and keenness in his captaincy of the team. He was ably supported by N. A. H. Robertson, this year's captain, who in the unaccustomed role of opening bowler, did exceptionally well to claim 34 wickets over the season, while his own fielding and that of Bradbrook, and the wicket-keeping of Mullock, were first-rate throughout the season. Mention must also be made of the excellent work done for all the teams by the secretary and 1st XI scorer, R. G. Goodman, who has compiled a full fixture list for this season. It is hoped that the experience gained last year will bear fruit this season, as many of the regular members of last year's team are again available for selection.

The 2nd XI matches followed much the same course as the 1st XI's, but the junior teams, particularly the Colts XI, recorded a higher percentage of wins.

Thanks are due to all the members of the staff who sacrificed much of their valuable time to help with the running of the teams, and also Mr. Edwin Wass for his patient coaching of the teams, and for his meticulous preparation of the Mersey Road wickets.

#### Batting Averages

	Inns.	Not out	Comp. Inns.	Top Score	Total	Average
G. K. Duckett	14	1	13	65	271	20.84
J. S. Bradbrook	17	1	16	63	305	19.06
N. A. H. Robertson	17	1	16	32	182	11.38
P. J. Taggart	17	1	16	46	136	8.5
I. A. Thomas	12	1	11	25	86	7.82
D. S. Honour	17	0	17	25	129	7.6

Also batted: P. B. Robertson, 59; R. Sugden, 59; R. J. Poole, 51; P. Smees, 41.

#### Catches

Mullock (W/keeper), 13; N. A. H. Robertson, 10; J. S. Bradbrook, 10.

#### Bowling Averages

	O	M	R	W	Av.
A. M. Peters	28.4	5	82	12	6.8
P. J. Taggart	157.3	33	432	28	15.4
N. A. H. Robertson	200.3	31	616	34	18.1
R. N. Parsons	116	24	326	17	19.2

#### Summary

	P	W	L	D	Aban.
1st XI	18	1	13	2	2
2nd XI	7	1	6	0	0
Colts XI	9	5	3	0	1
Under-14 XI	4	2	1	1	0
Under-13 XI	4	1	2	1	0

### SWIMMING

During the winter season, the School, although lacking training facilities, has once again been reasonably successful.

It is pleasing to be able to record that, from this year's first form, we have uncovered very promising swimmers. This has helped to counteract our main weakness—a rather poor senior team.

As is traditional, our first fixture was against Manchester G.S. in their bath. This match we lost narrowly.

Our match versus Gateacre Comprehensive School, who also have their own bath, was very exciting, and only decided on the last event. Score: 145-143.

In the Merseyside Grammar Schools' Gala, we again performed well. The Under-13 team was first, and the Under-15 team second. Overall, the

School was third out of fourteen schools.

The School had an easy victory over Quarry Bank H.S. in their bath. Score: 121-95.

This term, the team beat a surprisingly weak Hillfoot Hey team by a comfortable margin.

Two School records have been broken this season, both by Chidlow. He recorded 27.7 seconds for the 50 yards freestyle, and 32.7 seconds for the 50 yards butterfly.

It is to be acknowledged that the team's success is due in great part to the unfailing support of Messrs. R. W. Clark and P. N. Clarke, the latter of whom we welcome to the School.

P. MORRIS

### LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

"Quemcumque miserum videris hominem scias". This motto of the R.L.S.S. has inspired an increasing number of boys to link the pleasures of swimming with a serious purpose—that of being competent to rescue a person in difficulty in the water, and, perhaps even more important, to administer artificial respiration once the rescue has been completed.

The following figures relate to the successes gained by the members of the Society in the last two terms:

Elementary Certificate, 13; Intermediate Certificate, 13; Unigrip Award, 9; Bronze Medallion, 5; Junior Instructor's Certificate, 1; Full Instructor's Certificate, 1; Bronze Cross, 6; Award of Merit, 6; Preliminary Safety Award, 8; Advanced Safety Award, 32; A.S.A. Personal Survival Award—Bronze, 12; Silver, 19; Gold, 29.

R.S.H.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

At the time of going to press, the First XV's record has been fair: Played 18, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 8.

The first half of the season was rather more successful than the second. This is, no doubt, because the standard of opponents in the second half of the season was higher. The team seemed to be more successful in wet weather. Heavy forwards who revel in muddy conditions are clearly not happy on fast, dry pitches.

A keen but still inexperienced junior team was heavily defeated twice by sides which were older, heavier and more experienced. The young players, however, do not seem disheartened, and it is hoped that next year they will have more success. Fixtures for an Under-15 team are being arranged.

For the first time in the history of the School, three Rugby teams were fielded on the same day, this season: a First, Second and Under-15 team. The Second team was unlucky to lose to Quarry Bank High School.

By the time the Magazine has gone to press, the Seven-a-Side House Rugby will have been played.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. H. B. Jones for giving up his valuable time to manage all three teams; and to Mr. Sweeney for helping out when it was necessary.

A. R. MARTINEZ

### CROSS-COUNTRY

As usual, some teams were stronger and more successful than others. The Seniors were adequate numerically and won nearly twice as many races as they lost. The Under-16 and Under-15 teams contained great potential which was not fully realised until, at the end of the season, they drew upon all their reserves of power and courage and surpassed all expectations.

The Under-14 team was always under strength. The gallant few who regularly faced overwhelming numbers and, from time to time, emerged victorious, are to be congratulated on their loyalty and tenacity. Not so the scores of their contemporaries who, anticipating the inertia of old age, limit physical effort to walking to the bus or watching other people play football.

The Under-12 team was numerically stronger and gained valuable experience in nearly twenty races. Not every member has developed the tough fighting quality displayed by several opposing teams. Hard training and determined racing will in the course of a year or two give these runners the little extra they at present lack.

A few random achievements deserve specific mention. In his first race for the School, D. G. Hoare broke the Institute record for the Under-12 course with a time of 7 minutes 32 seconds, but the race was won by a St. Edward's boy who was driven by Hoare to run 4 seconds faster and break the all-comers' record. Against King's School, Chester, seven of our Seniors and nine of our Under-16 team finished before the first Chester boy, while against Polton School all ten of our Under-15 team finished before the first Bolton boy.

Four boys ran for Liverpool in the Lancashire Championships. N. J. Bainbridge was 21st in the Senior race, J. K. Thomas 28th and D. D. Smith 36th in the Under-16 race, and J. I. Neill 150th in the Under-14 race.

Eleven teams competed in the Form Race, which is run off a handicap. Form 4Sc won with almost the lowest possible score. Their four counters were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

In the House Championships, Hughes House won on aggregate. Individual champions were N. J. Bainbridge (Senior), A. E. Forrest (Under-16), and J. S. Wardle (Under-14).

In the Road Relay Races, held on various occasions in the spring term, our Senior 'A' team was 3rd and our 'B' team 5th out of ten teams, our Under-16 team 2nd out of six teams (J. K. Thomas shared the fastest lap time and D. D. Smith was only a second slower), our Under-14 team was 4th of seven teams, and the Under-12 team 17th out of thirty-seven teams.

