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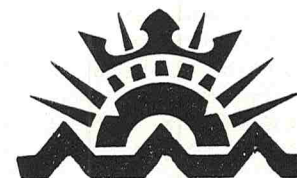


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Another Anniversary.

IN 1950, we celebrated in these pages the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of this School as an institution, and took occasion to point out that a shorter time elapsed between the end of the old Grammar School and the beginning of the new municipal "secondary" school than, for example, at Yarmouth, where the old name—and tradition—has been preserved.

Now, it is fifty years since our school building was begun. *The Journal* reported that Sir George Kekewich, K.C.B., D.C.L., M.P., when he laid the foundation stone, advocated, in a forthright speech, "a curriculum that would turn out children fit to take part in the battle of life." He complained of a standard curriculum existing in such schools, "turning out a nation of clerks" and wanted an education suited to modern conditions. There were in the School only 25 free places, and those would not be filled by the children of the poor, but only by "those of the well-to-do artisan and only then at some heavy sacrifice. They should give every child an equal chance. They should open the higher schools to the children of the Borough on examination, whether rich or poor. They would then collect the best brains of the rising generation in those schools irrespective of whether they were well-to-do or not." He went on to recommend (and this was so revolutionary as to cause amusement) maintenance allowances, so that these "best brains" should "render to the state services they ought to render"—particularly in scientific research so as to "compete with the German schools."

Fifty years later, after two wars against a thriving Germany, more education in science is being given, as he wished, but more is still being advocated (for competition, among other purposes, with Russia now). Most would say that Grammar Schools have been successful in many other ways. Since 1944, also, all state education has been free and secondary education has been provided for all.

What lies ahead for us? We learn of the approaching retirement of the Headmaster, after twenty-five of these fifty years. It is not yet time for valedictory accounts, but a preliminary expression here of our regrets and good wishes reminds us again that this is a noteworthy year in the School's history. New tasks are before us. They should be faced as a challenge to strength derived, in part at least, from the past.

School Officers.

HEAD BOY: T. A. Aspinall.

DEPUTIES: A. R. Clark, M. Darnell.

HEAD GIRL: Imogen Law.

DEPUTY: Anne Dallas.

HOUSE CAPTAINS: *Cavell*—Imogen Law; *Grace Darling*—Susan Mills; *Nightingale*—Rosemary Silcock; *St. Margaret*—Carole Bedingfield; *Athenians*—M. V. Haynes; *Romans*—T. A. Aspinall; *Spartans*—T. Rackham; *Trojans*—T. R. Dye.

PREFECTS: Carole Bedingfield, Ann Bird, Rachel Bocking, Barbara Colby, Pamela Griggs, Marion Harpour, Carol Horne, Susan Mills, Diane Montgomery, Deanne Morgan, Celia Peck, Pamela Peek, Rosemary Silcock, Ann Smith, Mary Solomon; R. T. Albrow, M. A. Bristow, L. W. S. Cockrill, T. R. Dye, C. B. Genlloud, T. C. Hall, M. V. Haynes, C. Pett, J. T. Pye, T. Rackham, L. M. Raphael, A. J. Stevens, R. H. Tattersall, D. S. Taylor, D. R. Ward.

GAMES CAPTAINS: *Football*—M. V. Haynes; *Hockey*—Carole Bedingfield; *Cricket*—T. A. Aspinall; *Tennis*—Anita Orr.

SOCIETY SECRETARIES: *Junior Dramatic Society*—Jennifer Finch; *Senior Dramatic Society*—C. Pett; *Union Society*—Imogen Law; *School Choir*—Mary Solomon; *Stamp Club*—C. B. Genlloud; *Nature Club*—R. A. Freeman; *Art Club*—B. Utting; *Chess Club*—D. Price; *Model Flying Club*—G. Sims.

School Record

The Houses.

A PART from house-nights, the activities of the Girls' Houses have taken the usual praiseworthy form of raising money for good causes, though *Nightingale* also knitted a blanket for an old lady and ran a rock'n roll party, in conjunction with *St. Margaret's*. Details of efforts: *Cavell*: two tuck-stalls, £5 to Guide Dogs for the Blind; *Grace Darling*: a tuck-stall, £1 12s. 9½d. partly for presents to children from *St. Nicholas Nursery* at the House Christmas Party; *St. Margaret's*: two tuck-stalls, £2 to Terry Hall's Appeal for Handicapped Children; £1 10s. 0d. to Indian Famine Relief, and, from Christmas Seals, £1 10s. 0d. for Spastics and £9 12s 0d., for T. B. patients—a record total; *Nightingale*: from selling Christmas Cards £11 5s. 0d. to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (as well as a large amount of clothing), from Seals £2 to Uncle Mac's Fund for Cripples, £1 1s. 0d. to the Mayor's Fund for the Old People's Club.

Boys' House Positions, 1957-58.

	<i>Athenians.</i>	<i>Romans.</i>	<i>Spartans.</i>	<i>Trojans.</i>
Football (S)	10	30	50	30
Football (J)	10	20	10	20
Seven-a-Side (S)	0	50	50	20
Seven-a-Side (J)	30	20	0	10
Cross-Country (S)	30	20	10	40
Cross-Country (I)	40	20	30	10
Cross-Country (J)	40	30	10	20
Basketball	0	60	20	40
Athletics	112	68	89	151
Cricket	45	10	60	25
TOTALS	317 (4th)	328 (3rd)	329 (2nd)	366 (1st)

Junior Dramatic Society.

MEETINGS of the J.D.S. were separated this year; one was for Second and Third Forms and the other for First Forms. Activities included play-reading, producing, and a competition for sketch-writing. The major production was "This Holy Night", a nativity play which was presented at the Junior Carol Service. The Tableaux and Fancy Dress subject this year was "Fairy Tales". The winners were IIB, with a scene from "Peter Pan" and second IIA with a scene from "The Sleeping Beauty". The winners of the Fancy Dress were Gillian Finch and Linda Sims as Dick Whittington and His Cat, and Brown as "The Mad Hatter".
J.F.

Union Society.

THE Society has had a very successful year with a large increase in attendance, the average being 63, and an extremely promising rise in membership from 54 to 93. This is especially creditable as most new members are fourth-formers, many of whom have competently faced the ordeal of speaking, the number of maiden speakers being 10.

Eight debates, in all, have been held:—

- 7. 7.58. "This House Would Support a Plan to Abolish Grammar Schools". Defeated, 19-1.
- 29. 9.58. "This House Deplores the Colour Bar in Britain." Carried, 68-4.
- 20.10.58. Balloon Debate. Miss A. Dallas, in support of Shakespeare, remained in the balloon.
- 10.11.58. "This House Laments Man's Intrusion into Space." Defeated, 55-11.
- 1.12.58. "This House Finds that the Study of History has no place in the Modern World." Defeated, 47-22.
- 15.12.58. "This House Believes in Fairies." Defeated, 47-23.
- 19. 1.59. "This House Demands Nuclear Disarmament in Britain." Defeated, 27-14.

23. 2.59. Dutch Parliament, a new form of meeting, in which all speakers spoke for two minutes on subjects drawn from a hat, was held to close the year and met with reasonable success.

The Committee for the year was: Anne Dallas, T. Aspinall, J. Blundell, T. Hall, B. Hartop, C. Pett, Imogen Law (*Secretary*). The present Committee is: W. Aspinall, J. Blundell, B. Hartop, F. Readhead, Mary Billington (*Secretary*), Anita Orr, Suzanne Powrie. May the Society continue to thrive as profitably during the coming year.

I.L.

The Choirs.

THE choirs have had a successful year, rehearsing regularly for a concert which took place in March. The Junior Choir helped to augment the programme by singing Six Choruses from Bach's Peasant Cantata. The programme consisted of sea-songs, national songs and madrigals. G. Adamson, violin, J. Duane, viola, and P. Harris, pianoforte, helped to make the evening a success with their solos.

New members, of both sexes, will be very welcome next term, and they can be assured of an enjoyable time in singing Handel's Sixth Chandos Anthem.

