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This Chronicle records the activities of a community of young people, each with his or her own personal aspirations, bound together by House or Society.

Close reading will reveal not just a list of the names of prominent members of that community but a sense of purpose and endeavour and a willingness to help others. Herein lies the strength of the community and should it weaken, the rising generation will be the poorer for it.

The facilities available within the Schools for the pursuit of individual interests are increasing and each boy or girl should, according to their inclination find some activity which is to their taste. Anyone who leaves school without a hobby or interest lacks something vital, something which will save them from boredom in the future.

To have served the community, to have joined in the pursuit of a common interest with like minded people, these are worthwhile activities which enrich both the life of the individual and the community.

J.F.D.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1st XI

1963-64 has been a season of trial and error, success and failure, in which a young team, composed mainly of 5th year boys, has had to be content with gaining more in the way of experience than actual victories on the field. Our two main problems—firstly, the blending of a team drawn for the first time from three schools, and secondly, the fielding of a team forfeiting up to two years in age, weight and experience—have emphasised more than ever that playing ability forms only a limited part of a footballer's make-up. More than ever we have had to draw attention to such virtues as team loyalty, team spirit and strict discipline, both in training and playing. The pressure of circumstances has often shown members to be lacking in these virtues. Yet a great deal of promise was shown on many occasions when victories were well won and defeats instructive. We hope that those who return to play next season will have benefitted from this season's experiences and will have a greater understanding of what is required of a 1st XI team.

The following have been regular members of the team:

Goalkeepers

DOUGLAS JOHNSON. Shows good positional sense and safe handling of the ball. Could be more forceful in his play.

JOHN JOHNSON. Intelligent and agile in his play. Needs to be more forceful and dominant in the penalty area.

HARVEY ROBERTS. Alert and agile. Shows composure on the field. Could improve with more attention to training.

Full Backs

DUNCAN CHADDERTON. Has quickened his pace this season and has played strongly and consistently well.

HAROLD RIPLEY. Plays with intelligence and good positional sense. Lack of weight has occasionally upset his play, although he has shown tenacity in the face of this obstacle.

Half Backs

DEREK MCKAY. A forceful and intelligent player. Season unfortunately curtailed through illness when playing extremely well and contributing much to the strength of the half back line.

BRUNO KILSHAW. Plays strongly and with 100% effort on the field. A particularly strong header of the ball. Assumed team captaincy after Christmas, but needs more experience in the duties attached to this position.

JOHN CARLYLE. Plays strongly and with enthusiasm. Needs to pay attention to ball distribution and timing in his tackling.

BERNARD WRIGHT. Came into the team in mid-season. Despite lack of height, is a strong and tireless worker.

Forwards

BARRY WALMSLEY. Shows good distribution of the ball and combines well with the rest of the line. Could be more forceful in his play.

JOHN MOSSLEY. Intelligent player with a good sense of distribution. Could be more effective with a little more speed.

GEOFFREY HILTON. A tireless worker who has a very good sense of positional play. Could be more forceful in his play.

JOHN BREAKSPERE. As captain, an inspiration to the team until he left at the end of the Autumn Term. A strong, forceful player, speedy and with an excellent shot.

DAVID FLETCHER. Came into the team in the latter half of the season. Has good ball control but could be faster in his movements.

NEIL WAINWRIGHT. Fast and forceful player with an excellent shot. Has produced some fine individual efforts. Could probably achieve more consistency if he combined better in team movements.

1st XI Results :

Sept. 14—v. Stand G.S.	Away	Lost 1—11
„ 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Drew 3—3
Oct. 5—v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Cancelled
„ 12—v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Drew 3—3
„ 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Won 3—1
„ 26—v. Heywood G.S.	Home	Won 3—2
Nov. 2—v. Derby School	Home	Lost 3—5
„ 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Lost 2—5
„ 16—v. Colne G.S.	Away	Abandoned
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Home	Cancelled
„ 30—v. Thornleigh	Away	Lost 2—9
Jan. 11—v. Farnworth G.S.	Away	Lost 0—5
„ 18—v. Heywood G.S.	Away	Won 1—0
„ 25—v. Derby School	Away	Lost 3—6
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Cancelled
„ 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Lost 0—14
„ 15—v. Darwen G.S.	Home	Won 6—0
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Away	Lost 1—8

Mar. 7—v. Colne G.S.	Home	Won 2—0
" 14—v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Cancelled
" 21—v. Farnworth G.S.	Home	Cancelled

Goals for 33, goals against 72. Played 15, won 5, drawn 2, lost 8. Cancelled 6.

2nd XI

Although the 2nd XI were again a young side they did extremely well. They started off the season in fine style by going six matches without losing, and then finally lost by the odd goal. There was a good team spirit throughout the season and this pulled them through several close matches. This season should have encouraged many of the team who are hoping to make the 1st XI next season, but they must realise that they must train even harder if they are to make the grade in the 1st XI.

The following have been regular members of the 2nd XI:

Goalkeepers

HARVEY ROBERTS. See 1st XI report.

JOHN JOHNSON. See 1st XI report.

Full Backs

DAVID SHARPLES (Capt.). A strong, rugged player who has improved as the season progressed. Very strong in the tackle and distributes the ball well. Has captained the side well, setting an excellent example both on and off the field.

JOHN McCLUSKY. An excellent team member who has played consistently well throughout the season.

Half Backs

BERNARD WRIGHT. Rather slow at the beginning of the season but quickened up towards the end. A strong tackler and good distributor of the ball.

KEVIN BURTON. A loyal team member who has served the team well in several positions. Good distributor of the ball but could be stronger in the tackle.

NEIL DARBYSHIRE. A strong, hard tackling player who has never let the side down.

KEVIN BUTTERWORTH. Never lived up to expectations this season. A good ball player and strong in the tackle. His positional sense could be improved.

Forwards

DAVID SCHOFIELD. A clever ball player who has the ability to cross the ball well. Tends to wait for the ball instead of going in for it.

DAVID FLETCHER. See 1st XI report.

RUSSELL TAYLOR. A loyal team member. Could be more forceful and harder when tackling. Has served the team well in several positions.

LEONARD SOUTHERN. Has the ball control and ability to distribute the ball but is very slow in his movement about the pitch.

HAROLD ASPINALL. Only lack of height and weight stopped him from becoming a regular 1st XI player. A tireless player who has very good ball control, distributes and shoots well.

ROBERT PRYCE. A direct player with a good shot. He has proved to be a good opportunist this season. Could be stronger in the tackle.

2nd XI Results :

Sept. 14—v. Stand G.S.	Home	Won 2—1
" 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Won 5—3
Oct. 12—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Drew 1—1
" 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Won 4—1
" 26—v. Heywood G.S.	Away	Won 11—1
Nov. 2—v. Derby S.	Away	Won 3—2
" 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Lost 1—2
" 16—v. Worsley Tech.	Away	Cancelled
" 23—v. Hayward S.S.	Away	Cancelled
" 30—v. Thornleigh	Home	Cancelled
Dec. 14—v. Wigan	Away	Lost 0—4
Jan. 11—v. Farnworth G.S.	Home	Cancelled
" 18—v. Heywood	Home	Won 7—0
" 25—v. Derby S.	Home	Won 8—4
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Cancelled
" 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Lost 3—4
" 29—v. Hayward Schools	Home	Lost 1—5
Mar. 7—v. Worsley Tech.	Home	Cancelled
" 14—v. Wigan	Home	Cancelled
" 21—v. Farnworth G.S.	Away	Lost 2—6

Goals for 48, goals against 34. Played 13, won 7, drawn 1, lost 5. Cancelled 7.

