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*"O wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see oursels as ithers see us."*

The Lion, it's clear, is a weak imitation
Of our noble paper—the best in the nation;
A take-over bid we will make for that rag.
For we realise that to you it's a drag
To learn all the football and hockey results,
And read in *The Lion* the School's evil cults;
That the Old Boys have met—well, I'm sure you don't care.
For what we need now is a paper with flair,
A paper with wit—one that gets all the news;
We want one to read—over which we can muse.
There's news in the School and a newspaper's here;
I think, now; on that score we've no need to fear,
For IV A's new *Times* will be out every week
And soon from *The Lion* there won't be a Squeak!

J. HARRIS

"Price's is ceasing to be a school and becoming merely an educational establishment." Regrettable as this statement, made recently by a prefect, may be, there is unfortunately some truth in it. Recent years have seen vast changes at Price's; not only has the face of the school changed, but so also has the spirit of the school. One cannot help but feel that the two were in some way related. Old and dilapidated as the buildings were, did they not nurture a certain spirit—a certain pride—in the fact that this was Price's?

Today much of that spirit seems to have disappeared, and now that we really have a school to be proud of, too many of us do not appreciate it. Too many of us approach the school in an attitude of what we can get out of it, instead of what we can contribute to its common life. We fail to realise our debt and duty towards our school.

We are on the verge of a new Price's; we are at a crossroads. We perhaps hold the destiny of Price's; if we fail now in our duty towards our school, then it *will* become merely an educational establishment and we shall be like mass-produced cabbages. If we succeed, then Price's will continue to play its distinctive part in the life of the community and, what is more, it can and will rise to greater heights as a school than ever before. The choice is ours.

R. E. GISBORNE

Calendar—Spring Term, 1961

January	5	Beginning of Term. Service at SS. Peter and Paul, Preacher : The Rev. Thomas Strangeways.
„	9	Mr. Crick, student from Southampton University, joined us for one term's practice on the Science side.
„	11	P.T.A., American Party.
„	23	Lecture, <i>The Pestalozzi Children's Village Scheme</i> , by Mrs. M. Buchanan, Secretary, Sussex Village Organization.
February	2	VI Forms, Commonwealth Lecture, <i>Recent Developments in East and West Africa</i> , by Sir Hilary Blood.
„	13-16	School half-yearly examinations.
„	14	Service Apprenticeship examinations. Faraday Lecture, Portsmouth, <i>Transistors and All That</i> , by J. Davies, M.A., B.Sc., G.I.E.E.
„	17-20	Half-term holiday.
„	23	Two P.E. Student-teachers from King Alfred's College, Winchester, for one month's practice.
„	24	VI S.U., Lecture, <i>Race, Religion and Colour</i> , by A. I. Polack, M.A., Education Officer of the Council of Christians and Jews. Group Capt. Williams to discuss C.C.F. (Air Section).
March	1-8	Geography Course in Yorkshire for nine VI Form geographers, with Mr. Chaffey.
„	15-22	Coastal Ecology Course in Pembrokeshire for eight VI Form biologists, with Mr. Oxford.
„	17	P.T.A., <i>Any Questions</i> session, with Heads of School Departments answering parents' questions.
„	20	VI A.L., Geography Field-day, with Mr. Chaffey.
„	24	C.C.F., Field Day.
„	28	School Steeplechase. Performance of Stainer's <i>Crucifixion</i> , by the School Choir in SS. Peter and Paul.
„	29	Staff v. School Hockey Match. End of Term.

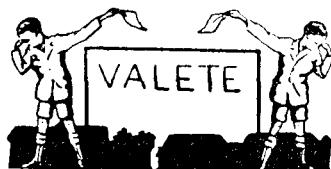


Blackbrook—M. E. Coggins.

Cams—R. Denton, B. R. Wilson.

School—D. Fisher.

Westbury—G. Mays, K. F. Raby.



Blackbrook—P. J. Tudge, Head of School (1961); House Captain; Sergeant C.C.F.; 1st XI Football, Hockey and Cricket.

Cams—R. A. Brent, Prefect; 1st XI Football and Cricket. F. W. Lomax.

School—J. Hobbs, Prefect. M. C. Paskins. C. J. Payne, Senior Prefect; House Captain; 1st XI Football, Hockey and Cricket.

Tributes

PETER TUDGE practically fulfilled the popular conception of the VI-form schoolboy: easy-going, hard-working, intelligent without holding 'outrageous' opinions, versatile, conscientious and, above all, modest. He was a very useful footballer and cricketer, a dutiful athlete for his House and a very efficient, rather than an outstanding, Head Boy. Besides these sterling qualities, he excelled at hockey, and played for Hampshire Schools at this game. No school could be run efficiently without the Tudges of this world, who are prepared to put School and House before themselves.

CHRISTOPHER PAYNE, on the other hand, came nearer to the description of the schoolboy's schoolboy: immensely popular, a good student and a gifted games player; football, cricket, badminton, table tennis, he was a star performer at them all. But football was his best game; he was the mainstay of last year's 1st XI and played for Hampshire Schools. He well earned his popularity among his fellows by his forthrightness, his level-headed modesty and most of all by his unshakable joviality.

JAMES HOBBS was a genial personage who always worked hard at his studies and carried out his duties as a prefect most conscientiously. He will be going to King Alfred's College, Winchester, and, with his confident manner and his willingness to work, he should make a very good teacher.

RICHARD BRENT, alternately wildly enthusiastic and patently indifferent, was nevertheless always extremely likeable; a fine all-rounder, he was a very useful outside-left for the soccer 1st XI and a good left-arm spinner who would have played more often for the cricket 1st XI had it not been for the 'terrible twins,' Rowling and Storey. He passed his 'A' levels very creditably, and will continue his studies at Hull University.

A. C. CLARK

Seeing the World

ADVENTURES IN FRANCE

On the night of Wednesday, 7 August, 1960, I boarded the Le Havre boat at Southampton with François, who had spent the previous six weeks with me. After taking leave of my family on the quay, we settled down to wait for the departure of the boat. I shall never forget that night. We first sensed trouble when the boat failed to leave at the appointed time. The night was spent restlessly walking the deck awaiting developments, until, in the early hours of the morning we heard that some of the dockers had gone on strike and, therefore, the boat would not leave port.

However, after a free trip to Newhaven by rail, we embarked for Dieppe. In a matter of hours we were travelling up the valley of the Seine and, having changed trains in Paris, soon arrived at Sens (Yonne), to be met by one of François' brothers. The strike had made the journey so long and tedious that I slept like a log on my first night in a strange country.

My first day with François' family was spent quietly resting and getting to know everybody. This proved rather a difficult task for me, as François was one of the youngest of a family of thirteen brothers and sisters. Luckily I did not meet them all at once!

On Saturday the whole family travelled down to the French Alps. We left Sens at 6 o'clock in the morning with the idea of passing through Switzerland. But when we arrived at the frontier we found, to everyone's dismay, that my passport had been forgotten, so we had to make a detour keeping well inside the French Border. I was consoled by the fact that M. Lorne (François' father) said he would be able to collect the passport when he returned to Sens for the harvest. After a long journey we arrived at the chalet at about 8 o'clock that night. It was situated in the Valley of the Guisine at the village of La Salle les Alpes (Hautes-Alpes).

One of my first outings was to the Bêché Rocks, where I learnt how to use a rope in rock climbing. Once you get the knack of climbing it seems quite easy and after a few tries I could ascend and descend quite well. Another time we went to see the Glacier Blanc where we spent some time "foot ski-ing." This ski-ing is without skis, using our feet instead. We were soaked to the skin by the time we had finished.

One Sunday afternoon we climbed halfway up Mont Pelvoux (13,560 feet), spending the night in a refuge for mountaineers. On Monday the more experienced of the family went to the top, leaving the others at the refuge. When the experts returned we had a small snack and then began the descent. On the way down we saw some remarkable animals called Chamois from which is obtained the well-known chamois leather. It was a wonderful sight to see them gliding over the snow. The descent

was accomplished in about three hours and once back at the chalet we were served with some very rich food of which I ate only a little. However, the quick descent followed by that rich food was asking too much of my stomach; I spent Tuesday in bed on a diet of tea and dry biscuits.