M.S.

Stamp Club.

DURING this last year, the Club has continued to flourish, with a large weekly attendance, the highest for several years. This has been due to the regularity of members from the Junior School. The Club continued its policy of advocating philately as a non-profit-making hobby and stressing the need to treat stamps with the reverence and respect they deserve.

C.B.G.

Nature Club.

THE Club has suffered from lack of support. If members would regularly turn up on the Wednesday evenings, an interesting amount of both field and theory work could be done. The summer term is once again being taken up by the annual wild flower competition. The results of the 1958 competitions were: 1. Freeman, VCB, 374 correctly named entries; 2. Baldry, IVB, 280; 3. Pat Rackham, IIB, 240; 4. Ann Martin, VCG, 238; 5. Valerie Bristow, IIB, 168; 6. Trudy Hollis, IIB, 104. A Senior Prize was awarded to Freeman and a Junior Prize to Pat Rackham.

R.A.F.

Art Club.

AT the beginning of the year there was a surprising influx of new members from the Lower School, and the Art Room was crowded. After a few weeks, however, the enthusiasm seemed to die somewhat and the attendance was again reduced to the faithful few, ranging from the first form to the sixth, who attended regularly, some into the summer term, and worked industriously. On the whole, it has been a very satisfying year.

B.D.U.

Chess Club.

THE team has had nine wins, two draws and only one loss. The first two matches of the season were with Lowestoft clubs, the Y.M.C.A. and the Town Chess Club, both drawn, four games each. *The Lowestoft Journal* reported these with the headline, "Schoolboys Shake Chess Clubs". Later in the year the School won both of the return matches by 4½ games to 2. We also defeated Yarmouth Grammar School by 5 games to 3 and by 3½ to 2½. Against Yarmouth Technical High School we had our only defeat, by 4 games to 2, but made up for this by winning the return match by the same score. Other wins were v. Bungay Grammar School and Sir John Leman School. The School Chess Tournament in which nearly a hundred games were played, was won by P. Harris. This year for the first time a small membership fee was charged and money thus raised for a new chess set, as well as establishing a Club Fund.

D.P.

Model Flying Club.

CONSIDERABLE enthusiasm for model aircraft has been shown during recent terms and this has led to the formation of a Flying Club which holds regular meetings on the field after school on Tuesdays. There have been competitions for gliders as well as the normal diesel-engined craft, and it is hoped that even more of the people interested throughout the School will join the ranks another year. The officials are: *Secretary*: G. Sims, IIID; *Treasurer*: K. Turner, IIIE; *Time-keeper*: K. Mantripp, IIID; *Judges*: M. Wright, IVD, R. Davey, IIIE.

G.S.

Items from the Record.

A Fishing Club has been formed this term and outings have been arranged for its twenty members.

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Netball remained a club game, mainly for juniors, this year. Some matches were played against other schools, all of which were lost owing to the fact that netball is a main game in these schools. The following represented the Club: C. Allerton, S. Baldwin, D. Beaumont, D. Brown, M. Chilvers, J. Duffy (*Capt.*), P. Rawlings, N. Potts, P. Sutton, B. Shreeve, M. Smith.

The winner of last year's War Memorial Reading Prize was Pamela Griggs. This year's finalists were Mary Billington, Marion Harpour, Deanne Morgan, Anita Orr and A. Sturman, and the joint winners, Mary Billington and Anita Orr.

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The Empire Knowledge Prize was awarded this year to D. Mathew (first), Margaret Armistead and Graves, IVC, (second).

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Prayer Group.

This group, which is undenominational, is open to boys and girls of forms II to VI. During the past year numbers at the meetings have remained at about twenty, of whom a faithful few have appeared every week and many others when they were able. We kept our fifth birthday meeting last November, when we were pleased to have the Headmaster and Miss Churley with us. Over £3 has been sent for missionary work, and a contribution to the "World Refugee Year".

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National Savings Group.

The group has a nominal membership of about 120, but only a small proportion of this number can be called regular savers. The purchase of savings stamps is an easy way of accumulating money for some specific purpose such as a foreign tour, a school trip or even a new bicycle. £236 was saved in the year ending 31st March, 1958, and it is hoped that increased membership and more regular savings will bring in over £300 this year.

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Middle School Insurance Society.

This proposed association would insure its members against punishments of all kinds. The Brochure handed to us gives the following particulars.

Rates : 6d. for first week only and then 3d. per week or 10d. (in advance) for four weeks.

Compensation : For Detentions, 3/-; for Caning (any amount), 4/-; for Detention after school, 9d.; for Lines, 1/- per 100; for Extra Work, 1/- per night.

Clauses : If, after one week, a client makes no claim, charge for following week shall be 2d.

For the second or third detention or caning in any one week, only half the compensation is payable.

Clients must put forward two witnesses in making any claim.

Claims may be made only from 8.45 a.m., to 4.45 p.m., on school days.

Further particulars from members of IIA.

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A lecture was given during the Autumn Term on his travels in Australia and New Zealand by Capt. R. Crossley.

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During the Spring Term the films, "Amazon Harvest", on Brazil nuts, "Sugar Bowl Island", on Mauritius, and "Mediterranean Journey" were presented by Cadbury Bros. Ltd. Seven pupils received prizes of chocolate for essays.

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During the Summer Term the films on Nigeria "Palm Oil", "Timber Industries" and "Cattle Rearing" were presented by Unilever.

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C. B. Genlloud has had a picture accepted for the *Sunday Pictorial* Exhibition.

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During their day-trip to London on 24th February, the Sixth-form Art enthusiasts managed to visit the Russian Exhibition at the Royal Academy, the John Bratby Exhibition at the Beaux Arts Galleries, the exhibition of French Impressionists at the Lefèvre Gallery, the Le Corbusier Exhibition at the Building Centre—and the Tate Gallery. They also had lunch, at Schmidt's Restaurant.

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A. R. Clark is to be congratulated upon his double success this year. Having only eighteen months' hockey experience, he was chosen for the Suffolk "A" XI, (Men's County Hockey), after two full trials at Ipswich. During the Easter holidays, he was selected to play for Suffolk Schoolboys, under the direction of Mr. Norman Borrett, the former England Captain. This invaluable experience should prove to be rewarding in future seasons.

Cricket.

1st XI Results, 1958.

v. Staff XI (H)—Lost by 29 runs. Staff XI 57 (Clark, 4 - 8); School 28.

v. City of Norwich S. 2nd XI (H)—Drawn. C.N.S. 78 for 8 dec.; School 35 - 6.

v. Leiston G.S. (A)—Drawn. Leiston 57 for 8 dec. (Albrow 4 - 5); School 32 - 6.

v. Mr. Finbow's XI (H)—Won by 1 wkt. Mr. Finbow's XI 60 (Albrow 4 - 24); School 62 - 9 (Aspinall 25).

v. Old Lowestoftians (H)—Lost by 8 runs. Old Lowestoftians 50 (Albrow 8 - 21); School 42.

Colours were awarded to Albrow, Aspinall and Brighouse.

The following boys played for the School in the course of the Season: G. E. Bridges (*Captain*), R. Albrow, T. Aspinall, I. Beare, T. Brighouse, A. Clark, K. Creamer, T. Dye, D. Forster, B. Horne, M. Haynes, D. Manthorpe, A. Muff, D. Ward, T. Whomes.

1st XI, 1959.

May 9th v. Bungay (A)—Drawn.

Bungay batted first and scored 109 for 6 declared. The School batted badly but were saved from defeat by W. Aspinall (14 not out) and Haynes (11 not out) who took the score to 48 for 8.

May 21st v. Lowestoft Police (H)—Won by 9 runs.

The School, batting first in an evening match, declared at 48 - 8. Haynes (5 for 8) and Albrow (4 for 21) were prominent in dismissing the Police for 33 runs.

May 23rd v. Sir John Leman G.S. (A)—Lost by 4 wks.