Under Fifteen (1st XI)

The Under 15 1st XI had a very successful season playing eighteen games and losing only one. The side was strong in every department, as the goal average accurately indicates, and we were in the happy position of having first class reserves available to step

into those places which absence, injury and illness caused. The splendid team spirit was a major factor in the success. However, it is not going beyond the bounds of modesty to say that it was the combination of this spirit and a very high standard of football ability which achieved such pleasing results. On more than one ground this season both staff of other schools and casual spectators passed compliments on the team's performances. Everyone concerned with the team showed unflagging enthusiasm and a sometimes frightening, but ultimately entirely justifiable, degree of confidence. All gave of their best. Another indication of the outstanding merit of the team is to be seen in the award of eleven colours.

M. BALDWIN (Capt.) led his team well; his attacking spirit from right back setting a fine example. Strong and fast for his size. Good in the air. Kept goal in one match, a position in which he shows great ability. Played 18.

G. LEATHER. A reliable goalkeeper possessing the physical advantages of height, weight and reach. Adept at removing the ball from the feet of onrushing forwards, while proving as durable as his name suggests. Played 17.

J. FLITCROFT. An outstanding player possessing great ball control and an instinct for the defence-splitting pass. What he lacks in size he makes up for by apparently inexhaustible stamina, tenacity and skill. Played 16. Scored 2.

G. WEATHERALL. A stalwart centre-half. His height and weight, allied to good positional sense, plus his ability, as a keen student of the game, to outmanoeuvre the opposition, made him a dominant character on the field. Towards the end of the season found a penchant for attacking. Played 17. Scored 9.

C. CROOK. Started at outside left, becoming one of the successes of the season, then switched, in an emergency, to left half. Good in the air, decisive in the tackle, possesses a strong left foot shot. Played 17. Scored 6.

W. COLLIER. A deceptive ball player when he has confidence in his own ability. Very fast and an excellent team member. The outstanding utility player, having played on either wing, at inside forward, wing half, centre half and left back! Played 16. Scored 5.

S. GASKELL. On his day, capable of finding his way through most defences. The extra inches he has put on over the past year have made him even more dangerous when the ball is in the air around the six yard box. Tends to procrastinate at times when a quick, short pass would get results. Good shot when so inclined. Played 16. Scored 25.

B. HOYLES. Had a very successful season at centre forward. Carried out to the letter instructions to chase every opportunity and to harry the opposition. As the season progressed he became quicker off the mark and achieved greater co-ordination in his movements, improving his game appreciably. Played 18. Scored 30.

S. LEACH. A player of much promise, though not at his best for part of the season. Always worth a place for his 100% effort and inspiring bursts of speed. Overcame upsetting injury in his determination not to let the team down. Played 15. Scored 15.

P. HARDCASTLE. Outstanding for his team spirit, he played at full back, wing half and forward. A tricky dribbler, he tends to hold the ball too long at times, causing confusion in both teams. Notable for his resilience and effervescence. Played 14. Scored 3.

A. WHITTAKER. A compact, forceful and speedy right-winger. Came into the team late but, having demonstrated his powerful right foot shot, stayed, though later missed some games due to injury. Played 11. Scored 4.

The following also played: D. Stokes (9), A. Finney (7), D. Jameson (2), P. Woods (1), B. McGlynn (1).

Under 15 1st XI Results :

Sept. 14—v. Stand G.S.	Away	Drew 2—2
.. 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Won 5—3
Oct. 13—v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Won 6—3
.. 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Cancelled
.. 26—v. Heywood G.S.	Home	Won 11—0
Nov. 2—v. Derby S.	Home	Won 5—2
.. 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won 9—1
.. 16—v. Colne C.G.S.	Away	Won 9—2
.. 23—v. Hayward S.S.	Home	Cancelled
.. 30—v. Thornleigh	Away	Lost 3—5
Dec. 7—v. Bury G.S.	Away	Won 4—1
.. 14—v. Wigan	Away	Won 3—1
Jan. 11—v. Farnworth G.S.	Home	Won 10—0
.. 18—v. Haywood G.S.	Away	Won 6—0
.. 25—v. Derby S.	Away	Won 7—3
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Cancelled
.. 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Won 5—1
.. 22—v. Isis S.	Away	Won 3—2
.. 29—v. Hayward S.S.	Home	Drew 1—1
Mar. 7—v. Colne G.S.	Home	Won 16—2

Goals for 106, goals against 26. Played 17, won 14, drawn 2, lost 1.

Under 15 2nd XI

Because of the number of boys in this age group a second Under 15 team was run this season. It was very unsatisfactory that home matches had to be played on the mudflats of Barlow Park. The side was never unchanged from week to week as reserves had to be supplied to the first team. Some heavy defeats were suffered,

but as long as boys who would not normally have played got a game the existence of the team was justified.

Bowling was centre half and captain, and Evans deserves special mention for his agility and catching were always above average. Woods played well at centre forward in a line that generally lacked height. Late in the season Hornby was introduced at outside left and showed such promise that we hope to give him more opportunity to play this coming season.

Brady, Lord, McGlynn, Wright, Greenhalgh and Singleton all played regularly and were reliable members of the team.

A.E.G.

Under 15 2nd XI Results :

Sept. 21—v. Whitebank	Away	Drew 2—2
Oct. 5—v. Tonge Fold	Home	Won 8—3
„ 13—v. English Martyrs	Away	Won 5—3
Nov. 9—v. Whitecroft Road	Home	Lost 2—4
Dec. 7—v. Brightmet	Away	Lost 1—5
„ 14—v. Castle Hill	Home	Lost 2—3
Jan. 11—v. Whitebank	Home	Lost 2—3
„ 25—v. Tonge Fold	Away	Lost 0—8
Feb. 1—v. English Martyrs	Home	Won 13—0
„ 15—v. Whitecroft Road	Away	Lost 1—8
Mar. 7—v. Brightmet	Home	Won 5—3
„ 21—v. Castle Hill	Away	Drew 4—4

Goals for 45, goals against 46. Played 12, won 4, drawn 2, lost 6.

Under 14 XI

GENERAL: A very good season as shown by the results. The team worked well together with a good spirit and behaved excellently both on and off the field. One major fault they must overcome before next season is the tendency to hit the ball blindly down the centre of the field instead of playing on the wings.

A total of fifteen boys played for the team and here is a short analysis of each person's play:

Goalkeepers

RICHARDS. Finished the season in great style, ground work and anticipation good but goalkicking needs improvement.

HEYES. Began the season in goal. Good in the air but lacking in anticipation in deciding whether to leave his goal or not.

Full Backs

HEYS. A sound tackler but inclined to be a little too casual at times.

WILLIAMS. A strong player but below fitness standard at beginning of season.

Half Backs

KERSHAW. Works hard but a little slow on recovery.

MATTHEWS. Very keen and strong player but inclined to dribble in own penalty area.

GRUNDY (Capt.). A strong tackler, good with his head which he should use more often.

WRIGHT. Very good anticipation but a little slow on recovery and too delicate in the tackle.

Forwards

BRENDLE. Fast winger who sometimes lacks confidence in his own ability to beat the opposing full back.

BROMLEY. Strong player with a good shot which he does not use often enough.

ALLSOP. Strong on the ball with a good shot but slow on the turn and recovery.

LONGWORTH. Very strong player but too easily put out of his stride by petty fouls.

LONNEN. Very keen and enthusiastic but inclined to hold on to the ball too long.

TURNER. Tries hard and is a busy player, but rather one-footed.

HEAP. A good shot with his left foot but easily kept out of the game as he does not go looking for the ball.

Under 14 XI Results :

Sept. 14—v. Stand G.S.	Home	Won 8—0
„ 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Won 6—1
Oct. 5—v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Cancelled
„ 12—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Won 6—2
„ 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Won 9—3
„ 26—v. Heywood G.S.	Away	Won 4—3
Nov. 2—v. Derby School	Away	Lost 2—4
„ 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Won 6—2
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Away	Cancelled
„ 30—v. Thornleigh	Home	Cancelled
Dec. 14—v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Drew 3—3
Jan. 18—v. Heywood G.S.	Away	Won 3—2
„ 25—v. Derby School	Home	Won 9—1
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Cancelled
„ 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won 6—1
„ 22—v. St. Cuthbert's	Home	Won 7—1
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Home	Lost 3—2
Mar. 7—v. Hindley & Abram G.S.	Away	Drew 3—3

Goals for 75, goals against 28. Played 14, won 10, drawn 2, lost 2. Cancelled 4.