The performance of the Senior team in the Cumella, Sangster and Waterloo Cup races was just below the average for each event. The Under-14 team was 15th out of fifty-four teams in the Waterloo Race. The Under-16 team was 3rd out of forty-one teams in the Waterloo Race and 2nd out of fifteen teams in the Memorial Race. In the Booth Cup Race the Under-15 team was 2nd of twenty-one teams. J. K. Thomas won the Memorial Race; D. D. Smith was 3rd in this race and also in the Booth Race.

The Northern Schools' Championships were held as usual on the third Saturday in March in Lyme Park. Conditions were tough with intermittent sleet and a cold, gusty wind. The course is always tough—long, rough and hilly. In these races any boy who finishes in the first hundred is a very good runner indeed. The "Cubs" ran first and came in 51st out of 122 teams. D. G. Hoare, although almost the youngest boy in the race, was 65th. The "Colts" ran next and distinguished themselves by finishing 9th out of 127 teams. R. J. Collingwood and R. J. Limmack were 9th and 20th, respectively. They had been in the lead after the first mile, but took a wrong turning. The Seniors ran strongly to finish 29th out of 95 teams. N. J. Bainbridge was 74th.

The Under-16 race was last. This would be their one great chance to prove that they were not merely good runners. One hundred and twenty teams lined up beside them. Tense and nervous they waited. They got off to a good start, but as they reached the half-way point all hope seemed lost. Smith and Thomas were running splendidly among the first ten and F. J. Ellisen was in 26th place, but he was in agony because he had lost a running shoe and would surely never run two more miles over rock-strewn paths. Many places behind him and running well below his best was A. E. Forrest. But at the finish despair became incredulous surmise, and surmise

astonished certainty. Not only had Smith and Thomas held their places to finish 4th and 8th, but R. Pickthall, responding to shouted instruction, had passed Forrest and moved up into 64th place, and Ellison, running with the selfless dedication of Philpides, had held his 26th position. He was carried to the first aid tent, where, unlike Philpides, he recovered to enjoy the sweet taste of victory. The team had won by a margin of twenty points.

Three days later the Under-15 team had no difficulty in winning the Liverpool City Championship.

Thanks are due to many helpers, and especially to Mr. Young and David Mawdsley.

D.W.R.

### GYMNASTIC CLUB

Both sections of the Gym Club would like to thank Mr. Clark and Mr. Goodall for their time and encouragement in training the members for the Hobbies Show displays.

As usual the Club has greatly enjoyed its year of activities, the juniors, ever pressing on to higher standards in the activities, the seniors, adding a little more finesse to their abilities. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Hobbies Show displays, and I am sure we are all looking forward to the Sports Day displays with more confidence. On Monday, 12th April, a number of teams will compete in a gymnastics competition at an Anfield school. As this competition is local, we hope we will make a very favourable impression. Since the Club has been so active this year, it has been decided to arrange a House gymnastics competition next term. Details of the competition will be made known later, possibly after the summer examinations.

For anyone contemplating joining the Gym Club, there is always room for you. The juniors meet on Fridays at lunch-time in the gymnasium.

Once again we, the members of the Gym Club, extend our warmest thanks for the untiring encouragement and guidance of Mr. Clarke and Mr. Goodall in their work with us.

W. T. SHAW

### BASKETBALL

This year the School team had a heavy programme, with a match nearly every week, but the team has nevertheless experienced and enjoyed a good season. The attack during the autumn term consisted of Spain, McNaughton, Parsons and Ward, but when the latter two left at Christmas their places were ably filled by Mullock and Edwards. Robertson, Pine and Shaw provided a well-drilled defence and supported the attack well.

In the opening match the School team comfortably won its match against Hillfoot Hey by 39 points to 26, but we suffered an early set-back when we lost to Alsop in a rather scrappy game (30-20). We then won the next three matches, against Quarry Bank (52-36), Collegiate (35-28) and the North-Eastern Technical College (36-24). However, in the return game against Quarry Bank, we lost 36-20, but this can partly be explained by the strange conditions experienced. In the next game the School team was considerably weakened by several absentees, the result being a narrow defeat to King David by 32 points to 31. In the last game before the Christmas break a full strength team were easy winners against John Hamilton (50-23).

In the first match of the spring term the School team repeated the previous term's result against Hillfoot Hey, this time winning by 36 points to 28. The return match against Alsop was perhaps the best match of the season and, although the team lost this fast, high-scoring match (61-48), the result was very close, Alsop only winning in the last few minutes. The next match, too, was a defeat, this time to the North-Eastern Technical College, a reversal of the previous term's result (50-34).

Although we defeated John Hamilton in the return game, it was rather a scrappy affair, as the score suggests (26-17). At Riversdale Technical College, the School team was outplayed and outreached, and lost 46-31 to a well-drilled team. The remaining matches all ended with favourable results for the School team, victory being gained over De La Salle (44-18), Collegiate (58-22) and King David (42-20).

In this year's Hobby Show, two Basketball matches were staged. The first match was against a strong Staff team, but the School team won a good, exciting match by 44 points to 34.

The second match was the final of the Inter-House Basketball Competition between Danson and Hughes. The match was very exciting, despite the low score, Hughes eventually winning a very close game by 21 points to 20.

Once more the team offers its thanks to Mr. Goodall for the invaluable time and labour he has spent in coaching us and refereeing our matches.

I. J. SPAIN

### FIVES

There has been a revival of interest in the game since September, 1964, when J. H. H. Blaquièrre became Captain and S. P. Ireland, Secretary. The courts have never been more active. The Fives Ladder is in operation once more; many boys play in free periods and gym periods, as well as in the lunch-hour, and every attempt has been made to secure fixtures against outside opponents.

Against Calday Grange the School team won by seven games to one, and against Wigan Grammar School by four games to one. Both matches were played on our courts. Strong players from the University have come in from time to time to play singles and have expressed satisfaction with the quality both of the courts and of the opposition. They are a yard-stick by which we can see that our standard is comparable with that of the Southern public schools that taught them to play.

One internal event has been concluded to date. In the Handicap Doubles, Mr. Rowell and R. J. Poole gave five points per game to J. H. H. Blaquièrre and R. N. Parsons, and won 15-12; 13-7.

Three Fives-playing masters have left in the last two years and the staff are at present unable to raise a team. However, we are happy to welcome a new arrival—the Rugby Fives Association, after much trial and error, has produced a near-perfect ball, true, fast and so hard-wearing as to appear almost indestructible.

D.W.R.

### THE SCHOOL TRIP TO PARIS, 1965

It was ten o'clock in the night at Edge Lane bus station. We were already in the coach and all a trifle nervous, as this was the first trip abroad for many of us. Suddenly we were off; we were on our way down to London. It was 8 a.m. when we arrived at Victoria Station. Having an hour to spare after breakfast, we were taken on a trip around London by our two masters—Mr. J. E. Watson and Mr. A. F. Moy. We boarded the train to Dover where we disembarked for the boat to Calais. The sea was choppy and there was a noticeable roll to the boat. A strong breeze was blowing and it was quite chilly. When we arrived at Calais, a French steam train was there to take us to Paris.

