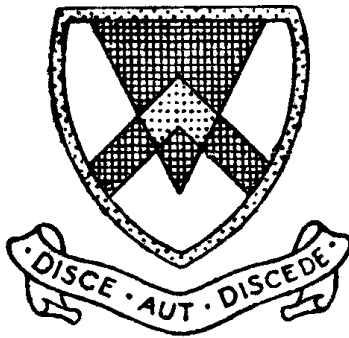


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EDITORIAL

The great disadvantage of a publication which appears only once annually, and a criticism which has often been levelled at this particular magazine, is that the news which has been gathered has become too well known to be of interest by the publication date. It would be as well to explain, however, that this magazine is not primarily a news-sheet, but a summary of the main events of the School Year. The prospective reader should bear this in mind more than ever this year as the present unresolved state of the printing dispute is likely to make our publication even later than usual.

GENERAL NOTES, 1958-59

This year we are very sorry to be losing Miss Cook, who has been Senior Mistress and Senior English Mistress for the past fifteen years. She is leaving to take up a post as lecturer at St. Matthias' Training College, Bristol.

In the classroom Miss Cook has been a knowledgeable, sympathetic and very successful teacher, with a gift of drawing her pupils out by her courteous reception of their ideas and by her obvious enjoyment both of helping others to learn and also of continuing to learn herself.

As Senior Mistress Miss Cook has been a steady and benign influence, and, over the years, must have done much to bring about the happy and efficient atmosphere which pervades the School now. She has devoted herself not only to the School but to the individual, and as the Headmaster said on Speech Day, she has "tempered the wind to many a shorn lamb—or black sheep".

As head of the English Department she has been remarkably successful in smoothing the way of many younger teachers, in widening their ideas by frequent discussion and in stimulating them by stepping most unselfishly aside and offering them the most rewarding forms.

We have every confidence in wishing Miss Cook success in her new work of training teachers: she has been doing it already for years.

Our best wishes for the future to Mrs. Stacey, Miss Quinton, and Mr. Price, who are also leaving this summer. During this year, we have lost Mr. Brooks who left at Christmas to take up a teaching post in Tanganyika, and Mr. Bell who is now a lecturer at Bristol University. We welcome several new members of Staff: Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Cleverley, Mr. Quest, Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Harding and Mr. Price.

We are glad to announce the completion, at long last, of the six grass tennis courts on Chantry Field. The plans for a new woodwork room have also been approved. We are grateful to the Governors who have bought for the school a paddock adjoining the Grace Block, which has been named "Gaynor's Paradise".

Once again, the Upper Fifth and Fifth forms enjoyed weekend trips to London, Croscombe, St. Briavels and Stow-on-the-Wold, and last summer, two highly successful trips to the continent were organized, one to La Rochelle and one to Austria. The Geography and Biology field week in Dorset was again a complete success. New enterprises by the History group included a visit to Bristol Old Vic, and one to the History Society at Bristol University.

In Friday afternoon societies, we enjoyed talks and lectures by Captain Moss and Captain Farrington on the Army, by Mr. Popplewell on Tanganyika, by Mr. I. P. Blenkinsopp on Cyprus and by Mr. B. Stafford Morse on the history of Thornbury. On April 30th, the Choir, under the leadership of Miss Astbury, sang parts of Handel's "Messiah" to a large and appreciative audience in the School Hall.

A fifth form girl, Margaret Phillips, has been selected by the Girl Guide Association to be one of the British representatives at an International Guide Camp in Spain this summer.

Helen Haste, Upper 5a, has had a letter published in "The Listener." Annette Tyrell has had some of her poems read on the "Young Artists" programme of the B.B.C.

The following have been offered places at Universities: R. G. Collins, Chemistry, Leeds; B. I. Nott, R. Blenkinsopp and G. Richards, Arabic, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; R. W. Collett, Chemistry, London; M. W. Darlington, Physics, Southampton; Valerie Holman, French, Exeter; Ann Jenkins, History, Leicester; Gillien Jones, French, Swansea; Linda Manning, French, Birmingham.

The following will be entering training colleges in September: A. N. Hitch, Coventry; Patricia Breen, Birmingham; Mary Burke, Bedford.

SPEECH DAY, 1959

On Speech Day, the address was given by this year's guest of honour, Major P. D. Birchall, MA., Chairman of the Gloucestershire Education Committee, and contained messages for the school leavers, for the parents and for the members of staff.

He told the school leavers that what they did at school was a beginning, for it was here that they first started to think, and ceased relying on "memory or native luck". In a school with tradition, however, they were protected individuals, and the difference between right and wrong was as clear as black from white. After leaving school, it was "so easy to look at grey." Turning to the parents, he said that no school could take the place of the home and that this should be the base on which the child built at school.

Coming to the teaching profession, Major Birchall said that although he was aware of the physical difficulties—"the bricks and mortar difficulties" which confronted teachers, he did not consider them an excuse for poor teaching. The headmaster, and staff, tradition and customs of Thornbury Grammar School had always maintained the "true tripartite function—body, mind and spirit". No member of staff could forget that body, mind and spirit together made a whole man. In their school there was an inner spirit which he hoped might long continue.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that, although the school will lose the entry from Filton and Patchway, since next year the boys and girls will go to the new Filton High School, they will still have over 650 in the school next September, with the largest 6th form ever. At the conclusion of his report of the School year, he said that owing to developments on the Severn Banks, the Grammar School will be required as much as ever it has been in the nearly four hundred years of its existence.

After a vote of thanks proposed to Major Birchall by the School Captain, parents were given the opportunity of seeing House tennis and cricket matches, boys' and girls' P.E. displays and other exhibitions.

THE SCHOOL PLAY, 1958

A Greek satire by Aristophanes, written 2,372 years ago, was the unusual choice for this year's production by the Dramatic Society. Although "The Birds" was more subtle than many previous presentations, the producer and cast overcame this difficulty by some original embellishments which, coupled with the slick presentation, could not have failed to please.

The play tells the story of two Athenians who are trying to escape from this troublous world. This they do by persuading the birds to set up an "ideal state" in the skies, in defiance of the gods. The ultimate victory over the gods by the birds provides a natural final scene, in which the hero gains a heavenly reward in the form of a bride.

In such a large cast it would be impossible to mention everyone, but a word of praise must once again go to B. I. Nott as Pisthetairos, the Athenian hero, whose polished execution of an exacting part was a shining example to the rest of the cast. He was ably supported by D. F. Cleeve as the second Athenian.

Linda Manning gave a text-book rendering of Choragos, spokesman of the birds, as did J. L. Caswell in the part of Epos. R. P. Entwistle made a bewildering appearance as Meton, a maladjusted Mathematician,

J. R. Lewis and P. N. Whitehouse provided brief but highly amusing intrusions, and A. R. Jenkins, as Herakles, displayed some muscular obesity at a rather serious stage in the play.

A special word of praise must go to the members of the chorus for their precision-timed proclamations and realistic bird-noises. The colourful costumes by Miss M. M. Hunter and Mrs. F. H. Burke, with the masks by Mr. G. L. K. Keeling, provided an air of gaiety, which was also contributed to by the music of Miss I. P. Astbury and her recorder-players. The set by Messrs. C. A. Jaques and K. P. Jenkins was simple but effective, and Dr. L. G. Bray successfully mastered the intricacies of the electrical equipment.

Hearty congratulations must go to the tireless producer, Mr. B. T. Hodge, on successfully presenting such a demanding production, and thanks are due to other back-stage helpers, a further mention of whom space has precluded.

JUNIOR PLAYS, 1959

This year's junior form plays presented the members of the School with scenes including a forest clearing full of fairies, a palace courtyard with fearsome looking black-cloaked spies, and an ordinary library with a bedroom atmosphere.

Miss E. Mottram produced John Drinkwater's one act play "Robin Hood and the Pedlar", recounting an episode in the adventurous life of the men in Lincoln Green. It was admirably performed by members of form 2B and the colourful scenery and costumes combined with the attractive music, composed especially for the play by Miss Astbury, added to our enjoyment.

"The Golden Doom" by Lord Dunsany, was an amusing play with a serious underlying message. A poem written on a door by some children is mistaken for a divine prophecy, and eventually results in the King's sacrificing his crown and sceptre to the bringer of the message. Miss Cook produced this play with members of form 3A.

The fourth form play, "Something to Talk About," by Eden Philpotts, was a complete contrast, set in modern times. It tells of a family who disturbed a burglar at work in their library. Their reaction is one of delight, and the burglar is at times annoyed that he provides them with so much to talk about. The members of form 4A were a great success. This play was produced by Mr. Quest.

The school experienced something new when Mrs. Wright produced two scenes from "Struwelpeter" by Heinrich Hoffman. The dialogue in these cautionary tales was spoken in German. With the help of a short English introduction most of us were able to follow the action.

The plays this year were all well performed and the variety and scenic colour were especially commendable.

FOUNDERS' SERVICE

The Annual Founders Service was held at Thornbury Parish Church in October, 1958. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Rawstorne, Chairman of the School Governors and Vicar of Thornbury, and the address was given by Canon H. Stanley Astbury, Rector of All Saints Church, Compton Greenfield. He told us: "Be yourself, otherwise tradition, valuable as a foundation, may deaden initiative". Emphasising that today there is a particular need for young people of special character, Canon Astbury said, "Remember you are an individual. Do not let your world squeeze you into its own mould."