Under 13 XI

The team started off in fine style, and won their first seven matches fairly easily. The next three matches were lost to very good teams, though the Thornleigh result rather flattered our opponents as our team was depleted through injuries. During the Spring term the weather took a hand, for, although it was not bad enough to prevent matches being played, the poor playing surfaces made team practices impossible. This was obvious in many of the remaining matches, as the team lacked co-ordination even though the individual skills were still there.

However, the team fought for the full length of every game and they can look forward to a successful season as the Under 14s.

Under 13 XI Results :

Sept. 14—v. Stand G.S.	Away	Won 3—1
„ 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Won 4—1
Oct. 5—v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Cancelled
„ 12—v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Won 2—1
„ 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Won 7—1
„ 26—v. Heywood G.S.	Home	Won 4—1
Nov. 2—v. Derby G.S.	Away	Won 4—1
„ 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won 4—0
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Home	Lost 1—3
„ 30—v. Thornleigh	Away	Lost 2—10
Dec. 7—v. Bury G.S.	Home	Lost 0—2
Jan. 18—v. Heywood G.S.	Away	Won 7—2
„ 25—v. Derby School	Home	Lost 0—2
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Cancelled
„ 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Lost 0—1
„ 15—v. Darwen G.S.	Home	Won 3—0
„ 22—v. Darwen G.S.	Home	Lost 2—4
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Away	Lost 1—7
Mar. 14—v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Cancelled

Goals for 44, goals against 37. Played 16, won 9, drawn 0, lost 7.

Under 13 Team

ALAN COCHRANE. Goalkeeper. He was the regular outside right for over a season until the regular goalkeeper and reserve were both injured. He has proved to be a very competent player with good anticipation and courage when coming out of goal.

MALCOLM MILLS. Right Back. His performances this season have been varied, and after a good start his positional play became faulty. However, his tackling has been good.

PAUL DAVIES. Left Back. He has had a fair season. What he has lacked in speed, he has made up for in his positioning. He must be more decisive in his tackling.

ALAN McCARTHY. Right Half. A rugged, hard player who is rarely beaten completely. He has played well all season, though his distribution could have been better and he has had occasional lapses of concentration.

DAVID BEAMISH. Centre Half. The most consistent player in the team, he has turned on some very polished performances. He tackles hard and accurately, and has the ability to bring the ball away with him.

KENNETH DAWSON. Left Half. He has a deceptively shuffling style which gives the impression of being slow, but he is able to hold the ball. Unfortunately he is slow on the turn and has been caught out of position several times..

JOHN EAGLE. Outside Right. He depends a lot on his speed, and likes to have the ball pushed well in front of him so that he can run on to it. He possesses a good shot, but does not use it enough.

DUNCAN HAMILTON. Inside Right and Captain. He plays best when he has plenty of space in which to move. He distributes the ball well, though only over a short distance as he lacks the necessary power to move the ball over a long distance. He is a thoughtful captain who has led the team well, though he could have been more forceful at times.

PAUL FLETCHER. Centre Forward. He is a very good player who is accurate with either foot and his head. He is quick in thought and action, and has scored several goals with snap shots from “impossible” positions. His biggest fault is his tendency to wander back into defence when the ball is slow in coming out.

IAN MANGNALL. Inside Left. A strong, robust player who uses his weight and speed to good advantage; he also possesses a strong shot. He plays for the full duration of the game, and gets through more than his share of work.

STEPHEN CHADWICK. Outside Left. Originally the team's left half, he is a very tricky player who is very difficult to rob, and very quick to recover if this does occur. At times he holds the ball too long.

Other members of the team have been: Brian Heeley, Ian Ainsworth, Andrew Kay, David Orlopp.

Under 12 XI

The Under 12 side has had a pretty good season. Out of the 10 games played they have won 6, lost 3 and drawn 1. The only unfortunate thing about this season are the 8 matches which, due to bad weather, were either cancelled or abandoned. The team settled down to playing good football right from the start and benefited greatly from the Thursday evening training sessions for which

they showed their keenness by 100% attendance. The side has been well captained by Dawson of the Modern School and ably helped by Hinsley of the Technical School. They have not as yet had a lot to say to the team but the team have responded well when instructions have been given. This side could well become one of our better XI's as they grow older.

Regular players have been: (G) Gregory, M1C; (G) Blackburn T1A; (RB) Mann, M1C; (RB) Bradburn, M1C; (LB) Hinsley (Vice-Capt.), T1B; (RH) Poole, G1P; (CH) Dawson (Capt.), M1B; (LH) Shirres, G1P; (OR) Mulvaney, T1C; (IR) Smith, T1A; (IR) Rawlinson, T1B; (CF) Jolly, T1A; (IL) Barlow, M1B; (OL) Griffiths, T1C.

GREGORY. Played most of the season and worked very hard. His main weakness seemed to be with easy shots on the ground. Although he knows how to cover a ball on the ground he does not always quite get in line with it, hence a few goals which ought not to have gone in. He is good in the air and not put off by an onrush of opposing forwards.

BLACKBURN. Took over goal when Gregory was unavailable late in the season and proved to be most efficient. Gregory might not have got his place back had not Blackburn become injured and there is obviously going to be great rivalry between these two in future seasons.

MANN. Rather small but quite good at his position. Doesn't admit to being beaten and has the ball glued to his boot when he runs with it.

BRADBURN. Has played his position quite well but has not quite got the idea of keeping the winger out on the wing and away from the goal.

HINSLEY (V. Capt.). Although he prefers to play in the forwards Hinsley is most valuable as a back because of his quite brilliant positional sense, accurate tackling and distribution all quite without appearing to hurry. A very promising player.

POOLE. A very good player who sticks well to his task. He plays the game unselfishly and does a lot of hard work mid-field and serves the forwards well.

DAWSON (Capt.). Dawson has captained the side well in this first season. In this year it is not expected that a captain will say too much to his team because he is himself having to learn. As the season drew on he has gained in confidence and marshalled his team well as well as playing a very sturdy game.

SHIRRES. Plays quietly and unhurriedly. Distributes the ball well together with the other two half backs makes a very sound half back line.

MULVANEY. Was played at O R in the first instance because we just had not got anybody for the position and has made such a good job of it that he has undoubtedly earned himself a permanent place. He is very difficult to catch on the wing and apart from sending across some very good passes has scored several goals as well.

SMITH. A good forceful I R who works very hard linking up with the half backs and has also a good strong shot. He shows patience in moving the ball until a real chance of a shot occurs or moving the ball away again to make another start.

RAWLINSON. Has moved around the team filling in where necessary. He is tall and could make a good forward but is too wild with his shooting. At back he is not quite quick enough on the ball and so he is not a regular member of the team, but is a useful reserve.

JOLLY. A very good player who is capable of making and taking opportunities to shoot and when a chance occurs is very accurate. He is equally good with boot and head.

BARLOW. A sound player who works extremely hard. Shoots well and always in position.

GRIFFITHS. A problem player who appears to have the ability and know what he should do but things don't quite come off. He is probably not selfish enough, is too eager to pass too soon and has not got the bite or ruggedness needed. The ability is probably there and what is needed is a change of attitude—more self-confidence and greater determination.

