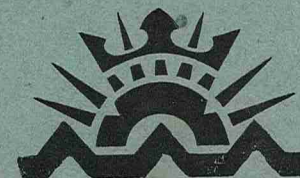


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Old Lowestoftians' Party were cancelled, only the annual Service of Carols and Readings remaining. On Friday, December 20th, there took place in the School Hall a Memorial Service, at which Ald. J. W. Woodrow, Mayor of Lowestoft, Mr. S. Stevens, Chairman of the Old Lowestoftians, Miss Joels and the Headmaster spoke. All of them bore witness to Mr. Neal's lifetime of service for others. The obituary notice which we reprint from the Journal of the Association of Assistant Masters summarises what we would wish to record of our old friend.—And now we must welcome to the Staff Miss M. B. Lawrie, M.A., Miss M. Fletcher, B.A., and Mr. J. H. Howard, B.Sc.

## MR. NEAL

Mr. R. Neal, M.A., Cantab., Senior Master of Lowestoft Secondary Grammar School, died on December 17th, 1946. He had taught in this School for 35 years except that in the Great War he volunteered and served with the Queen's Westminsters in the Middle East and France. He was thus the outstanding figure in a community to which he had belonged almost from its beginning. Richard Neal loved teaching because he loved his fellows. Two generations of pupils have owed to him, not only the benefits of mathematical knowledge, but an abiding lesson in true simplicity and the gentle strength that comes of unselfishness. His colleagues have lost one whose authority, based on this sweetness of nature, involved no sacrifice of friendship. He never ceased to enjoy, with them, as enthusiastically as a boy, games in which he had been so active and skilful, yarns from books and life, and the garden, where he found what was perhaps his most characteristic pleasure. We learnt from him that the true teacher's task, to serve others, is the noblest of all.

## The Old Boys' War Memorial Reading Prize

As we again record the names of Old Boys killed in a war, we remind members of the School of an earlier war memorial. Part of the money subscribed after the 1914-18 war was invested to provide an annual Reading Prize of about two guineas' worth of books. Since then, a committee of the Staff has customarily chosen two books for entrants to buy and study, and has held a preliminary reading for the selection of those to appear before an Adjudicator. Of recent years the Committee (which now consists of the Headmaster, Miss Joels, Mr. Baker and Mr. Emerson), has been forced to modify this procedure. The set books have been provided from school stock, because of the scarcity of books in shops, and during some of the war years the Committee has itself judged the final reading. This year, however, we have asked the Rector, Canon R. L. Whytehead, to adjudicate.

The following have won the prize since it was first awarded in 1928: Jack Bayfield, Samuel Kirby, Freda Muttitt, Alan Brooks, Jeffrey Maples, Margaret Knights, Jan Knights, Phyllis Akerman, Joyce Sizer, Peter Quinton, Molly Lodge, Leslie Grint, Anne Ibbotson, Betty Miller, Annie Hall, Peter Etchells, Gwen Jordan, Margaret Ewles, and Brenda Paine.

We have been indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen for acting as adjudicators: Mr. A. E. Mallett, Miss Doreen Barber, Canon H. J. Enraght, Mr. H. B. Lawson, H.M.I., Miss Diver, Mrs. P. C. Loftus, Mr. L. R. Missen, Canon R. L. Whytehead, Rev. M. Williams (Rector of Carlton-in-Lindrick), Rev. C. T. R. Hayes (Vicar of St. John's, Worksop).

## School Officers, 1946-1947

HEAD BOY, J. A. Culley. HEAD GIRL, Barbara Hawkes.

PREFECTS: Valerie Capon, Monica Durrant, Veronica Price, Margaret Hammond, Gaye Hayman, Audrey Hubble, Betty Rivett; G. Denby, B. Gee, D. G. Hall, R. Hughes, J. S. Rodhouse, N. J. Skinner, D. J. Thurgur, R. J. Knight.

HOUSE CAPTAINS: *Cavell*, Audrey Hubble; *Darling*, Valerie Capon; *St. Margaret's*, Monica Durrant; *Nightingale*, Barbara Hawkes. *Athenian*, J. A. Culley; *Roman*, J. S. Rodhouse; *Spartan*, D. J. Thurgur; *Trojan*, D. G. Hall.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES: Senior Dramatic Society and Play-reading Circle, J. S. Rodhouse; Junior Dramatic Society, Vera Goodrum; Debating Society, J. S. Rodhouse; Nature Club, Veronica Price; Scientific Society, J. A. Culley; Stamp Club, B. J. Wright; Choir, Monica Durrant; Guide Company, Marjorie King.

GAMES CAPTAINS AND SECRETARIES: Cricket, 1946 and 1947, N. J. Skinner, J. A. Culley; Football, N. J. Skinner, J. A. Culley; Hockey and Netball, Monica Durrant (capt.).