An outstanding feature of the service was the singing by the choir of Armstrong Gibbs' anthem, "O, Praise God in His Holiness".

CAROL SERVICE, 1958

The Carol Service of Thursday, December 18th, was, as usual held at Thornbury Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev.

R. Rawstorne.

The School choir sang eight carols: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High", a French carol of the sixteenth century, "This is the Truth sent from above", Vaughan Williams. "Break forth. O beauteous heavenly Light", Bach, "Christ is at thy portals", a French air; "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came", a Basque carol; "Silent Night", Franz Gruber; "Three Kings from Persian Lands afar", Cornelius, and "In dulci jubilo", arranged by Purcell.

Led by the choir the congregation, which consisted of School, Staff and parents, joined in the singing of seven carols: "O come all ye faithful", "God rest you merry Gentlemen", "Past three o'clock," "O little town of Bethlehem", "Unto us a Boy is born", "While Shepherds watched" and "Hark the herald angels sing".

Interspersed between the carols were the nine lessons, read by members of the School representing each age group.

We are very grateful to Mr. Jenkins, who played the organ for us, to Miss Astbury for training and conducting the choir, and to the parents who joined in our worship.

MUSIC, 1958-59

The School choir has had another very successful year under the inspiring leadership of Miss Astbury, and we are sincerely grateful to her for her enthusiastic direction.

The performances of the choir at Founder's Service and the Carol Service were excellent, and the singing of the treble boys accompanied by the school recorder group was most creditable to everyone concerned. The Choir Concert, owing to its tremendous success last year, has become an annual event. In this year's performance we heard a selection from Handel's "Messiah". This was an ambitious choice and the choir worked very hard to give a most pleasing performance. The greatest credit for this must go to Miss Astbury and Mrs. Wright, whose tireless work has been an example to us all.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

Last year many changes were made in the music competition, the number of items being nearly halved. This year however, the number of items was increased, duets being reintroduced for all classes, and an entirely new item, under the title of "home-made music," was introduced. Recorder solos were replaced by groups. Unfortunately the influenza epidemic greatly affected preparations and it soon became obvious that unless the programme was reduced the standard of the music competition would fall. It was finally decided that the duets would have to be dropped for this year.

After the preliminaries, Howard and Stafford were level with 178 points each. Clare having 176 points. A keen struggle ensued, a high standard being maintained throughout the afternoon. The introduction of the "home-made music" section was a great success, Simons' "Ten Green Bottles" providing an amusing interlude.

This year we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Hemmings as adjudicator for the second time, and we should like to thank him for his most helpful speech at the end of the competition. The winners for the first time in six years were Clare House, the final result being Clare 421 points, Howard 382 points and Stafford 371~ points.

We should also like to thank Miss Astbury, whose hard work made the music competition possible.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, 1858-59

Chairman: **Gillien Jones**

This year the Literary and Debating Society began with quite a large attendance, including several members of Staff. The first debate was "Should the Hydrogen Bomb be Abolished?", which was the most serious and conclusive debate of the whole season. The debates which followed included, "That Dr. Bray's Bicycle will not last another term", where the mirth and success were mainly due to P. Whitehouse's wit, and also to some diversity of opinion as to the colour of the machine. The later departure of Whitehouse, for Mexico was certainly a great loss to the Society.

There was more variety in the activities of the Society than in previous years, but still the attendance dropped during the year considerably, until support was only from Upper 5.A. and the Sixth Form. As well as debates, both lighthearted and serious, an Auction of Magazines was held, which was highly successful and well-attended, also an imitation of the Children's Television Playbox Quiz. The reading of

Ibson's "Hedda Gabler" over a few weeks reminded us that the Society is Literary as well as Debating.

Several informal discussions were conducted with heat and verve, and a marked disinclination to stick to the topic. A discussion of Juvenile Crime ended in hilarity, and "That Present-Day Youth has no beliefs", in philosophical definition. Although the attendance was small, everyone present gave constructive opinions which were argued furiously, and both discussions closed with great reluctance. One can safely guarantee that no one who attends the meetings will be bored.

The Society owes much to Mr. Quest for his constant attendance and invaluable sanity.

As in previous years, the School was represented in the Inter-Schools Debate, this year by J. Simons of Upper 5A and Linda Manning of the Sixth Form, who opposed the motion "That there is no point in trying to reach the Moon," at Cotham Grammar School. They were backed by many members of the Society.

CHESS CLUB, 1958-59

The chess club has met regularly this year under the guidance of Mr. Ratcliffe, who energetically organised a knockout competition, the junior section being won by Reynolds, 38, and the senior section by G.Richards, VI(2).

For the first time in its history, the school fielded a chess team, against Cotham Grammar School. Though the team lost by 4~ points to 1~~ points, their enthusiasm remained unchecked, and they won six out of seven games against a staff team.

FILM SOCIETY, 1957-58

The Film Society has had another very successful year in which eight major films have been shown. These were: "Satellite in the Sky", "Discovery of New Pigment", "The Red Balloon", "Back of Beyond", "Marx Bros. go West", "The African Queen", "Mr. Wonderbird", "Shane". The best and most appreciated films were "The African Queen", "Shane" and "The Red Balloon". The latter once gained an award in the Cannes Film Festival.

The members would like to thank Mr. Hill for giving up so much of his valuable time to organise this Society.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SONNET

Form 3a

The bees are loudly buzzing in their hive,
Storing their honey for the Winter months;
From branch to branch the squirrel nimbly jumps;
Above the pond the swallows rise and dive.
In gardens now the gaudy dahlias thrive
And Michaelmas daisies reign in shady clumps,
And trailing ivy covers ancient stumps,
And pheasants fear when men with guns arrive.
There in the orchard where the apples glow
We see the path worn down by children's feet
And in the stream the rusty, dead leaves go
While in the fields the farmers cut the wheat.
But on cool days, the northern wind doth blow
Reminding us of Winter's freezing sleet.

LONDON'S DOCKS AT NIGHT

Annette Tyrell, 4b

Down by the river, under the stars,
There is a network of wharves and spars.
Black gaping windows, rustle of straw,
Where a gray rat scuttles over the floor,
Dark, silent doorway, where in the night,
Lost creatures of day-time, lie huddled in fright,
Green slimy ropes hang loose in the water,
And the yellow eyed feline, a dead witch's daughter,
Hunts for her prey with a ceaseless toil,
Cornering a patch of broad black oil,
And the ghosts of the pirates, under the mud,
Dance on the decks with a "Thud, Thud, Thud".
The city of nightmares, ghostly, exciting,
To the creatures of darkness is drawing, inviting;
At the blueness of twilight, the coming of day
With scuttle, and whistle, they hurry away.

CROSS COUNTRY 11W AWAY

(With apologies to Sir Walter Scott)

P. Gregory, 4b

Hie away, Hie away,
Over bank and over brae,
Where the runners are the greenest.
Where the white legs glisten sheenest,
Where the cup's won by the strongest,
Where the corpses lie the longest.
Where the water jumpers sip it,
Where we stumble, slide and slip it,
Hie to routes so seldom trodden.
Thumb a lift back, soaked and sodden,
Over bank and over brae.
We away, Hie away.

ON AN ORDINARY DAY

Gillien Jones 6 (2)

It was early morning. Mother had already been up since half past five, doing the usual household chores. At six o'clock her husband, a doctor, had left for his hospital, which was situated by a river. The two young children, had set out for school and her eldest daughter was by now already sitting at her typewriter in one of the big offices in the city. Suddenly the house collapsed, killing the mother; suddenly the hospital, where the doctor was working, slid and fell into the river; suddenly the two school children were blinded and sank dead to the ground; suddenly the typist found the room closing in on her and was crushed in the debris. The first atomic bomb was exploded.

DISASTER

K. Straw, 5B

The S.S. Arizona was sinking fast after one of the worst storms any of the crew had seen. The radio was out of action and hope was fading. There was one possible remedy: they could block up the hole with tarpaulin, but where was it to be found? The carpenter was sure that he had seen it in the hold; the cabin-boy had seen it somewhere else. There was a flurry and a scurry for a few moments, and then all was still. This was the time for courage. The Captain lined the men on deck and with a shudder the ship sank in the dead of the night.

When the sun rose above the water and the world was awakening, all that remained of the ship was a roll of tarpaulin floating upon the sea.

YOUNG WILLIE FRASER'S HOMEWORK

Elizabeth Pitts, 313

Young Willie Fraser
Used an eraser
To rub out mistakes that he made.
But the mark that he left,
He got out with DREFT
Or cut out the page with a blade.