Under 12 XI Results :

Sept. 28—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Home	Cancelled
Oct. 5—v. Wigan G.S.	Away	Cancelled
„ 12—v. Burnley G.S.	Home	Lost 6—5
„ 19—v. Ashton-in-Makerfield	Away	Cancelled
Nov. 2—v. Farnworth G.S.	Home	Won 6—2
„ 9—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Won 7—4
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Away	Cancelled
„ 30—v. Thornleigh	Home	Cancelled
Dec. 7—v. Bury G.S.	Away	Lost 1—7
„ 14—v. Wigan G.S.	Home	Won 4—0
Jan. 11—v. Farnworth G.S.	Home	Cancelled
„ 25—v. Derby School	Away	Drew 4—4
Feb. 1—v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Cancelled
„ 8—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won 6—1
„ 22—Darwen G.S.	Home	Won 4—2
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Home	Lost 2—1
Mar. 7—v. St. Cuthbert's	Home	Won 6—1
„ 14—v. St. Cuthbert's	Home	Cancelled

Goals for 44, goals against 29. Played 10, won 6, drawn 1, lost 3. Cancelled 8.

Staff versus Boys - Football and Hockey

This year for the first time the Staff were able to field two XI's to play the Base 1st and 2nd XI's. The staff were beaten in both games, as they expect to be, football being a game in which youth and fitness play a great part and a game at which the staff get little practice. In hockey however the tables were reversed, because the fitness of the boys goes for little, even in this game where fitness is of great importance, because the staff's past experience of the game and because the boys do not yet know the rules sufficiently well to gain from their intelligent interpretation.

One aspect of the football which is worthy of mention if only that future games might be more enjoyable, is the fact that these games are a social occasion where staff and pupils meet in a more informal way than in the classroom. It is always regrettable when an occasional player spoils the atmosphere of the game by introducing the needle element typical of professional matches. The bending of the rules like tackling from behind and going for the legs. Happily, of course, it is only the occasional player, but it is surprising how much small incidents colour the game and detract from the pleasure of it. When an event such as this is over one should leave the field with pleasant anticipation of the game next year.

CRICKET

1st XI Team Report

This year, as in previous years, the 1st XI cricket team has comprised mainly 5th and Lower 6th formers, and as a result of this the team has always been faced with older and more experienced sides. This is not an excuse for the results the 1st XI have had this season but the main reason why we have lost so many closely fought games, where the result has been in the balance until the very last over. In this sort of situation experience is of immense value and unfortunately experience was the one thing we lacked. The lack of experience showed itself in the team members, mainly in the loss of confidence when batting and because of this the team rarely scored at a sufficiently fast rate to enable an easy win.

Although credit must be given to all team members for their performances throughout the season, I feel that three members in particular have been the backbone of the side in all matches. They are Ripley, Kilshaw and Chadderton. All three have gained their colours, the first two named because of their batting and the last named because of his bowling.

Synopsis of games: Played 5, won 0, drawn 0, lost 5. Cancelled 6.

IAN PILKINGTON (Capt.). He has made quite a competent captain and has served the team conscientiously throughout the season. He could have been a little quicker with his decisions at times, but this was due to lack of experience.

BRUNO KILSHAW. Has been one of the most consistent members of the side, both his batting and fielding have been very good.

JOHN JOHNSON. Has played well for the team this season. His stroke-play is second to none in the side, but he needs that extra concentration to keep him at the wicket longer. Wicket keeping has been solid if not spectacular.

HAROLD RIPLEY. He has had an excellent season in the 1st XI. His batting was always reliable; his fielding first-class and was quite successful.

DUNCAN CHADDERTON. Has bowled extremely well throughout the season and has made some good scores with the bat. A very useful member of the side.

DAVID SHARPLES. His bowling has been very good if sometimes a little erratic. With more concentration on length and accuracy he could become a really good fast bowler.

PETER OTTER. Potentially a good leg-break bowler and batsman. He lacks the necessary practice to become a dangerous bowler or a consistent batsman. His fielding has been very good throughout the season.

ROBERT PRYCE. Has not had a very successful season as a batsman, but has bowled very well when called upon. A very useful all-rounder.

ALAN KAY. A very good stroke player. Could do much better with more practice. He has made one or two good scores this season.

JOHN McCLUSKY. This has not been his best season. He can be quite a useful bat and fielder but he has not shone in either this season. Again more practice is needed.

GEOFFREY HILTON. He was brought in, in the first match when we were short. He did so well that he has kept his place for the rest of the season. Although he is no great stroke player he makes up for this with concentration and tenacity and has been a very useful member of the side.

1st XI RESULTS AND AVERAGES

April 22nd—Darwen G.S. (Away). Smithills 33 all out.	Darwen 37 for 1. Darwen won by 9 wickets.
April 25th—Wigan G.S. (Away). Wigan 108 for 2	Smithills 50 all out. Wigan won by 58 runs.

May 22nd—Canon Slade (Away).
Canon Slade 118 for 9. Smithills 52 for 4.
Canon Slade won by 66 runs.

May 30th—Worsley Wardley G.S. (Home).
Worsley 83 for 3. Smithills 41 for 5.
Worsley won by 42 runs.

June 20th—Derby School (Home).
Derby School 86 for 4. Smithills 28 all out.
Derby School won by 58 runs.

Matches Cancelled :

Bolton C.G.S., Darwen G.S., Derby School, Burnley G.S., Farnworth G.S.

1st XI AVERAGES

Batting :

Name	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
H. Ripley	4	42	1	19*	13.00
G. Hilton	5	24	3	11*	12.00
B. Kilshaw	4	30	0	14	7.50
J. Johnson	5	35	0	23	7.00

* Not Out

Bowling :

	Wickets	Runs	Average
D. Chadderton	7	97	13.90
I. Pilkington	3	45	15.00

Under 15 Cricket

The season for the Under 15's has been a short but successful season having won 3 of the 4 matches played. The game against Worsley was drawn. The success was due largely to the bowling of Leach who in one match took 8 wickets for only 6 runs. No-one really excelled in batting but several members have scored well and consistently. Three members of the team were selected to play for Bolton Town team and each played well. Other matches played were against Burnley, Hayward and Derby Schools and though only 4 members of the regular team played in the match against Hayward, that game is listed among the victories for the Under 15s.

Team: Colin Crook (Captain), Stephen Leach, Graham Wetherall, Michael Baldwin, Terence Hailwood, Philip Wood, Graham Singleton, Stephen Willets, Barry McGlynn, Kevan Evans, John Flitcroft.

UNDER 15 XI RESULTS

Smithills v Burnley.
Smithills 58 for 6. Burnley 30 all out.
Smithills won by 28 runs.

Smithills v. Worsley Wardley.
Smithills 37 for 9. Worsley 37 all out.
Result : Tie.

Smithills v. Derby School.
Smithills 70 for 5. Derby School 15 all out.
Smithills won by 55 runs.

Smithills v. Hayward.
Hayward 47 for 5. Smithills 52 for 3.
Smithills won by 7 wickets.

UNDER 15 XI AVERAGES

Batting :

Name	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
Wood	3	45	1	31*	22.50
Baldwin	3	38	0	34	12.60
Crook	3	32	0	30	10.60

Bowling

	Wickets	Runs	Average
Crook	4	8	2.00
Leach	15	54	3.60
Wood	5	18	3.60

Under 14 XI

The Under 14 team has been very fortunate this season in that it has not had any fixtures affected by the weather, truly a most unusual occurrence, enough in itself to make the season memorable. Bury Grammar School was defeated twice but Canon Slade, in turn, defeated us at home and away. However, two victories and two defeats is a quite satisfactory record.

The fact that M. Grundy had to go into hospital meant that we lost a good wicketkeeper/batsman and after that we had a different wicketkeeper in each game. Longworth proved to be a reliable captain and bowler and organised his team capably, using his bowlers well. Allsop and Whiteside were aggressive batsmen and Ainsworth a promising all-rounder. Finally, we must thank P. Turner, our faithful scorer and loyal supporter.