## Indoors

THE SENIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY, re-formed in October 1946, after some preliminary readings in four groups decided to produce two one-act plays: "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne, and "Legend" by P. Johnson. The rehearsals were conducted under the somewhat critical eyes of the non-acting members who nevertheless managed to laugh appreciatively at the jokes despite the weekly repetition; this perhaps was due to the tea provided at a charge of 1d. per cup. The plays were produced in the last week of term before the school. The actors, producers and stage hands are all to be commended for providing an afternoon of excellent entertainment. A visit to the Maddermarket Theatre was made on January 18th to see "Othello." Two parties left Lowestoft, one by bus, the other by train; the performance was appreciated by all those who took part in the visit. A party also visited Beccles to see a performance, given by the Sir John Leman School Dramatic Society, of Shaw's "Arms and the Man," on January 31st. "The Spartan Girl" by A. J. Talbot is at present in production for entry at the Drama Festival to be held at Sparrow's Nest at Whitsuntide. The collection of 1d. per cup of tea has covered the expenses of the Society; the train party were subsidised to make their fare equal to that of the bus party on January 18th and the fund at present stands at £1. 2s. 6d.

STOP PRESS: The Society met with distinct success at the Lowestoft Drama Festival, winning the Lowestoft Regatta Committee Trophy, which, although there were no other entries in Class III, Mr. Sladen-Smith, the Adjudicator, said he had no hesitation in awarding. "They were so good they well deserve the trophy," were his words, and he had previously praised the sense of fun and character shown, the movements of the chorus, the production and presentation as a whole.

THE PLAY-READING CIRCLE was revived in November 1946, and, after the usual negotiations with the British Drama League, read "Milestones"—Edward Knoblock and Arnold Bennett; "The Great Adventure"—Arnold Bennett; "The Younger Generation"—S. Houghton; "Justice"—Galsworthy; "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney" and "The Lady with a Lamp"—Berkeley.

Thanks to the good offices of the indefatigable Mrs. Loveday, to whom we are really grateful, play readers have been supplied with excellent tea at 2d. per cup.

Since last November the Lowestoft Repertory Company has allowed members of the Senior Dramatic Society to visit Sparrow's Nest each week at a reduced price and thus many have become regular theatre-goers. Each Friday after the show lectures were given by the players on such subjects as movement, speech and make-up, and a few members of the school took part in the discussion groups which proved so popular. At one period when the Repertory Company had to appeal for increased support, the staff and the members of the Dramatic Society contributed £6. 10s. 0d.

This year has been an active one for the JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY which now has a membership of over 150. Play readings were held on Thursdays and were well attended, the most popular being "The Crimson Coconut" by Ian Hay. Juniors were pleased to take part in the Christmas performance when they presented "Deadly Danger," an amusing sketch about bright ideas that did not quite succeed. The highlight of this term's programme was our "Just Different Social" on March 1st. Mr. Brooks presented prizes for the best fancy costumes and to those who had disguised themselves best. At the party a burlesque mime called "The Tall, Tall Castle," the rehearsals for which had occupied most of the "dramatic evenings" during the term, was presented.

After a lapse of two terms following the departure of Mrs. Glover, the DEBATING SOCIETY was revived in September 1946, under the chairmanship of the Headmaster. Keen interest was displayed at first but, as is usual, membership dropped until about twenty "regular" members were left. The deficiency in numbers has been made up for by the enthusiasm of the "faithfuls," but as yet there is little verbosity. We should like to point out to the Sixth Form girls that, while "discretion of speech is more than eloquence," Bacon does not advocate complete silence. The Sixth Form scientists can produce only two members interested in the more humane arts, and intellectuals among Fifth Formers are comparatively rare; nevertheless the presence of these rugged silent males would help. Motions carried since September are: That the present educational system of this country could be substantially improved; That cinemas should be open on Sundays. The following motions were defeated: That the house commends the Communist Party's support of the 'squatters'; That the advent of the cinema is responsible for the increase in juvenile crime; That votes for women should be abolished;



That the house welcomes the present decline in jazz music; That objections to blood sports are unjustified; That the cinema is in every way superior to the theatre; That compulsory military service should be abolished.

THE NATURE CLUB was constituted at a general meeting on September 19th, 1946, at which a committee representing all Forms was elected. A recording of the heron call was played to members on October 2nd and on October 3rd the Juniors heard a reading from *Romany* and decided to hold a similar meeting each week. All members paid a visit to the research vessel *Sir Lancelot* on February 1st; their interest led them to clamber all over the vessel, putting questions to all of the crew. During the Autumn term a wild flower competition was won by Marigold Thurston and Pat Hammond. The Junior members took part in an exhibition of their various collections, and the Biology lab.—the home of exhibitions—contained such exhibits as cigarette-cards, sea shells and even a tortoise.