AN IMAGINARY ADVERTISEMENT ON I.T.A

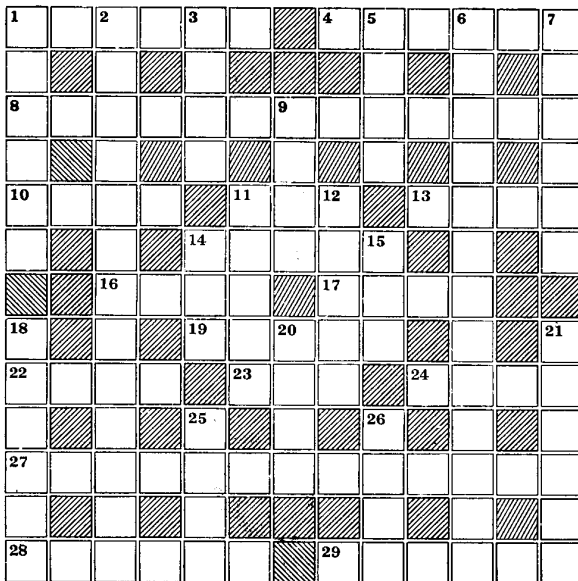
Janet Pearson 4A

(with apologies to "Jahberwocky")

1. You nust trymple "SMIGGLES"
Simplutely wonderllous.
All chewmy and cleanky,
And awfferribly satilicious.
2. You meed empluse "SMIGGLES"
Gooseful for pons and binks,
Also for knorks and foons,
And for clashing trinks,
3. You meed druy "SMIGGLES" Beautively fruisty,
Goonderful for snoughs and ceezes,
Coofreshing and delavoury.
4. You must trear out "SMIGGLES"
Flugly and warmfy,
Never a frool momute.
With clarments of such textity.

CROSSWORD

B. J. Nott



(for Solution, see later)

CLUES ACROSS:

1. Within the cry of a cat, a jumbled lid became affected by fungus (6).
4. Papers camouflage Royal Engineer. (6).
8. Bet boot or note? That is the question! (2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2,).
10. This giant's blood is obviously mixed. (4).
11. Matter. (3).
13. Partly smother that insect. (4).
14. Bent on an idea? (5).
16. 3000 is neat. (4).
17. A circular smile? (4).
19. Making great strides in space? (5).
22. A spring makes a river yet nothing makes the island in it. (4).
23. Yes, he is partly feminine. (3).
24. Confused Dane betrays girl's name, (4).
27. Wireless on? (5-8).
28. Sly Ted given shape and form. (6).
29. There's an easy way out to this clue. (6).

CLUES DOWN:

1. No tram to the hospital, sister? (6).
2. Disturbed liver juice at the end of 24 hours enveloped allocation, then we were freed! (10, 3).

3. Statue or band leader. (4).
5. A piece of cobalt and nothing more would make this singer complete (4).
6. Extended existence, in other words. (9, 4).
7. Get your own back time and time again. (6).
9. Confuse some grammar and it'll be termed vulgar. (4).
- II. A sump contains animals. (5).
12. Wide screen technique has completely captured this landscape. (5).
14. Part of body preceding riotous applause. (3).
- IS. This is contrary to 23. (3).
18. Length of 100 trees. (6).
20. A smart bit of chicanery, this. (4).
21. South Africa tries your rump steak—initially Greek deities! (6).
25. A long, lanky foreigner. (4).
26. A French monkey cannot quite produce this connection with 5. (4).

AUSTRIA, 1958

R. Collett, 6 (2)

On the afternoon of Thursday, July 31st. a party of thirty-six pupils and staff set off by coach for London. where we were to spend the night at Highgate Youth Hostel. The following morning dawned wet and miserable, not the sort of morning for a three-hour channel crossing. However, by ten o'clock we were safely on our way to Dover where, after passing through the customs, we boarded a Belgian steamer for Ostend. About three hours later we arrived at Ostend after an unexpectedly calm, but misty crossing. After a quick customs inspection, we boarded the train which was to take us some seven hundred miles across Europe. Our journey took us through Brussels, Cologne, Frankfurt, Nurenburg, Passau, Linz and finally reached Vienna, where we arrived on the afternoon of Saturday, August 2nd. A journey by train and bus brought us to our hostel, a modern six storey building on the outskirts of the city, and after our long and tiring train journey across Europe we were all glad to turn in early.

The following day, Sunday. and the Monday were spent sightseeing in Vienna. The places of interest which we visited included the Hofburg, the Cathedral of St. Stephen, the Opera House. and the picturesque Schonbrunn Palace. This palace was originally the summer residence of the Hapsburg Royal Family. but it is now maintained as a museum. On the Monday evening we visited the Schönbrunn Theatre, which is situated in the grounds of the Schönbrunn Palace, to see two comic o~2ras, one of which was by Mozart. This theatre is reputed to be one of the best examples of a theatre built in the Baroque style. On the Tuesday morning we were allowed to go sightseeing and shopping en our own, an experience which now brings smiles to those of the group who did not speak German, and who had to rely on a few p'ii-ases which they had learned from the German-speaking members of t"e narty. In the evening we all enjoyed a pleasant boat trip on the Danube and the Danube Canal.

Wednesday found us travelling once more, this time westwards across Austria to Innsbruck. Here the Thursday was spent sightseeing and on Friday the party made a coach trip to the Zugspitze, the highest mount-

ain in Germany. Also, on the Friday evening, the party visited the “Tiroler Landestheatre” to see a performance of “Die Zauberflote” or “The Magic Flute” by Mozart. On the Saturday afternoon, by way of an introduction to the rigours that were to come, some of the party climbed four thousand feet to Seegrube, which is 5,800 feet above sea-level.

On the Sunday a forty-minute train journey and a two-hour coach ride up the Ortz valley brought us to Obergurgl, the highest parish in Europe, where we were to stay for the next week. During a week spent in a variety of mountain walks and scrambles the party split up into groups for various grades of “effort” required. In spite of the fact that the party was divided most of us climbed to a glacier, to the Italian border and to an Alpine Hut, and one party, with a guide, reached an ice-covered peak over 10,000 feet high.

Unfortunately all good things come to an end and all too soon it was time for us to leave Obergurgl, but not without bringing back many memories of our fortnight’s stay in Austria. We left Obergurgl on the afternoon of Sunday, August 17th and travelled, via Basle, Calais, Folkestone and London, back to Bristol where we arrived on the Monday evening. I should like to thank Mr. Hill for organising the trip and other members of the staff who made it an enjoyable and memorable one.

LA ROCHELLE, 1958

Janet Roberts, 5A

This August a party of twenty-three fourth-formers, together with Mr. Marrow and Miss Astbury, spent a holiday of ten days at the French port of La Rochelle. on the Atlantic coast. We left Thornbury at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday July 30th for the first stage of the journey, which was the coach ride to Southampton. The excitement of “going through the Customs” was somewhat dampened when we were allowed to pass straight through as a school party. We embarked on the S.S. “Falaise” and had a meal before 9 o’clock, when the ten-hour crossing began. Two hours later we went down to the dining salon to “sleep”, but many found this impossible in an upright chair aboard a steamer. At 4.30 the following morning we were sent aloft to the cold gloom of the top deck. A thrill of anticipation ran through us as we first saw France. and before long we were able to distinguish the details of an attractive-looking little town, not yet awake. We disembarked by vedette (a small boat), in strong early morning sunshine and set foot in St. M~ilo at eight o’clock.

After an hour, the station bus left for the Gare St. Servan. A bus with only 22 people sitting and 44 standing seemed strange, but ~ hu~ being driven on the right-hand side of the road seemed even stranger. At long last, a slightly exhausted party settled itself in the train for the last leg. As the day wore on the temperature increased, coats and pullovers were discarded, and the scenery changed and became flatter. We saw many signs of primitive farming methods and very few machines. The first glimpse of La Rochelle was from the coach which took us from the station to the school where we were to stay. The latter did not at first seem very promising. However the inside proved to be

both modern and cheerful and we went down to our first French meal in high spirits.

The first evening was spent touring the town as one large party, although on the following evenings we were allowed to go Out in smaller groups of four or five. Rain put paid to much exploring on our first morning but the afternoon turned out both hot and sunny and we were able to sea-bathe, and sun-bathe.

An excursion to L'île de Ré had been planned for the Saturday and we set off by coach in brilliant sunshine. We travelled through many small towns until we reached the other end of the island. In some towns roadside stalls almost prevented the coach from passing. We climbed the Phare des Baleines, one of the highest lighthouses in France, and had a picnic lunch nearby. The afternoon was spent on the beach, and we were back in La Rochelle in time for supper. By now we had some idea what to expect elsewhere, but we always entered the dining-room wondering what new dish would appear next.

The following days were spent in visiting the market, which had a wide selection of - live shell-fish and snails, an unusual assortment of cheeses and more extraordinary food-stuffs. We also visited the town-hall and the Cathedral. While we were at the town-hall we saw parts of three civil weddings, which are more important than Church weddings in France. We also visited two of the three ancient towers guarding the entrance to the harbour. These towers were used as prisons and we saw several large and intricate carvings on the walls and floor. A chess board had been carved on the wooden floor, and in one place a Bristol man, named Davis, had left his name.