UNDER 14 XI RESULTS

April 18th—Smithills v Bury G.S. (Home).
Bury G.S. 30 all out. Smithills 34 for 3.
Smithills won by 7 wickets.

May 23rd—Smithills v. Canon Slade (Away).
Smithills 25 all out. Canon Slade 27 for 7.
Canon Slade won by 3 wickets.

Smithills v. Canon Slade (Home).
Smithills 24 all out. Canon Slade 25 for 3.
Canon Slade won by 7 wickets.

June 6th—Smithills v. Bury G.S. (Away).
Smithills 66 for 3 wickets declared.
Bury G.S. 37 all out.
Smithills won by 29 runs.

Match Cancelled : Wigan G.S. (Home).

UNDER 14 XI AVERAGES

Batting :

Name	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
Allsop	4	38	2	16*	19.00
Ainsworth	2	13	1	10*	13.00
Cooper	3	32	0	27	10.60

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Ainsworth	14	3	21	9	2.30
Allsop	20	7	31	9	3.44
Longworth	16	0	30	8	3.50

Under 12 Cricket

The Under 12's have had rather a short season, having played only five games, one of these having been abandoned. Two games with Derby School were against boys a year older and on both occasions the team put up a creditable performance, particularly at Bury where they lost narrowly. The other two games, versus Canon Slade, were excellent in every way. The away match was lost by a very small margin, this only being due to some slight misunderstanding as regards the time limit imposed, but the home game was won in convincing fashion.

It was very noticeable that the standard of play, particularly when in the field of play, improved considerably as the season progressed. This is a good sign for next year when the Under 13s should be quite a sound team, and let us hope that they have many good games.

UNDER 12 XI RESULTS

May 2nd—Derby School (Home).
Smithills 14 for 6. Derby School 19 for 3.
Derby School won by 5 runs.

May 23rd—Canon Slade (Away).
Smithills 50 all out. Canon Slade 51 for 4.
Canon Slade won by 6 wickets.

June 13th—Canon Slade (Home).
Smithills 33 for 6. Canon Slade 23 all out.
Smithills won by 10 runs.

June 20th—Derby School (Away).
Derby Sch'l 72 all out. Smithills 59 all out.
Derby School won by 13 runs.

Match Cancelled : Bury G.S., June 6th.

UNDER 12 XI AVERAGES

Batting :

Name	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Highest Score	Average
G. Berry	4	30	1	15	10.00
F. Blackburn	4	18	0	10	4.50
K. Hinsley	4	14	0	6	3.50
B. Winrow	4	14	0	8	3.50

Bowling :

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
B. Winrow	11	2	7	28	4.00
K. Hinsley	11	2	9	49	5.40
F. Blackburn	11	2	4	27	6.75

Inter-house Cricket

Seniors :

Ainsworth	Ainsworth		
Hulton	match conceded	Byrom	
Byrom	Byrom		Byrom
Marsh			Byrom
Assheton	Assheton		
Radcliffe		Assheton	
Norley	Norley		
Barton			
Juniors :			
Byrom	Barton		
Barton		Radcliffe	
Marsh	Radcliffe		
Radcliffe			Ainsworth
Ainsworth	Ainsworth		
Norley		Ainsworth	
Hulton	Hulton		
Assheton			

HOCKEY

The 1963-1964 season cannot be looked upon as a very successful season and we could have hoped for better results. However the fact cannot be overlooked that the 1st and 2nd XIs as compared to opposing teams were a young side since there were not many members from the senior part of the Base. In spite of this the spirit of the teams never wavered although victory often seemed far ahead.

RESULTS—

		1st XI	2nd XI	U15 XI	U14 XI
Sept. 21—v. Leigh G.S.	Away	L 0-10	L 1-11	L 0-5	—
„ 28—v. Rivington & B. G.S.	Away	L 1-9	L 0-7	L 0-2	L 0-5
Oct. 2 & 3—v. Canon Slade G.S.	Away	L 2-5	L 0-9	L 0-9	L 0-8
„ 5—v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	Home	—	—	W 3-0	W 5-3
„ 12—v. Hayward Schools	Away	W 3-0	W 4-2	D 1-1	D 1-1
„ 19—v. Derby School	Away	L 3-4	L 1-3	—	—
„ 24—v. Isis School	Home	—	—	L 0-9	—
„ 26—v. Darwen G.S.	Home	L 0-7	L 0-8	L 0-11	L 0-7
Nov. 9—v. Worsley W. G.S.	Away	L 0-3	D 5-5	—	—
„ 16—v. Bury G.S.	—	—	Cancelled	—	—
„ 23—v. Bolton C.G.	Away	W 1-0	W 2-1	L 1-2	L 2-3
„ 30—v. Leigh G.S.	Away	D 2-2	L 1-2	L 2-5	—
Dec. 7—v. Turton C.S.S.	Away	—	—	L 2-3	L 1-2
„ 14—v. Wolfenden St. C.S.S.	Away	—	—	W 3-1	L 1-2
Jan. 11—v. Hindley G.S.	Away	L 1-2	L 1-5	W 5-1	—
„ 18—v. Darwen G.S.	Away	L 1-7	L 1-12	L 0-4	L 0-9
„ 25—v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	D 3-3	—	L 2-10	W 2-0
Feb. 15—v. Hayward Schools	Away	W 2-0	W 1-0	L 0-1	W 4-1
„ 22—v. Turton C.S.S.	Away	W 2-0	W 1-0	L 0-1	W 4-1
„ 25—v. Canon Slade G.S.	Away	—	—	L 1-6	L 0-12
„ 27—v. Canon Slade G.S.	Home	D 2-2	L 1-5	—	—
„ 29—v. Derby School	—	—	Cancelled	—	—
Mar. 7—v. Rivington & B. G.S.	Home	L 1-2	L 0-4	L 1-5	L 0-6
„ 14—v. Worsley W. G.S.	—	—	Cancelled	—	—
„ 14—v. Isis School	—	—	Cancelled	—	—
„ 21—v. Bury G.S.	Away	L 1-4	—	W 5-1	—

1st XI

This team is a comparatively young team consisting mainly of fourth and fifth years. The players were lacking in experience at the beginning of the season but with keen determination and consistent practice the standard of play, as a team, has been raised considerably. The defence are now able with technique and spontaneity to put into practice the dodges and tackles learnt. Clearance

of the ball is good. The forwards too are now more able to open up the game with diagonal and square passes and are learning to follow up after a shot at goal. The team, however, is still lacking in speed and they must learn to tackle back having lost a ball.

C. Oxley (Capt.), S. Berry, D. Hall, J. Lever, B. Potter, I. Webster, J. Rollinson, J. Davies, P. Marshall, J. Bradshaw, J. Anderton, J. Kirkby, S. Collier.

Colours

CAROL OXLEY (Capt.). Carol is an intelligent player and has played extremely well throughout the season as centre half. She has good anticipation of the ball, a strong clearance and a good tackle with which she should now learn to persist more.

ISOBEL WEBSTER. Isobel plays hard throughout the match as left half. She has a persistent tackle and a strong clearance. She marks her wing well but needs to learn to position herself on the right side of her opponent in order to clear the ball more quickly.

BARBARA POTTER. Barbara is a keen determined player who has played consistently throughout the season as right half. Her tackle and clearance are sound. Positioning and marking could be improved and she needs to learn to stick to her own opponent and to anticipate the game more.

Half Colours

JOAN DAVIES. Joan is a reliable player who improved as the season went on. She shows great determination as right inner and her tackle has improved as well as her judgement of when to rug and collect the ball. Clearance needs to be stronger and footwork needs to be speedier.

2nd XI

This too is a young team consisting of nine fourth years. Members of the team for the first half of the season fluctuated but the team and its members are now constant. The defence have learned to persist in tackling but greater speed and anticipation as well as marking one's own opponent is needed. The forwards are now able to swing the ball across the pitch more, but again footwork and clearance of the ball needs to be speedier. However, they are learning to follow up and rush shots at goal.