The journey back to Sens was made in a two horsepower Citroën and twice we stopped to rest an overheated engine. In Switzerland (I had my passport by then) I was surprised at the large number of free gifts given away at the garages. I remember a packet of handkerchiefs being taken from the top of a petrol pump and calmly handed to us with a smile and, "Pour la route" !!!

My last week was spent on M. Lorne's farm, which extends for about a thousand acres and produces a variety of crops, the chief of which are apples and pears. At the end of my stay my hosts came with me as far as Paris, and spent a few hours showing me Notre Dame, l'Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and other places of interest. At St. Lazare Station I took my leave of these delightful people who had made me so welcome in their home for four weeks, and travelled by myself back to Southampton.

N. A. DAVIES (3A)

MALHAM TARN

Last year's geography field expeditions were followed up this term with a more ambitious venture, a visit to the Field Centre at Malham Tarn, high in the Pennine uplands of North-west Yorkshire. Travelling to this distant region involved us in a journey of nearly 400 miles and we eventually reached Tarn House across moorland roads already enveloped in impenetrable darkness.

Tarn House overlooks Malham Tarn, a shallow lake surrounded by the Craven fells. These uplands, well over a thousand feet high, are mostly underlain by limestone, a rock which is responsible for much of the characteristic scenery of the region. This was the land we were to study for a week, including both the landforms and the settlement of the region. This is a land of rugged scars and scree, of bare limestone pavements and disappearing streams. We saw those features of the region already familiar as textbook examples—the deep gorge of Gordale Beck, the magnificent white cliffs of Malham Cove and the great swallow-hole of Alum Pot. Each day found us absorbing new ideas and practising new field techniques.

Sunday was perhaps the most exciting day when seven of us scaled Pen-y-Ghent—involving a walk of some twenty miles and a climb to nearly 2,300 feet. Ascending the southern spurs of Fountains Fell, we saw Pen-y-Ghent still obscured by the morning mist. From this point we had to descend past Gingleing Pot, a fascinating group of swallow-holes, and Rainscar, a familiar postcard subject; then we pressed on to Dale Head, a stone farmhouse sheltered by a group of sycamores. From here the route led across difficult cottongrass moor to the foot of Pen-y-Ghent, and with a final burst of energy we made the ascent up the very steep scree-covered southern face of the peak. The mist was still thick in the low-lying areas, but above it we could pick out the distant summits of Ingleborough and Whernside, rising to nearly 2,400 feet. Throughout the afternoon we encountered interesting features of surface and underground drainage, and made detailed examinations of the magnificent

Hull Pot and Hunt Pot, swallow-holes on a vast scale. Our return route from Horton-in-Ribblesdale was across miles of steep winding moorland roads, but, keeping up a stiff walking pace, we reached our cottage as dusk was falling across the still waters of the Tarn.

One day was devoted to group study of particular problems of the region. The subjects allotted to two of our groups, one dealing with farming and the other with slope evolution, were carefully studied and rewarding results obtained. Herring and Davies, studying a topic of their own choice, made such a first-class job of it that the Warden asked them for a copy of their work. This is sufficient evidence alone to show that these field weeks can make a very real contribution to the basic understanding and interpretation of geography, giving boys both a new outlook and a keener appreciation of the scope of the subject.

J.B.C.

THE PEMBROKESHIRE COAST

One of the pleasures of being a biologist is the opportunity it gives to attend a field course once a year. So Wednesday, 15 March, found nine of us filled with expectation waiting on Fareham station for the train which was to take us on the long journey to Dale Fort, near Haverford West in Pembrokeshire. Having arrived and had supper we received our instructions for the week. Of major importance was Mr. Barratt's decision to put the local inn out of bounds; this news deterred many students besides those from Price's from exuberant behaviour on the first night—even more, no one dared the inn during opening hours as Mr. Barratt practically lived there. Another pain in the neck was the washing up; however, we would like to thank Mrs. Oxford for the fine job she has made of domesticating her husband—he was a great help. But we were very cheered next morning to find that the number on the biology course was fairly small and equally divided as to boys and girls.

On the first day, Thursday, we went to Musselwick Bay about two miles from the Fort and did some general collecting from the seashore, and the specimens, including some large crabs, were taken back to the lab and identified; we now know the difference between a Gastropod and an Ostrocod. Friday was spent doing a transect of the beach, Slip Pier beach, near the Fort. The wind blew and by the time we returned to the Fort we looked very red and felt very cold. That evening we worked until eleven o'clock writing up our results, after which we went to bed extremely tired. Saturday was spent in three different habitats looking for the varying types of fauna. That evening, being less tired, about thirty people congregated in the dormitory and we held a party, which terminated about 1.15 a.m. Sunday was free and different members spent it as they wished. That evening another party was held but this terminated abruptly when several boys found that the girls had spent the day sewing up their pyjama bottoms. A mock trial of the culprits was held and they were found guilty; punishment was, however, deferred till the following night.

Monday was spent in varying habitats, studying shells and lichens; a transect was taken of West Dale beach, which could then be contrasted with the one taken on Friday. We also had a look at some rock pools; one of our party found a large starfish called "Marthastearas," a fine specimen about one foot four inches in diameter. Climbing about on the

rocks which in some places were quite high provided an exhilarating afternoon. Tuesday we were out on the salt marsh, studying the last of the habitats in the area. The evening was spent writing up, eating and packing. Some of the other parties then stayed out all night round a barbecue fire; however, Price's retired gracefully.

When Wednesday dawned a large number of respectable individuals appeared with bags and cases packed ready for the return to civilization. Reluctantly, and with many thanks to the staff who had looked after us so well, we made the final trek along the Fort road to the waiting coaches and eventually Home.

E. W. McLARTY

BLACKMORE VALE AND SOUTH WILTSHIRE

The Lower Sixth Geography Field Trip this term encompassed a much larger area than the visit to the Western Weald. We crossed the New Forest and spent two hours examining the river terraces of the River Avon and the old Solent river from St. Catherine's Hill, north of Christchurch. In the afternoon we visited two fine earthworks: the unexcavated Badbury Rings, near Wimborne, and the magnificent Iron Age fortifications on Hambleton Hill, which dominate the rich dairy country of Blackmore Vale in northern Dorset. The standard of field sketching here was very high, and most of the boys found the possession of this skill a most useful asset.

With dark clouds rolling in from the Somerset Plain, the latter part of the afternoon saw us anxiously watching for a break in the weather. However, it held long enough for us to visit the high plains of South Wiltshire, north of Mere, and to examine the remnants of an ancient land surface carved millions of years ago. From the cold windswept heights of Whitesheet Hill we descended to the sheltered wooded country of the Vale of Wardour, where we made our last stop at the village of Ansty.

J.B.C.

LAND'S END REVISITED

For the second year running, some of the more eccentric members of the Prefects' Study and Upper Sixth Science decided to hitch-hike to Land's End and back. Permission was obtained from the Headmaster to leave on the last day of term, and so on this day six pairs of foolish young men set out, eyeing the greying sky and uttering curses that it should rain on *this* day after so many fine weeks.

But as five pairs raced towards Southampton, Salisbury and the West, just one pair (the sole surviving pair of last year's expedition), surreptitiously made its way through the New Forest towards Dorchester on the coast, mindful of bitter hours spent just twelve months ago on an empty road between Yeovil and Salisbury. Our luck was in, for at Ringwood a friendly couple stopped and said they were on their way to Penzance! Alas, by 7.00 p.m. they felt they had gone far enough, and so we hikers set out in a steady drizzle and fading light, walking westwards from Okehampton. More luck in the shape of a genial lorry driver took us to St. Ives at 10.30, and so into Penzance. Then began the ten-mile stretch to Land's End; (still drizzling), but then came three Marines in a battered jeep returning to a caravan at Sennen after an evening in Penzance. Reaching Land's End at 11.30 p.m., a pleasant hour was spent

over coffee in the caravan listening to the amorous adventures of these three in Penzance; then followed three and a half hours' walk in the rain back to Penzance and an hour's rest and tea in Penzance Police Station.