THE STAMP CLUB has been meeting regularly every Friday afternoon since September. Its object is clear—to increase the interest of those who already collect and ensnare those who are incautious enough to show any interest at all. At present we have no roll, but there is an amorphous body of 50-60 collectors who attend regularly. Displays, exhibitions, competitions and quizzes have been held, talks given; but the most popular item is the weekly "mart." It is hoped to embark on a more ambitious programme and those who are interested are invited along on any Friday afternoon.

During the winter the SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY has met four times. Early in the Christmas term an entertaining lecture was given by Dr. Nicol on Anaesthetics before a large audience whose notions of the staid behaviour of our great grandfathers received a shock when we learnt of their indulgence in "nitrous oxide parties" and "ether frolics" and of the inebriation resulting therefrom. In December, Mr. Finbow gave a lecture on "Petroleum" illustrated by slides lent by the Petroleum Bureau. Last term Mr. Rimer lectured on "Light" and fascinated us with a large number of illustrative experiments. The final lecture was by Mr. Powrie on "Problems of Sea Defence" and from the many questions put, keen interest was evident. Sixth Form members of the Society were able to pay a visit in December to Messrs. Adnams' Brewery at Southwold. Interested in the various fermentation processes

and impressed by the scrupulous cleanliness of all the plant, members of the party took away with them samples of hops and malt—one wonders why. Our visit concluded with an inspection of the cellars. Here we were given the opportunity to test the products of the brewery and it is possible that some of the lustiness of the singing during our return to school may have been induced by the excellence of the refreshment. We are indebted in particular to Mr. Coveney, the chief brewer, for this visit.

The CHOIR went to Beccles on May 10th to sing in the Musical Festival. This annual event is not competitive, but the choir had the benefit of criticism from Mr. Ronald Biggs, the Adjudicator, who called their singing of "The Ride of the Witch" (Charles Wood), "quite an exciting performance," and mentioned their "nice legato singing" and "intelligent management of the words" in Bach's "Flocks in Pastures Green Abiding." This praise, together with his suggestions for improvement, gave us much encouragement.

### Girls' House News

At its first meeting in the Autumn Term, CAVELL welcomed Miss Lawrie as its new House Mistress and arranged a House Night to which members invited their friends whom the fifth form entertained with a sketch, "The Open Window." To its Christmas party, children of the Staff and some boys from St. Christopher's Hostel were invited. There was a huge Christmas Tree, and Father Christmas gave presents to the guests. The most interesting activity of GRACE DARLING has been the making of toys to send to children's homes for Christmas. Letters of gratitude were received from Pilgrim House, London, the Epileptic Home, Manchester, and the Boys' Home in Lowestoft. NIGHTINGALE held two House Nights before Christmas, inviting to the second twelve boys from the Home in Somerton Avenue. A "pound week" in September brought in 30 lb. of food for the Hospital, a sale of work in November realised £5, divided amongst the Hospital, the Boys' Home and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. At one meeting in the Spring Term Christmas cards were collected for the British Legion. ST. MARGARET's, we learn, held one House Night.



# Outdoors

## Cricket, 1946

The team made a very poor start in losing the first three games, but won all the remainder except that against the Staff. Throughout the season most of the School's runs were made by Skinner, Thurgur and Barnard, while the brunt of the bowling was borne by Carter and Thurgur. The bowlers were supported by exceptionally keen fielding, the main feature of which was Read's wicket-keeping. In the match against the Police he made five catches. In three of the School's games the team included Mr. Finbow, Mr. Houghton and Mr. Rimer.

*Results:* L.S.G.S. 82, Bungay G.S. 103 for 7; L.S.G.S. 25, Sir John Leman Sch. 60 (Beccles won by 6 wkts.); S. J. Leman Sch. 103, L.S.G.S. 14; L.S.G.S. 66, Old Lowestoftians 56; L.S.G.S. 71, Lowestoft "A" 33; L.S.G.S. 78, Bungay G.S. 26; A.T.C. 10, L.S.G.S. 97 for 9 (School won by 10 wkts.); L.S.G.S. 107, Gt. Yarmouth G. Sch. 31; L.S.G.S. 80, Lowestoft Police 60.

*Best Performances:* Skinner (*v.* Bungay) 23, (*v.* Bungay) 22; Barnard (*v.* A.T.C.) 47; Thurgur (*v.* Gt. Yarmouth) 29, (*v.* Old Boys) 4 for 9, (*v.* A.T.C.) 6 for 5, (*v.* Staff) 6 for 22; Carter (*v.* Town "A") 4 for 9, (*v.* A.T.C.) 4 for 5.