P. Haslam (Capt.), K. Bray, P. Brooks, J. Buckley, C. Middlefell, P. Gosling, J. Hollings, J. Entwistle, J. Hulme, C. Cockcroft, L. Heap, P. Denton, K. Mrozek, S. Booth.

Junior Colours

JANET ENTWISTLE. Janet is developing into a reliable centre forward. Her tackle and clearance are good, but footwork and passing to the right needs to be speedier.

Under 15 XI

Play improved as the season progressed, since the players are more aware of each other and are beginning to play as a team more. The forwards have learnt to open up the game with diagonal and square passes and the defence have learnt to persist in tackling. However, speedier footwork in collecting and getting rid of the ball is needed.

P. Ramsden, A. Mason, M. Kay, C. Summerton, V. Greenwood (Capt.), S. Eastham, S. Whittle, J. Halliwell, B. Fiddes, S. Ridings, C. Preston, J. Jeffers, M. Wilson.

Junior Colours

VIVIENNE GREENWOOD (Capt.). A reliable player whose stickwork has greatly improved. Vivienne shows determination and as centre half has learnt to judge when to tackle and to mark her own opponent. Her drive needs to be stronger.

BEVERLEY FIDDES. A strong player with a good strong clearance and good anticipation of the ball. Her tackle needs improving and she has a tendency to be tempted out of position as centre forward.

Under 14 XI

A keen lively enthusiastic team who have developed a good understanding of the game. The forwards are able to swing and drive the ball across the pitch as well as to persist when shots are made at goal. The defence have learnt to go in and tackle but must learn to persist until the ball is recovered. Speedier footwork is still needed in collecting and getting rid of the ball and the drive still needs to be stronger.

C. Marshall, D. Livesy (Capt.), G. Pybus, H. Walsh, J. Barlow, V. Locke, L. Rainford, L. Barlow, S. Allen, J. Fare, S. Newton, R. Smith, J. Smith, L. Grants, S. Dunn.

ROUNDERS

	1st IX	U15 IX	U14 XI	U13 XI
Apr. 18—v. County G.S.	L 0-½	W 1 in'gs & 7½ rds.	W 12-1	L 1½-1
May 9—v. Wolfenden St.	—	—	—	W 8½-4
„ 30—v. Bury G.S.	L 15-1	W 14½-4	L 5½-4	—
„ 30—v. Wolfenden St.	—	—	—	W 13-11
June 20—v. Hindley & Ab' G.S.	W 22-4	W 8-3½	W 8-2	—
„ 20—v. Wolfenden St.	—	—	—	W 6-4½

The rounders teams have had an unfortunate season this year in that several schools have cancelled fixtures and other matches have been cancelled through bad weather. This has meant that the teams have played only three schools. Their standard of play has been very high as was proved at the Lancashire Rounders Tournament in June when the 1st and Under 15s teams proved very stiff competition for opposing schools. The girls should be commended for their conscientious enthusiasm—despite cancelled fixtures—and this will I hope lead on to greater successes next year.

SEASON'S ANALYSIS — ROUNDERS

	Games Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Agst.
1st XI	3	1	2	0	22½	19
U15 IX	3	3	0	0	41	8½
U14 IX	3	2	1	0	24	8½
U13 XI	4	3	1	0	28	21

1st Team

Out of three games played, the 1st team have won one game and lost two. They have, however, played very well this season, scoring 22½ rounders and having 19 rounders scored against them. They are a very young 1st team, but even against more experienced competition they have fielded with speed and accuracy. Their batting has, however, lacked power and should have more concentration next season.

Regular players have been: B. Potter (Capt.), D. Whittle, P. Ryland, J. Band, S. Riley, S. Stringer, J. Wills, V. Montgomery, K. Nuttall, J. Hollings.

1st Team Colours

BARBARA POTTER. Barbara has captained the 1st XI throughout the season with quiet efficiency. She has a very powerful batting action and is a reliable deep fielder, taking many catches.

PAULINE RYLAND. Pauline has been a very reliable member of the team, playing both 1st base and backstop with speed and confidence. Her batting has been strong, accurate and well planned.

JEAN BAND. Jean has worked well throughout the season as 1st base and backstop. She has good anticipation of the ball and has maintained a high standard of play in all matches.

DIANE WHITTLE. Diane has bowled for the 1st team throughout the season. She has shown some brilliant displays of ball control in some games whilst in others, although still accurate, her bowling has lacked speed and variety. With more consistent concentration, Diane's perfect co-ordination of hand and eye could take her far in games play.

SUSAN RILEY. Susan has been a very reliable and enthusiastic member of the team. She has strong throwing and batting actions and has steadily improved her standard throughout the season.

SHEILA STRINGER. Sheila has worked consistently well throughout the season. As 4th base she has fielded with speed and accuracy and as the season has progressed her rather weak batting action has shown considerable improvement.

Half Colours have been awarded to J. Wills and V. Montgomery.

Under 15s Rounders Team

This team have had an excellent season, winning all three of their games and attaining a very high position in the Lancashire Rounders Tournament in June. They have scored 41 rounders and had only $8\frac{1}{2}$ rounders scored against them. The team's success lies in their accurate fielding, good anticipation of the ball and strong, well-aimed batting. All the girls have worked conscientiously throughout the season, their constant practice leading to success.

Regular players have been: P. Haslam (Capt.), M. Pike, L. Perkin, A. Heaton, L. Heap, S. Clarke, R. Cochrane, L. Biddle, S. Entwistle, L. Woods.

Junior Colours

SANDRA CLARKE. Sandra has worked quietly and steadily throughout the season. Her well-aimed batting has contributed to her team's high score of rounders and her fielding at 4th base can always be relied upon.

LEONE HEAP. Leone has been presented with her Junior Colours mainly because of her superb batting this season. She has scored a large number of rounders which have been a considerable contribution towards her team's successes.

ROSEMARY COCHRANE. Rosemary has been a keen and conscientious member of the Under 15's team. She has fielded and batted well throughout the season and her standard of play has steadily improved.

Under 14's Rounders Team

The Under 14's team have had a fairly successful season winning 2 of their 3 matches. They have scored 24 rounders and had only $8\frac{1}{2}$ rounders scored against them. The low score of their opponents is due to the superb fielding of this team. They are very quick to anticipate the ball and play with accuracy and enthusiasm. It is unfortunate for the regular players that the team as a whole has been rather unsettled. They have had no regular backstop or 2nd base which has disrupted some of the team's co-ordination. It is hoped that this will be remedied next season.

The following have played for the Under 14's team: Christine Curtis (Capt.), M. Abercrombie, V. Brooks, E. Wood, C. Dabecki, M. Bromilow, K. Callister, S. Beddows, J. Abbott.

Under 14's Team Junior Colours

CHRISTINE CURTIS. Christine's play is characterised by sound fielding and good scoring hits. She has gained her colours not only for her play but for her reliable and competent captaining of the team.

MOIRA ABERCROMBIE. Good ball control and accurate fielding at 3rd base have earned Moira her Junior Colours. She has worked well throughout the season and has proved herself to be a very keen and enthusiastic member of the team.

JAQUELINE BROOKS. Jaqueline is a keen, conscientious worker who can be relied upon to play her best. She is developing into a good 1st base fielder and her batting has scored many rounders for the team.

Under 13's Rounders Team

The Under 13's team have played 4 games, won 3 and lost 1. They have scored 28 rounders and had 21 rounders scored against them. Three of their games have been played against Wolfenden St. as very few schools produce an 'U 13's team. The girls have shown

very good progress throughout the season and have worked with enthusiasm. Several of this team show great promise for the future and should prove to be very successful next season.

Regular players have been: P. Holden (Capt.), P. Fogg, P. Harrison, S. Evans, J. Shields, K. Wilkinson, L. Gornall, C. Davenport, P. Finan, V. Clarke.