By five o'clock we were on our way again, and finally got back to Fareham at 2.06 p.m. (stopped raining!), to the great delight of a certain member of the staff who was not looking forward to waiting up all night to check in the late arrivals. But we made it, and furthermore in 23 hrs. 26 mins., an improvement of three hours on our previous effort. (Wonder whether the Head Boy is back yet?). A happy Easter to all lorry drivers!

Results:

1. Vibert and Dimmick	23 h. 26 m.
2. Duffy and Barkhuysen	23 h. 44 m.
3. Read and Carpenter	26 h. 07 m.
4. Thomas and Johnson	27 h. 18 m.
5. Wells and Hooke	30 h. 55 m.
6. Tudge and McLarty	retired.

P. J. VIBERT

Combined Cadet Corps Notes

ARMY SECTION

The main activity of the Corps this term has been the preparation for a series of examinations, which have now been taken. The Basic Test (which used to be called "Certificate 'A', Part I") was a marathon which entailed 3 parade days of examination. A backlog of over 90 candidates was tested; the standard was quite sound and over 70 cadets passed. I was pleased to see that several candidates, who came to us from other schools, had made good progress and that most of them were successful in this examination.

The more advanced examination—the Army Proficiency ("Certificate 'A', Part II")—held last December, has already been noticed. The following are extracts from Major Pennicott's report:—

"1. The Board of Examiners was very pleased with the high standard which has been achieved by these Cadets as results show; this reflects much credit upon the officers responsible for their training and the enthusiasm with which the task has been carried out.

2. With regard to the Cadets who unfortunately failed in one subject, it is fair to add that they had been absent through sickness, etc., consequently losing the opportunity of attending Parades. There should be no difficulty in their passing the one subject concerned. [Subsequently entered for the additional subject at a Board held at the Northern Grammar School, all passed].

3. The drill standard was good, particularly when one appreciates the "postage stamp" parade ground which is available; the playing fields in which the Cadets are usually exercised were affected by mud and water and could not be used."

On Friday, 24 March, about 250 boys were taken by coach to an area north of Winchester, where we held our Field Day. The exercise, one of Attack and Defence was reasonably successful and quite enjoyable. We made a lucky decision in our choice of day, for the weather was

superb. The Cadets displayed unbounded enthusiasm and, guided by the wireless sets of the Signals Platoon and blinded by smoke-screens, the Defensive position was bombarded, but held firm.

A Night Exercise, organized by W. O. Pugh and Sgt. Johnstone, was held on 10 March. About 70 boys volunteered to take part and despite the desultory attacks of a few Intruders, the exercise was successful.

We have been extremely fortunate this term in securing the assistance of Mr. Crossman, the Senior Caretaker at the School. Mr. Crossman has retired from the Royal Air Force in which he was a Senior Warrant Officer at an Officer Cadet Training Unit. His services are much appreciated and we look forward to seeing an appreciable improvement in Drill and Turnout under his direction.

In the near future we hope to see additions and improvements to our Cadet accommodation. The two wooden huts which house our stores lie in the way of the new Gymnasium. They will have to come down but this may prove a blessing in disguise. We are to be provided with new buildings, brick-built!

Next term, in May, we have our General Inspection so we shall be busily making our arrangements.

M.H-J.

R.A.F. SECTION

This has been a fairly active term for the R.A.F. Section. Courses and training have been arranged for Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency. In the Proficiency examination 20 cadets took the examination, 18 passing, with eight cadets over 80%. The Advanced Level Cadets have been working hard and sat the examination Friday, 24 March. We hope that they have all been successful. In this training we are grateful to Fl/Lt. N. Cullis of R.A.F. Station, Thorney Island who has given valuable help in the instruction.

During half-term 6 cadets took advantage of flying facilities at R.A.F. Thorney Island and had a very enjoyable long-distance flight. Unfortunately the extreme wet weather 'scrubbed' our two days' flying programme at Hamble. A number of cadets have been practising on the '22 Range and subsequently made up a team for the "Assagai Trophy," offered annually for competition among R.A.F. sections of schools. The results will be out early in the new term. Annual Camp, attended by 24 cadets, will be at R.A.F. Station, Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks. This is an Advanced Training Station, chiefly for Fleet Air Arm Pilots and we are looking forward to our stay and training there.

C.B.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

This scheme has recently been introduced into the School and has met with a very gratifying reception. Twenty-five boys have begun their preparation for the second series, the Silver Award. The series is divided into four groups: Physical Fitness, Hobbies, Public Service and, finally, the Expedition. Each boy has his own particular hobby and we have discovered a wide range of pursuits, including Judo, Marksmanship, Motorcycle Repair, Sailing, Fishing and even Bird-watching! These hobbies have to be pursued consistently for at least six months.

For the final test in the Expedition, 25 boys and 4 masters will be going to the Brecon Beacons on 14 July. They will spend two nights under canvas and will cover about 20 miles across country using maps and compass. They have to cook their own food and carry all their equipment. Training expeditions are now in progress and the orange-coloured lightweight tent, which they use, has already been seen on the School field. Busy mothers will probably relish the fact that the boys are learning to cook for themselves; we are endeavouring to break them of the custom of cooking "the eternal sausage."

These boys will, I hope, progress to the Third Series, the Gold Award, next year. Further groups for the Silver Award will be started next term and any boy who is interested should keep a sharp look-out upon the notice-boards.

M.H-J.

SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

This term the Rifle club got off to a rather slow start as quite a few members did not turn up regularly to shoot. A match between the Army and R.A.F. members of the club was arranged at half-term, in which the Army succeeded in beating the R.A.F. On 27 March we had an away match against Portsmouth Northern, in which we were narrowly defeated by 555 to 551 points. It is hoped that in the Summer term we shall be able to arrange more matches, including a return match against Portsmouth Northern.

G. DIMMICK

THE BAND

This has been a term of building up our strength for the onslaught of Parades which we attend in the Summer Term.

In the second half of the term we started an inspection competition. Every week we have a full inspection and mark each member of the Band on his turnout; the cadet with the highest total at the end of the Summer Term will be given a small prize. This new system has improved the standard of turnout generally in the band although, unfortunately, we still have one or two 'scivers,' determined not to wear their uniforms at any cost. At present the top placings are : (1) Bugle Cpl. C. Tudge, (2) Cpl. R. Comfort, (3) Cdt. Drummer T. Woods.

Our musical accomplishments have increased in step with our turnout in most cases. The parades along the street have done us a lot of good and stood us in good stead for the route march held a fortnight before the end of term.

J. F. TANNER



1st XI HOCKEY

Although for the second season running all hockey practices and matches have had to be telescoped into the last five weeks of term, the standard of play has not been discreditable. The 1st XI started with the

advantage of having last year's experienced captain and vice-captain available, although this year their roles were reversed. Both Pugh and Tudge have given authority to a team which, inevitably, had to learn as it went along. In the event, the defence has improved its play rather more than the attack. The goalkeeper was a problem initially, but M. D. Thomas was prepared to deputise and by the end of the season had earned the team's confidence. Tudge dominated the defence with his safe stick work and long drive which often eased the pressure in difficult situations. The forwards have not had time, or perhaps the ability, to settle into a cohesive line. Pugh has always worked hard to get his line moving together, but to do this and to supply the chief penetrative power at the same time has been a drain on even his reserves of energy. Thus the record of three games won and three lost would seem to be about right; but in as much as we rely at the moment overmuch on gifted individuals next year will require a concerted effort to maintain even this modest position.

Our congratulations go to Pugh and Tudge on their selection for the County team and to Pugh for being chosen as the County captain. In addition Pugh has had a Welsh trial, though we do not know yet whether he has been picked. [He was]. In any event he has had a fine season and deserves the thanks of all connected with Price's hockey.

K.J.S.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI

THOMAS, M. D. (Goalkeeper) was turned into a goalkeeper this term and has now become a safe keeper. Has made a very loyal team member.

JOHNSON, P. B. (Right back): The most underrated player in the team; he has improved considerably and fully deserved his colours. Is calm in all situations and clears well.