The School were sent in to bat and scored 69 for 9 dec., Jermy making 16 not out. Sir John Leman School scored 72 for 6 in a short time to win by 4 wks.

May 30th v. Mr. Finbow's XI (H)—Drawn.

Mr. Finbow's XI batted first and scored 67 for 9 declared. Albrow took 5 for 15. In reply the School scored 56 for 9 by the close of play.

June 6th v. Yarmouth G.S. (A)—Drawn.

Yarmouth, put into bat, scored 109 for 8 declared. Horne took 3 for 25. After a slow start the School just failed to win, scoring 93 for 6, of which King scored 19 not out.

June 13th v. Sir John Leman S. (H)—Drawn.

Sir John Leman School batted first and scored 99 for 7 declared, Haynes taking 3 for 15. The School found runs difficult to get against a strong attack and finished at 52 for 9 wickets, of which T. Aspinall scored 23 not out.

Junior XI, 1959.

June 6th v. Yarmouth G.S. Juniors (A)—Won by 3 wks.

Yarmouth 55 all out (Miller 6 - 22; Butler 4 - 24). Lowestoft 56 - 7. (Manthorpe 15).

Tennis.

THE tennis teams this season have not met with a great deal of success, each having so far won only one match—although as a rule the 2nd team games were all closely contested and the results quite equal. At the beginning of the season there were three of last year's 1st VI still at school, and P. Kuypers soon showed that she was worthy of a place in the team. It was the choice of a third couple which proved most difficult and it was not until well into the season, after several girls had been tried, that A. Beare and M. Sharman eventually became installed as regular 1st team members. One big fault found in both teams, and also throughout the rest of the School as a whole, was bad positioning on the court and a slowness in getting back into position once it had been necessary to move somewhere else. Correct positioning comes with experience—it is hoped that with the extra courts available now to be played on out of school hours good use will be made of them, and a real effort made by everyone to improve.

1st VI.

1st couple—A. Orr (*Capt.*), A. Dallas.

2nd couple—I. Law, P. Kuypers.

3rd couple—A. Beare, M. Sharman.

2nd VI.

1st couple—J. Mackay, J. Haes.

2nd couple—C. Bedingfield, C. Walsh.

3rd couple—M. Demer, G. Lown.

Reserve—P. Readhead.

1st VI.

May 9th.	Sir J. Leman G.S.	(H)	Lost	26-55
May 23rd.	Wymondham College	(H)	Lost	18-42
May 30th.	Yarmouth H.S.	(A)	Lost	38-61
June 6th.	Yarmouth Tech. H.S.	(A)	Won	56-25

2nd VI.

May 9th.	Sir J. Leman G.S.	(H)	Lost	40-41
May 23rd.	Wymondham College	(H)	Won	42-39
May 30th.	Yarmouth H.S.	(A)	Lost	46-53

Rounders.

UNDER 15 team:—D. Watson, S. Kemp, J. Wegg, J. Atkinson, J. Russell, J. Smith, S. Mutimer, P. Rawlings, P. Taylor, S. Mobbs, B. Taylor.

May 2nd.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(H)	Won	1½-0
May 23rd.	Wymondham College	(H)	Lost	4-12
May 30th.	Yarmouth High School	(A)	Lost	4-6
June 6th.	Yarmouth Tech. H.S.	(A)	Won	20-3

Football.

NO doubt inspired by their performances in the latter half of the previous season the School 1st XI set out on the new one with the intention of completing it without defeat. The result sheet shows how near they came to achieving their ambition.

It is true to say that the team had no real weakness, and in all but a few matches they played with a confidence and skill which was good to see. They were indeed unfortunate to lose an evenly contested game at Yarmouth by one goal and the defeat in the last match of the season by the Old Lowestoftians came as a surprise. The School XI had most of the play throughout but failed badly in front of goal and the Old Boys are to be congratulated on the way they lasted the pace to snatch the only goal in the dying seconds of the game.

T. Tucker, although a Junior and the third goalkeeper to be tried, eventually made the position his own with some competent displays. The full-backs, Hartop and Dye, although completely different in style, were as effective as ever and Captain and centre-half Haynes showed fine form especially towards the end of the season. Beare and Clark were ideal wing-halves, always present in defence and ever ready to initiate attacks in a way best suited to the conditions. The inside forwards, Forster, Rackham and Horne, worked well together and their value to the team is emphasised by the fact that they shared fairly evenly over 60 goals scored from those three positions throughout the season. Forster in particular had some fine games, excelling himself in the away game with Sir John Leman School 1st XI, when he scored five goals. The absence of Beare for

most of the Spring Term could have had an unsettling effect on the team had it not been for the way in which Burroughs adapted himself to the wing-half position after playing at outside right for most of the season. Barrett, who came into the vacant wing position, improved with every game, and he and Bunn played no small part in the success of their inside forwards.

The Colts XI had a moderate season, promising much at times only to disappoint later. The outstanding members of the team were undoubtedly Tucker, when not playing for the 1st XI, Manthorpe and to a certain extent Butler who unfortunately did not fulfil the promise he showed last season.

The standard of football in the Under 13 XI was high and as at least half the team came from the first forms it would appear that, providing reasonable progress is maintained, Junior teams are assured of success for a few years to come.

Colours held by M. Haynes (*Captain*).

Colours awarded to A. Clark (*Vice-Captain*), D. Forster I. Beare, T. Rackham, T. Dye and B. Horne.

Half-colours awarded to B. Hartop, T. Tucker, T. Burroughs, B. Barrett, A. Bunn, S. Gaskin.

1st XI.

Sept. 20th.	Bungay G.S.	(A)	Drawn	4-4
Sept. 27th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(H)	Won	5-2
Oct. 18th.	Leiston G.S.	(H)	Drawn	2-2
Nov. 1st.	"A" XI v. Duncan Hall	(H)	Won	12-1
Nov. 8th.	Bungay G.S.	(H)	Drawn	2-2
Nov. 15th.	Technical High Sch. Gt. Yarmouth	(H)	Won	5-3
Nov. 22nd.	Yarmouth G.S.	(A)	Lost	2-1
Nov. 29th.	Diss G.S.	(H)	Won	4-1
Dec. 6th.	City of Norwich Sch. 2nd XI	(A)	Won	1-6
Dec. 26th.	Old Lowestoftians	(H)	Won	2-1
Jan. 24th.	Technical High Sch. Gt. Yarmouth	(A)	Won	0-6
Jan. 31st.	Leiston G.S.	(A)	Drawn	3-3
Feb. 7th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(H)	Won	3-1
Feb. 21st.	City of Norwich Sch. 2nd XI	(H)	Won	5-0
Mar. 7th.	Yarmouth G.S.	(H)	Won	5-1
Mar. 11th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	2-6
Mar. 21st.	Diss G.S.	(A)	Won	3-6
Mar. 30th.	Old Lowestoftians	(H)	Lost	0-1

Colts XI.

Sept. 27th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(H)	Won	1-0
Dec. 13th.	Alderman Woodrow School 1st XI	(H)	Drawn	3-3

Feb. 7th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(H)	Lost	1 - 2
Feb. 14th.	Duncan Hall 1st XI	(A)	Won	2 - 5
Mar. 11th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Lost	5 - 0
Mar. 14th.	Alderman Woodrow School 1st XI	(H)	Won	7 - 1
Mar. 18th.	Roman Hill 1st XI	(H)	Lost	2 - 3

Under "14" XI.

Nov. 1st.	Duncan Hall Under 14 XI	(H)	Won	10 - 0
Nov. 29th.	Diss G.S.	(H)	Won	6 - 1
Mar. 21st.	Diss G.S.	(A)	Lost	7 - 4

Under "13" XI.

Dec. 18th.	Alderman Woodrow Sch.	(H)	Won	2 - 0
Feb. 14th.	Duncan Hall Under 14 XI	(A)	Won	1 - 10
Mar. 11th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	2 - 4
Mar. 14th.	Alderman Woodrow Sch.	(H)	Won	3 - 0

Basketball.