## Football, 1946-1947

In a season badly affected by the weather the School's most successful match was that played against Sir John Leman School who were beaten by three goals to one. This was the School's only victory in 1946. We also won two of the four matches played in the New Year, those played against Gt. Yarmouth and City of Norwich School. *Results:* *v.* Bungay Grammar School 1-3 (L.); *v.* Sir J. Leman School 3-1 (W.); *v.* City of Norwich School 2-1 (L.); *v.* Sir J. Leman School 7-1 (L.); *v.* Bungay Grammar 5-4 (L.); *v.* Old Lowestoftians 1-0 (L.); *v.* Gt. Yarmouth Grammar School 1-2 (W.); *v.* Old Lowestoftians 0-3 (L.); *v.* City of Norwich School 2-1 (W.); *v.* N.A.L.G.O. 4-5 (L.).

## Girls' Games

Not yet can we report a resumption of the successes which were such a feature of the school games before the war. Hockey was a possibility at last by the end of 1946, when the

pitches were playable, having been cleared of the concrete and barbed wire—but then came the unprecedented two months of snow and ice.

Two Hockey matches were played during the Autumn Term, the results being: *v.* Eastern Coach Works 6-0 (W.); *v.* Old Girls 1-2 (L.).

There was one Netball match, *v.* St. Mary's Convent, 8-6 (W.).

No games were played in the Spring Term.

## Sports Day, 1946

The School Field was hardly fit yet for Sports. However, we took advantage, accidentally, of one of the few fine days of the summer to hold an informal meeting, and just managed to finish the Relays as the jealous black clouds raced flashing to prevent us. There was little of the pre-war ceremony, but the events were most efficiently organised by Mr. Houghton (fresh from such tasks in climates so diverse as those of Italy and Iceland) and a good standard of running and jumping was achieved.

### Results:

(Already decided): Boys Junior Long Jump—Mills.

Boys Junior High Jump—Waterman.

1.	80 yards.	Girls under 12	... Betty Guymer
2.	100 yards.	Boys under 12	... Burt
3.	100 yards.	Girls 12-13	... Nora Thurston
4.	High Jump.	Boys over 14	... Fenn
5.	Long Jump.	Girls over 14	... Marigold Thurston
6.	Long Jump.	Girls under 14	... Pat Castleton
7.	100 yards.	Boys 12-13	... Hardingham
8.	100 yards.	Boys 13-14	... Mills
9.	Three-Legged.	Girls over 14	... Diana Moore, Pamela Soanes
10.	Three-Legged.	Girls under 14	... Mary Croft, Joyce Simons
11.	100 yards.	Boys 14-15	... Howell
12.	100 yards.	Girls 14-15	... Marigold Thurston
13.	100 yards.	Boys 15-16	... Barnard
14.	100 yards.	Girls over 15	... Connie Dawson
15.	100 yards.	Boys Open	... Fenn
16.	100 yards.	Girls 13-14	... Mary Croft
17.	High Jump.	Girls over 14	... Connie Dawson
18.	Long Jump.	Boys over 14	... Skinner
19.	High Jump.	Girls under 14	... Joyce Simons
20.	220 yards.	Boys 14-16	... Petit
21.	220 yards.	Boys Open	... Fenn
22.	Slow Cycle.	Girls Open	... Mary Brundell



23.	440 yards.	Boys Open Handicap	Brown
24.	150 yards.	Girls 12.6-14	... Mary Croft
25.	Slow Cycle.	Boys	... Paine
26.	150 yards.	Girls 14-15	... Diana Moore, Maureen Plant
27.	880 yards.	Boys Handicap	... Howell
28.	150 yards.	Girls over 15	... Connie Dawson
29.	200 yards.	Boys under 14	... Mills
30.	One Mile.	Boys Open	... Fenn
31.	440 yards.	Relay. Junior Girls	... CAVELL
32.	440 yards.	Relay. Senior Girls	... GRACE DARLING
33.	440 yards.	Relay. Junior Boys	... SPARTAN
34.	440 yards.	Relay. Senior Boys	... ROMAN

VICTOR LUDORUM : M. Fenn. VICTRIX LUDORUM : Connie Dawson.  
HOUSE TROPHIES : Grace Darling. Romans.

### Swimming, 1946

Just another example of "shortages." Hopes were held out that the Denes Swimming Pool would be used by schools, but a leak was discovered, and now—sand half fills it, the sea threatens it, cranes and piles clutter its approaches. And so there were a very few visits to the Everitt's Park Pool.

The qualifications which follow were mainly the result of pupils' own efforts :

Learner's Certificate : Girls, 30 passes; Boys, 44 passes.

Improver's Certificate : Girls, 4 passes; Boys, 14 passes.

Proficiency, 2nd Class : Girls, 10; Boys, 13.

Proficiency, 1st Class : Mary Lovegrove, Pamela Soames, A. Carter, J. Howell, M. Pearson, J. Shelton, R. Small, B. Spratling.