Another excursion, to the Cognac district, was planned for Tuesday. We first visited the Cognac distilleries of Leopold Brugerolle, where the owner himself conducted us round the establishment, which is smaller than the second factory visited, that of Hennessy's in Cognac itself. We looked at the Roman arena at Saintes and in the evening visited the Chateau de la Roche Courlon to see 'Son et Lumière'. This is a display depicting the history of the castle by recorded dialogue and sound effects and by illuminating various parts of the castle. We were all very impressed by it, although the French dialogue was difficult to understand.

On one of the remaining mornings we got up early to see fish being auctioned at the fish market. Fishing is quite an important industry in La Rochelle and we saw many different types of fish which were to be distributed all over France. That afternoon we visited Chatelaillon, a small town with a fine beach a few miles down the coast. The last day was devoted mainly to present-buying and having a last look at the old town.

All too soon it was time to say good-bye to La Rochelle, with its harbour, boats, ancient buildings, quaint streets, crowded shops, and peculiar smells. The homeward journey was an uneventful repetition of the outward one, although we had a three-hour wait at Nantes. We arrived back in Bristol on Sunday, August 10th, holiday over, money spent. but memories remaining.

We should like to thank Mr. Marrow for organising such a wonderful holiday, and Miss Astbury for stepping into Mrs. Marrow's place at such short notice.

LONDON VISIT, 1958

D. Rymer, 5A

At half-term, a party of thirty-three from the Upper Fifth and Fifth forms met at Temple Meads Station to catch the nine a.m. train for Paddington. On arriving there, we boarded the tube and alighted at Baker Street, to visit the recently opened Planetarium. This consists of a large dome on which can be projected the image of any Section of the heavens. From here, we proceeded to South Kensington, and after lunch we visited the Museums, the Science Museum proving to be the most popular with most of the members of the party. By way of evening entertainment we saw the Old Vic production of Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", an excellent performance.

The following morning, after the usual hostel chores, we visited Mine. Tussaud's, and from there went on to Hyde Park. Mingling with the crowd we shared their enjoyment of the delightfully controversial arguments of the speakers. On the way to Buckingham Palace, we passed the Dorchester Hotel, where, so the story runs, the door-keeper owns

i Rolls-Royce. We continued our walk up the Mall, and the morning culminated in a much-needed lunch at one of the Strand Corner-Houses. Our next visit, to the National Gallery, proved surprisingly interesting, even to those of us who had little idea of what we should see. Again, unexpectedly, we had time and fine enough weather for a trip up the Thames from Westminster to just beyond- Tower Bridge. The main points of interest were indicated by the captain of the vessel, who spoke through an extremely inefficient loudspeaker system. We attended Evensong at the famous church of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, where the vicar, the Rev. Austen Williams, of television fame, conducted the service in an original and most refreshing manner.

Monday morning found us in Westminster Abbey, where the main points of interest were the Coronation Chair, the Poets' Corner and the celebrated Stone of Scone. Our visit to the Houses of Parliament was slightly marred by the absence of Capt. Corfield, M.P. for South Gloucestershire, who had intended to show us rou9'J. It was also unfortunate that, owing to the State opening of Parliament on the following day, we were not allowed to visit the House of Lords. A long walk through the familiar airs of Billingsgate brought us to the Tower of London. Here the main source of interest lay in the contents of the White Tower, and as a special concession on the part of the warden, we were allowed to see the Cro-vn Jewels, although they were not officially on show. St. Paul's cathedral, with its famous Whispering Gallery, and wonderful view of the City of London, was our next destination. There followed an uproarious evening's entertainment at the Fortune Theatre where we saw "At the Drop of a Hat". The show was extremely witty and the humour topical.

On the last morning of our visit we walked to Whitehall to see the Queen drive past to the State Opening of Parliament, and then the party split u'j again, some, in the charge of Mr. Stubbs, returning to revisit the Science Museum, and the more energetic walking with Miss Walker and Mr. Radcliffe to St. James' Park. Some others remained where they were until the Queen and the Duke returned to Buckingham Palace. They were lucky to see the Prime Minister also. In the afternoon the party again divided, some visiting Gamage's and the rest going over the Tate Gallery.

At 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the party, foot-sore and weary, boarded the train for Bristol. We all join in thanking Miss Walker, Miss Astbury, Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Ratcliffe for an exciting and comprehensive weekend.

CROSCOMBE

Eris Tudor, 5a

It was a cheerful party of fifth formers which made its way by coach to the lovely cathedral city of Wells. We had high hopes of a sunny weekend, encouraged by the lovely weather that evening. On reaching Wells, we stayed for a short while before walking across fields and up high slopes to the Youth Hostel at Croscombe. Soon we were drinking hot cocoa, which was very welcome, and eating sandwiches which we had brought from home.

When we awoke on the following morning, a disheartening drizzle was falling, but in spite of this we cheerfully set off for Ebbor Gorge. The rain continued to fall, but we were able to take shelter in a barn, where we ate our lunch seated on hales of hay. The view from the top of Ebbor Gorge was magnificent and could not have been improved had the sun been shining. By now, however, the rain had developed into a steady downpour, but our spirits remained undampened and it was a cheerful party that divided in the Gorge. One group walked on over the hills to Wells while the rest went a quicker way by road. This latter group spent some time in Wells and then returned to the Hostel by bus.

On Sunday morning, those who wished to go to church did so, while others slept on or prepared sandwiches. After breakfast, the coach arrived, with the Headmaster, to take us to Glastonbury. Here, we climbed the Tor and, after admiring the magnificent view for some time, we descended to look around the old, ruined Abbey. We then travelled to Wookey where we were fascinated by the many legends connected with the ennmou; caves. Those who were unaffected by blisters spent the afternoon walking over the Mendips to Cheddar, while the unfortunate sufferers remained with the coach. Fortunately, the weather had improved by t'Is time end when the party was re-united at Cheddar for the homeward trip, the sun was shining.

We should like to thank those members of staff who gave up their weekend to nke us on this most memorable trip.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

G. Barton, 513

On Friday, May 1st a party consisting of members of the fifth forms left school by coach and arrived at the Hostel at Stow-on-the-Wold, after walking the last two or three miles through beautiful Cotswold scenery. That evening Mr. Stacey took some of the party on a short ramble while others were left to continue their own explorations of the countryside around the Hostel.

The following morning we had an early breakfast and when our allotted hostel duties had been completed, we set off, with lunch-packs, on our way to Bourton-on-the-Water. Here, we visited the famous model village and many other places of interest. A circular walk which led through several lovely little Cotswold villages brought us back to

Stow. After tea, some of the party went for a short stroll but the less energetic people spent the evening at a fun-fair not far from the Hostel.

On Sunday morning we set off on our last walk, in brilliant sunshine. We had lunch at about one o'clock and after a short, but energetic game of rounders, we continued our march and finally arrived at Chedworth Villa where we spent some time looking at many Roman relics. After another short walk, we were met by the coach which returned us to school after an extremely enjoyable weekend.

ST. BRIAVELS

P. Armstrong, USA

On May 2 1st, a party of thirty-eight pupils, with Miss Walker. Miss Cleverley, Mr. Lodge and Mr. Ratcliffe crossed the River Severn by rail and arrived at Lydney. From Lydney, an energetic walk took us to the shady Scowles. where we had tea. Along footpaths and, finally by road, the party marched until St. Briavels was reached and the Castle occupied.

The next day our exuberant party had a picturesque, undulating walk towards Symond's Yat. Up and down steep, wooded hillsides we trudged and scrambled until, reaching the River Wye, we followed the towpath. On climbing the Yat, we were rewarded by a fine view of the mighty incised meanders of the Wye. After enjoying some time on or near the river we crossed to the opposite bank and, after Mr. Lodge's offer of walking had been stoutly resisted, we returned to the hostel by coach.

On Sunday we had an opportunity of looking over the castle, which is still Crown property, when the warden's wife kindly acted as our guide. This had been the centre for the Forest of Dean, and here was to be found the debtor's prison. Our way now led to Chepstow, but our party split above Tintern, one group to take a higher route, the other to see Tintern Abbey. Those who took the higher route were rewarded with fine views from Devil's Pulpit before an enjoyable walk down to Chepstow. After spending the remainder of the afternoon at Chepstow, we made use of the upper-deck of an omnibus to take us to Beachley, from where the ferry carried us across the river to Aust.

We had a most enjoyable weekend, for which we must thank the members of staff who accompanied us.

DORSET FIELD WEEK, 1959

A. N. Hitch, 6 (2)

The Sixth Form Geography and Biology Departments spent part of the Easter holiday at Weymouth, studying numerous interesting features of the coastline in this area. The party comprised eighteen sixth formers with Miss Rees. Miss Cleverley, Mr. Lodge. Mr. Gwilliams and the Headmaster.

We left the school at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. the 25th March and after an interesting journey via Chipping Sodbury, Bath, Bradford-on-Avon, Shaftesbury, Blandford and Dorchester. we arrived at Weymouth at 6.15 p.m. It was here that the boys found, much to their disgust, that they had a twenty minute walk before and after meals from the house in which they were staying.