French carriages are difficult to board. The entrance to the carriage is at least four feet above the platform. To make it even more difficult, the steps go down the side of the carriage diagonally. One had literally to throw one's suitcases up. This did not exactly improve anyone's temper!

When we arrived at Paris, a coach picked us up and took us through extremely congested traffic to our lycée, where we had an excellent meal

and a good night's sleep.

In the morning, we went on a conducted coach tour of Paris. We stopped at the Place de la Concorde, which has an obelisk which came from the same source as Cleopatra's Needle. The Place offered an excellent view down the Champs-Élysées. We went down this boulevard and arrived at the Arc de Triomphe, where the Unknown Soldier is buried. We also saw the Eiffel Tower and the Hôtel Des Invalides. Napoleon's tomb is here, and it is built in such a way that everyone who looks at it has to bow his head. This is because the tomb is built below the level of the floor. In the afternoon we went to the Louvre, where we saw many famous paintings, including the Mona Lisa. We reached the Louvre by the Paris Métro.

The Métro is one of the fastest methods of travel in Paris, as the streets are so congested. The trains are very fast, and we had to be quick to get in and out. On some lines the trains used pneumatic tyres. To add to the hazard of being left behind, there were automatic gates that closed the entrances once a train came. Many was the time when boys got trapped by these gates, usually half in and half out. The standing number in these trains was 142, whereas the sitting number was only 24. We grew to like this speedy method of travel, which took us to many of the places we visited. Another thing about the difficulty in using the streets was that one had to get used to traffic moving on the right.

The next day we went up the Eiffel Tower. Gazing up from below, one can appreciate how magnificent this structure of steel lattice and girders really is. Built during 1887-1889, it still stands as the most famous of all Paris monuments. The summit is at 1,006 feet, with platforms at 187 feet, 377 feet and 898 feet. We were all a bit scared of going up until we were actually in the lift. When we finally got to the summit, the view was truly magnificent. The souvenirs were extremely expensive and hardly anyone bought anything.

During the next few days we went to many fine buildings. We saw Notre Dame, Saint-Chapelle and many other churches and buildings, including the Jewish Monument, the French Municipal Bank, Sacré-Coeur, Montmartre, and the Place du Tertre. This is where the artists live, and we bought reproductions here to take back home. One boy put his finger on a painting for sale to see if it was dry—it was not, and he got out of the area as quickly as possible.

On the Sunday, we went along one of the new French motorways to the magnificent Château of Fontainebleau. The lake in the grounds is renowned for its abundance of fish. We went to the forest of Fontainebleau where everybody had a good play. Then we went to Orly Airport, where several boys lost their trust in French slot machines. On a film-giving machine two boys lost three francs apiece.

We went up the Seine on Wednesday, and we went to Versailles and Malmaison on the Tuesday. On the last few nights we went to a nearby fair where many of us went on the dodgems and shooting galleries. One of the sources of constant amusement on the Métro to the French people was the antics of a certain boy called Davis whose nickname was "Diane".

On Thursday we went home via Dieppe and Newhaven and Victoria Station. We all had a thoroughly nice trip thanks to the organisation and help of Mr. J. E. Watson and Mr. A. F. Moy.

I. D. WATSON (2Sc)

### HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

On Tuesday, 20th April, a party of sixty-one boys and five staff left Liverpool Lime Street station at 10.10 a.m., and arrived at London Euston at about 2 p.m. We travelled across London by coach to Victoria Station, passing Westminster Abbey and Trafalgar Square. We then went on to Folkestone, seeing many hop-fields and oast-houses, which are typical of the Kent countryside. The cross-Channel ferry took us to Calais, and on the

way we had a meal. Our train left Calais about 8.30 p.m. and travelled all night, passing through Lille, Metz, Strasbourg and several smaller towns before finally reaching Basle in Switzerland, at 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Many of us tried to get some sleep, but our attempts were in vain. We had breakfast at Basle station before going on to Brunnen, which we reached after a change of trains at Arth-Goldau. Unfortunately, there was rain and slush on the ground when we arrived, and this stayed throughout that day, which we spent unpacking and exploring the village.

Thursday was spent in Lucerne, where some of us paid a visit to the Transport Museum. We had gone to Lucerne by boat, and we returned to Brunnen, our place of residence in Switzerland, by train. The slush had gone but the rain had been present nearly all day. However, the bad weather was counteracted by Mr. Sweeney's endless supply of jokes and good humour, which cheered us up immensely. On Friday we went for a full day in Lugano, near the Italian border. We had to go through the St. Gotthard tunnel to get there. The weather on the other side of the Alps was a great improvement. On Saturday afternoon we went to the Tellskapelle by boat, and then walked down the Axenstrasse to Flüelen. Some walked even further, to Altdorf, to see the Tell monument. We returned to Brunnen by boat from Flüelen, passing the famous Schiller memorial stone.

Sunday was sunny, and we went on a day trip to the Aare Gorge, passing through the Brünigpass and Meiringen. After walking part of the way through the gorge, we returned to the coaches and went back to Brunnen by a different route. We went through a village called Goldau, where the fields are covered with massive boulders after an avalanche had destroyed the original village in 1806. Monday saw us on a day trip to Zürich, after breakfast at 7 a.m. Half of the party went to the zoo, and the other to the airport. Mr. Dobson went to the zoo and unfortunately the School is now minus one Latin teacher.

Tuesday was again spent on the other side of the Alps, this time at Locarno. The weather improved as the day went on, and the view from the Madonna del Sasso Sanctuary was wonderful. The sanctuary is reached by a funicula.

Wednesday was our last day, and the morning was spent on a short trip. We went by boat to Treib, funicula to Seelisberg, then on foot down to Rutli, a two-and-a-half mile walk, passing through the Rutli Meadow, where, in 1307, the canton leaders of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden signed an oath to join their peoples together against the Austrian oppression. The boat took us from Rutli back to Brunnen. The afternoon was spent packing and buying our final souvenirs.

At 7.10 p.m. we started the long journey home, passing through the same places as we had on the outward journey. We had a packed breakfast on the Calais train, a meal on the boat, and another meal on the London to Liverpool train. In London we had some time to spare so the coaches kindly took us on a tour. We saw Lambeth Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, Waterloo Station, Westminster Bridge, New Scotland Yard, St. Paul's Cathedral, Whitehall, the Mall, Buckingham Palace, Oxford Street, and many other places of interest.

Finally, we would like to say how good the hotel and staff were. The food was very good, and we received packed lunches every time we went for a full day's outing. We would also like to express our thanks to Mr. Bowen, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Benthiff and Mr. Dobson for a wonderful holiday which we all enjoyed a great deal.

J. M. AKED, R. J. REVELL

### THE PREFECTS' LETTER

The Editor, Liverpool Institute Magazine.