THE house basketball competition was again keenly contested this year and it was pleasing to note that Romans, who had three comfortable victories last year, were made to fight extremely hard to retain the Championship. Trojans are a much improved team and Spartans can count themselves a little unfortunate not to have beaten Romans on the last day of the competition. This game produced the best basketball of the competition and both teams are to be congratulated on their performance that evening.

Athenians 9	v.	Romans 15	
Spartans 12	v.	Trojans 17	<i>House Positions.</i>
Athenians 7	v.	Spartans 20	1st Romans.
Romans 13	v.	Trojans 10	2nd Trojans.
Romans 16	v.	Spartans 16	3rd Spartans
Athenians 14	v.	Trojans 22	4th Athenians.

Hockey.

THIS season has been very successful for both school teams, although several 1st XI matches were cancelled owing to bad weather. The 1st XI won all except one of their matches, while the Junior XI did not lose any, although they had one draw. The School is now remembering the "Good Old Days" when the county teams were composed mainly of Lowestoft Grammar School pupils—needless to say many years ago. This year eight of our players were chosen to play in

county teams—E. Tripp, R. Silcock, C. Rowe and I. Law for the 1st XI, V. Warren and A. Orr for the 2nd XI, and G. Lown and C. Bedingfield as reserves. This success followed the area trials from which all except one of the 1st XI were chosen for the county trials. (M. Solomon did not wish to be considered.) We were unfortunate in that our main goal scorer, E. Tripp, left at Christmas, but we found that our new inner, P. Algar, continued the good work. The defence were always sound and reliable, working together as a team and backing up their forwards well. M. Youngs, playing her first season in goal—last year she served us well as L.B. and L.W.—several times rescued the team from a difficult position, especially when the county players were away. Unfortunately only one team could be sent to the Ipswich Tournament this year, so that the Junior Team were not able to continue their success of last season. The 1st XI did quite well, but found it difficult to score goals quickly enough in the few minutes for each match, and therefore had four goalless draws, and two 1 - 0 victories. They were placed 2nd in their section with 8 points, Framlingham Mills being 1st with 9.

Hockey colours were awarded at the end of the season to A. Orr, I. Law, M. Youngs, V. Warren, C. Rowe, R. Silcock and C. Bedingfield, and half colours to M. Solomon and G. Lown.

1st XI.

M. Youngs (G.K.), I. Law (L.B.), C. Rowe (R.B.), G. Lown (L.H.), A. Orr (C.H.), C. Bedingfield (R.H.) (*Captain*), M. Solomon (L.W.), E. Tripp/P. Algar (L.I.), A. Beare (C.F.), R. Silcock (R.I.), V. Warren (R.W.).

Junior XI.

S. Kemp (G.K.), J. Mackay (L.B.), B. Greengrass (R.B.), P. Readhead (L.H.), M. Rivett (C.H.), C. Holmes (R.H.), C. Rivett (L.W.), E. Rouse (L.I.), J. Armes (C.F.), J. King (R.I.), C. Walsh (R.W.).

1st XI.

Sept. 27th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	5 - 3
Oct. 18th.	Leiston G.S.	(H)	Won	4 - 2
Nov. 1st.	Lowestoft Ladies	(A)	Won	4 - 2
Nov. 15th.	Yarmouth Ladies	(H)	Won	4 - 0
Dec. 26th.	Old Students	(H)	Won	4 - 0
Jan. 31st.	Leiston G.S.	(A)	Won	6 - 0
Feb. 14th.	Lowestoft Ladies	(H)	Lost	1 - 5
Feb. 21st.	Yarmouth H.S.	(A)	Won	4 - 1
Feb. 28th.	Yarmouth Ladies	(A)	Won	3 - 1
Mar. 12th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	4 - 2
Mar. 27th.	Old Students	(H)Won	5 - 4

Junior XI.

Sept. 27th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	9 - 1
Oct. 16th.	Harris Girls' S.M.	(H)	Won	8 - 0
Oct. 23rd.	St. Mary's Convent S.	(H)	Drawn	0 - 0
Nov. 4th.	Harris Girls' S.M.	(A)	Won	5 - 0
Nov. 22nd.	Yarmouth Technical High S.	(A)	Won	10 - 0
Feb. 21st.	Yarmouth High S.	(A)	Won	6 - 0
Mar. 12th.	Sir John Leman G.S.	(A)	Won	3 - 1

2nd XI.

Nov. 22nd.	Yarmouth Technical High S.	(A)	Won	4 - 0
Mar. 21st.	Diss Grammar S.	(A)	Drawn	3 - 3

Umpiring.

NINE girls entered for their "C" Umpires hockey test paper this season. The following were successful:—
C. Rowe, J. Ward, G. Lown, A. Beare, A. Orr and V. Warren. Since the pass mark is 70%, this was a good achievement. It is to be hoped that all of these girls will continue next year and take the practical part of the test, thus obtaining the recognised status of a competent umpire. C. Rowe with 92% gained the highest number of marks of any entrant in the whole of East Anglia. C. Peck is the only girl at school so far to have successfully completed both parts of the test. Thanks are due to her for so willingly giving up her time to umpire School Matches whenever she was called upon, and for doing it so efficiently.

A special word of thanks is due to the regular band of helpers—in particular S. Powrie, M. King and H. Law—who prepare, and wash up after, the team refreshments each Saturday morning—and not infrequently Saturday afternoons as well. They do a noble job of work.

Eleven-Plus . . . What ?

*In recent years, the newspapers have made a lot of fuss
About the terror of the Primary schools—the old eleven-plus.
Some eminent psychiatrists find that children of to-day
Are not mentally equipped to stand the strain, or so they say.
It is cruel to overwork them, when they cannot stand the pace,
Then condemn them to the Grammar School, or else the other place,
And certain politicians adhere firmly to the view
That to go all Comprehensive is the only thing to do.
But the obvious solution, or so it seems to me,
Is—take eleven-plus at sixteen and abolish G.C.E.*

MARGARET ARMISTEAD.

Athletics.

Sports Day.

Girls :

100 yds. open—A. Orr.
100 yds. under 12½—M. Dolder.
100 yds. 12½-13½—J. Demer.
150 yds. over 15—A. Orr.
100 yds. 13½-15—J. Finch.
100 yds. over 15—R. Silcock.
150 yds. under 12½—M. Dolder.
150 yds. 12½-13½—J. Demer.
150 yds. 13½-15—J. Finch.
220 yds. open—R. Silcock.
Long Jump under 13—P. Taylor.
High Jump under 13—P. Taylor.
Long Jump 13-15—J. Finch.
High Jump 13-15—P. Rawlings.
Long Jump over 15—V. Warren.
High Jump over 15—R. Silcock.

70 yds. hurdles under 15—J. Finch.
80 yds. hurdles over 15—R. Silcock.
Discus open—R. Bocking.
Javelin open—Marion Gee.
Junior Relay—Grace Darling.
Senior Relay—Grace Darling.

Victrix Ludorum : R. Silcock.
HOUSE TROPHY : Gr. Darling.

RECORDS BROKEN :

150 yds, under 12½—M. Dolder, 19.8.
70 yds hurdles, under 15—J. Finch, 11.8.
Junior relay—Darling 57.8.

Boys :

100 yds. under 12½—P. Berry.
100 yds. 12½-13½—T. Beane.
100 yds. 13½-15—G. Naylor.
100 yds. 15-16—T. Tucker.
100 yds. open—M. Darnell.
150 yds. under 12½—E. Mingay.
220 yds. 12½-13½—T. Beane.
220 yds. 13½-15—R. Davey.
220 yds. over 15—M. Darnell.
330 yds. under 13—R. Boyd.
440 yds. 13-15—R. Davey.
440 yds. over 15—B. Horne.
880 yds. 13-15—R. W. Hill.
880 yds. over 15—B. Horne*.
1 mile open—R. Freeman*.
80 yds. hurdles 13-15—R. W. Hill*.
100 yds. hurdles over 15—
Shot, open—D. Fisher.
Javelin, open—B. Horne.
Discuss, open—A. Stevens*.
High Jump under 13—A. Saunders.
High Jump 13-15—A. Newrick.
High Jump over 15—B. Horne.
Long Jump under 13—A. Bowler.
Long Jump 13-15—P. Bowler.
Long Jump over 15—B. Horne.