On Thursday, the group visited Lulworth Cove and the Biologists remained at Weymouth all day, whilst the Geographers walked to Upton via Stair Hole, Durdle Door (where all the rocks of this area can be seen in 20 yards) and White Nothe. Friday was spent west of Weymouth and visits were made to Abbotsbury (to see the swannery and Chesil Beach) West Bay (where we met Mr. and Mrs. Pedler), Bridport and Lyme Regis. In the afternoon a walk was planned from Lyme Regis to Seatown, but this was stopped at Charmouth, because of the difficulty involved in negotiating a landslide.

Saturday morning the Biologists spent at Osmington Mills, while the Geographers walked to Holworth House, along the beach, where at least one member of staff succeeded in getting wet. The afternoon was spent on the Isle of Portland, where we visited the fossil garden. We also walked along the raised beach and the majority of the party climbed to the top of the lighthouse. On Sunday morning we went to church in Weymouth. The afternoon was reserved for a competition, but this had to be postponed because of the bad weather and as a result the party visited Swanage where excellent examples of concordant and discordant coastlines could be seen.

The competition on the Monday morning began from Osmington in heavy rain and soon all the groups were extremely wet and covered with mud. As a result of the weather only one group, composed of Geraldine Smith, Collett and Burden, arrived at Maiden Castle by the correct route and these were the winners of the competition. The afternoon was spent doing a transect survey, when the area between Ridge and Encombe was covered by parties of two or three.

Tuesday belonged to Mr. Gwilliams. He tried to impress on us that the Hampshire Basin was the best area in the country and in some cases he almost succeeded. The journey was via Wareham, Poole, where some of the party visited the flattery. Bournemouth, Christchurch and then to Hurst Castle Spit. We then travelled on to Beaulieu where we had lunch. The afternoon was taken up by the visit to the Fawley Oil Refinery which we found to be unexpectedly interesting. We were taken on a tour of the refinery by Mrs. Hinton, the Public Relations Officer, and were told in one place that five men operated a plant which cost £7 million to build. The refinery uses over 7,500,000 gallons of crude oil a day and an oil tanker can be unloaded and ready to sail again in twenty-four hours. We travelled back to Weymouth through Hythe, Lyndhurst and the New Forest.

On Wednesday, April 1st we left Weymouth and after a short stop at Yeovil we arrived back in Bristol at lunch-time. We would all like to thank the members of staff for making the visit to Weymouth extremely interesting and helpful and we hope that the Headmaster enjoyed it as much as the Sixth Formers did.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

We congratulate the following on their academic successes:

Honours (Old Thornhurians)

R. A. Sharpe, M.A., Philosophy, Bristol.

L. J. Griffiths, B.A., 2nd Class Honours, (1st Division), Geology, Jesus College. Oxford.

A. J. Pritchard. B.Sc., 2nd Class Honours (1st Division), Mathematics. London.

- J. P. Withers, 2nd Class Honours, (1st Division), Mechanical Engineering, Southampton.
 D. Excell, B.Sc., Southampton.
 G. Williams, B.A., 2nd Class Honours, (1st Division). French, Manchester.
 Open Scholarships
 J. L. Caswell, Natural Sciences. St. John's College, Cambridge.

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- Ann Beard—History.
 Pamela Bennett—Geography, Biology.
 R. Blenkinsopp—English Literature, French.
 Gloria Boxwell—Latin, History, French.
 Margaret Bracey—Physics. Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics (County Major Scholarship).
 G. G. Carey—Pure and Applied Mathematics.
J. L. Caswell—Chemistry (D) (5). Physics (D) (5). Pure and Applied Mathematics (D) (State Scholarship).
 R. G. Collins—Chemistry (5), Physics. Pure and Applied Mathematics (County Major Scholarship).
 R. J. Davies—Physics, Pure Mathematics.
 J. P. Drabble.—Physics, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
 M. C. Gregory—English Literature, History, Geography.
 A. i. Harding—English Literature, French (County Major Scholarship).
 Elizabeth James—English Literature, History.
 Daphne Jefferies—English Literature, History (5), French (County Major Scholarship).
 Ann Jenkins—English Literature, History. French (County Major Scholarship).
 Ioan Jennings—English Literature. History.
 Elizabeth Jones—Latin. French.
 B. G. Keedwell—Chemistry, Physics (D). Pure and Applied Mathematics.
 D. J. Morris—Chemistry (5), Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics (County Major Scholarship).
 Mary Newman—Latin, English Literature, French (5) (County Major Scholarship).
 A. C. B. Nicholls—Physics, Pure Mathematics (5), Applied Mathematics (D) (County Major Scholarship).
 B. J. Nott—Latin. History. French (County Major Scholarship).
 G. H. Organ—Geography. Biology, Chemistry.
 A. I. Phillips—History. Art, Woodwork.
 D. H. R. Price—Chemistry, Physics (5). Pure and Applied Mathematics (County Major Scholarship).
 Jacqueline Prudhoe—Geography, Biology.
 Ann Rea—English Literature, History.
 Margaret Shellard—Geography.
 Eileen Smith—English Literature, History.
 D. I. Thompson—Geography. Biology, Chemistry.
 Diana Watkins—English Literature, History.
 (D)—Distinction. (S)—Scholarship Level.

General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level, 1958

(Candidates with five or more passes).

Margaret Anholm, Gillian Arberry, R. Bayley, C. M. Beeks, A. **1.**
Bishop, Jennifer Brown, C. C. Burden, Carole Caple, Valerie Collier,
Susan Corbin. R. Court, O. Curley, Janice Daniels, Judith Downes,
M. A. Gee, Valerie Hargreaves, M. J. Hart, L. G. Heal, M. J. Jefferies,
K. Jones. Gillian Knapp, A. W. Knight, Ann Langman, Christine Lethbridge, C. B. Mann, A. C.
McCoy, D. Meek, Diana Mimer, Frieda
Molt, Judith Neale. P. G. Nellthorp, B. A. Prew, Grace Rae, Susan Rea,
D. J. Reardon, A. G. Rickards, Margaret Roberts, D. E. Rosser, Cynthia
Rouse, M. D. Rowe, D. R. Simpson, Geraldine Smith, R. F. Sparrow,
Frances Taylor. Mary Thompson, Jacqueline Webber, Patricia Weeks,
Ruth White.

Commercial Certificates, 1958 Royal Society of Arts Examination Pitman's Shorthand Speed Examination

Mary Eamer, Jennifer Evans, Elizabeth Grey, Hazel Grey, Ann Legge, Muriel
Malpass, Felicity Riddiford.

THE OLD THORNBURIAN'S SOCIETY

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Dr. R. Perry, Mr. D. Bennett, Mr G. Harding, Mr. J. Skinner.

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G. Excell, D. Trahern. L. Hawkins, R. Barton, R. Howell. D. Hawkins, P. Williams.

Auditor: Mr. Timbrell.

Suifl Representative: Mr. T. A. Wright.

NEWS OF OLD THORNBURIANS

It is with deep regret and sympathy for their families and friends that we record the deaths of Patricia Arnold and Evelyn Edwards.

1. Sparrow has appeared in musical comedy productions, and also on TT.V. Jillian King has won several prizes for cookery in inter-county Young Farmers' competitions. John White is going to Birkenhead to train for the Anglican ministry. Barbara Quint (née Hedges) is now in the South of France. Betty Knapp had a leading role in a recent light opera production. Heather Hanks is now a qualified occupational therapist. J. P. Drabble entered Dartmouth Naval College this year and is making an expedition to Norway in the summer. Last summer he went on the British Schools Expedition to Labrador. M. Hanks has changed from the Electrical Industry to Lloyds Bank in London and has just completed his training. Diane Watkins is training to be a physiotherapist. Mary Newman is nursing at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. R. Davies and P. Fox are serving in the Royal Air Force. A. Slade is being demobbed in August. Judith Robson is teaching at Patchway Secondary Modern SchoQl. Marion Davies is teaching at Downend Junior School. Mary Westcott and Angela Fudge are both teaching in Salisbury. J. Riddle is working on a Guided Missiles Station.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes for the future to the following old Thornburians on their:

Engagements: D. Excell to Kathaleen Reeves, Brian Thompson, Graham Hanniford, Pat Timbrell. Rev. E. Lock to Patricia Brown, P. Mills, Bette Woodham, Doreen Whitehead, Gloria Phillips, Joyce Jarman, Tony Harding to Christine Jeanes, Peter Williams, Jacqueline Prudhoe, Jennifer Bidwell, John 1-Ianniford.

Marriages: Judith Robson. Brenda Shepstone, Pamela Peacock to R. Sharp, Carol Darby. Bob Coole, Tony Pritchard, Cohn Browning, Kay Darby, J. P. Bienkinsopp, David Hamilton to Margaret Fenton.

Congratulations also on the following:

A daughter to Barbara Bidwell; a son to June Britton (née Tucker); a daughter to Joan Greville (née Hill); Colin Browning, a son; a son to Barbara Quint (née Hedges); a son to Betty Riley (née Rugg); a daughter to Rosemary Allchurch.

VALETE

School Captains:

Daphne Jeffries
B. J. Nott.