McLARTY, E. W. (Left back): A full back who has made a great advance this season. He has improved in every game and is most reliable under pressure.

FULLER, G. C. (Right half): A big boy who has learnt a great deal this season. At present a little slow in covering and getting in his clearance.

TUDGE, P. J. (Centre half): Has played consistently well throughout the season. A very steady centre half, round whom the defence has been built. His only fault has been a tendency to slow covering.

SMITH, R. O. (Left half): Easily the most accomplished hitter of a hockey ball in the side. He managed to control his eagerness to play too far up field. He would do well to put more heart into the game.

CARTER, G. R. (Outside right): Should benefit from a season's experience. Must learn to stay out on his wing and centre to back of the circle.

PUGH, T. H. J. (Inside right): An outstanding captain and a natural leader. His neat stick work and speed off the mark make him most dangerous near the circle. [K.J.S.]

THOMAS, P. A. B. (Centre forward): A robust centre forward who has scored many good goals. His speed tends to get the better of him at times with consequent loss of ball control.

MARTIN, D. J. (Inside left): Came into the team after the start of the season. Has played very hard and covers a lot of ground, but must learn to distribute the ball more quickly since he is caught in possession too often.

ROSHIER, K. R. (Outside left): The youngest player in the side, has made a good effort to fill this difficult position well but must get his centres in more quickly. Should be an excellent player in years to come.

This was the established team by the end of the season; Payne, Edinberry, Gardner, Vibert, Houghton and Phelps have also played at various times.

It would not be right to end these notes without a word of thanks to Mr. Sterck who has always been ready to give us advice and the benefit of his experience. I would also like to thank the various masters who have given up their time to umpire school matches

MATCH REPORTS

Away **St. Vincent** **Won 1-8**

As in previous years, this match was rather one-sided, St. Vincent being very inexperienced and lacking in the basic skills of the game. In the first quarter we scored five goals and consequently eased up. However, in the second half we added a further three goals, our opponents managing to score one.

Scorers: Pugh 5, Thomas, P. 2, Smith.

Away **Fareham 2nd XI** **Lost 4-0**

On arrival at Bath Lane, we found water lying on the pitch. Although, in these conditions, we played some good hockey, the experience of our opponents was too great for us.

Home **Peter Symond's** **Won 2-1**

The first match of the term on the school field proved the best of the season. With some new faces in the side we played well and thoroughly deserved our 1-0 lead at half-time. In the second half we went further ahead, before Peter Symond's managed to score; this was their first defeat of the season by a school side.

Scorers: Thomas, P., Pugh.

Away **King Edward's** **Lost 5-0**

After our midweek success we came back to earth with a bump, being beaten in all departments of the game by a good side. The game was marked by some very robust play which lowered the standard of the hockey. This made us quicker on to the ball in a more evenly contested second half but we were unable to penetrate our opponents' defence.

Home **Old Pricean's** **Won 3-2**

The school field was, at last, really dry, but unfortunately very uneven. The Old Priceans were unable to find a complete side, and had to be strengthened by Messrs. Sterk, Cole and Heal, all of whom played well. We soon scored twice but were then temporarily put out of stride by some vigorous tactics. However, the School side was never unduly

worried by their opponents and, playing some good hockey, ran out winners, the score being flattering for the Old Boys.

Scorers: Thomas, P. 2, Pugh.

Away **Hamble Old Boys** **Lost 5-3**

With an excellent pitch on a warm March afternoon, we expected a good game. Hamble scored twice after about twenty minutes, but the School fought very well and had netted two goals by half-time. Early in the second half, the defence were caught off guard and Hamble went ahead again by 4-2. Although we tried hard we couldn't manage more than one goal and Hamble clinched the issue in the final minutes with another goal.

Scorers: Pugh 2, Thomas, P.

T. H. J. PUGH

2nd XI HOCKEY

The 2nd XI has had mixed fortunes this season, and of the three matches played, have won one, drawn one, and lost one. The outstanding feature has been the play of the defence, especially the full-backs Houghton and Gardner, whilst on occasion Coffin and Phelps have played well. Of the forwards Edinberry and Thompson have played well and worked hard, and Wells has been converted from centre-half to a centre-forward of considerable penetration. Gisborne has given good service in goal, and Johnstone has been a fine captain and stalwart half-back.

MATCH REPORTS

Home **Peter Symond's** **Won 2-1**

This was an exciting game with some good play on both sides. After a fairly even first half and being 1-0 up from a goalmouth mêlée, Edinberry scored a good goal early in the second half. However, Peter Symond's rallied and for most of the second half they attacked strongly, scoring about five minutes before time. The defence played extremely well, notably Houghton and Gardner.

Scorers: Edinberry, Thomas, J.

Away **King Edward's** **Lost 6-0**

We were beaten in this game by a far superior team, and again only good work in the defence by Houghton, Phelps and Gardner kept the score down to 6. Gisborne brought off several good saves, whilst in the forwards Thompson and Edinberry tried hard and got close to scoring on a few occasions.

Away **Fareham 3rd XI** **Draw 3-3**

This proved the best game of the season, and the result was in the balance right until the end. We attacked for much of the first half, and at half-time were 2-0 up through goals by Thompson and Coffin. In the second half Fareham came more into the game, and defensive errors allowed them to score three goals to our one from Wells. Again Gardner played well, as also did Coffin and Thompson.

Scorers: Thompson, Coffin, Wells.

P. J. VIBERT

SENIOR COLTS XI

This year the team was quite experienced but, owing to lack of practice as a team in the early part of the season, they did not do particularly well. We took part in the annual Colts tournament which was held this year at Barton Peverill School, Eastleigh and improved on last year's performance, winning one match and drawing one out of the seven matches played.

It was felt that real co-ordination between the forwards was seldom achieved and this, coupled with unsettled back positions, could well have been corrected and developed had not practices been so restricted. Wright, in goal, showed considerable improvement towards the end of the term and became the mainstay of the defence.

The following people played for the Colts this season:—Wright, Wake, P. (Vice-Capt.), Thomas, J. J. (Capt.), Auckland, Lewis, R. A., Hughes, Joslin, Harvey, R., Adams, Ward, Hawkins, Johnson, Keith.

P. A. WAKE

The Steeplechase

The steeplechase was held on the morning of Tuesday, 28 March, and for the first time was run entirely within the School grounds; this change was made necessary because the School is now in the centre of a closely built-up area. A course was set out around the perimeter of the field and buildings, and obstacles—including stiles, ditches, and a water splash—were placed at intervals. Teams of six runners from each section of the Houses took part, and some fine races ensued. The Minors' race was over one lap of the course, and was won by Robinson, who ran very strongly. The Junior two-lap race was won by Nichols, who broke away during the early part of the second lap and maintained a fifty-yard lead until the end.

The Senior race provided perhaps the most excitement, for within a few seconds of the start Taylor had established a forty-yard lead, with some of the more fancied runners well behind. However, by the end of the lap Bevis was in the lead, and he kept in front to the end of the third and final lap, winning a hundred yards from Pugh.

RESULTS

	Seniors	Juniors	Minors
1.	Bevis, M. (B)	Nichols (C)	Robinson (B)
2.	Pugh (W)	Woods (W)	Walker (C)
3.	Jenks, R. (W)	Aldred (B)	Godden (W)
4.	Carter (W)	Clark (B)	Keith (S)
5.	Powell, R. (C)	Ward (S)	Hiskey (C)
6.	Read, C. (C)	Kemp (S)	Alderton (W)
7.	Goldring (S)	Ellis (B)	Stone (C)
8.	Tudge, P. (B)	Knight (W)	Childs (C)
9.	Jenks, P. (W)	Hand (C)	Greenland (B)
10.	Martin (S)	Stewart (C)	Wheeler (B)
1.	Westbury	1. Westbury	1. Cams
2.	{ Blackbrook	2. { Blackbrook	2. Westbury
	{ Cams	3. { School	3. Blackbrook
4.	School	4. Cams	4. School

House Notes

After long months of physical inactivity the school suddenly burst into life about three weeks ago; since then all Houses have carried out frantic trials and nine House matches have been played. To add to the flurry of activity it was announced that a Grand Steeplechase was to be run and each House was to enter three teams of six. However, thanks to the fine weather this programme was carried out.