Sir,—Once again it is time for a vital tale of mad jealousy, passion, sadistic revenge and vicarious pleasure. From this moment we will control the verti-

cal, and will control the horizontal, we will, wherever possible, reduce the picture to a soft blurr and will endeavour to avoid restoring it to crystal clarity. I have, in my intensive investigation, found many changes which have taken place among the dedicated band of peacekeepers, but "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" and so my offering affords its usual series of revelations which are protected by the ancient institution of prefectorial privilege which I will seek not to breach.

This year's "Top of the Pops" is Mr. Ainsworth, who holds the undisputed title of leader of the pack—you get the picture? Before Christmas, Mr. Ainsworth found himself in a position to reject a place among the "dreaming spires", complaining that the water was far too hard for his brushes and declaring that provincialism was the saviour of further education. What little Mr. Ainsworth lacks in intellectual prowess is fully made up by his photogenic qualities, featuring a fine example of a stiff upper lip. "Pablo", often known as the youngest old master, claims to be one of the greatest living experts on Neo-Gothic ecclesiastical architecture, while in the field of music only the opinions of Jelly Roll Morton are held in greater esteem. But he is no sucker and maintains that he has the situation firmly crushed under his steel-tipped heels.

Despite being captain of everything, Mr. Robertson can only claim second place in our "charts". His daring exploits in the Welsh Rockies when he swings from peak to peak on the end of a guitar string, have no terrors for Mr. R., as he knows that any accident might enforce a long stay in a well-known Liverpool hospital, where he undoubtedly has ulterior motives behind a gentle convalescence under feminine care. Nevertheless, he continues to affirm that his sustained health and fitness is due to a strict diet of Scott's oats and an occasional 2½d. bar of crunchy chocolate.

A little man with a big heart is Mr. Martinez, who claims to do even his sums in Spanish. Rumours that he augments his stature by wearing built-up shoes have been refuted with the explanation that it's his hair which makes him look that much taller. Like Mr. Robertson, Mr. Martinez is a keep-fit expert; he achieves his health with a daily tour of his estates, and he claims to be the only man who can play snooker with his left hand and rugby with his right.

Two more of our élite are Mr. McNaughton, who is not really fat, so he tells us, but, I quote him: "Just the right size for a goalkeeper". He can often be seen between the rugby posts appealing to the referee in four-letter French words for free kicks as the opposing team handle the ball. Mr. McNaughton—"Snack" to his friends—has taken up basketball and has been revolutionising the game—but the School team still prefer to use the conventional ball. "Mac doesn't bounce as well," they explain. Joking apart, Mr. McNaughton is a fine fellow and his companions make sure he never goes hungry—wouldn't you give him a crisp rather than let him drool over them because everyone hates soggy crisps?

It is now commonly believed that Mr. Shaw is the original laughing policeman. Last New Year's Eve, Mr. Shaw set up a new record by telling jokes non-stop for eight solid hours, all on the same limited subject which he never chose to reveal. Despite his joviality, Mr. Shaw remains young at heart, being the oldest member of the junior gym club.

Until his campaign to set up a "hot line" to Sheffield is successful, Mr. Worthington will continue to be seen asking for fifteen shillings for a phone call. Mr. Worthington has a theory that school work only ruins your chances at 'A' level and his efforts to convince the rest of the prefectorial body of this can be described as slightly more emphatic than normal persuasive methods. Just the same, Mr. Worthington is still bored with the situation, which is a dangerous sign.

Mr. Honour is the coolest customer in the game: indeed, he is so calm when batting for the First Cricket XI that he must be woken up by the umpire several times during the match. Mr. Honour is so quiet that he is suspected of being a human bugging system employed by a foreign power,

but this he denies with his usual journalistic dexterity.

One of the most qualified of the community is Mr. Townend, who no longer attends periods but merely makes appointments with different masters. Mr. Townend is a member of the music room "jet-set", who slog around Ooterspool promenade composing sonatas. He is another in the Townend dynasty who, like the Chinese, believe there will be so many of them that in the event of a world catastrophe they will re-populate the earth. Until then he tries to be as unobtrusive as possible, hiding behind a billiard cue, searching through the School records for evidence to prove that one of his relatives is the rightful owner of the building.

Mr. Brandon is a man of many bruises, who is proud of the fact that he once finished a hockey match sufficiently uninjured to put his trousers on. He is usually to be seen lying around somewhere in Riversdale, a classic case of broken ribs. So often is he in bandages that he is thinking of joining the St. John Ambulance Brigade when he leaves School, as a consultant patient.

Spurning the musical traditions of the family, Mr. Cotton recently tried to emulate a certain all-American pro-prefect in the catering business, but his Kardomah takeover came to nought. Rumours that he works on the docks after four o'clock are untrue—he says he wears that donkey-jacket to get that common, "man of the people" touch.

Another of our dock workers is Mr. Ashcroft, who is not foreign, although his usual hair-style has led to suggestions that he originates from Greece. He has strong objections to the playing of snooker with a cue and is often seen appearing at the table with his own curved stick, a "haki" stick he calls it.

Mr. Mullock, in between climbing trips and visits to Brigham's, has been seen in School, though he is seldom to be encountered above the level of the gym. He is known to have foreign connections, notably with one of the Iberian nations, which perhaps accounts for his inclusion in the basketball team. But Mr. Mullock is an honest fellow and corruption cannot really be suspected.

Mr. Watt denies the fact that his uncle was an Aintree specialist, or that his great, great great grandfather ever heard of a boiling kettle and recently had his life-story serialised on T.V. The theory that opposites attract perhaps explains his friendship with Mr. Shaw, the latter having taken as his catch-phrase "Don't just say Watt, say pardon".

Mr. Lloyd has a certain "je ne sais quoi" which he so subtly retains that I am afraid that je ne sais quoi myself. He inhabits one of the better parts of Liverpool on the "right" side of Queens Drive. On his rare appearance in the prefects' room he can be heard to say that he has the best newsagent in town—a noble sentiment indeed!

Mr. Benson, not to be confused with Martin Luther King, has a car. Unfortunately, nobody has been able to ride in it since he has been giving lifts to Mr. Cotton. But that is another story and, in the meantime, Mr. Benson displays that certain sleek look and denies that he has no hair and has to paint his head with black paint every morning.

The fact that Mr. Chambers sleeps under his bed and not on it can be attributed to his family's interest in the manufacture of a certain type of large china receptacle. He leads a Jekyll and Hyde existence, being a fine upright and unassuming man in School, while on the rugby field he is reduced to raging brute, striking fear into the hearts of opponents; Mr. Chambers explains that the half-bottle of horse linament he drinks before the match effects this startling change in nature.