School Vice-Captains:

Ann Jenkins
Gillien Jones
J. L. Caswell
R. J. Collins

School Prefects:

Patricia Breen
Mary Burke
Judith Elliott
Rosemary Chews
Valerie Holman
Linda Manning
R. Blenkinsopp
A. Hitch
G. Richards
R. Collett
M. Darlington
R. Hill
K. Marsland
C. Riddiford

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Loraine Knapp
Judith Downes

Commercial

Barbara Carss
Ann Langman
Christine Lethbridge
Jean Whiting

Upper 5A

Janet Arbon
Dorothy Blackman
Mary Breens
Margaret Coxon
Pauline Elson
Sally Moulton
K Organ
D Simpson

D Fox
P Keane
G Miles
J Morris
P Pewsey
R Reeve

5A

P Whitehouse

Upper 5B

Christine Brown
Celia March
Eileen Webb
P Church
P Harrington
P Hewlett
J Lewis
D Millett
D Munns
D Organ
P Reeve
G Rich
D Welch
S Wilson

K Howell
K Straw
D Cameron

5a

D Lister

5b

Joan Coles
D Wright

4B

BarbaraHarper
R Kilner

Upper 5C

Carol Dicker
Mary Elliott
Jennifer Marsland
Jennifer Parker
Angela Vickery
Gillian Wooster
Carole Townsend
I Burke
D Burt
B Chilton

3A

Rosalind Turpin
S Coles

3b

A Lister
D Richards

2A

Cynthia Birtwistle
Christine Arbon

UNIVERSITY LETTER

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

The University,
Reading

At school, one is frequently reminded of the importance of the chance one is offered of going to a University, but it has only become fully apparent to me during the course of my first year here how fortunate I am to have been given that chance.

Above all, I have realised how true it is that a University is not an end but a beginning, and I find myself extremely indebted to the School for enabling me to grasp some of the vast opportunities to obtain the very best out of life which a University offers.

Primarily, one is free; free from the shackles of One's old surroundings, free from the constraining discipline of School, and one has a chance to regulate one's own life, to meet countless new people, to make many new friends, and, in conversation with them, to express, and learning their views, to revise one's own opinions on matters of interest. One has the opportunity of broadening one's outlook, and to develop enormously the mind and intellect.

I have also developed a vastly different attitude to work here, perhaps partly as a result of the magnificent surroundings, the new spacious, well-ventilated Faculty of Arts building being the first completed section of a tremendous project now being undertaken to remove the whole University from the centre of Reading, and to rebuild it in the beautiful scenery of Whiteknight's Park, where the well equipped sports grounds are situated. The park grounds and sports fields form only one of the many wonderful opportunities offered by Reading for relaxation. The favourite haunt of many of us is the Thames, delightful hereabouts, where one can either recline on the bank in the sun or participate in the sports of sailing and rowing, for which the University has become quite famous in recent years.

Dating from only 1927, Reading is one of the younger Universities, but this does not mean that it is without its own tradition. However, as it is so young, it is an added pleasure in my University life to feel that I am doing something to help in establishing this tradition.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. HARDING.

HOUSE REPORTS

HOWARD HOUSE REPORT

Captains: R. G. Collins, Patricia Breen

This year Howard House has done exceedingly well, retaining the Football, Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Tennis shields and the Rounders Cup. At the end of last year we retained the Athletics Shields from Clare and retained the Academic and Cricket Shields. We are confident of keep-the Games Shield and Maritime Gun also. The Cross-Country and Swimming Shields still seem to elude our grasp, as ever. Also, this year we lost the Music Shield to Clare after holding it for five consecutive years.

We welcomed, this year. Mr. Quest in September and Mr. Price in January. We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Brooks, who has left us for Tanganyika. We are very sorry to be losing Mr. Price and Miss Cook, who has taken up a position as lecturer at St. Mathias Training college, and we shall miss her assistance and encouragement in House affairs.

CLARE HOUSE REPORT

Captains: C. Riddiford, Mary Burke

Although Clare has been unsuccessful in retaining or gaining any of the Games Shields this year, we have at last managed to win the Music Shield from Howard. The House has not lacked enthusiasm, and although there have been few outstanding players, all have pulled their weight. The Junior captains: Audrey Wright and Gregory, have been very helpful and enthusiastic even though the juniors have not been as successful as we could have hoped.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Cleverley, Mr. Ratcliffe, Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Harding to the House and hope that they will find their stay with us enjoyable. We were very sorry to say Goodbye to Mr. Bell *in* December, his help on the games side will be particularly missed. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Stacey, who has given great encouragement to the juniors as their House Mistress.

STAFFORD HOUSE REPORT

Captains: J. E. Smith, Mary Thompson

This year has not been outstandingly successful, which may be partly attributed to lack of numbers and ability in the senior part of the House. The juniors house has shown considerable promise, however, and has held its own in all spheres of activity. The juniors managed to retain their Cross-Country Shield and here the seniors too met with some success in regaining theirs. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Hawkins back to the house and hope that her presence will stimulate us to greater things in the future. Two very successful house parties were held during the year and the enthusiasm which was shown here has been reflected generally in the whole house throughout the year.

WHITSUN HOLIDAY QUIZ

- I. In which countries are the following palaces past and present, to be found?
 - (a) Fontainebleau; (b) Schonbrunn; (c) Escorial;
 - (d) Amalienburg; (e) Vatican; (f) Holyrood; (g) Alhambra;
 - (h) Avignon.
2. Who fell in love with:
 - (a) Heloise; (b) Antigone; (c) Cleopatra; (d) Mary Arden.
3. Where were the following inscriptions to be found:
 - (a) Deus flavit et djssipati sunt;
 - (b) To our high and mighty Prince James.
 - (c) Let no one ignorant of geometry enter;
 - (d) Lord have mercy upon us.
4. True or False?
 - (a) Magellan sailed round the world;
 - (b) Drake was the first man to circumnavigate the globe;
 - (c) Germany declared war on England on Aug. 4th, 1914;
 - (d) Hitler was born in Germany;
 - (e) Napoleon was born in France;
 - (f) No British Prime Minister has ever been murdered;
 - (g) Cortes discovered the Pacific Ocean;
 - (h) Cook discovered Australia;
 - (i) Nelson was blind in his right eye;
 - (j) St. Petersburg was called after St. Peter.

5. Which town is called:
 - (a) after the first Christian Roman Emperor;
 - (b) after Edwin, King of Northumbria;
 - (c) The City of Lost Causes;
 - (d) City of Seven Hills;
 - (e) City of the Broken Treaty;
 - (f) after the Roman Emperor Hadrian.
6. How many dresses had:
 - (a) Queen Elizabeth I of England;
 - (b) Tsarina Elizabeth of Russia.
7. Who owned.
 - (a) a sword called Excalibur;
 - (b) a sword called Durendre;
 - (c) a horse called Bucephalus.
8. In which countries are the following churches or Temples to be found?
 - (a) St. Peter's; (b) St. Sophia; (c) Parthenon; (d) Holy Sepulchre.
9. Add the surname of a famous or notorious woman to each of the following Christian names:
 - (a) Florence; (b) Grace; (c) Flora; (d) Sarah; (e) Nell;
 - (f) Ellen; (g) Christabel; (h) Margot; (i) Annie; (j) Jenny.
10. Who:
 - (a) lost the Crown Jewels in the wash?
 - (b) sank the Great Seal in the Thames?
 - (c) offered his kingdom for a horse?
 - (d) was drowned in Malmsey wine?
- ii. which famous Jew:
 - (a) turned an English Queen into an Empress
 - (b) crossed the North Sea to interview Cromwell?
 - (c) provided England with money to buy Suez Canal shares?
 - (d) was unjustly sentenced to Devil's Island for selling French military secrets?
 - (e) framed the scientific law of relativity?
12. Against which naval commander did these men mutiny:
 - (a) Fletcher Christian. (b) Thomas Doughty.
13. In which countries did each of the following lead rebellions
 - (a) Fidel Castro (b) Spartacus
 - (c) John Brown (d) Pugachev
 - (e) Simon Bolivar (1) Marat
 - (g) Garibaldi (h) Daniel Manin
 - (i) Trotsky (j) Kossuth
14. Name:
 - (a) the lighthouse. (b) a ship; seen on English coins.
 - (c) Who posed for Britannia on English coins?
 - (d) To whom did Fid. Def. on English coins first refer?
15. What coin was called after:
 - (a) Florence;
 - (b) St. Joachimsthal silver mines;
 - (c) part of the West Coast of Africa.
16. Which English king
 - (a) first dated his coins?
 - (b) first introduced gold coins?

17. (a) Why did Alexander the Great order his men to shave?
 (b) Explain the phrase "By the beard of the Prophet".
 (c) Name a Russian Emperor who ordered his people to shave.
 (d) What was the "national razor which shaves close?"
18. In which countries did the following famous rides take place?
 (a) by citizen Drouet.
 (b) by Paul Revere.
 (c) into the Valley of Death.
19. Who were the following thinking about when they said:
 (a) "Harris, pass me the brandy" (George IV).
 (b) "Alas, whom shall men trust" (Henry VIII).
 (c) One of these words is an intruder Which one?
 Trebuchet; Falconet; Arquebus; Arblast; Lateen.
21. Who said:
 (a) "Let us squeeze the lemon till the pips squeak".
 (b) "Guns will make us powerful; butter will only make us fat".
 (c) "Pitt is to Addington, As London is to Paddington".
 (d) "Salus extra ecclesiam non est."
 (e) "Vox populi vox dei."
 (f) "Fain would I climb, yet fear I to fall."
 (g) "Give me liberty or give me death."
 (h) "The poorest he that is in England hath a life to live as the greatest he."
 (i) "Always scribble, scribble! Eh! Mr. Gibbon?"
 (j) "Our army is composed of the scum of the earth".