### The School Guide Company

During the year 1945-46 the company was without a Captain, but carried on under the capable leadership of Margaret Ewles. However, last September, Miss Swift became Captain with Miss Fletcher as her assistant and under her several Guides became Second Class and some keen recruits were enrolled. During the Autumn Term the older Guides were invited by the Rangers to an enjoyable rally at Guide Headquarters and a few of the Company attended a country dance party there. On Remembrance Sunday, the Company was represented at a youth parade at the Methodist Church. Miss Swift, on becoming Divisional Secretary, could not spare time for our Tuesday night meetings and so the company was again without a Captain. Now, however, we welcome Mrs. Edwards as our officer and hope that there will be many new recruits now that she has joined us—and that we shall justify our inclusion under "Outdoor Activities."

### Trip to Holland, 1946

On August 22nd twenty-five excited boys and girls, with two members of the staff, crossed from Harwich to the Hook of Holland overnight in a Dutch boat. On arrival we were introduced to our hosts and departed to our "homes"—but not to stay, for the programme arranged for us was a full one.

Our party went to the Peace Palace on August 26th. This impressive building, containing gifts from many countries, was completed just before the first World war. From here, we visited the Mesdag Panorama, a huge canvas of Scheveningen village and beach in 1881, and the same day were conducted round the Mauritshaus, an art gallery in the centre of the city, where paintings by famous Dutch artists were exhibited. Two days later we were conveyed to Amsterdam in army lorries. Our impressions of this city were gained in both an exciting and novel way. A luxurious motor-cruiser was placed at our disposal, from which we were conducted through the main canals and made a complete circuit of the natural harbour. To conclude this visit, we had hurried glimpses of the museum and aquarium. On August 30th we went to the Planetarium in the Hague, where we saw a true imitation of the starry sky in relationship to the chief landmarks of the Hague, showing the positions of the planets from day to day. The afternoon of September 2nd found us at the Metropole, the largest theatre in the Hague, where we saw the Adventures of Tom Sawyer. During the interval, cream cakes, a gift from a baker, were distributed to about 500 visiting children from various countries. On September 5th we went by army lorries to Rotterdam where the arrangements were similar to those of August 25th, and wound up with a visit to the zoo.

In the intervals of the organised excursions, several of the party went to Dordrecht to visit their Dutch guests, who had spent a similar enjoyable holiday at Lowestoft the previous fortnight. Excursions arranged for them by the Headmaster and the Staff included a motor-coach tour, and trips to Norwich and Yarmouth. Several afternoons of games and dancing were spent at school. Everyone voted this holiday a great success and this was due to the exacting preparatory organisation between the W.F.A. and the School Staff.

GAYE HAYMAN.



## Socks

The oak tree slitted  
 My socks Mother knitted,  
     I climbed it, you see.  
 The tree was so spikey  
 But Mother quite likely,  
     Will say it was me.  
 They are not my new ones  
 My Sunday-best blue ones;  
     Thank Goodness for that.  
 My brown ones were eaten :  
 My puppies were beaten,  
     Poor Popsy and Pat.  
 When Mothers grow clever,  
 I'm sure they won't ever  
     Make people wear socks.  
 There's paint on my bought ones,  
 The sea took my short ones  
     I left on the rocks.  
 And now it's my navy ones,  
 My plain everyday ones,  
     That must catch on trees.  
 The best way to end it,  
 I suppose, is to mend it  
     Fore anyone sees.

## "The Nest"

AUDREY HOGG, IB.

Over a year has passed since that brave flag was hoisted over the re-decorated Playhouse, and the Phoenix Players rose from their ashes with renewed vigour. Their stormy career in Sparrow's Nest and in the marquee was closely watched by many members of the Senior school; but it was not until September, with the formation of the Lowestoft Repertory Company, that the school came officially in touch with this live theatre. Many plays have passed before the critical eyes of "them secondary scholars," who have not hesitated to condemn even the classics nor to give praise wherever it was due. As stated elsewhere, tickets were available to members of the school at a reduced price, so that by March many had become hardened theatre-goers. This interest in the histrionic art is not confined to the upper school; even third formers have been known to have their one-and-sixpence worth of "the Nest." Naturally, all this has had its effect on the school: sixth formers have wandered around reciting "All the world's a stage . . ." in readiness for the Friday half-hour of acting lessons; fourth formers

seriously compare the rival merits of leading actors or question the casting of plays. Most of these effects have been good. It is a change to hear Vivienne Wood discussed in place of Hedy Lamarr, or Alan Broadhurst instead of James Mason; moreover, the wide variety of plays has proved that the dramatic art does consist of something more than Love and Murder. Nevertheless the Company would agree that they are essentially a team of actors, and therefore no one player can be "starred" by enthusiastic fans. Also I may add that the "live" stage has limitations—limitations which the screen can overcome; consequently it is vain to extol the stage and despise the screen. Get rid of the "bobbysoxer" attitude and all arty snobbishness, and you will be a good audience for a good team of players.

J. S. RODHOUSE.

## L.N.E.R.

(If T. S. Eliot travelled from London to Lowestoft.)