NETBALL

1st Team

The 1st VII have won 5 matches, lost 7 and drawn 1 this season. Their standard of play has been slightly erratic in that some games have been played brilliantly whilst others have done the team little credit, but when one considers that the average age of this team is only 16 years compared with an average age of 18 years from the 1st teams of opposing schools, their Netball play is of a much higher standard than the results suggest. The team have proved stiff competition and with further experience should achieve much better results.

1st Team Results :

Sept. 21—v. Mount St. Joseph's	Lost	13—33
„ 25—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Drew	25—25
„ 28—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	18—10
Oct. 19—v. Farnworth G.S.	Won	21—19
Nov. 16—v. Bury G.S.	Won	21—10
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Lost	30—35
Dec. 7—v. County Grammar School	Won	46—7
Jan. 25—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	14—16
Feb. 1—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Won	24—23
„ 22—v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Lost	16—21
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Lost	23—25
Mar. 5—v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	6—21
„ 21—v. Bury G.S.	Lost	8—25

Regular players have been J. Derbyshire (Capt.), Pauline Ryland, Jean Band, Diane Whittle, Sheila Stringer, Christine Binns, Jean Sheridan.

Senior Colours: J. Derbyshire, P. Ryland, J. Band, D. Whittle.

JUDITH DERBYSHIRE. Judith has been a most efficient and conscientious captain. Her determination and enthusiasm have helped the team throughout the season.

PAULINE RYLAND. Pauline has proved to be a hard working and reliable member of the team. Her accurate shooting and intelligent use of her playing area have made Pauline the mainstay of the team.

DIANE WHITTLE. Diane's outstanding ball control and anticipation, together with her accurate shooting have made her a steady and skilful goal shooter.

JEAN BOND. Jean has been a great asset to the first team. As centre, she has blended together the attacking and defensive players through her good anticipation of the ball and full awareness of the team's positioning.

2nd Team

The 2nd VII's very low score of 1 game won, 8 lost and 1 drawn is rather disappointing for the seven regular players. The girls are very keen and enthusiastic and although they have not quite reached the standard required, their cheerfulness and determination to succeed has led them to more success at the latter end of the season and much improved team play.

2nd Team Results :

Sept. 21—v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Lost	8—32
„ 25—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Lost	16—17
Oct. 19—v. Farnworth G.S.	Lost	6—30
„ 26—v. Brightmet Sec. Mod.	Lost	11—13
Nov. 16—v. Bury G.S.	Lost	7—22
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Lost	19—26
Feb. 1—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Lost	15—25
„ 22—v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Lost	17—19
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Drew	19—19
„ 29—v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	10—11
Mar. 12—v. Brightmet Sec. Mod.	Won	28—7
„ 21—v. Bury G.S.	Lost	12—18

Regular players have been S. Riley (Capt.), C. Loveday, L. Bidle, J. Wills, M. Clifford, V. Montgomery, J. Hudart, S. Entwistle.

Senior Colours: S. Riley.

SUSAN RILEY: Susan has captained the 2nd VII all season with cheerfulness and determination. Her superb ball control and accurate shooting have been an inspiration to all.

Under 15's Team

The Under 15's VII have had a successful season with a definite improvement in play towards the latter half. They have won

7 games, lost six and drawn 1. The team began the season playing as seven individuals but with constant practice and experience they have progressed to become a very strong, fast-moving team. With this up-keep of good team spirit and awareness of fellow players they should achieve greater success next season.

Under 15 Team Results :

Sept. 28—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	12—16
Oct. 5—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Lost	12—14
„ 19—v. Farnworth G.S.	Won	15—13
„ 26—v. Brightmet S.M. School	Lost	4—7
Nov. 9—v. Wolfenden St. S.M. School	Won	15—13
„ 16—v. Bury G.S.	Drew	12—12
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Won	29—5
„ 30—v. Whitecroft Road	Lost	12—24
Jan. 25—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	5—28
Feb. 1—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Won	25—7
„ 15—v. Wolfenden St. S.M.	Lost	15—17
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Won	18—12
Mar. 7—v. Leigh G.S.	Won	11—10
„ 12—v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Won	12—8

Regular players have been: L. Perkin (Capt.), A. Heaton, N. Pike, S. Clarke, L. Sutton, L. Hughes, A. Abercrombie, R. Coch-rane.

Junior Colours: L. Perkin, A. Heaton, A. Abercrombie.

LYNNE PERKIN. Lynne has captained the team for most of the season with efficiency and enthusiasm. Her shooting and foot-work have steadily improved throughout, making her a most reliable attack shooter.

ALWYN HEATON. Alwyn has displayed an outstanding standard of netball this term. She is a very powerful and accurate goal defence player and with continued concentration and enthusiasm should help her team on to further success next season.

ALISON ABERCROMBIE. As centre, Alison has played with thought and care giving accurate centre passes. With the skill of the other centre court players she has helped to turn a defensive game into an attacking one.

Under 14's Team

This team have had an excellent season, winning 13 games, losing 3 and drawing 2. Congratulations must go to all of its mem-

bers as the main reason for their success is the way that they have combined together as a team rather than as individuals. The girls have developed good team tactics, speedy footwork and accurate ball control—all necessary assets if the team are to continue to succeed next season.

Under 14 Team Results :

Sept. 21—v. Mount St. Joseph's	Won	23—15
„ 28—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	12—10
Oct. 5—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Lost	4—10
„ 19—v. Farnworth G.S.	Lost	3—18
„ 26—v. Brightmet Sec. Mod.	Won	8—7
Nov. 9—v. Wolfenden St. S.M.	Won	12—9
„ 16—v. Bury G.S.	Won	10—9
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Won	15—11
„ 30—v. Whitecroft Rd. S.M.	Drew	8—8
Dec. 14—v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	25—7
Jan. 18—v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	25—9
„ 25—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	3—8
Feb. 1—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Won	25—7
„ 15—v. Wolfenden St. S.M. School	Won	18—12
„ 22—v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Won	12—11
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Won	21—10
Mar. 7—v. Leigh G.S.	Drew	8—8
„ 12—v. Brightmet Sec. Mod.	Won	12—2
„ 21—v. Bury G.S.	Lost	3—18

Regular players have been M. Abercrombie, J. Brooks, M. Bromilow, S. Bedows, K. Callister, C. Curtis, C. Dabecki, S. Selby, P. Tootell.

Under 13's Team

This team has won 4 games and lost 8, faring less favourably in the latter half of the season. There is no lack of determination among the players but they are a very small side and they must realise that an intelligent use of the various passes is essential if they are to overcome their limitations. Improved ball control, more accurate shooting and constant practice will be necessary if this team is to succeed next season.

Under 13 Team Results :

Sept. 28—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	4—9
Oct. 5—v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Won	7—2

Nov. 9—v. Wolfenden St. Sec. Mod.	Lost	7—21
„ 16—v. Bury G.S.	Won	9—5
„ 23—v. Hayward Schools	Lost	3—20
Dec. 14—v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	11—8
Jan. 18—v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	13—5
„ 25—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	3—11
Feb. 15—v. Wolfenden St. Sec. Mod.	Lost	8—24
„ 29—v. Hayward Schools	Lost	1—15
Mar. 7—v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	8—13
„ 12—v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Lost	3—4

Regular players have been: P. Harrison, J. Shields, P. Holden, L. Gornall, P. Fogg, B. Yates (Capt.), C. Davenport, P. Noble, V. Clarke.