For answers, see later

SCHOOL RUGBY REPORT, 1958

Captain: A. Jenkins

The 1st XV have had reasonable success in winning six of the ten matches played. The highlight of the season was the match against the Old Boys when the School XV won 5-3. This year the school had a light but experienced pack who had played together, with few exceptions, for two seasons. They matched skill with enthusiasm and did a great deal of valuable donkey work. The backs, after some troubles early in the season, soon settled down and, despite a few breakdowns in handling, acquitted themselves well.

The second team did quite well in winning five of their matches, but the Colts XV were less successful and were victorious on only three occasions.

The main weakness of this side was a tendency to depend too much on individuals.

Colours

Re-awarded for the first time to: Collett, Entwistle, Jenkins.

Awarded to: Marsland, Skuse, Riddiford, Wilcox, Roberts, Rosscr. Half-colours

Awarded to: Townsend, Phillips, Blenkinsopp.

At Christmas, some members of the 1st XV were selected to play for the Bristol Public and Grammar Schools Senior XV in matches against Clifton Vacation XV and Devon Senior XV.

Results

Kingswood Grammar School ...	.....	...	...	...	Won	22-0	
Fairfield Grammar	School	...	...	...	...	Won	15-0
St. Brendan's College	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3-24
Clifton College 3rd XV	...	...	...	...	...	Won	11-3
Dursley Grammar	School	...	...	...	...	Won	30-0
Marling ...	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	8-33
Colston's Grammar	School	...	...	...	...	Won	26-0
Cathedral School	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	3-11
Q.E.H. ...	...	...	...	...	...	Lost	6-26
Old Thornburians	...	...	...	...	...	Won	5-3

HOCKEY REPORT 1958-1959

Captain: Judith Elliot

The school has fielded a very young team this season and, considering this, results have been good against more experienced teams. The forwards, however, have lacked a finishing effort, although the defence have been generally sound. Despite losing seven matches, the team has gained in experience, and next year this should show its reward.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss Preston, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Stacey for their invaluable coaching; Miss Hunter and VI form girls for their, as ever, excellent teas, and last but not least Mr. Strong for keeping the pitches in such excellent condition throughout the season.

Colours

Re-awarded for 2nd time to Judith Elliot.

Awarded to: Gillian Knapp, Penny Britton.

Half-colours

Celia March, Mandy Durnford, Gillian Brooks. Cynthia Rundle.

Results: 1st XI

Opponents				Result	Score	Venue
Redmaids' School ...	...	...	..	Won	4-0	A
Chipping Sodbury Grammar	School	...	...	Lost	1-2	H
Bristol University ...	...	...	..	Lost	0-12	H
Redland High School	...	...	...	Lost	0-1	H
Cirencester Grammar School	...	...	..	Won	2-1	H
Gloucester High School	...	...	...	Lost	2-3	H
Dursley Grammar School	...	...	...	Lost	1-2	A
Stroud High School ...	...	..	..	Won	2-1	H
Old Thornburians ...	..	..	...	Drawn	1-1	H
Gloucester High School	...	...	..	Won	3-0	A
Stafff				Lost	0-1	H

CROSS COUNTRY 1959

Captain: S. V. Townsend

The Cross Country Championships held on March 23rd were won by Stafford House with 31 points. Howard were second with 17 points, and Clare third with 7.

Despite a rather gusty breeze, conditions were ideal for running, though no records were broken. E. Gray of Clare House, who won the under 17 years South Gloucestershire event, and who holds the school Junior and Intermediate records, ran comfortably into first place in the Senior race.

RESULTS

Senior Intermediate

1. E. Gray (c)
2. P. Pewsey (s)
3. J. Townsend (c)
D. Rosser (c)
5. R. Freeman (s)
K. Rodaway (s)
7. J. Morris (s)
8. R. Collins (h)
P. Nellthorp (h)
10. A. Parfitt (s)

1. D. Wright (c)
2. B. Powell (h)
3. I. Willis (h)
4. I. Lowe (h)
5. I. Hartop (s)
6. I. Sansum (c)
7. H. Stansfield (h)
8. D. Edwards (s)
9. B. Curtis (s)
10. D. Bayliss (h)

Junior

1. C. Brown (s)
2. I. Stanworth (h)
3. R. Keating (h)
4. P. Elson (s)
5. R. Shaw (s)
6. G. Wilson (c)
7. D. May (s)
8. B. Nicholls (h)
9. P. Townsend (c)
10. G. Smith (c)

SOCCER 1959

Captain: K. Marsland

The 1st XL has had a very successful season, winning eight of the nine matches played and drawing the other.

The inside trio has worked as a unit, but the wingers have been rather inconsistent. The three full-backs tried this season have been inexperienced, but consistent goal-keeping and a strong half-back line kept the number of goals scored against down to thirteen.

The 2nd XI has been unsuccessful this season, chiefly because of the many positional changes and the negative football played.

Colours

Full: Rosser, Skuse, Roberts, Entwistle, Marsland

Half-colours : Gee, Wilson.

RESULTS

Opponents				Result	Score	Venue
Dursley	Grammar School	...	...	Won	4-1	H
K.L.B.G.S.		...	...	Won	10-2	A
K.L.B.G.S.		...	...	Won	11-1	H
Chipping Sodbury Grammar	School	...	...	Won	5-3	A
Dursley	Grammar School	...	...	Won	2-0	A
Bristol	University 3rd XI	...	...	Won	3-1	H
Cotham	Grammar School	...	...	Won	5-1	A
Old	Thornburians	...	...	Won	4-3	H
Chipping Sodbury Grammar	School	...	...	Drawn	1-1	H

NETBALL REPORT 1958-59

Captain: Ruth White

The Senior Netball teams have had a most unsuccessful season, owing both to insufficient skill and to absence of individual and team match-play experience. Before meeting the faster Bristol and County Schools next year, more and yet more practice is needed. Despite our lack of success, however, the under-thirteens bring hope for the future.

Colours

Full : Vanessa Carey, Geraldine Starling, Ruth White.

Half: Carole Jones, Margaret Coxon.

RESULTS: 1st TEAM

Opponents				Result	Score
Kingswood Grammar School	...	...	...	Lost	15-16
Colston's School	...	...	...	Lost	14-30
Gloucester High School	...	...	...	Lost	15-26
Redland High School	...	...	...	Lost	9-20

ATHLETICS REPORT 1959

Captains: Valerie Collier and K. Marsland

This year the school was well represented in the South Gloucestershire Sports. The girls gained five- first places and three second places, and the boys eight firsts and six seconds.

Girls

17-19 years: Mary Burke, 1st Discus and Hurdles.

15-17 years : Angela Vickery 1st High Jump; Valerie Collier, 1st Long Jump.

13-15 years Delia Clark, 2nd Discus; Adrienne Palmer, 2nd 100 yards.

Under 13 years : Diane Lewis, 1st Long Jump; 2nd, 100 yards.

Boys

17-19 years: K. Marsland, 1st Hop, Step and Jump; 2nd, Long Jump.

A. Rodaway, 1st Mile; 1st High Jump. D. Burgess, 1st Discus; 2nd Javelin; H. Roberts, 2nd Hop, Step and Jump. R. M. Phillips, 2nd 100 yards.

15-17 years : A. Parfitt, 1st 440 yards. E. Gray, 1st 880 yards. P. Pewsey, 2nd Mile.

13-15 years A. Carter, 1st Shot; 1st 100 yards.

L. Jeanes, 2nd 440 yards.

As a result of these sports, six girls and eight boys were chosen to represent South Gloucestershire in the County Championships.

RESULTS

17-19 years : K. Marsland, 1st Hop Step and Jump.

13-15 years: A. Carter, 1st Shot.

The performances of both these boys were new records. Carter was then selected for the West of England Championships and came first with a throw of 47ft. 4ins. He has now been chosen for the All-England Championships.

Of the, girls who took part in the Gloucestershire Sports, Angela Vickery won the High Jump and Diane Lewis the 100 yards. The former was also selected to represent Gloucestershire in the West of England Championships.

At the time of going to press, we look forward to our Annual Sports Day on Wednesday. July 22nd.

TENNIS REPORT, 1959

Captain: Linda Manning, VI(2)

The School Tennis teams have enjoyed a moderately successful season 2nd have profited from the addition of six new grass courts on Chantry.

The 1st VI were fortunate in retaining four of last year's members, but the 2nd VI consisted of young new players, to whom the match experience should prove useful. The net play and court strategy of the 1st VI has improved since last season, but the team has yet to learn how to keep a consistently high standard in driving while concentrating in other aspects of their play. The attacking power of the team has improved, but it is to be hoped that a constant standard of play will be maintained by each member of the team in every match as they gain in experience.