Now that I have come to the end of my history, I feel a great weight, that of my disturbing discoveries, has been taken off my mind. I would like to think that they all lived happily ever after, but I am afraid that the fracas caused by the publication of these facts will destroy any chance of that. I still hope, however, that I am and will remain,

Yours comically,

SUPERMAN.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

The Editor, Liverpool Institute Magazine

Sir,

Tony Zalin, first of all,  
Is once again a "fresher",  
For chemistry was not his line:  
He wants to be a doctor.  
John Conder, a fell Caius man,  
Is not at all like this.  
He's still engaged in his research,  
At least, I s'pose he is.  
Talking of Caius men, as we were,  
There are still a hell of a lot.  
Dr. Waddington now is gone  
Which leaves us in a spot.  
No more Caius men, I'm afraid.  
How would we get them in?  
Russell Cannon is another  
Of our elder members.  
I asked him once about the School,  
But I don't think he remembers.  
He's happy here—or so he seems  
So long as we don't remind him.  
David Jarman, Peter Cartmel,  
These two are still as one.  
They both play chess and never speak  
I gather it isn't done.  
Meyrick Hadfield—I kid you not  
He really is called Meyrick—  
Was last seen floating down the Cam  
In a barrel with a paperback.  
Perhaps he's over Jesus lock  
So much for the bronze and that!  
Colin Morgan—mystery man  
Did anyone know him at home?  
I didn't for one, but I gather he's here  
With a lot of hair on his dome.  
Tony MacGeorge of Downing  
Has many a tale to tell.  
They're always long and very involved  
But, on the whole, he tells them well.  
Another new man, though hardly a fresher,  
Dave Harris of Trinity Hall,  
Got fed up with Oxford and so he came here.  
I can't say I blame him at all.  
Dave Townend is a runner.  
He spends his time in the fens.  
He runs up to the top of the hill  
And he runs right down again.  
Richard Hynes ran a Rag Day  
And is still recovering from it,  
But he looks very well and one wonders how  
Much of it went in his pocket.  
Alan Canter, King of Kings,  
Or so he seems to think,  
In fact, looks more like Ringo,  
With his hair, his nose and his ring.

Messrs. Clark and Roberts  
 Have many things in common:  
 Both scholars, Caius men scientists,  
 And each of them a John.  
 But they both seem very happy.  
 It's the money—capitalists!  
 Last, but not least, I hasten to add,  
 We come on Sandy Bradbrook.  
 He seems to lead a blameless life,  
 If life is a ball at your foot,  
 But I suppose he likes it.  
 He's pretty good at it, too.  
 There you have it, editor  
 With it do what you will.

ALFRED

### OXFORD LETTER

The Editor, Liverpool Institute Magazine.

Sir,—You really do pick the most awkward times to enquire after those representatives of your alma mater resident in Oxford. The effect of remembering all the names has made me positively sweat, and I am at a loss as to how I am to supply you with those scintillating tit-bits of scandalous information which I well know from previous epistles you require. Regardless of the fact, however, that my deadline in writing this article would put that of any news editor to shame, my natural willingness to vent a little of my pent-up spleen on my colleagues has forced me to accede to your request, and I will approach my task with all the venom I can muster.

Whose ugly secrets should receive the doubtful prominence of appearing first in this veritable Newgate Calendar? On the Biblical principle that the last should be first, it would seem feasible to begin with Liobian secretary Ian Ferguson. The first thing that has to be said is that as a speechmaker Ian is a good mathematician, and you can interpret that conceivably biased remark any way you like. While remaining one of the few white-men in Balliol, and retaining that tenacity and purposefulness (or was it just stubbornness?) with which he was associated in his salad days, he has emerged as a rugby player of some standing.

John Chambers is of the same vintage as Mr. Ferguson, though rather differently corked by all accounts. I was more fortunate than the writer of last term's epistle, I have actually seen John. The only trouble is that on that occasion he was blind drunk and I could elicit nothing beyond the fact that he has become passionately fond of Fritzi's hot dogs. Sic transit gloria. . . .

Derek Slater of Exeter has been confronted this term with the ogre of Classical Moderations. At a result he has done something which no other Liobian has done for a great many years as far as I can gather—he worked. Eob Baxter is playing at politics, and as far as your correspondent is able to discover is harmlessly and contentedly occupied in Machiavellian manoeuvrings and counters which fortunately only he is able to understand. It is, incidentally, categorically untrue that he has been a guinea pig in recent experiments into the efficacy of plastic surgery.

Steve Norris has disappeared into a far-off college of which a visiting Frenchman was heard to remark: "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la gare". On reaching Oxford last term he was seen to embrace a pillar of his noble College crying hysterically "Id feci, id feci". His Latin still obviously not up to much.

The intellectual Liobian's answer to Paul McCartney is John Armstrong, of Christ Church. He has, however, turned his back on impending fame and fortune in favour of attempting three years' work in one term. This is a feat which the President of the Liobians in Oxford, Dave Cattrall of Hertford,

has attempted to emulate, but I am sorry to have to report that their success has proved minimal. Adopting a far more philosophical attitude to the whole thing is Alan Cowan, of Teddy Hall; he just does no work at all. He has not, however, been idle for work is about the only thing that he has not tackled while in Oxford. Similarly inclined is Mr. Andrew Warwick Belitha Davies, of Keble. If ever you can afford to be there, playing bar-billiards with Andrew in the Union is one of the most enlightening experiences imaginable. Epithets just never existed before he attempted that tantalisingly impossible game. This, of course, provides him with his excuse for doing no work. Rodney Sharpe needs no excuses—ever since his mammoth denunciation of Oxford rowing, Rod has felt a moral obligation to work which, while probably unfounded, has pleased his tutors immensely. Messrs. Quilliam and Lennard, those arch-buddies of New, are rumoured to be contemplating sharing digs next year. Presumably their shared interest in the intricacies of the scientific world has led to this entente cordiale—I confess I can think of no other reason. Messrs. Prod and Hool, or to be precise, Mr. Maguire, of Queen's, and Mr. Hooley, of Christ Church, are seen little in Oxford. In Prod's case, as far as I'm concerned, nothing whatever has seeped through, and it is quite a rebuttable assumption that he is in fact alive. Mr. Hooley I have at least seen in the company of a comely undergraduette, from which I imagine it would be safe to infer that we need have no fear on his account.

When you hear someone say "I live in Jesus" the chances are that he is not the victim of religious mania. It could well be Dave Williams. He has one of the most cavernous rooms I have ever seen and is rumoured to be harbouring at least half of the ladies from St. Anne's who join his chapel choir. The anonymous Mr. Wainwright has scarcely recovered from the experience of sharing a room with Derek Slater, but personally I think I once saw the reflection of his back in a shop window on the High for a fleeting second last term, and that is all.

Among the freshmen, Mr. Davidson created a sensation at the Old Boys' Dinner this year when he sported a dinner jacket he is believed to have hired from the Imperial War Museum. Far more sartorially elegant than us all, however, is Ian McGowan, at Exeter. He is finding the Russian course in Oxford comparatively enjoyable, though his interest is said to be stimulated by the fact that his tutor has only asked for one essay this term. His other principal occupation is a detailed psychological study of his friend Tim Dawson of the Nose, who has surely lived up to all our expectations in being one of the few undergraduates ever to send himself down.