"A cold coming we had of it,  
 Just at the worst time of the year,  
 For a journey, such a long journey,  
 The train slow and the heating off  
 The very dead of winter."  
 And the wheels square, cracked, eccentric,  
 Jumping sometimes off the lines.  
 These were moments one regretted  
 The pleasant warmth of the bar at the local,  
 And the barman serving the drinks.  
 Then the porters raving and shouting  
 And trundling their barrows into one's back and suitcases,  
 No fires in the waiting rooms, bleak desolate platforms,  
 The junctions crowded and stations all filthy.  
 A cold time we had of it.  
 In the end we preferred to travel 'light'  
 Sleeping in snatches  
 And voices ringing in our ears crying,  
 'All change at Beccles!'  
 Then we came to a terminal station  
 Wet, below a grey sky, smelling of herrings  
 With a buffet and snack bar lighting the darkness,  
 And three taxis against the low sky  
 And an old train shunting away near the harbour.  
 Then we came to an hotel with lights in the foyer,  
 Six hands at an open door reaching for pieces of luggage.  
 At last there was heating and so we descended  
 To dinner, and not a moment too soon;  
 Satisfactory. But next time by car!

J. S. R.



## A vous tous, mes amis anglais

Cours Complémentaire,  
Puget-Théniers.

Le 6 Novembre, 1946.

Lowestoft. . . . Nice. Retour sans joie, malgré la Provence accablée de soleil, les mas pittoresques, les noirs cyprès majestueux, les oliveraies argentées, les vignobles jaunis alignés sur la terre blanche et pierreuse, et la mer scintillante et bleue . . . si bleue . . . , et les beaux pins abritant les criques ensoleillées et les rochers rouges de l'Estérel et Nice, la "Promenade des Anglais" toujours animée, ses grands palmiers et ses fleurs.

Je vis cette année dans un gros village de l'intérieur. Chacun se connaît, s'arrête invariablement pour causer au bourrelier ou au cordonnier et discuter du dernier événement du village, que le crieur public vient de publier de sa grosse voix rauque. Le crieur public est celui que chacun connaît, même les nouveaux venus, car chaque soir on le voit parcourir les rues, sa trompe à la main, s'arrêtant tous les cinquante pas pour avertir chacun des derniers "avis."

Je m'éveille au bruit de la Roudoule, petit torrent alpestre qui coule au pied de la maison où j'habite, et j'entends aussitôt les douces sonnailles des chèvres que, chaque matin, le jeune chevrier conduit brouter dans un champ proche. Je vis au fond d'une vallée plantée de peupliers qui lentement perdent leurs feuilles, entre de belles montagnes déchiquetées où s'étagent les vergers et les vignobles jaunis, les masses argentées des jeunes oliviers, les belles taches rouges, ocres, jaunes des nombreux buissons de "sumac" et les masses moutonneuses des pins sur lesquels pointent déjà des espoirs de gui.

Les rues du village sont étroites, tortueuses et froides. La campagne seule aux alentours est jolie et je pars chaque jeudi découvrir les villages voisins, un groupe de vieilles maisons accrochées à quelque rocher au milieu de châtaigneraies ou d'oliveraies. Des ânes y circulent d'un pas sûr et lent, portant d'énormes fagots de bois ou des sacs de châtaignes. Les poules sont chez elles dans les rues en pente où elles picorent entre les gros pavés usés. De vieilles paysannes en fichus noirs et longues jupes tricotent en bavardant sur le pas de leur porte; des paysans passent silencieux et timides; on entend le bruit rythmé des haches qui préparent le bois pour l'hiver . . . car malgré le soleil, la neige apparaîtra bientôt ici.

Je vais à l'école aussi, selon une habitude déjà lointaine, et à enseigner l'anglais, je retrouve votre pays, je pense avec nostalgie à votre vie de collégiens, à votre école, aux arbres

dépouillés de North Parade, à la brumeuse Mer du Nord, aux beaux houx sur la route de Corton, aux longues soirées anglaises auprès d'un doux feu.

C'est pendant les longues soirées dans mon village que je me retrouve le plus sûrement auprès de vous : j'y écoute les émissions d'Angleterre. J'aime à entendre les lointaines voix anglaises que m'apportent les mystérieuses ondes courtes, et je suis infiniment heureuse lorsqu'il est un chant que je connais. Je repense alors à vos joyeuses réunions . . . et je rêve d'être fée pour aller vous surprendre pendant vos Christmas parties avec une grosse brassée de gui cueilli aux pins de nos montagnes pour vous apporter à tous mille promesses de joie et de bonheur.

JOSETTE SPIGOLIS.

## The Song of Marie-des-Anges

from Jean Richepin.