Junior Relay—Spartans.
Senior Relay—Trojans.

HOUSE POSITIONS :

1st Athenians, 121 pts.
2nd Trojans, 117 pts.
3rd Spartans, 103 pts.
4th Romans, 89 pts.

Victor Ludorum :

B. Horne (T), 35 pts.
Runner-Up :
M. Darnell (T), 20 pts.

RECORDS BROKEN :

880 yds. over 15 yrs., B. Horne, 2 m. 7 secs.
1 mile, open—R. Freeman, 4 mins. 37.8 secs.
80 yds. hurdles 13-15 yrs., R. W. Hill, 12.0 secs.
Discus, open—A. Stevens, 121 ft. 7 ins. (in heats.)

Cross-Country.

NOT only were two course records broken in the cross-country race this year but the number of competitors was an all-time record. No fewer than 351 runners took part and the only disappointing feature of the event was the fact that Trojans were the only house to have one runner short and consequently forfeited 131 points in the Intermediate race. This, however, was a marked improvement on last year when three houses forfeited a total of 1,506 points.

C. Brooks (Intermediate) and R. Freeman (Senior) are to be congratulated on breaking course records.

Senior.

1st Athenians, 2nd Trojans, 3rd Spartans, 4th Romans.
1st Freeman (T), 2nd Horne (T), 3rd T. Aspinall (R).

Intermediate.

1st Athenians, 2nd Romans, 3rd Spartans, 4th Trojans.
1st C. Brooks (A), 2nd Fenn (A), 3rd Jones (T).

Junior.

1st Romans, 2nd Athenians, 3rd Spartans, 4th Trojans.
1st Moss (T), 2nd Butler (R), 3rd Grafton (S).

Examination Successes.

State Scholarship :

Anthony P. Duane.

County Major Scholarships :

Thomas A. Aspinall	Delphine J. Chinery
Timothy Brighthouse	Anne Dallas
Martin J. Webb	Pamela Griggs
	Susan A. Mills.

Thomas A. Aspinall. £450 Central Electricity Generating Board Scholarship tenable at St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1958.

Advanced and Scholarship Level :

Thomas A. Aspinall—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Graham E. Bridges—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Timothy Brighthouse—Latin, Greek, History.
Anthony F. Duane—Mathematics (with distinction), Further Mathematics (with distinction), Physics (with distinction).
Martin J. Webb—Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (with distinction).
Terence L. Whomes—Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics (with distinction).
Delphine J. Chinery—Mathematics (with distinction), Further Mathematics, Physics.

Anne Dallas—English, History.
Jeanette Evans—French, English, Art.
Pamela Griggs—French (with distinction), German, English.
Carol A. Jones—English, History.
Imogen E. Law—Biology.
Marlene J. Martin—English, History, Art.
Susan A. Mills—French, German, English.
Diane M. L. Montgomery—Botany, Zoology, Art.
Marie P. Parnell—Botany, Zoology.
Pamela I. Phillippo—English, History.
Annetta J. Readhead—English, Music.
Cecelia E. Snell—Art (with distinction).
Ann K. Solomon—Needlework/Dressmaking.
Norma M. Welch—Latin, English.

Ordinary Level :

G. W. Alborough 7, K. J. Bagot 1, P. E. Batchelor 1, W. B. Beamish 8, I. W. Beare 3, B. J. Blizzard 7, J. T. Blundell 8, D. F. Bond 2, A. C. Brereton 3, R. W. Brown 7, D. Butler 6, L. E. Chapman 8, S. C. Chappell 5, B. Cook 5, C. W. Cooper 5, K. M. Creamer 4, I. R. Doddington 7, K. B. Farman 6, D. W. Forster 3, R. A. Freeman 5, D. J. Gooch 5, D. W. Gooch 4, G. Gouldby 1, R. G. Grint 6, P. H. Harris 8, B. Hartop 8, M. J. C. Holland 1, B. L. Horne 7, B. H. Hume 3, F. H. Kinge 3, C. Kirby 2, M. R. Knights 7, A. R. Lewis 3, M. J. Martin 3, D. E. Mathew 8, R. J. Missen 8, L. S. Moore 2, A. R. Muff 2, J. C. Mullen 2, D. W. Newby 1, C. S. Offord 5, M. W. Powles 4, C. R. Prettyman 2, F. D. K. Readhead 7, I. D. Reeve 3, J. W. Sampson 1, J. R. Sanham 8, E. P. Sheppard 2, C. J. Shiers 3, M. J. Tuck 6, R. V. Turrell 3, B. D. Utting 9, R. W. Wilkin 3, C. Youngman 8. J. W. Aguss 1, A. F. Balls, 3, I. E. Balls, 2, P. A. Banthorpe 3, M. Barber 8, C. A. Barnard 1, T. H. Berry 5, W. M. Billington 8, V. S. Bird 3, A. F. Bond 3, M. J. Brooke 7, V. Bryant 2, J. E. Bultitude 2, J. D. Burt 7, P. B. A. Bussey 3, V. H. Debney 4, M. E. Dewberry 2, E. A. Edmonds 2, P. J. Evans 3, P. J. Furrell 2, P. M. Garrard 4, M. F. Gee 7, P. M. Greenland 4, R. C. Gwyn 8, W. L. F. Hadenham 6, J. G. Hart 3, P. C. Hurr 4, S. Jackson 2, A. R. James 2, M. L. Jones 2, M. V. King 7, H. J. Laws 8, B. U. Linder 3, J. Locke 3, A. R. Martin 1, S. R. Mills 8, J. G. Mitchell 4, A. M. Morris 3, J. E. Moss 2, P. A. Moyse 5, S. M. Muirhead 8, A. S. Myall 5, B. A. Newark 2, A. M. Orr 7, A. Peak 5, S. E. Powrie 8, J. E. Pratt 5, J. A. Shephard 3, D. M. Smith 6, G. M. Smith 4, J. Smith 2, P. Stuckey 6, E. A. Tripp 6, M. J. Ward 1, O. J. West 6, A. Woodrow 6, F. D. Wright 7, M. A. Youngs 2.

The figures denote the number of subjects in which the candidate passed.

Outings

Diary.

10th - 17th September.

Eight from Form IV with Town Boys' Football Team, to Frankfurt, Germany.

3rd November.

12 from Form VI to Adnam's Brewery, Southwold.

24th February.

11 from Form VI to Art Galleries, London.

11th March.

26 from Form VI to Stewart and Lloyds Works, Corby.

19th - 26th March.

27 from Forms V and VI to Conway, Wales.

20th March - 13th April.

57 from Forms II to VI, to Cahors, France.

1st - 12th April.

Eight from Forms IV, V, VI, to Heidelberg, Germany.

23rd April.

26 from Form VI to Ford Works, Dagenham, and Royal Institution, London.

11th June.

65 from Forms IIB and IIC, to Castle Acre Priory.

16th June.

85 from Forms IIA, IID and IIE, to Castle Acre Priory.

Heidelberg.

Diary.

1st April.

Lowestoft—London—Dover—Ostend.

2nd April.

Ostend—Mannheim—Heidelberg. Arrived 7.30 a.m. Visited Heidelberg Castle—walked up to Philosophenweg after lunch.

3rd April.

Walked round town in morning—Funicular to Königstuhl in afternoon—Picture Theatre in evening.

4th April.

Neckargemund in afternoon.

5th April.

Electoral Museum—Walk up Königstuhl.

6th April.

Schwetzingen Palace and grounds for day.

7th April.

All day in Mannheim.

8th April.

Day in town.

9th April.

Coach to Speyer—Cathedral, Crypt and Museum.