I must apologise for the fact that Messrs. Woodcock, Jackson and Prince all seem to lead perfectly blameless lives. I must disappoint you if you expected some juicy morsel from this quarter. The nearest they ever get to promiscuity is sitting next to a lady in lectures, and supping a cool half pint of shandy in the local grog-house.

Sir, my task is complete, and I confess to feeling quite inebriated by my riotous unconcern for reputation or favour. I cannot think of anyone beyond Ron Oxburgh and Professor Kneale whom I could possibly criticise, and so my work irreparably done, I leave you.

Yours in spite,

BEELZEBUB, Esq.

### OLD BOYS' NOTES

It is with a great sense of loss that we record the death of Mr. H. Boswell (1914), an active Committee member of the Association for many years. A teacher at Ormskirk Grammar School, he nevertheless maintained close connections with the Institute. His son, Mr. K. Boswell (1945), was Head Boy of the School and it was in his memory that the Boswell Prize and the Boswell Cup were established. His continued interest in the School was shown

most recently in his leadership of the Action Committee referred to in the next paragraph.

The Association has been much concerned this year with the future of the School under the proposed Comprehensive Scheme. At the Annual General Meeting on 19th October, 1964, an Action Committee was set up to organise a protest against the proposals. The result of this Committee's work was a booklet circulated to all members explaining the points at issue and encouraging them to make their opinions known in appropriate quarters. It is evident that this provoked a considerable response. Moreover, the Committee sent a formal objection to the Secretary of State, setting out detailed criticism of the proposals. The precise degree of effectiveness of our protests compared with those of other bodies cannot be measured, but it is certain that they must have contributed in some way to the Secretary of State's hesitation in approving the Liverpool scheme. The short-term result is that Scheme D will not come into operation in September, 1965. The long-term consequence cannot as yet be envisaged, but Old Boys may be sure that the Association will watch developments carefully and take any further action that may be required.

Improvements have been made to the Melbreck Road Tennis Club. The courts have been re-shaded and one new net supplied. Membership is open to Old Boys and pupils at the School. A flourishing membership would make further improvements possible.

Ladies' Night was held at the Mecca Restaurant on 7th November, 1964, and the Annual Dinner on 12th February, 1965. Ladies' Night this year will be held at Reynolds Park Hotel on Saturday, 13th November.

J.E.S.

### RATIONALISING SHAKESPEARE

The indisputable success of the Russian film version of "Hamlet", shown recently at the ABC Futurist Cinema, lies in the fact that the director, Shapiro, has recognised and consequently concentrated on those elements of Shakespearean drama which lend themselves most readily to the medium of films. Shapiro has fully realised the cinematic potentialities of Shakespeare.

This Russian "Hamlet" and the interpretation of the lead rôle played by Innokenti Smoktunovsky cannot be judged on purely theatrical criteria. There have been more psychologically complex heroes than that portrayed by Smoktunovsky, but there can rarely have been a more aesthetically satisfying film. Shapiro does not present a celluloid version of a stage "Hamlet" but endeavours to perfect a translation of a piece of art from one medium to another which has entirely different demands. Different qualities, naturally, have to be emphasised. "Hamlet", to suit the director's purposes, is simply the story of a young prince torn between the various moral demands of the corrupt world around him.

As such, Smoktunovsky, the son of a farm labourer, gives the exact performance which the director's intention would require. He does not attempt to analyse psychologically or to co-ordinate in some deep-motivated pattern the hero's moods; he merely portrays them as they were created in the text. Thus the whole drama of the stage play, which lies in the intricate workings of Hamlet's mind, is rationalised into a less ethereal sphere. Soliloquies are spoken only on the sound-track, with close-ups on Smoktunovsky's powers of facial expression. This in itself shows how the drama of the theatre, the pure drama of the spoken word, is sacrificed in the name of cinematic technique. Similarly, the ghost is no airy-fairy figure in white but a foreboding black armour-clad figure more conducive to a traumatic experience.

The most striking aspect of the production is its mobility. Elsinore is portrayed at last as a castle with some sort of domestic life in it. The famous soliloquy is spoken to the accompaniment of the weres. Several times a lone bird soars, solitary and mysterious, across the screen. Whenever possible, Shapiro takes his camera outside, as in the funeral of Ophelia, which takes

place on the cliffs. The result is that the work loses the claustrophobic oppressiveness of stage productions and takes upon itself the hitherto unrevealed forcefulness of an epic, ceremonial quality, more akin to Greek tragedy. Even Smoktunovsky's interpretation of Hamlet stresses him as a man of action. The constant emphasis on the outer world and the outer sphere of action is all a part of the process of what may best be termed "rationalisation". Hence the fight scene is not in the least bit melodramatic but thanks to the swift interchange of camera stop and movement becomes the new climax of the piece.

No appreciation of this film would be complete without a tribute paid to Shostakovich's score, which gives additional grandeur to the dramatic moments, and to Pasternak's rather free decasyllabic blank-verse translation which retains the kernel of Shakespeare's thought whilst also affording ample scope for the poet's own particular technique.

I.L.

### "THE PRESENT STATE OF SOCIETY"

No one can go to them all: he would never have any lunch; or else he would always be late for tea. So we can only imagine what goes on at all those society meetings that are announced every morning, and rely on hearsay and imagination to satisfy our curiosity.

For example, when the Angling Club was founded recently, some were heard to say they thought it a bit fishy; but I was sure there would be no catch in it when I heard a list of members reeled off. Those who have read of coarse fishing should not be alarmed: I understand it is a gentle art. Meetings, I hear, are to be held in one of the dry docks, and a quiz programme has been arranged called "Where's My Line?"

There have been rumours that the Philatelic Society has reached a low watermark and is in danger of being stamped out. This is due, apparently, to difficulties over the Simplified Stamp Catalogue, but readers have made enquiries about this and are awaiting the issue.

When the Astronomical Society was first launched there were some who thought it was to do with eating, and others who thought it just a fancy name for the Star Gazers. However, it now has a galaxy of distinguished members and an astronomically large programme of meetings. Members were disappointed, however, to have a projected trip to Mars barred, and space prevents an outing to the Moon.

The Music Club have been having record attendances and for some meetings there is quite a jam in the music room. If you suggest they are getting in a groove, they become quite needed, pointing out that they also have live performances, like that of a new work in B natural, called "An English Beach". This is by a dominant modern composer, Mr. F. Sharp, and is written for piano; but as I believe it contains long stretches, it is only for extended players. The composer has, we hear, recently moved to a flat.

I have not been able to pick up any information from the Radio Society, nor do I know whether we are to have a Meteorological Society after all. The Motoring Society seems now well on the road to success, but I refrain, out of respect for its antiquity, from any digs at the Archaeological Society.

It remains for me to put you in the picture about the Photographic Society. In the old days the art of photography could be handed to a novice on a plate, and if results were not very good one could always say "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas Daguerre". The work of some members of the Society is, I hear, very taking, not to say moving; but it is difficult to get the large output of members into true focus. It has been suggested by those unacquainted with its true purpose, that the Models Society could usefully provide subjects for the Photographic Society. Nevertheless, they warn members against the dangers of over-exposure so common in this type of work. One can only await developments.