Once there was a sorry lad  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
Once there was a sorry lad  
Who loved a lass whose heart was hard.  
She said to him : " To-morrow bring me  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
She said to him : " To-morrow bring me  
Your mother's heart for my little doggy."  
He went home and killed his mother  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
He went home and killed his mother  
Seized her heart and brought it to her.  
As he ran he fell on the ground  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
As he ran he fell on the ground  
And on the earth the heart rolled down.  
And as his mother's heart went rolling  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
And as his mother's heart went rolling  
He heard it, where it fell, a-speaking.  
The heart said to him in tender fear  
With a fol di dol  
And a fol dol di  
The heart said to him in tender fear  
" You haven't hurt yourself my dear ? "

C.J.B.



## Before the Storm

It was late afternoon. The bulging sky hung so low that it seemed to be touching the roof tops. A heavy sultry silence hung everywhere. Not a breath of wind stirred the Nottingham lace curtains at Mrs. T.'s best bedroom window, and the leaves of the dilapidated aspidistra hung motionless. The cobblestones threw out a hot, grey, metallic light which was reflected in the sky. A stillness held the place as everything waited for the storm to break.

A little scurry of wind ran along the pavements, whipping the dust into tiny whirlpools. The lace curtains stirred at the window. Suddenly the lightning flashed, a vivid pink streak, splitting the dull grey clouds. A few seconds of silence and then the thunder pealed out, a hissing, vehement crackle, working up to peal upon peal, loud and sonorous, echoing from cloud to cloud, till it died away in the distance. A drop of rain fell, solitary. More drops fell, then gradually faster and faster, beating louder and louder upon the hot pavements.

Someone hurriedly shut Mrs. T.'s front windows and then put the aspidistra out in the rain. A cat shot across the road into the shelter of a doorway.

J. DAWSON, IIA.

## An essay on Musical Saws

*Addressed to G. Denby, Esq., but aimed at Mr. Carroll Levis, via James Joyce.*

Plaieing a musical sore anoise me gratly—its sawnd pearses me lugholes. Oreilly? Eye, it do. Lake water off a dux beak, inn one beer and stout for mother. Are you luffing at me? Well wacht yawl brig feet, your on the wrong tack. As I was sighing—a sauce sound is file, and its whine beers me great alements, in party cooler evil of the head, douleurs and poundings of the blood scream, pains in the vains, boss in the eyes and cervellity in the brain, knock-knees and narknose. So I teachyer how I'm taughtyered by hammerchewer saucers, and am artily plaiced, for your sole's hake, that you Gorge, my sheer concanyon, lumpit with a trumpet.

C.J.B.

## Oddments

Anecdotes from village life and peculiarities of those outlying parts, the flotsam of school gossip, have for too long gone unrecorded. For example, the barber at K—who fries fish when not dressing hair.

G.H.D. writes:—When I was six, I used to think highly of tadpoles in a sink, but at the Grammar School I find myself

—not others—less inclined to love them as, to eve from morn, they're gazed at, fed, most crudely drawn and still perform the jerks and kicks which they performed when I was six.

On a young lady who was missed because she had caught the four o'clock bus: Not lost but gone by 4. On a youth who wore no school tie but a high-necked jersey: What the eye don't see the Head don't grieve after.

Fuel crisis notes: During electricity cuts Prefects toll the hand-bell to cries of "Go Queens" and "Bob." External conditions appreciated by some seniors: blackout ensures anonymity. Rumours: icebergs, twenty-foot drifts, no school dinner, longer Easter holiday (in order of popularity).

Handed in by member of IB as imitation of Longfellow:

Then the little Hiawather  
Lernt the way to do his lesson's  
Lernt his langeses with plesur,  
Lernt his french with eese and comfort  
Lernt to draw a picur perfect  
Lernt his english spellings proply.  
Then said little Hiawather  
Is it time for me to go yet?  
No, not yet, replied the teacher. [sic.]

One soon to leave from the science sixth muses on the expert tuition given by one who has gone before—"who taught us the location of every belfry east of a line joining the Wash to Southampton Water." He rings for St. Paul's now, we understand. The correspondent also mentions how mathematics proved the length of the short walk to North Parade; how he has acquired a taste for tea with drama; how some briefly, others lengthily, prove themselves fools in the Debating Society; how he doubts whether he will remember dances as a sport or a social activity; but how sorry he is to go.

La Bastille,  
Paris.

My expensive fiend,

I was ravished to have acknowledge your last; much pleasantry resulted to me from it. I write you today of my beautiful fatherland. She are flesh and groon, with mounts in the heigh parts and planes elsewherever. Her histrionic is much compendious and full of picturous legions. Overall I



am enamelled of a little girlette. She is small and have blow eyes and is fatty. She have 12 yeres, 3 morer than I. When I gauze upon her my heart smells with prude like a rosebod opeing beneath the first rayous of the auroral son. I rescind you a slapshot of I took when I wire on the pook of Mont Blanc washing the set of the son. Pleese sand me one of thee, which will grant I abundant ecstasy. Rite soon, and mucher.

RENÉ PULOVER.

(Contributed by the Bif Syndicate.)