10th April.

Heidelberg Zoo in morning.

11th April.

Final look round town—Walked to top of Philosophenweg in evening—Left Heidelberg 11.00 p.m.

12th April.

Ostend—Dover—London—Lowestoft.

Schwetzingen.

The centre of interest, we found on our excursion to this small town 14 kms. from Heidelberg, is the Public Garden, which is designed on the lines of the gardens at Versailles and in which are to be found fine 18th Century buildings erected at the whims of a German prince. The elegantly-furnished Badhaus is a most interesting example, especially in respect of its elaborately-painted walls and ceilings and the spacious stone bath sunk into the floor. There was in attendance an ancient guide who evidently over-estimated our command of his native tongue, for he went off in what was presumably a most detailed description of the building. We uttered mild ejaculations at what we hoped were appropriate intervals.

A. STURMAN.

The Funicular.

After threading through the side-streets of Heidelberg, we found the entrance to the funicular tucked away between larger tenements. Our group ticket was punched sixteen times, once for each passenger, and we boarded the tiny carriage.

The compartments were mounted obliquely to each other, horizontal to the steeply-inclined track. The heavy steel rope jerked us to a start and the coach crawled out of the oily station, through a tunnel and under several bridges, veered round some-

one's back garden and headed up the mountain-side. Mid-way we met the other coach descending as we stopped at the Castle halt. Beyond this, there was an exhilarating vista of old Heidelberg with its pink bridges, many spires and bridges spanning the Neckar. Then through the thick woods of the hillside to the top, with its observatory, hotel, public house and high tower from which we could see the Rhine Valley for twenty miles.

A. WELBY.

The Castle.

Halfway up over the heavily-wooded hills towering over the river is Heidelberg Castle, old and decaying, built in the Middle Ages, and partly destroyed by the French in the seventeenth century. On the walls of the extensive rooms are statues of the Kaisers of by-gone days. In the vault is the famous Grosser Fass, the largest barrel in the world, with a capacity of 50,000 gallons, the Castle's prize-piece in mediaeval times. The Castle, lit up at night, overlooks the beautiful old bridge and the ancient university, where students are still famous for their duelling and their wine-drinking parties along the beautiful Neckar valley.

J. EVANS.

Conway.

Diary.

19th March.

Set off in coach at 6.30 a.m. (raining of course). Weather brightened later and had a good journey, via King's Lynn, Nottingham, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent and Chester. Arrived in Conway 7.30 p.m. After supper went out to explore the town.

20th March.

Day became brilliantly fine. 2000' up Snowdon (no time to go higher). Through Llanberis Pass—good view of Llanberis and Bethesda slate-quarries.

21st March.

Over Menai Bridge to Anglesey. Through Holyhead and Llanfairjuvllgwyngyllgogerychywrndrobwillllanysiliogogoch.

22nd March.

Morning free. In afternoon visited Llandudno and Great Orme's Head.

23rd March.

Up Conway Valley to Dolgarrog: visited hydro-electricity station and aluminium works. Swallow Falls at Bettws-y-coed.

24th March.

To the east, Llangollen and Dee Valley. At Llangollen visited what must be most antiquated woollen mill left in the B. Isles.

25th March.

Visited farm with typical Welsh farmer, Mr. Jones. In afternoon to Fisheries Research Centre: heard about Conway Fishing Fleet (seven small boats) and mussels and oysters.

26th March.

Home by similar route.

Welsh Weather.

We set out on foot to climb the escarpment to the north of Llangollen. This took some time, as the scarp face had a gradient of 1 in $1\frac{1}{2}$ in most parts and rose up for 1400', although our journey was made easier higher up by following a winding road. Near the top of the escarpment we paused and after a short debate decided to return to the coach immediately, because of the thickening black clouds which were massing, and the ominous rolls of thunder which could now be heard. We had barely set off back down the mountain when the first rain-drops fell, and while we descended a thousand feet down the road it poured most of the way. At the beginning of our climb up the escarpment some fool-hardy spirits, such as myself, had deemed plastic macs, etc., unnecessary. Now we squelched along in miserable silence, lashed by the drenching rain. Clothes held the skin in a clammy grasp and the rain poured blindingly down one's face. Towards the end of the descent, when it at last eased off, some of us boys went on ahead and tried to revive our dampened spirits by some singing, but soaked and somewhat breathless, we were unable to impress the Welsh on-lookers with our East Anglian voices. On hearing our version of "We'll Keep a Welcome in the Hillsides", they seemed to experience some pain, and they remained only mystified by our best rendering, "On the Ball, City". Reaching the coach we climbed in quickly and without more ado started back to Conway—and a change of clothing.

D. MATHEW.

Welsh People.

As we passed through historic Chester, with terraced shops and the remains of the city's barricades against early invasions by the Celts, we felt as if we were approaching a foreign country, for indeed history has shown that the Welsh are too proud to give up their entire independence. We stopped for refreshment a mile or so inside the border and as we stood on the northern fringe of the flat Denbigh coalfield the feeling of loneliness was relieved only by the comfort and peace we found in Conway. Our Camp, situated on a hill overlooking the mouth of the Conway, with its historic castle and bridge and narrow winding roads, gave us a feeling of supremacy. Unfortunately, we were soon to find that the independent youth of Conway were resentful to the supremacy of us "Corn-grinders", as they called us, and often we were threatened with a free taste of Welsh mountain water. Fortunately, none of these threats materialised, but they did awaken us to the fact that Wales truly had something to be proud of. Indeed, nowhere in England could you find a mountain so rugged and so beautiful as Snowdon and, within a few miles, the doleful picture of a mountain robbed of its beauty by man-made slag-heaps. And yet the Welsh are as proud of their quarries as they are of their crystal-clear lakes, bubbling springs and scree-covered cwms, because they represent commercial success whereas cultivating the barren countryside has proved a failure.

I. R. DODDINGTON.

Frankfurt.

Six boys of the School, A. Brooks, J. Burroughs, J. Butler D. Manthorpe, T. Tucker and N. Waters, were members of the Town under-15 party which went to play the annual football matches against German boys.

Diary.

10th September.

Via Harwich, Hook, Mainz to Frankfurt.

12th September.

Official reception at the Römer (County Hall)—training session.

13th September.

Sports meeting at Stadium—football match v. Frankfurt, lost 0-4. Athletics match, London, Frankfurt, Vienna, won by London.

14th September.

Sunday spent with hosts.

15th September.

By motor-coach to Taurus mountains.

16th September.

By motor-coach to Rhine—football match v. Wiesbaden, won 2-1.

17th September.

Return journey begun in afternoon.

The train journey from the Hook up the Rhine to Mainz was very enjoyable. We followed the route on the map provided in the corridor and saw the famous cathedral of Cologne. After Mainz we changed trains and made our way through the hills covered in vineyards and crowned with picturesque castles and churches.

On the Friday, we reassembled at the Römer, a splendid building, to attend the official reception given by the Education Officer of Frankfurt in the Council Hall, and here we met for the first time the other parties attending the Youth Games. Those I remember, and with whom we had most contact, were a Rugby party from Cardiff and a mixed athletics party from London. There was also an Austrian athletics team. After the reception we were all issued with small badges and then, clad in great felt over-shoes, shown into a magnificent hall in which paintings of all the German emperors and kings were arranged round the walls.

The Stadium in which Saturday's match was played was part of a sports ground containing four football pitches. In the Stadium was a running track round the pitch. All the children took part in a grand parade before the sports, followed by a massed P.T. demonstration by German pupils.

A. S. B. BROOKS.

From France.

I.