HUGO GIOTO TESTUD

"The moment comes—  
It is already come—when thou must write  
The absolute total of thy life's vast sum.  
The constellations stand victorious o'er thee,  
The planets shoot good fortune in fair junctions,  
And tell thee, 'Now's the time'."

Schiller's "Wallenstein"

This rather fine and renowned quotation came to me not in the bath, but while I sat slumped over a table, dull and milk-bloomed. I am an egoist, I fear, and there is no pretentious, proud feeling as a result. It occurred to me, however, that the readers of this Magazine might be pleased to learn how twisted I am. Not quite an "apologia pro sua vita", this piece of confused prose may encourage all who read it to humour my petty idiosyncrasies (such as my phantasmagorical cataclysms) in the future.

After the laughable pangs of adolescence were over, the question loomed up through the opaque, white fog: "Who am I?" The reply came, inexorably: "I am". This extremely individual statement has a new meaning for whomsoever may say it, but in this article I am solely concerned with demonstrating what "I am" means for me. I am latterly become a disciple of Albert Camus, the 20th century French "philosopher", whose ideas, simply set down here for the lazy, are as follows. In one of his essays, "Le Mythe de Sisyphe", Camus recalls how Sisyphus, the figure from Greek mythology, has been condemned to push a great rock up a hill, and when it has rolled down to the bottom on the other side, to push it up again, for eternity.

According to Camus, if one is made aware of the ABSURDITY of the situation, life can be better lived. Man must continually revolt by being conscious of the ABSURD nature of the world and refusing to acquiesce in its tragedy. In Voltaire's words, "Il faut cultiver le jardin"—We must keep on weeding the garden. If we do so, then we remain happy. Death is the greatest absurdity of all, and hence Camus declares:—the "absurd man" is:

"One who is always conscious of tragedy and death, free from any illusions either of eternal life or the saving power of some goal within life, and passionately interested in accumulating sensual experiences."

All through our lives we strive towards the not quite tangible paradise, and then, suddenly, everything stops, literally dead. One would think that the Christian would not stop at this point: he believes in an after-life, and in a God. For the average Christian, life is unwittingly always selfish, as it is for the Existentialist, or "absurd man". The only difference is that the Christian's life is geared to doing good in order to gain his little niche beneath the saints' feet in "Heaven". This question of selfishness is bound to lead one's reasoning towards the subject of love. One squeezes one's girl-friend because one knows that she likes it, and this knowledge makes one feel warm and cosy inside: a feeling of self-satisfaction. The band of sixth-formers papers the walls of a pensioner's home because this will bring the old fellow pleasure, which will in turn make the sixth-formers feel happy. It is quite true to say that anything we do which does not bring us any pleasure at all, but makes us feel guilty and irritable, is usually morally or conventionally wrong. It has not done us any good. Once more, the selfishness of life leers at Man through its unusual and unexpected guise. Anything that benefits us, directly or indirectly, is good; anything which harms us, directly or indirectly, is bad. This all too simple reasoning is insidious, and the horrible truths crawl up out of obscurity, dragged from the slime by the ironic mind, as a horde of amphibious marsh-dwelling creatures slide from a swamp, to disturb one's concepts and perhaps to devour them. This last simile may reckon of Independent Television, but it describes the insidious nature of many simple truths in life.

The Christian, in a facile manner, may spout such phrases as: "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend".

When he says this, the Christian should be very careful. It always occurs to me that in laying down his life for his friend, he is "heaping up riches in heaven". Is this selfish, or is it a just reward? Would an atheist lay down his life for his friend? Some Christians would reply to the accusation of selfishness levelled against them as follows: You cannot apply mortal reasoning to God, simply because it is irrational in immortal matters. Philosophers would comment, à la Wittgenstein: "God cannot be expressed: He can only be addressed"

If you are able to answer all these questions and solve all these metaphysical problems, then you must indeed be very happy. I wish to conclude this article on a hopeful note, and as a Christian I believe in the adage: "Love conquers all". Perhaps instead of thinking too deeply into all this it would be more simple to accept everything virtuous as true, and everything left as false. This does not aid matters at all, however, since an inquisitive mind will never be satisfied with facile statements. My own personal beliefs concerning human love, although still greatly confused, are reasonably stable. One must love wholeheartedly without expecting or hoping to experience any reciprocal feeling, and accept the beloved's affection only as a reward for selfless effort.

Camus believed that: "Le mal qui est dans le monde vient presque toujours de l'ignorance"—The evil in the world almost always originates from ignorance. This statement may invite you to determine that I am ignorant, but read on. . . . I have a friend who thinks he is Oblomov, and lies in bed all day shouting out crisp, clipped quotes from Tennessee Williams such as: "Oh God, play God and set us free!" He enjoys thinking up dreadful fates for his enemies, promoting his image and living in a state of manic depression. I do not blame or criticise him in the least, however, for I know him to be blissfully happy.

The Theatre of Cruelty is flourishing at this time under the direction of, among others, Peter Brook. The more the mind is forced to consider psychological and philosophical problems, the more it swims and loses its balance. The moral is, keep out of my way. It is nowadays the fashion for professors of philosophy to become rather accentuatedly eccentric. This is what thinking drives people to.

The whole business of life is just too ludicrous for words, and just when you think you are about to reach a solution to the gargantuan puzzle, they put you six feet under.

P. F. AINSWORTH

### AS NIGHT FALLS ON A PEACEFUL PLACE

With the sun a little more than a blood-like smear behind a cloud, the sheep slowly found their comfortable beds for the night, under bushes and behind dry-stone walls. Slowly, the course of a small stream rose slowly into the air, like a blanket of semi-transparent cotton wool, as it wormed its winding way into the distance to be hungrily swallowed by a small copse.

The sheep, one by one, began to lapse into deep slumber as the smell from the soup heating on the primus stove filled the air. The cooking monster hissed in rage as an alien in a foreign country, only to be calmed and soothed by the murmuring steam.

As the setting sun moved from behind a cloud, it lit up the dark wood on the far side of the valley, making it look as though blood had been sprayed over the whole landscape. Even the misted path of the stream became redder as if it was made of particles of ferric oxides, delicately held together by an invisible gossamer.

As the stars began to make their blinking appearance as if woken by the start of the night, the sun slowly bid its farewell to another day.

Gradually, as eyes became accustomed to the dark, the moon took the celestial stage and lit up the valley in a new light. This gave the mist above

the stream a shining fluorescence as if a spectre was about to walk from it.

Only a silhouette of the copse could be seen in front of a dark blue sky, with the tree tops piercing the night's silence—a silence broken only by the crickets telling each other of the day's gossip and a distant hooting of an owl hunting for her nocturnal meal.

Slowly, everything became bleared, even the sounds were less distinct to the man's now pacific brain as he fell asleep on the dew-soaked grass.