## Examination Results

### EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

1946. Margaret Ewles  
Alan Studd

### LONDON HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

1946. \* Kenneth Brown  
\* Edwin Chapman  
\* Norman Clarke  
\* John Culley  
\* Margaret Ewles (Distinction in French and History)  
\* Maurice Fenn  
\* Douglas Hall  
\* John Rodhouse  
\* Alan Studd (Distinction in Physics)

\* Also satisfied conditions for exemption from London Intermediate Examination.

### CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

1946. (In order of merit)

#### Girls—

M. Hammond (Hs)  
J. Lumsden (F, Oral F, Bi)  
O. Warnes (F)  
B. Rivett (Oral F)  
G. Crawley  
G. Hayman  
A. Hubble  
M. Howard (Hs)  
R. Smith  
K. Woodrow

#### Boys—

B. Gee (Eng.Lit., G, M, C, P)  
R. Kettless (M, C, P)  
L. Stewart (Eng.Lit., Oral F, M, C, P)  
G. Denby (F, Oral F, P)  
A. Jullings (Eng.Lang., Eng.Lit)  
K. Goffin (F, Oral F, M)  
F. Warford (Eng.Lit., G, C)  
A. Edwards (G, M)  
A. Hale  
R. Small  
J. Brittain  
W. Howell (Oral F, M)  
A. Oldham (G)  
J. Read  
G. Goddard  
J. Bond  
R. Petitdemange  
M. Barnard  
A. Corbin  
B. Bailey

Note.—Letters in brackets indicate mark "very good" as follows :—  
Bi—Biology, C—Chemistry, Eng.Lang—English Language, Eng.Lit—  
English Literature, F—French, Oral F—Oral French, G—Geography,  
Hs—Housecraft, M—Mathematics, P—Physics.



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Mr. Derek Wharton, 10 Carlton Rd.	509	—

### The Chairman's Remarks

The untimely death of Mr. R. Neal brought sorrow to all connected with the school. His work for our Association goes back over many years and the value of it cannot be measured. There is no doubt that he did much to keep the Association in being during the war and his interest was an active one right up to the end. Appeal has been made to you

to provide a plaque in memory of Mr. Neal, to be erected in the School Hall and this will be done, but perhaps the finest tribute we can pay him is to see that our Association, for which he worked so hard, grows to greater strength and usefulness.

At the Christmas Social held at the School in December 1945, the first since the war stopped our activities, a General Meeting was held and Officers and a Committee were elected to revive the past interests and functions of our Association. The Badminton Club was re-formed and a sub-committee appointed to run the club. Their efforts have been rewarded by two successful seasons. During the winter the club plays each Tuesday and Thursday evening on the School court. At the time of writing, the Sports Committee is hopeful of getting the Tennis Club under way this year. The Old Boys' Soccer team drew with the School XI on Easter Monday, 1946, and won the annual match on Boxing Day as did the Old Girls' Hockey team playing on the same day. Thus the Old Lowestoftians Soccer and Hockey teams are the first holders of the two Shields given for these annual matches. Three dances were held during the year, the first two at the School and the last, in response to many requests, at the Esplanade Hotel. The last was successful, but we were unlucky with the weather for those held at the School.

During the year much thought and discussion was devoted to a Memorial to those Old Students who gave their lives in World War II. This will obviously take some time to decide and achieve and your Committee would be most grateful to receive suggestions. Meanwhile, it is planned to erect a Roll of Honour at the School, the cost of which will be covered by donations. An appeal will shortly go out for these, thus leaving us free to raise, by various means, money towards the cost of the Memorial itself. Under present conditions, a considerable sum will be required to provide a Memorial worthy of those we wish to honour and remember. The task before your Committee is no small one and on their behalf I ask for your unstinted and generous support for whatever measures they adopt to raise the required funds in the shortest possible time. A list of the names of Old Students who fell in the War is printed below. We should be grateful if any omissions or corrections were made known to either of the secretaries as soon as possible.

Since the end of the past year, the Annual General Meeting has been held and the Officers and Committee as printed above were elected. It must give great pleasure to all of us to read



that Mr. Gilliat and Mr. Trent were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents of the Association. A matter of some importance is that of the Annual Subscription and in view of our increasing activities and present-day costs, coupled with the fact that it is hoped to resume providing the School Magazine free to Old Students, it was agreed that the subscription should now be 5/- per year or 12/6 for three years. Students leaving school are to be admitted to the Association free until January 1st of the following year. Many subscriptions are well overdue and the Hon. Treasurer will be glad to receive payments at any time.

We shall be glad to have news of Old Lowestoftians wherever they may be. In fact contributions of any description are invited and it has been arranged that Miss Packard and Mr. Beckett will collect and submit material from Old Students for printing in the Magazine, so please help to take advantage of this opportunity. Below is a list of all the members on the Association's Register. The secretaries will be glad to be informed of any members not on the Register or of any Old Student who wishes to join.

## Old Lowestoftians

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