BLACKBROOK

Blackbrook finish this term holding second position in the Reed Cup, 18 points behind Westbury and 15 ahead of Cams. It is quite clear that the House will have to strive hard in the Summer Term activities, if Westbury are to be overtaken.

Our performance in the hockey house matches was commendable. We won the Minor Cup, shared the Junior Cup and came second in the Senior competition.

The Minors won their first match against School House 2-0, and drew against Cams, 1-1; the last match, against Westbury, resulted in a win by 4 goals to nil. This was a game in which Blackbrook played excellent hockey and I feel that Fisher is to be commended on the way he has captained the team.

The Juniors were rather fortunate to win 1-0 against School House; the match against Cams was a better game which we deserved to win. Our luck deserted us in the third match, against Westbury and we lost 4-1.

The Seniors were once more dogged by an inability to score when the opportunities arose. In our first match we had most of the play but, try as we might, we could not penetrate the School defences; the match ended in a goalless draw. The match against Cams was easier and we won 3-0. The last match against Westbury was a really good game between two evenly-matched sides and the result was the fairest possible, another goalless draw.

Our performance in the Steeplechase was as good as could be expected and indeed we gained two individual first places through the running of Bevis in the Seniors and Robinson in the Minors. The Minors shared second place in their competition, the Juniors came third and the Seniors shared second place with Cams.

P. J. TUDGE

This term the House loses P. J. Tudge and it is difficult to exaggerate how much the House owes to him. He has always set the highest example both on and off the field, and we wish him all happiness and success in the future.

H.R.T.

CAMS

The efforts of the House to play hockey have produced some very varied results. The Minors came second; the Juniors first equal with two other Houses; and the Seniors, after failing to win a single point or score a single goal, again occupied that fourth position which of late it has been their great misfortune to occupy regularly.

The Minor hockey teams played some unexpectedly good hockey and those who expressed doubt as to the usefulness of Minor hockey were rapidly silenced. Cams Minors got off to a rather dubious start, losing 0-1 against Westbury. However, things gradually improved for they drew 1-1 with Blackbrook and finally overran School completely to win 5-3. Although the whole team played well, three deserve individual praise: Gould at right half and Lambourne at centre half broke down many an attack and started new ones for Cams. The centre-forward, Domone, proved an able captain and struck his real form in the last match against School, in which he scored four goals.

The Juniors were strong enough in defence to resist their opponents' attacks and won two out of their three matches. In the first, against Westbury, the team began confidently when Joslin managed to score after a goal-mouth scramble in the second half, to give us victory. But in the second match we were unlucky to lose to Blackbrook 0-2, after doing most of the attacking. Against School we again did most of the attacking but several scoring chances were missed; Joslin atoned for a previous miss by scoring the single, winning goal. The team played well and Lewis as captain provided an excellent example of industry; Hand in goal had a particularly good game against Westbury. Harvey and Auckland were extremely hard working and Joslin, a Minor playing for the Juniors, had occasional flashes of brilliance.

The results of the Senior House matches make sad reading; Cams, having only one representative in a school team, fielded a greatly inferior side. However, we may feel some pride that our defeats have been by small margins; we held Westbury and School to two goals and Blackbrook to three, largely thanks to three people. Dowman, playing in goal for the first time, proved competent against Westbury and excelled himself against Blackbrook. Read proved a pillar of strength in the centre and received superb support from Holloway.

The Seniors to some extent made up for their poor showing by coming second, equal with Blackbrook, in the Senior Steeplechase. This result was obtained thanks largely to the efforts of Powell (5th) and Read (6th) who both ran very gamely; Richardson (14th) also did very well. The Juniors were fourth although Nichols ran away with the race to finish fifty yards ahead of the field; his efforts and those of Hand (9th) and Stewart (10th) proved in vain. The Minors provide a ray of hope for the future of Cams for, after coming second in the hockey competition, they easily won the Minor Steeplechase; Walker (2nd), Hiskey, Stone and Childs ran particularly well and were well backed up by Kirby and Gould.

At the end of this term Cams lie third in the Reed Cup with 37 points behind Blackbrook (52½) and Westbury (70) and I feel sure that next term with greater effort and co-operation we shall be able to improve upon our present position with regular and conscientious training.

C. J. HERRING

SCHOOL HOUSE

Unfortunately the end of the Spring Term finds us in fourth place in the Reed Cup, a long way behind Cams. In the hockey competition successes were few and far between. The Seniors had most success, with a win and a draw to their credit. They played Blackbrook first and were

lucky to get away with a goalless draw in a "backs to the wall" struggle. Gisborne, in particular, played a very fine game in goal. Our success, however, was shortlived, and we were thrashed 8-2 by Westbury in the next game, despite two very good goals by Goldring. Against Cams play was very keen, frequently switching from one end to the other and goals from Martin and Greentree gave us victory. Tyack, Davies, Taylor, R. and Wilkins also played well in all three games. The Juniors were sunk without trace in their matches although they did manage to score against Westbury through Wake, P. The Minors lost to Blackbrook but then completely outplayed Westbury to win 5-0, the goals being scored by Keith (3) and Payne (2). Against Cams, Keith, Payne and Philip scored three goals but unfortunately their opponents scored five times; Hebron and Nash also played well.

In the Steeplechases both the Seniors and the Minors came last in their sections; in the former Goldring (7th) and Martin (10th) ran well, but in the latter only Keith (4th) was anywhere near the winner. In the Juniors, however, we managed to come second equal, thanks to Ward (5th) and Kemp (6th), who ran good races. These notes would not be complete without a tribute to C. J. Payne, our last House Captain and one of the finest all-rounders Price's School has produced in recent years. His driving force and inspiring play will be sorely missed, especially in School House, and we wish him every success in his future career.

P. B. JOHNSON

WESTBURY

Looking back over the term, everyone should feel pleased with the performance of the House. We now have a comfortable lead in the Reed Cup, but the trophy is not won yet and all must try hard next term to ensure that we retain the cup for a further year.

The Hockey matches, as is the custom of the School, were played in the last two weeks of term. The Junior tournament was very close, ending in a triple tie; however, Westbury had bad luck in not winning outright since we lost the first game against Cams by an unlucky goal. In the other two matches the forwards managed to shoot straight and we scored decisive victories. Smith was the inspiration of a sound defence while Freeman, although not in copybook style, managed to score many goals.

For the first time, it was decided to hold a Minor Tournament in order that the younger boys could get in some much-needed practice. Although very keen, we did not meet with a lot of success; in fact, we won only one match, finishing third equal.

The Seniors had a strong side, winning their competition. We beat Cams and School easily and then played a goalless draw against Blackbrook four hours after the Steeplechase. Brebner played his role in our goal very well, his kicking being exceptionally good. The defence was sound, remaining calm in all situations, with McLarty leading them well. The forwards made the most of their opportunities, Carter being an exceedingly dangerous inside forward. One feature of all the House Hockey was the amount of fly hitting; the boys concerned should not try to emulate Arnold Palmer, but remember that even he hits a dead ball and not a rolling one.

The Steeplechase was a resounding success for the House as we were first in both the Seniors and Juniors, while the Minors finished second. These results were due to good team packing and not to individuals; all the runners should be congratulated on the way they tackled the strenuous course and, since everyone did so well, it is impossible to single out any individuals.

T. H. J. PUGH

FROM THE PREFECTS' STUDY WINDOW

Outside,

The puddles quiver—their opaque shallowness broken pitter-patter

By unceasing raindrops.

The young oak tree stands stark and black,

Stripped of its leaves by the frolicking Autumn wind.

Now it stands,

Its foliage replaced by clear

Raindrops

Which fall in a never-ending stream from the

Grey, grey sky—a seemingly unbroken

Shawl, smothering the immediate neighbourhood.

The houses in Uplands Crescent look newly washed

And glazed,

Their paintwork seeming brighter than yesterday

When all was dull and dusty.