RESULTS

Kingswood Grammar School	...	...	...	...	Won 5-4
Bristol University 3 rd VI	...	...	...	...	Lost 4-5
Colston Girls School	..	..	..	..	Won 6-3
Badminton High School	...	...	...	...	Won 5-4
Dursley Grammar School	...	...	...	...	Lost 1-8
Redland High School	...	...	...	...	Lost 3-6
Stroud High School	...	...	...	...	Won 5-4
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School	...	...	...	...	Won 9-0
Parents	...	...	...	...	Lost 2-7

CRICKET REPORT, 1959

Captain: R. Blenkinsopp

The cricket season began in the traditional manner, when a new fixture, against Thornbury C.C., was cancelled because of rain. Of the other eight matches, three have been won, three drawn and two lost.

One of the main weaknesses in the side this season has been the lack of two adequate opening batsmen, and all too often it has been left to the middle order players to score the necessary runs. All batsmen have unfortunately shown a marked unwillingness to hit bad balls hard in front of the wicket. As last year, the main bowling strength has been with the pace bowlers, who have taken most of the wickets, but on occasion our leg-spin bowler has gained some useful successes. The ground fielding and catching, which were poor at the beginning of the season, have improved and in the last two or three matches have been of a fairly high standard. Some excellent batting in the Colts XI promises well for the future.

RESULTS

Opponents	Result	Score	Venue
Dursley Grammar School	Won	84-7; 83	H
Q.E.H.	Drawn	53-8; 132-7d.	A
Wycliffe College 2nd XI	Drawn	140-9d.; 53-9	H
Cotham Grammar School	Lost	110; 73	H
Chipping Sodbury Grammar School ...	Won	148; 75	H
St. Brendan's College	Won	78-9; 77	A
K.L.B.G.S.	Drawn	126; 106-6	A
Clifton College 3rd XI	Lost	129; 77	H

HISTORY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (a) France; (b) Austria; (c) Spain; (d) Denmark; (e) Italy; (f) Scotland; (g) Spain; (h) France.
2. (a) Peter Abclard; (b) Haemon; (c) Anthony and Caesar; (d) John Shakespeare.

3. (a) Elizabethan medal celebrating defeat of Armada.
(b) Introduction to Authorised Version of Bible.
(c) Entrance to Plato's Academy in Greece.
(d) On wall of house stricken by plague.
4. (a) False. He was killed in the Philippine Islands.
(b) False. Only the first Englishman.
(c) False. England declared war on Germany.
(d) False. Born in Austria.
(e) Born in Corsica (captured by France shortly after).
(f) False. Spencer-Percival was murdered in 1806.
(g) False. Discovered by Balboa.
(h) False. Discovered East coast only. Dutch discovered West earlier.
(i) True.
(j) False. Called after Tsar, Peter the Great.
5. (a) Constantinople; (b) Edinburgh; (c) Oxford; (d) Rome; (e) Limerick (surrendered to William III's troops. Promises to Roman Catholic Irish were not observed).
(f) Adrianople.
6. (a) Reputed to have 3,000. (b) 15,000.
7. (a) King Arthur. (b) Roland the great knight in Charlemagne's army.
(c) Alexander the Great.
8. (a) Rome; (b) Constantinople; (c) Greece; (d) Palestine (Israel).
9. More than one answer is possible. Acceptable answers in brackets.
(a) Nightingale. (b) Darling. (c) Macdonald. (d) Bernhardt (Churchill). (e) Gwynne. (f) Terry. (g) Pankhurst. (h) Asquith (Fonteyn). (i) Besant (Laurie), (j) Lind.
10. (a) King John. (b) King James II. (c) King Richard III. (d) Earl of Clarence (reign of Richard III).
11. (a) Benjamin Disraeli. (b) Menasseh ben Israel. (c) Baron Rothschild. (d) Dreyfus. (e) Einstein.
12. (a) Bligh; (b) Drake.
13. (a) Cuba. (b) Italy. (c) U.S.A. (d) Russia. (e) Venezuela. (f) France. (g) Italy. (h) Italy. (i) Russia. (j) Hungary.
14. (a) Eddystone. (b) "Golden Hind" (formerly "Pelican"). (c) Frances Stuart, Duchess of Richmond. (d) Henry VIII.
15. (a) Florin. (b) Dollar (from Thaler). (c) Guinea.
16. (a) Edward VI. (b) Henry III (experimentally) or Edward III.
17. (a) Reputedly to deprive the enemy of a handhold on his soldiers. (b) Mohammed had a long flowing beard (Arabs greatly revered the beard).
(c) Peter the Great. (d) Guillotine.
18. (a) French Revolution (stopped Louis XVI's escape).
(b) 13 colonies of America—spreading the news of the departure of an English army to search for hidden arms.
(c) Russia (charge of Light Brigade in the Crimean War).
19. (a) Caroline of Brunswick (never crowned queen).
(b) Anne of Cleves.
20. Lateen. This is a kind of sail. The rest are medieval weapons.

21. (a) Sir Eric Geddes on the punishment of Germany in 1918.
 (b) Hermann Goering on German rearmament. (c) George Canning.
 (d) Saint Augustine. (e) Alcuin (A.D. 800). (f) Sir Walter Raleigh.
 (g) Patrick Henry at time of American War of Independence.
 (h) Sir Thomas Rainborough in Civil War in England.
 (i) Duke of Gloucester on Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire".
 (j) Duke of Wellington.

WINNERS OF HISTORY QUIZ

1st Sheila Durrant, 4a, 95%.
 Equal 2nd Judith Thomas, 5a. H. Thomas, 4a. 94.25%.
 3rd Patricia Heal, 3a, 94%.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 Mildew, 4 Sapper, 8 To be or not to be, 10 Ogre, 11 Pus, 13 Moth, 14 Hunch, 16 Trim, 17 Ring, 19 Paces, 22 Eyot, 23 She, 24 Edna, 27 Radio-activity, 28 Styled, 29 Egress.
 DOWN: 1 Matron, 2 Liberation Day, 3 Eros, 5 Alto, 6 Prolonged Life, 7 Re-echo, 9 Noun, 11 Pumas, 12 Scree, 14 Hip, 15 His, 18 Metres, 21 Satyrs, 25 Pole, 26 Sing.

PARENTS v SCHOOL 1st XI

Put in to bat on a perfect day for cricket, the parents batted consistently and were all out for 125 soon after tea. The School left eighty-five minutes to win, reached this total with five minutes to spare, and for the loss of only two wickets.

PARENTS

Mr. Burden, bowled Wilson	11
Mr. Rogers, bowled Collins	4
Mr. Ilreddy, bowled Rosser	39
Mr. Knapp, bowled Collins	2
Mr. Welsh, bowled Blenkinsopp	1
Mr. Payne, caught Gee, bowled Rosser	14
Mr. O'Neill, bowled Reeve	6
Mr. Carey, bowled Reeve	32
Mr. Thompson, bowled Reeve	5
Mr. Gould, bowled Reeve	1
Mr. Ratcliffe, not out	0
Extras	10
	Total 125

SCHOOL 1st XI

Burden, bowled Mr. Knapp	32
Rosser, bowled Mr. Knapp	17
Blenkinsopp, not out	50
Nott, not Out	27
	Total for 2 wickets 126

Bowling: Mr. Knapp 2-32

SCHOOL 1st XI v OLD THORNBURIANS XI

The school, batting on a cloudy but fairly dry afternoon, began badly, losing two wickets with only thirteen runs on the board. A good stand by C. Burden and B. I. Nott took the score to sixty-two, when both bats-men were out at the same total. Two more wickets fell for the addition of only one run, but a steady innings by R. Collins saved what might have been a total collapse. After tea some energetic batting by P. Gregory raised the scoring rate and the School were able to declare at 119 for eight wickets. Of the Old Boys team only D. Hawkins looked really comfortable, and when he was bowled for 31 it looked as though the School might win. Narbett, Hunt and Morris batted steadily, however, and when stumps were drawn the Old Boys were 47 behind with three wickets standing.

THE SCHOOL

C. Burden, bowled Morris	29
fl. Rosser, lbw Rogers	2
R. I3lenkinsopp, b Shearing	3
B. Nott, caught Hawkins (P.), bowled Hunt	22
M. Gee, bowled Hunt	0
B. Barton, bowled Hunt	0
R. Collins, stumped Narbett, bowled Smith	20
Wilson, bowled Hawkins	2
P. Gregory, not out	31
P. Reeve, not out	4
C. Riddiford, did not bat	
Extras	6

Total for 8 wickets (dec.) 119

Bowling: Hunt 3 for 33

OLD THORNBURIANS

D. Hawkins, bowled Riddiford	31
P. Hawkins, bowled Collins	2
C. Watts, caught Nott, bowled Riddiford	4
W. Fossett, bowled Riddiford	0
J. Narbett, lbw Rosser	11
S. Hunt, bowled Rosser	11
D. Morris, bowled Collins	6
B. Rogers, not out	1
H. Lewis, not out	6
C. Shearing and E. Smith, did not bat.	
Extras	1

Total for 7 wickets 73

Bowling : Riddiford 3-26