I had been asked by my pen-friend, Jean, when I was staying with him at Gourdon, whether I should like to attend an annual three-day Scout camp. So we went about 40 Kms. (25 miles) in a car driven by a priest, who was the Scoutmaster. We met the rest of the group and another group from a neighbouring town at a large house in extensive grounds. Here were several dormitories, each with twenty beds. Our first job was to prepare our beds, the mattresses of which turned out to be sacking filled with straw. I later found out that the work of the house was done by a party of nuns. Next we had to light a camp fire. So we chose a sheltered spot in the grounds in which to build a hearth and I was one of a few who chopped

down small trees and took them back to the fire, already lit. There we cooked our supper, mainly soup from a pot laid in the fire. Each succeeding day was spent in physical jerks before breakfast, football during the morning (anyone could join in, nobody kept time and there were some high scores), lunch of soup, beef-steak, vegetable and red wine, a game in the afternoon (one group of scouts trying to take the "lives", which were handkerchiefs tucked into one's trousers, from the other group) and, after dinner, songs and plays round a huge camp-fire.

C. J. EDMONDS.

II.

"The Return of the Chimes" is the nearest translation possible for the name of an Easter custom known and loved by all French children. During Good Friday and Easter Saturday, the bells hang still and silent in the Churches, mourning the death of Christ. The countryside is quiet and sad without the cheerful peals, until Easter morning when everyone is rejoicing in the Resurrection. The bells ring out telling the good news to all, and the peals carry far on the air, taking with them joy and happiness to everyone. As an assurance of this for the children, the chimes carry with them gifts, which they drop among the bushes in the gardens. These are eagerly searched for, and though no-one ever sees them drop, they are easily found, already named for each child. The children, with cries of joy, swoop on their presents, and carry them off to the breakfast-table where they eat the traditional Easter-breakfast of round flat cakes and the gaily-coloured, hard-boiled or sugar eggs.

BARBARA SUGDEN.

III.

M. Mendusier, the village carpenter, was a slightly-built man of some sixty years, with small, shining eyes and a broad, red nose which adequately supported his horn-rimmed spectacles. His grey flannel trousers, which stopped several inches short of his ankles, his jacket and his large cloth cap were whitened with years of work amid the sawdust. His wooden "sabots" scraped briskly on the stone floor as he walked before us, stooping slightly, into his workshop. It was small, with a low ceiling and whitewashed walls, and it smelled strongly of new wood and varnish. Planks were leaning against one of the walls—no doubt to stop it falling down of old age, and, in the shafts of sunshine that filtered through the two small windows, sawdust floated through the air like finely-falling rain, blanketing the low shelves on which his old-fashioned and well-worn tools lay in neat rows. He looked round absent-mindedly for

his chisel, blinking over the rims of his glasses, and, though it had obviously hung in the same place for years, he seemed surprised to find it there, but took it down and set to work, whistling softly. We peered around us through the dusty atmosphere and were attracted by a long rectangular shape draped in a dark brown dust-sheet. Appreciative of our interest, M. Mendusier flung back the cover, and a cloud of dust rose into the air.

"It is a coffin. Is it not beautiful?"

It was, indeed, for a coffin: the light-coloured wood was satin-smooth and carved with an effectively simple, though as yet unfinished, design.

"For whom has it been ordered?" asked my companion.

"Why, nobody. But then, you never know, *n'est-ce-pas?*"

G. LEY.

IV.

It is an astounding fact that an Englishman's patriotism and deep-seated nationalism remain quite dormant until he enters a foreign country. There can, I think, be no more impressive example of this age of equality of opportunity than the cross-section of the British public who go to Paris each year. The attraction of a holiday there lures people of every walk of life, a fact which may be infallibly borne out every Sunday morning at the British Embassy Church. This little church is in the Rue d'Aguesseau in a very distinguished part of Paris. On any other day of the week the grey façade looks demurely "foreign" to the French eye; on Sunday it is blatantly British. One's first and immediate reaction to it is that it is an animated cartoon from Pont's "British Character", the second is one of amused horror when one realises that one is indeed, oneself, an integral part of this cartoon. Here in profusion one may see men in bowlers, English schoolgirls in large panama hats and neatly but unfashionably-dressed women. It was horrifying to realise that it was from here that most Parisians gained the impression that every Englishman wore a bowler and his old school tie, and that every Englishwoman wore tweeds. A highly-amused newspaper seller and a few "agents" in the distance are the only signs that betray the English scene. Every Englishman is inherently proud. Here, amongst a scene "*beaucoup plus anglais que les anglais*" he is either self-conscious and wishes to assure the foreigner personally that "we are not like this individually" or, with a breast heaving with thoughts of Waterloo and the Empire, and having just learnt that there is another verse to the National Anthem, he demands majestically his "Observer". Though outwardly cold and impersonal, this English gathering becomes, after the Church Service, a group

of warm sympathetic individuals whose first care is the welfare of their fellow countrymen. Such are the bonds of nationalism and the English Church.

ANITA ORR.

"Noyes Fludde."

I. At Southwark Cathedral.

In November of last year, the cast who had given the first performance of Benjamin Britten's opera at the Aldeburgh Festival were transported to London for a series of performances at Southwark Cathedral. The coach collected us, the string-players from Lowestoft and the singers from Beccles, and took us to the "Luxury" Holiday Camp near London, where we were to stay. First impressions, in the dark, were quite good until we realised what a holiday camp in winter could really be like.

After a smooth, greasy official had handed up sheets, we were herded into nissen huts, full of ranks of bunks, and ordered to make our beds, the reward of which efforts was a tepid meal in massive china with sticky cutlery, and nothing to do afterwards but to go to bed. We were awakened early by drops of condensed moisture dripping from the ice-cold walls, and as it was as cold in bed as out, we got up to discover that the main building, and any hope of warmth, would be locked until the staff had prepared breakfast. We trudged round the camp; someone said that it had been used for prisoners-of-war.

When we did arrive at Southwark Cathedral later that morning, we immediately plunged into rehearsal, continued, except for a break for packed lunch, until the first performance early in the evening. The four performances were remarkably successful, considering what rehearsal we had, and the bugles and handbells rang impressively through the larger space of the Cathedral, for Orford Church had been rather small for them. All were so exhausted that night that not even the limitation of the camp could keep us awake.

The reviews which we read in newspapers bought in the neighbouring village next morning were on the whole good. After lunch, once more to Southwark Cathedral for the afternoon performance. Many stayed in central London rather than return to camp as arranged, and then the fog became so thick that in the evening the stage was almost invisible from the other end of the cathedral. We returned to camp late that night once more exhausted.

On Sunday morning everybody rose early for the journey back to Suffolk after a musically, but not physically, enjoyable few days.

J. DUANE.

II. At Lowestoft.

The Spring Term came to an end for most of the School but not for us. We attended for percussion rehearsals on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. What I had done in previous holidays I could not imagine. Everything went sailing along happily, and at last one Saturday when we were making a terrific din, the conductor arrived. His warm personality soon overcame our nerves, the morning went well and we earned our lunch. I had never imagined picnicking on the New Hall floor, but, with sandwiches and pop, we were still stuffing there when our conductor came back. We went home at three o'clock, our heads booming. The first week of term was anything but normal, with more rehearsals, and finally a full orchestral rehearsal. Then at St. Margaret's Church, plonked in our seats beside our instruments, we were told to stay there until required. Then dress rehearsals and an afternoon off school to be entirely fresh for the evening performance. I carried my drum sticks everywhere with me. At six-twenty we were in our places. The noisy operation of tuning violins was going on around me. The official conductor walked to his place. The first performance of "Noyes Fludde" at Lowestoft had begun.

SUSAN SOLLEY.

Science Visits.

Three visits have been made, as shown in the Diary, by parties of sixth-formers restricted to students of science.

At Stewart and Lloyds many of the activities of a large steel-works were seen, first the extraction of ore, using what is claimed to be the largest drag-line in the world, and then the conversion of the ore into steel tubes in all its stages, blast-furnaces, Bessemer converters, peon-hearth furnaces and rolling-mills.

At Fords there was the tapping of a blast-furnace and the pouring of the metal into casting-moulds. The conversion of this into tractors and cars showed how the complexity of such vehicles could be achieved by relatively simple operations, each performed by semi-skilled labour. In the evening, by the kindness of its Director, Sir Laurence Bragg, the party was able to attend the Royal Institution and hear a lecture on Energy, given by Professor King, and profusely illustrated by experiments well beyond the scope of a school laboratory. After the lecture, there was on view some of the original apparatus used by former Directors, including Davy, Faraday and Cavendish.