P. A. MCGREGOR (6ASs1)

### IT'S ALL VERY WELL FOR THE ADVERTISERS, BUT WHAT ABOUT US?

Ever since Parliament's decision to ban cigarette advertising on television, the wailing of the advertising executives has drifted down to us, from their morocco-bound, twenty-four carat offices; their ulcers (on lunch vouchers, of course!) having been given a gentle prod by the loss of six million pounds in television cigarette commercial booty.

But who is there to think about the poor viewer? What of tele-advertising glamour will be left, when the smoking has to stop?

Certainly, there are still the petrol advertisements. We can always jump into our microscopic, two-tone, hydrolastic, ultra-modern, de-luxe Mini and run down to the garage, where, for five shillings a gallon, we get success, money, danger and those go-ahead, get away girls and Green Shield Stamps, even. Then, there is always high-speed gas; the well-run, wall to wall home; the kids with wipe-on, wipe-off, drip-dry faces; the dazzling white, slow-motion cat.

But none of these even had the imagery of the good, down-to-earth, out-of-the-world "fag ad". No need to stand up and turn on the gas. No need to buy a box of chocolates or to run the car to the petrol station. With no more effort than to flick your variaflame, no smell, thermonuclear lighter, or to strike a Tilley lamp, you can be anywhere the "ad-men" want you to be.

What now, we wonder, is going to become of the couple who raced breathlessly (they were so young, and so obviously in love) over the rustic bridge. She, hair trailing, ran on ahead, and he, laughing, followed into the wood, where the sun came, in little speckles, through the trees. Their bliss was complete with their mentholated coffin nail. Will middle age now overtake them? Will we see her next, slightly harassed, crumbling up the Oxo cubes and wondering how to get her white linen white, in the grit and grime of the North?

But, alas, all is not lost! Hope springs eternal in the ad-man's heart. Pipe tobacco, cigars and snuff are not covered by the ban. Will we see the glamour girls sucking on rhinestone-studded corncobs on mink-covered meerschaums? Or the local yokel saying, "It looks good, it tastes good and, by golly, it does you good", while taking a bite out of a plug of chewing tobacco?

Yes, we will miss them; the secret lovers, the jewel thief who steals the "Henson and Bedges", the man who knows that he is getting the best Virginia for a shilling less. Oh yes, it will be with a heavy heart, and cancer-free lungs, that we shall see them go.

C. J. SANDERS (6ASc2)

### THE CARAVAN

David bit his nails. Why were they so long? Why were Mum and Dad not back yet? He looked out of the window. The fog floated past, everything was shrouded. Damp, dreary, dark, bare, empty: and yet fascinating, he thought.

What was that over there? Who was it? Why, could it be Mum and

Dad in the car? No, no, there was no soft purr of the engine, no yellow, sickly glow of the fog-lamp. Death, death, death; the word kept pounding in his brain. Why was he obsessed with these morbid thoughts?

Then a thought struck him, were they premonitions? Oh no; he felt sick. Opening the door of the caravan, he looked out. His brain reeled, his pulses throbbed, his thoughts raced. Why was he afraid? Was he mad? The fog beckoned. He responded and ran down the steps.

Out in the middle, he turned. He could not see the caravan!! A black object closed in on him. He saw it all now. The fog, his parents' delay. IT WAS ALL PLANNED.

The fingers closed in. He screamed. The fingers tightened their grip. He tried to break away. The earth tilted. He fell on the moist, clammy grass. All he heard was a murmur.

The faint sound of laughter in the distance. . . .

E. GRIFFITHS (1A)

### THE TALE OF A CAT

We own the strangest creature in the land;  
A cat whom Mister Freud can't understand;  
A purring, fluffy bundle full of fun  
Whose manner strange amuses ev'ryone.

Sometimes he sits, teeth chattering at the birds  
As they fly round the garden.  
He crouches on the window ledge,  
And snaps and snarls and growls at them  
As they sit on the hedge:  
It seems to me that in his thought  
He really is devouring them.

Three times a day he yowls for food,  
At breakfast, tea and supper time.  
At each meal we give that cat  
Enough to feed a tiger;  
It really beats me how he puts  
Such large amounts in such small guts.

A courter of the lady mogs  
And chaser of the neighbours' dogs,  
Our Blackie is the cavalier who keeps away the rats;  
He hunts down mice and catches birds  
And fertilises flowers;  
The wonder of the city is this little cat of ours!

T. WILD (6AM2)

### ODE TO A HOMELESS HERMIT

The homeless hermit in mournful sack  
Roams city streets at dead of night;  
His endless shuffle with low bent back  
Scrapes cobblestones till early light.

Homeless for ages he searches yet  
For the shady cave he will never find  
It's too late, hermit, your chance is dead  
For civilisation has never been kind.

M. AINSWORTH (3B)

**THE HIGHWAYMAN**

The Highwayman rode out one night,  
His gallant steed albino white.  
Along the lane a coach draws near,  
The happy travellers have no fear.

They've travelled far since break of day,  
The journey has been long but gay.  
Weary now as night descends,  
O'er the reins the coachman bends.

There is no moon to light the sky,  
They do not know that danger's nigh.  
At point of gun, and at his call,  
They'll give up their possessions all.

As he waits, his nerves are taut,  
Death's his sentence if he's caught.  
Though the highwayman is brave, of course,  
He puts his faith in his swift horse.

He hears the coach approaching fast,  
The crucial moment's come at last.  
The coach he stops, his gun is ready,  
He takes his plunder, nerves now steady.

He leaves his victims all aflight,  
And disappears into the night.  
His charger swift takes him away,  
He'll live to rob another day.

S. R. BURTON (3B)

**THE SONG OF "HE YA WACKER"**

(with apologies to Longfellow)

In a city on the Mersey,  
Known as home town of the Beatles,  
Live the people known as "Wackers",  
People bred on "Scouse" and "Butties".  
Happy people, often singing,  
Often singing of their birth-place,  
Singing of the famous "Lime Street",  
Lime Street of their well-known "Maggie",  
Of the woods beyond the roof-tops,  
Trees of oak and knotty ash,  
Where their own comedian, Doddy,  
Mines his great jam butty hash,  
Chanting of the famous Cavern.  
Cavern, in a street in town,  
Where a famous group they started,  
Started off the Mersey Sound.  
They are people, oh so merry,  
They have many meeting places,  
They can meet in Public Houses,  
Meet in pubs or on a corner,  
Talking of the football matches,  
Fighting to get in the ground there,  
In the ground to see the favourites  
Give their foes the run-around there.  
When you stand upon the terrace

You will hear a curious sound,  
Curious sound from lips of thousands,  
Thousands standing in the ground.  
Liv'pool has the Mersey Tunnel,  
People come from all around  
Just to travel through the tunnel,  
Travel through it in their cars.  
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Now the skies begin to darken,  
Now the shadows start to lengthen,  
Come the buses, great green monsters,  
Taking up their human burden,  
Of the workers from the city  
Off back home to "Scouse" and "Butties",  
Eaten with a hasty action,  
With one eye upon the tele,  
Watching John, Paul, George and Ringo,  
Before they go off playing Bingo.

PETER A. WILDMAN (3A)

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