But when will the rain stop

Its perpetual lashing of the woodwork-shop?

We must wait for tomorrow, when perhaps

A clear dawn will bring an end to the rain

And a huge sigh of relief will surge from everyone's throats as they say,

“ Look, it's stopped raining.”

J. HOBBS

ODE(R) TO SPRING

The trees, the grass and Fred are green.

Fred is green?—you know wot I mean.

Spring is come—the grass is ris;

I wonder where the birdies is?

Some say the bird is on the wing,

But that's absurd!

The wing . . . is on the bird!

Shelly says the trees is green,

He may be right—he says he's seen;

But I don't know—last time I sawed,

The birdies were asleep and snored.

But now that Spring at last is here,

TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND GIVE A CHEER

or GO OUT AND BUY YOURSELF A BEER.

It's said that when the trees is green

All the crickets can be seen,

But now that Buddy Holly's gone,

What can they do, it's all been don.

When Mother Nature spreads her wings,

All the birdies starts to sings.

The leaves returns onto the trees,

And here they come, those blanky fleas.

Now Spring is ended, Summer's here,

Just wait till then to give a cheer.

R. J. HARVEY

J. HARRIS

THIS IS OUR LIFE

What is our life, if full of woe
To school each day we have to go—
To work, to play, perchance to dream.
After the bell into school we stream,
Like ants into their nest.
Our life is ruled—yes, that's the word!—
By lots of bells. O how absurd!
We work and slave each day to please,
Then off home to have our teas,
And then to work again.
Our life is governed by the prefects,
Who make good use of our small defects.
They govern us with rule severe,
The laws of the school make us revere.
But we might be one of them one day,
So what we think now we'd rather not say.

W. R. GOODWIN
R. W. KEMP

Club Notes

BADMINTON

The notable event of the term has been the open singles tournament, which gave an opportunity of playing to many boys who are not in the sixth form. The results were very encouraging, showing that the club will not lack good players in the years to come. In the final Baker defeated Bevis 15-1, 15-5, in two very exciting games. Gardner was awarded the Non-members Cup for getting the furthest of the non-members.

Two matches were played this term; the one against Gosport County School was lost 6-3, the other against the Old Boys was won 5-2. The latter is an event which, I hope, will become established in the school year, since it affords considerable enjoyment for both past and present members of the school. When one considers the great improvement in the standard of play that has taken place this year, I think it may be said that the 1960/61 season has been successful.

M. B. HERITAGE

BRIDGE

This term the Club celebrated its first anniversary by playing the long-awaited tournament; it was agreed that matches should be decided on total points over twelve hands. Sixteen members took part, including four masters who agreed to play under handicap—in the event, none of them reached the final. Whereas many of the other games were very exciting, with scores differing by as little as ten points, the final proved rather dull; T. Duffy and A. Barkhuysen defeated H. Roddis and R. Shepherd by a margin of over 1,600 points.

The rest of the Club carried on as usual, and there was no change in membership.

H. RODDIS

CHESS

This has been our most successful season since we first entered a team in the Portsmouth and District League. This term our Senior team have had two matches against St. John's College, 'C' team, drawing with them $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ both times. The second time we were rather lucky to draw, winning one board by default and drawing one by being stalemated. We succeeded in completing the double over Portsmouth Grammar School beating them 3-2 again and over Purbrook beating them 5-0 again. Gosport Grammar School we also defeated 3-2. Earrey, usually a junior team member, played very well on board 4 in the Portsmouth match although he lost. Keen must be congratulated on his 100% record on board 3. The senior team with one match left to play now has quite a good chance of winning the league this year for the first time since we joined it.

The Juniors have had rather a disappointing season, having lost all their matches except that against Purbrook. Only Crawford on board 2 has won consistently. The lower members of the team seem to be losing through lack of match experience at present and are still rather young, and should form the basis of a very good team in a year or two.

Keen and Tyack played in a match between the Portsmouth Schools and Southampton Schools, drawing and winning on boards 8 and 7 respectively, although the match was lost. Let us hope that next term the Senior team will win the championship and that next season will be a little better for the Juniors.

R. J. TYACK

THE CHOIR

The choir, composed of boys and masters, came together in S. Peter and Paul's Church on Tuesday, 28 March, to sing Stainer's *Crucifixion*.

This performance followed weeks of hard and often despairing practices after school in the evenings. Mr. Boote is to be congratulated on the perseverance and skill which he has brought to the task of conducting over thirty voices in the not too simple work of the *Crucifixion*. The solos were sung by Mr. Cole and Mr. Chaffey, who brought a great deal of courage to their difficult task.

From the amount of favourable comment after the performance, I think it can be safely said that it was a great success.

P. J. TUDGE

PHOTOGRAPHY

This term has seen many changes in the Society, a committee of six has been elected and a set of rules drawn up and we are a little better organised than we have been in previous years, perhaps owing to the new members whom we have enlisted. All have made good use of our new darkroom, opposite the Physics laboratory, and Senior members have been experimenting in the preparation of our own chemicals. Our new members have proved to be unfamiliar with enlarging, the chief activity of the society, but most have had some photographic experience and have learnt quickly from Senior members who have been helpful at all times.

We now have the facilities to develop films for non-members for a small charge, which will cover the cost of the chemicals; any profits will go to the Society's funds.

N. A. HALLS

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD

The following pearls of wisdom were dredged up from the half-term examination papers:—

One of the principal features of glaciated uplands is a curry.

Plumb tarte.

Carnivorous limestone.

Diamond is a mixture of heat and carbon.

A mixture is a physical reaction.

Honey is transferred from the piston to the ovary.

Wales and porpoises have returned to the sea.

Temporary hardness is caused by Water Companies.

The North Pole melted and New York was flooded.

The cattle are killed and turned into ham.

T.T. milk is milk straight from the cow.

Place a strong bar magnate on a large piece of paper.

The number of swings per second do not take so long.

The British unit of weight is the foot.

Pressure is force and it can be weighed in square inches.

A dubble washer is needed.

Blood to the lungs goes along the pulmonary archery.

Heat with a gentile sort of flame.

The corporal who made a mistake was kicked firmly over the traces.

By the Way

PARTY POLITICAL SPEECH

The present impasse should, in bona fide negotiations, and *mutatis mutandis*, be, *ipso facto*, overcome. *Ad hoc*, I hope, after the usual *pourparlers*, to draw up an *Entente Cordiale*. I sincerely believe that all will find this no *pis-aller* but rather—to employ my *bête-noire*, an Americanism—a very satisfactory set-up.

CRISIS (I)

Following the recent clash between two Fareham councillors, a neutral and international U.N.O. force has been drafted into this trouble-spot. The town has been divided into four zones, with control posts at Westbury Manor, Cams Alders farm, the railway station, and Tesco. Russia has vetoed this move, and the United States has vetoed the veto. We have just heard that fighting has broken out among the neutral U.N.O. soldiers, and that they have razed Fareham to the ground. We also hear that the uneducated natives of the village are blaming U.N.O. for this mishap.

CRISIS (II)

Instead of America inundating the pro-Western Laotians with money, and Russia weighing down the pro-Communist Laotians with arms, why do they not agree to cease these donations and use the money thus saved to set up another buffer-state elsewhere, say in the middle of the Indian Ocean?

SWEET DREAMS

It is indeed scandalous that in these days M.P.s. are not prepared to leave their interior-sprung beds to discuss white fish and herrings; for are not white fish and herrings of vital import to every man, woman and cat in the country? And whither Democracy, when white fish and herrings are given preferential treatment to black fish and kippers?

ROUND AND ABOUT

Football League referees issued with whistles without peas, two left boots and dark glasses; standard of refereeing improves no end.

The disappearance of Brand X from our screens has led to a huge boom in its sales:—‘Come and get your Brand X, as banned on television!’

The little local difficulty in the Labour Party resolved. Gaitskell brings a few hundred beds into the Commons to hide the gaps from the Tories. “Where’re all the other members of your party, Mr. Gaitskell?” “Oh, they’re asleep at the moment.”