Subtopia.

*The low sun blooms the houses' mellow stones,
Touching their subtle shades of grey and blue.
The sloping slates reflect its transient tones
Dappled with moss. All built by those who knew
The land.—Yet not far off the stark bare brick
Of new suburban house with roof of crude
Cheap tile. Identical, the monsters round it thick
Sport aerials, an artificial wood.
No human can this god or demon tame.
He prowls between the country and the towns
Till, all distinction lost, with streets the same
He brutally both field and city drowns.
And how shall we this ugly canker shun?
Is it God's will or man's that must be done?*

MARY DEMER.

When the Mole Emerges.

*Through the heat or coldness of the day,
Beneath the earth, where all is quiet,
In my burrowed hole I stay;
But when the sun sinks, on fire,
Sparkling wonders on a shimmering sea,
When day-creatures tire,
When in the cool of the evening
Lovers stroll, arm in arm,
When children are put to rest,
When owls swoop out to find their prey,
When other kinds of birds find their nest,
It is now, at this time,
That I venture forth, and leave
This underground home of mine.*

JANICE WOODS.

The Village.

*He approached the village slowly;
His horse was breathing deep.
Suddenly a noise behind him
Caused his heart to leap.
He spurred his weary steed ahead;
Fear was bubbling in his brain
Of the shot that he had fired
And the man there lying dead.
Something in the atmosphere,
The floating leaves, the swinging doors
Confused his horse's beat:
Nobody trod the sidewalk,
No laughter filled the bar,
But he felt a presence near him
Lingering in the air,
And knew he should not stay there
Together with his death.
But he drew his horse's halter
And sat with indrawn breath.
Then as though he faced a challenge
He swung down to the street.
He heard the sound of voices
That had followed his retreat.
But still he wouldn't mount again,
Though hooves were singly clear;
He stood as if he were listening
To spirits circling near,
And the soldiers could not rouse him
When they came and found him there.*

JOSEPHINE AYERS.

Old Lowestoftians

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McGuire, Mrs. Long, Messrs. Finbow, Chapman, Wharton,
Mobbs, Nobbs.

The Chairman's Remarks.

WE have an association which is financially very healthy, a committee which is a pleasure to work with, various functions and sports activities which are well attended and enthusiastically received; and yet one still has the disappointing task of reporting that the membership is falling. At the moment it is at the lowest level I have known. May I appeal to former members to take the trouble to renew their membership and to do their best to persuade other old students to do the same.

I feel that this is especially necessary in view of the fact that next year, 1960, sees the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the School. It would be very pleasant if the Association

could carry out some scheme—suggestions would be very gratefully received—to mark the event. Obviously, however, it would not be possible to formulate a plan worthy of the occasion without the backing of a substantial membership.

As many of you will know, this is Mr. Brooks' last year as Headmaster. I should like to place on record here the thanks and gratitude owed to him by the Association for his constant help and care for its welfare. I am sure that I am speaking for every old student in expressing our hope that he and Mrs. Brooks may enjoy very many years of retirement.

Finally, may I offer the thanks of all members of the Association to the School Staff for their help, to our secretary, June Read, after a somewhat trying year, to George Peck, our treasurer, to the committee, especially those who undertake the extra tasks of organising sports activities. These people work willingly throughout the year carrying out the business of the Association. Please make their work worth while by ensuring a record membership for next year.

JOHN GOODDY.

The Secretary's Report.

THE number of Old Lowestoftians in and about Lowestoft is always very evident at our Social Functions. It is therefore more than disappointing to have to report that our membership has dropped by nearly half this year. I think one of the aims for the new Committee will have to be to try to rectify this, although, as the old Committee will agree, this is easier said than done.

The Summer Day on July 19th, was attended by 53 people. The Dance in the evening, however, was far more popular, and a profit of £4 0s. 11d. was made.

The Christmas Social was well attended; over a hundred people came. The success of the evening was due yet again to Mr. E. Rimer who acted as M.C., and who with Mr. H. Baker, provided the traditional entertainment so much enjoyed by all. Miss Murray, as always, receives our sincere thanks and appreciation for looking after the catering arrangements.

The holding of an Annual Dinner and Dance is meeting with much success. This year about 100 people attended the Dinner and Dance at the Hotel Victoria. It was so nice to see that several Old Students had travelled many miles to be there. Telegrams were received from Mr. McArthur who was unavoidably unable to come at the last moment through illness, and from Dr. Robinson, who having a prior engagement was also unable

to be present. Mr. Brooks proposed the Loyal Toast, and the Speaker, Mr. Woods, was introduced by Mr. Gooddy. Mr. Nobbs gave the vote of thanks.

As always the Staff and Old Students have worked in close co-operation, and our thanks go to Mr. Brooks and the Staff.

JUNE READ.

Ocean.

*This sluggish motion on the beaches is the ocean,
This mumbling murmur, as a toothless man
Talks of unimaginable glories
None believing, but here is the edge,
The end, the silly end of storm ;
Here little stones chatter,
Sand ripples faintly,
Far away from the tearing tumult of tempest and terror,
Waters that hiss like arcs in the shipyard
But tear, tear apart the plates,
Batter, bruise and bend the structure ;
The ship crumples, life is a bubble
That froths and ends.*

*That, once a ship, loiters to the bottom
With the bones and the ships that lie forgotten,
And the sand, oyster-like, coats it
Grain by grain in the silent sea
Till even the hungry sea has forgotten
And new shapes dip to the dark.
So, far away, but here a whisper,
A tame purr from a tiger.*

A. J. BLUNDELL.

Football.

The team finished about 7th from the bottom of the League. They finished, however, in fine form by beating the best team in the League. It is hoped to run a Reserve Team next season.

Badminton.

The team had a fair season finishing about the middle of the League.

News of Old Scholars.

JILL Pirrie finishes at Whitelands in July and will teach in Surrey, Wendy Lloyd at Gipsy Hill and will teach in Norwich.

Reg. Knowles visited Lowestoft in April after an absence from the Town of eight years. He is a Sanitary Inspector living at St. Helier in Jersey. Holiday-makers note.

Kay Peck is teaching now at Beccles. She say do any of yer wan' a know about warble fly powder tergither she'll be pleased to tell yer.

Ann Long qualified as S.R.N. in November, married Barrie Chapman in February and is now part-time Staff-nurse at Lowestoft Hospital.

Mrs. Pat Carson, née Hipperson and her husband and son, Richard, are leaving in August for Jamaica, where Mr. Carson has a teaching post.

Mrs. Bradford, née Brenda Lane, is coming to live in Lowestoft where her husband has been appointed a teacher.

Commander Ralph Jenkins, after a distinguished naval career, has become personnel manager at the Oulton Broad works of T.V. Manufacturing Ltd. Those who went to Worksof will remember hearing then of his part in the Lofoten Isles raid, his present to us of a German flag and ours to his ward-room of a radiogram.

John Harold Evans was made a Knight in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Mr. Evans, who is aged 54, was born at Somerleyton and went from Lowestoft Grammar School to King's College, London, where he took a first in Chemistry. Then he entered the Civil Service, and became a member of the Secretaries' Office and of the Board of Inland Revenue. He played cricket for Suffolk during one year and for the Club Cricket Conference, and hockey for Kent and twice for Wales. He has lived, with his wife and son, at Meopham since 1950.

Jeffery Camp had a successful one-man exhibition of paintings at the Beaux Arts Galleries during May.

Barry Learner is now finishing his second year at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, Wilts.

Hugh Bonaker is finishing at Sandhurst this year.

Jill Utting is a teacher in a girls' school in Aix-les-Bains.

Notice : Any news of Old Scholars interesting to readers of this Magazine may be sent to Mrs. L. Long, at 119, Elm Tree Road, Lowestoft.