BOB CREECHAM

Poet Clarence, Esquire

It all started on one bright Monday morning when I announced to a few of my Lower Sixth Arts associates that a poem of mine was to be published. My announcement was greeted with a few disbelieving looks, a couple of gaping mouths, and a snort of jealousy from one whom I would have thought more sympathetic. About twenty seconds later the scene changed. The eyes became interested; the gaping mouths closed. Obviously my superior grin had something to do with it. Normally I should have curled up with laughter at such a reception, but I restrained myself and felt no pang of conscience at having delayed the action for twenty seconds. Had I laughed immediately after having made my announcement I should not even have gained a scoff. My straight face had fooled my comrades. They were puzzled. They were interested. As soon as the initial shock had worn off I was faced with a barrage of questions, most of them querying the sanity of the publisher and inquiring into my financial status. It did not seem to interest anyone that I might now be eligible for the Nobel Prize for Literature. I rather doubt whether it would interest the Nobel Prize Judges, and I think my friends also held with this opinion.

As the day progressed the questions became more varied—and more difficult. For instance: What was the poem about? I tried to hide my feelings towards the questioner and pointed out to him some of the problems of copyright (not that I knew any more about it than he did). My attempts to evade the issue were not very successful, however, and I was at a loss what to tell him. I had not realised until that particular moment that poems had to be about anything. My poem wasn’t. I had called it *Time* and wrote about as many items of interest as I could, donating a verse to each topic and concluding by insinuating that it was all a waste of time to begin with and wasn’t worth worrying about; I suppose I could have called my poem *Price’s C.C.F.* instead of *Time* but the thought had not occurred to me. I knew that I could not tell my questioner this, so, with a little persuasion, I promised to bring a copy of the valuable manuscript to school as soon as I could accumulate enough energy to use on the “copying-out” process.

That afternoon I shyly handed over the masterpiece. The noise that followed was petrifying. The poem was being "read" out aloud. It was being murdered! After a little gentle, yet forceful, persuasion the reciter agreed to read the poem to himself a dozen times before launching upon the tiresome task of reading it aloud. Having fulfilled his promise and having tried to adapt it to several accents, he looked at me and asked, "How much did you get paid for this?"

And that is where I started my article. The room in which I am writing is full, but silence prevails, apart from the scratching of pen-nibs as they skate over school rough-books. Only occasionally is the near-silence broken, when a literary genius rises to his feet and reads, "There once was a . . ." Next term's *The Lion* should be abounding with verse and poetry—if it can afford this luxury.

M. CLEEVE

(Surely the writer will require all the verse, and/or poetry, he can lay his hands on to fill the pages of his own recently-announced *Trend*.

The Editor)

Campanology

Confidence drained away when I was taken to the bell loft and shown the eight silent monsters. The silence was suddenly shattered by the clamour of the bells as they were pulled up into the 'set' position. To 'set' a bell one pulls on the rope until the bell comes to rest on balance, mouth uppermost. The din and reverberation in the loft made me, a novice, shake with apprehension for the safety of the ancient bell tower, despite its sturdy structure.

In the ringing chamber the noise was hardly less deafening but I was informed that the tower was a noisy one compared with those of other churches. The impression the bystander receives is of furious activity, combined with intense concentration on the part of the ringing team and interspersed with unintelligible shouts of command from the bell captain. The bells crash out their message far above and it seems incredible that the great bells weighing anything from 12 to 25 cwts. can be controlled with such ease and dexterity and be kept in such immaculate order in their 'changes.'

My first meeting with the bells is soon over and I stumble down the narrow spiral stairway with the noise still ringing in my ears, a noise which has rung out for countless ages calling God's people to His house, sounding to all, regardless of social rank or position, a sound created by ringers dedicated to their task who in this push-button automatic machine-age turn to the ancient bells to find there a complete and lasting satisfaction.

P. J. TUDGE

A Letter from Oxford

The number of Old Priceans up at Oxford, though perhaps small, does remain fairly constant. This year D. Perceval (St. Catherine's), M. J. Cardy (Hertford) and J. M. Simmons (University) have been succeeded by D. Roberts and M. Miller, up to read Modern Languages and P.P.E. respectively. D. Roberts, Captain of the School in times gone by, having served his Queen and country for two years with diligence if not

enthusiasm, finds time outside his studies at Lincoln to sail on the Cherwell and 'maneuver' with the O.T.C. M. Miller is at University College which, aside from other dubious claims to fame, had the honour of winning 'Cuppers' in hockey this year. It should perhaps be mentioned that the standard of hockey is on the average higher than that of soccer—a reflection perhaps on the social acceptability of the latter.

Sport of all kinds, from fencing to tiddlywinks, from rowing to beagling, plays an important and essential part in the life of the average undergraduate. This is not to deny that studies are, despite all we may hear, pursued with zeal and perseverance by some men all of the time and even, perhaps, by all men some of the time. The atmosphere is intellectually stimulating in a way differing from that obtaining in schools insofar as fierce rivalry of scholars *inter se* is replaced by a struggle to understand great new ideas and tracks of knowledge hitherto undiscovered. Contrary to tradition, moreover, some lectures are found by many to be not only endurable but also useful, and some tutorials even inspiring. It is certainly interesting to see and hear in person such great names as W. H. Auden, Trevor-Roper, G. Ryle and A. N. Ayer.

It is not to be thought that the activities of 7,000 odd young men and women are confined exclusively to the sports field or the library but so many newspapers seem to do their best to keep the world at large informed of what goes on that it remains only to be mentioned that one need never be bored in Oxford, despite the imbalance of men and women.

Last but not least—both food and drink are pleasant and plentiful. *Mens sana in corpore sano* is, after all, still the ultimate object of a university education.

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Once again a financial year of the Association has come to an end. On the credit side we have an increase of 54 in membership bringing the total to 305 at the end of February. This total is the highest to my knowledge and may well be a record. Many thanks are due, both to Mr. Poyner the Headmaster and to Mr. John Cole, for the co-operation I have received in recruiting boys as they leave School. However on the deficit side there are many disquieting factors. Outstanding subscriptions for the past and previous years total £73 17s. 6d. from 68 members; of these, 24 members are outstanding for four or more years and I have reluctantly been forced to write to them to withdraw their membership under rule VI (b) unless payment of their dues is made. Also two members who joined only a short while ago have asked to withdraw from membership. I trust that money is not the reason in these cases as I consider 10/- a very modest sum in these days to have to pay for membership of an Old Boys' Association of such a School as Price's.

I hope that the members that remain will continue to support the Association to the full. After all, the success of our activities depends on the enthusiasm and effort of the members. Let us show both the boys and staff of Price's School that we, as an Association, are very much alive to our responsibilities and aware of the changing pattern of the School. On Old Boys' days please turn up in force and give satisfaction to me as the organiser of the events, pleasure to the Staff who are always pleased to see past pupils, and demonstrate to the present boys of the School that to be a member of the Old Boys' Association is worthwhile.

I have recently had my address list retyped as my previous one was somewhat dog-eared and much emended. Great care has been taken in checking that an accurate copy has been made but some errors may have slipped through. I should, therefore, be most grateful if members would check that their address is correct on all circulars and communications received; if incorrect, please inform me without delay. I am still most anxious to receive news of members from far and wide. Incidentally, when you write I should like to know your dates at Price's and your achievements both at School and since, so I can start some comprehensive records of members. Whilst writing I should be pleased if any members could give me their reminiscences of Price's in the years gone by so that I may compile an article on the School as it was 50, 40, 30, 20, 10 years ago. This idea has been suggested to me by W. V. Cook.

I am pleased to report that members' generosity enabled me to send Mr. Poyner a cheque for £62 0s. 6d., for him to cash and present to 'Alf' May. I have received a very grateful letter of thanks, which makes the effort on such a task very rewarding. Whilst on the subject of subscription lists, I would remind members that we still have running a fund to provide paintings and works of art for the School Hall. At present the fund stands at £25 set aside from Association funds plus eight guineas contributed by members. In addition, I believe Mr. Poyner holds a small sum sent direct to him by certain Old Priceans. I am sure a worthwhile use can be found for all and every one of your donations no matter how small, so I trust they will be arriving thick and fast after members read this.

As mentioned in the minutes of the last A.G.M., Rule IX has been broken on many occasions and it was decided that it should be amended at the next A.G.M. Accordingly I give notice that the following amendments to the Constitution will be proposed by myself at the A.G.M. to be held on Saturday, 1 July, following the Cricket Match:—

- (1) That rule IX (a) ' Committee ' be amended so as to read, " A Committee of six shall be elected from the members of the Association. Three members shall be elected annually and shall hold office for a period of two years, at the end of which they shall retire. They shall be eligible for re-election for the ensuing year."
- (2) That rule V (b) ' Functions of the Association ' be amended by deleting, " (except as provided for in Rule IX)," as this is now superfluous in view of (1) above.

I am anxious to trace E. G. Neill, C. E. Nicolson and N. M. Barron. If any member has their addresses I should be pleased to have them.

On Saturday, 18 March, we once again played the Annual Hockey Match. Again we were badly supported and the 2nd XI match had to be cancelled. When this happens it invariably means that the standard of the 1st XI is not as high as it should be; however, all players gave of their best. We played up the hill the first half and this, allied to the speed of the game and of the boys, took its toll. Regrettably we had no goalkeeper and had to play a kicking back, and this enabled the School to lead 2-0 at halftime. Both goals might well have been saved by a reasonably competent goalkeeper, and I hope any in retirement may show themselves for next year's match. In the second half we had much more of the play and could have scored several times with a little more steadiness and keenness in the circle as the ball ran loose several times in front of goal. The School increased their lead to three before we opened our account with a follow up by Ellis. Just before time we were awarded a penalty bully from which Ellis scored to make the final tally 3-2. Jarmain played a safe game at left half and Miller and Gillard tried hard in the forward line.

For your diaries, the Cricket Match and A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, 1 July. We hope to field two XI's as usual, so please make every effort to attend.

M. J. CARDY is now teaching at Taunton's, Southampton.

P. D. E. GREGORY is now serving in Aden, with Aden Protectorate Levies, and has played Hockey for the Army out there.

M. D. BUTLER is studying Honours Chemistry at Exeter University.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

D. A. MASON	66, Stakes Road, Purbrook, Hants.
R. WALLBRIDGE	9, Throwley Road, Sutton, Surrey.
T. FROST	47, Champmans Walk, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
M. G. V. BULLEY	(Inspector) Kenya Police Training School, P. O. Kiganjo, Kenya Colony.
M. P. GILLARD	57, Ennismore Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex.
T. K. PALMER	42, Mortimer Lane, Basingstoke, Hants.
J. C. HEATH	96, Parkstone Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex.
R. D. DITCHBURN	22, Wood Vale, Fareham, Hants.
M. L. DOVE	1, Erlington Avenue, Rye Bank Road, Manchester, 16.
A. V. MERCER	"Tree Tops," Carr Bank, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.
P. D. E. GREGORY (Capt.)	H.Q. Aden Protectorate Levies, Aden, B.F.P.O. 69.
M. L. BROWN	Queen's Hall, St. James Road, Dudley, Worcs.
A. R. REED	"Redcot," 42, Bath Lane, Fareham, Hants.

M. J. CARDY	25, Hartley Avenue, Highfield, So'ton.
G. D. WADEY (Fl. Lt.)	Officers' Mess, R.A.F., Wyton, Hunts.
T. P. STARR	34, Mowbray Road, Sholing, Southampton.
M. D. BUTLER	20, South Lawn Terrace, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon.
R. J. BUXTON	27, Morven Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.
A. D. COOPER	7, Widlers Lane, Upham, Southampton.
N. DENSHAM	Barclays Bank D.C.O., Bank Road, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS

R. MATTHEWS (Cpl.)	"A" SQN, 4 R.T.R., att. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, B.F.P.O. 15. 17, South Street, Titchfield, Fareham, Hants.
A. LAYLEY	99, Chells Way, Pestcotts Spring, Stevenage, Herts.
D. A. JEFFRIES	28, The Park, Droxford, Southampton.
M. G. O'CONNOR	17, Beaulieu Road, Hamble, Southampton.
M. J. CROAD-BRANGWYN	Keeper's Cottage, Boarhunt Common, Southwick, Fareham.
M. DUGAN	5, Alexander Grove, Fareham, Hants.
J. J. GOULD	Hill House, Netley Firs Road, Hedge End, Southampton.
J. W. LANE	9, Burney Road, Alverstoke, Gosport, Hants.
L. R. HALL	Kingsworthy Foundry, Kingsworthy, Hants.

Parent-Teacher Association

During the term the Association held two functions—an 'American Party' and an 'Any Questions' session—both of which were very successful. It was gratifying to see so many members and our thanks go to the Headmaster and Staff for their interest and enthusiasm.

Saturday, 10 June, will be a red-letter day for the Association—the P.T.A. Fête. Please come along, for your support is needed; remember the success of this Fête will ensure increased help to the School.

W. G. J. THOMAS, *Honorary Secretary*,
105A, Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham.
(Telephone: Fareham 3157).



This is the time of year when the London Society is looking forward rather than back. We try to consolidate the expanding list of members, while working towards our two great annual events, the Summer Outing and the Christmas Dinner. The preparations for these functions are, of course, made well in advance.

The foundations for the Summer Outing were laid last November when, after much deliberation we decided to revert to the practice of thirty years ago and visit a West End theatre. In February we chose the Windmill, rich in the variety tradition, where we could be sure of a good show. The visit will be on 6 June and I will send everyone a letter about it.

After this we will hold one further meeting at the Grand Grill on 3 October and the Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, 1 December, at Bertorelli's.

I have to report that the two meetings so far this year have been successful, friendly and relaxing. I have heard from Tony Purkis, who is now living in Johore, and he has met Peter Keemer. Together they intend to hold an L.O.S.P. (Malayan Branch) dance in Johore on 15 April to which everyone is invited, providing *The Lion* arrives in time [Impossible, so don't blame us—*Editor*]. The Constitution of the L.S.O.P. does not forbid the formation of such branches and neither does it expressly countenance it. This is in fact the first time such a thing has occurred. The London Society is prepared to create a precedent and will recognize the Malayan Branch subject to ratification by a simple majority at the next meeting. In the meantime we wish the new venture every success.

We very much hope that members of the O.P.A. may wish to join in the Summer Outing, paying their way, and details can be obtained from Peter Ellis or from John Cole.

P. R. LEWIS,
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CLUES ACROSS:

1. Deception during the card game?
4. Practise, and you'll make it!
8. A panacea would cure them all.
10. The fiery child of the upset Royal Academy member?
12. She's back in town.
13. Five at the tub?
14. When the tide turns.
17. Produces devastating effect on troubled waters, apparently.
18. The finish includes a deed in some direction.
20. One gets confused with Sid and it's made public.
21. Suitor on a south-bound wagon?
23. Do they indicate the correct time?
24. The Civil Servant's beverage.
25. The Russian with his hoe in the Scott novel.
26. May be burnt or sacrificial.
27. Get around concerning the welcome.
29. Sincere material protecting the organ?
33. Habituate, that is, surround the union
34. The grand river?
35. Repent of the French street?
36. No recluse would refuse one.
37. Extremely agitated this way up.

38. Highbrow ordinal, presumably.
39. Does the rat in the middle cause you to do this?

CLUES DOWN:

1. Portable illumination for easy transport.
2. An inane stout's very soon served,
3. Cite confusedly under the relative; motion, the relative of force.
5. Make a mistake, otherwise, a mistake.
6. His companion lost his balance, painfully it seems.
7. Is this what a woman makes with her nail varnish?
9. May come between game and match.
11. Also the horse is a failure!
15. Write right here.
16. This was the death of Cæsar.
19. A small company add in money.
21. Is the Nile as salty as all that?
22. A half a spectacle on the look-out.
24. Variety of punt on the soccer field?
28. When you finish this crossword, you have got there! (Two words).
30. Does the liar anger you?
31. Miss Lockwood sounding her horn?
32. Deal with the feast?

Solutions to A. C. CLARK; the first correct one opened will receive a prize.