TENNIS

Base Teams :

			Sets	Games
Apr. 18—v. Bolton County G.S.	1st VI	Won	5—4	43—38
	U15 VI	Won	5—4	46—35
„ 25—v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	1st VI and 2nd VI	Cancelled.		
May 2—v. Farnworth G.S.	1st VI	Cancelled.		
„ 9—v. Leigh G.S.	1st VI and 2nd VI	Cancelled		
„ 9—v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	U15 VI	Won	8—1	53—28
	U14 VI	Won	8—1	56—25
„ 23—v. Wythenshawe Tech. M.S.	1st VI	Cancelled.		
„ 23—v. Turton C.S.S.	U15 VI	Lost	2—4	24—30
„ 23—v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	U14 VI	Won	9—0	46—17
„ 30—v. Bury G.S.	1st VI	Lost	0—9	21—60
	U15 VI	Lost	3—6	31—50
June 3—v. Canon Slade G.S.	1st VI	Lost	3—6	31—50
	U15 VI	Lost	0—9	26—55
„ 6—v. Hayward Schools.	1st VI and U15 VI	Abandoned.		
„ 13—v. Derby School.	1st VI	Cancelled.		
„ 20—v. Hindley G.S.	1st VI	Lost	4—5	36—45
„ 20—v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	U15 VI	Won	8—1	55—26

Season's Analysis :

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets		Games	
					F.	A.	F.	A.
1st VI	4	1	3	—	12	24	131	193
U15 VI	6	3	3	—	26	25	235	224
U14 VI	2	2	—	—	17	1	102	42

Base Tournament Results

Senior Girls Singles: C. Oxley

Senior Girls Doubles: C. Oxley, M. Hadcroft.

Senior Mixed Doubles: A. Wise, C. Oxley

Junior Girls Doubles: B. Fiddes, D. Livesey

1st VI: Capt., C. Binks, C. Oxley, J. Darbyshire, G. Newton, J. Kirkby, J. Bradshaw; Res., B. Blunn, M. Rees, C. Horner.

The 1st VI has been unfortunate in having 6 of their ten fixtures cancelled, 3 by the weather and 3 by opposing schools too late to make alternative fixtures.

The standard of play has been comparable with other schools, but lack of match experience and the long gaps between fixtures rather than lack of practice led to our defeats.

All members of the team must learn to judge the flight and bounce of the ball more carefully so that the return goes over the net and into the opponent's court.

Colours

C. OXLEY. Carol has a good all round variety of strokes with penetrating forehand and backhand drives and a strong service. She needs to be a little more careful in picking the right ball to hit hard.

J. DARBYSHIRE. Judith's game has improved considerably this season but her backhand drive still needs practice. She could be a little more careful in getting her shots over the net and into her opponent's court.

Under 15 VI

Capt., L. Sutton, J. Entwistle, M. Wilson, C. Lee, V. Greenwood, B. Leach, J. Brooks, B. Fiddes.

The Under 15 VI has had a fairly successful season. Lacking in experience they put up a fight against teams who were sometimes far superior.

Keeness in attending practices and matches has been shown by most members of the team throughout the term. Even so, further improvement is required in all strokes and speedier footwork is needed to aid a more accurate return of the ball. More care is needed in the placing of the ball and too often the wrong stroke is played to the wrong ball resulting in a lost point.

Junior Colours

L. SUTTON. Lynn's tennis has improved this term and she

has a winning forehand drive provided she picks the right ball to play it to. She must try and hit the ball higher on her service.

J. ENTWISTLE. Janet has a good forehand drive but her back hand needs practice. She must try and hit the ball higher on her service.

V. GREENWOOD. Vivienne is developing into a good all round player. She must learn to place the ball more accurately out of her opponent's reach and to play more to the side lines.

C. LEE. Carol's tennis has improved this term, but she must learn to use her height and reach to improve her service and volleying.

Under 14 VI

Capt. B. Fiddes, D. Livesey, P. Nicholson, J. Phillipson, J. Barlow, L. Barlow.

Although U14 tennis fixtures were made with three different schools, only one of them was able to raise a team, so they played them twice, each time winning rather convincingly. It is difficult to make U14 tennis fixtures as so many schools do not have an U14 team. Nevertheless the team have attended practices regularly and the experience gained will benefit them next year as U15s. Several of the team have acted as reserves and umpires for the U15 team on occasions.

The players have yet to obtain the ability of placing the ball accurately out of reach of their opponents. This will come with greater experience as their strokes improve.

Junior Colours

B. FIDDES. Beverley has played several times for the U15 team as well as for the U14 team. She has a wide range of strokes and moves well to get into position. With greater experience her judgement and anticipation will improve.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Hockey Knock-out Cup :

Norley			
Byrom	Byrom		
Assheton		Byrom	
Marsh	Marsh		
Barton			Radclyffe
Ainsworth	Ainsworth		
Hulton		Radclyffe	
Radclyffe	Radclyffe		

Radclyffe won the Cup

Netball Knock-out Cup :

Ainsworth			
Hulton	Ainsworth		
Byrom		Ainsworth	
Barton	Byrom		
Marsh			Ainsworth
Radclyffe	Marsh		
Norley		Marsh	
Assheton	Norley		

Ainsworth won the Cup

Rounders Knock-out Cup :

Hulton			
Norley	Norley		
Byrom		Norley	
Barton	Byrom		
Radclyffe			Ainsworth
Assheton	Radclyffe		
Marsh		Ainsworth	
Ainsworth	Ainsworth		

Ainsworth won the Cup

Staff Matches :

Hockey v Base 1st XI. Base won 3—1.

Netball v. Base 1st VII. Base won 23—15.

Tennis v. Base 1st VIII. Staff won 8 sets to 4. 65 games to 43.

SWIMMING

Boys' Swimming Team

At the beginning of the season, we could not possibly have foreseen the success which the boys' team has achieved, and they must now be second only to Bolton School in Bolton. During the season they have beaten teams who have long swimming traditions, and have met with only three defeats, two against Bolton School, and one against Bury Grammar School. In the Bury match the team were most unfortunate in being beaten by a piece of elastic which parted in the trunks of one of our swimmers, and, modestly overcoming valour, he did not finish, and the team eventually lost by one point.

Bad luck hit the team in the Bolton and District Swimming Gala. After some very good swimming, the whole result hinged on the final Medley Relay Race with Smithills leading Brownlow Fold by one point and Whitecroft Road trailing by six points. This proved to be the most exciting race of the whole competition which ended in a superb win by Farrell on the last leg who caught up twelve yards on the Brownlow Fold swimmer and beat him on the touch. Whitecroft Road were a full length away in third place.. Then came the disappointing news that both Smithills and Brownlow Fold had been disqualified for faulty turns on a previous leg leaving Whitecroft Road the winners by one point. It was a pity that our senior swimmers did not count in this competition as they swept the board in all the senior events.

The Base has been lucky in having a nucleus of first class swimmers able to back them up. Gordon Fry and David Ainslie have proved to be a formidable partnership in the Senior Breaststroke. only having been split twice and the former having won every race. Another unbeaten swimmer is Andrew Kay in the Junior Back-crawl. Although he is only in the second form, he holds the Base record for this stroke.

Much of the success of the team must be attributed to their fighting spirit in not giving up when in arrears, shown particularly in relay races.

Even though one must praise the individual swimmers, a large share of the credit must go to the Base's first swimming captain, Gordon Fry. Not only has he led the team with great verve and enthusiasm, but he has set a perfect example to all.

Congratulations to Gordon Fry, David Ainslie, and John Pearson on being awarded their Full Colours. Additional congratulations to Gordon Fry on being chosen as the regular Breaststroke swimmer for the Bolton senior team.

Members of the Base team have been: Juniors, S. Chadwick, F. Godding, A. Kay, D. Neville, T. Pollitt, I. Simpson, D. Whitehead, S. Wright. Seniors, D. Ainslie, M. Best, A. Bromley, J. Craze, A. Cropper, E. Farrell, G. Fry, D. Hamer, S. Caraher, K. Martin, J. Pearson, D. Sharples, P. Wadeson, R. Walkden.

Results :

v. Whitecroft Road	Won	84—65
v. Darwen G.S.	Won	86—66
v. Bolton School	Lost	29—49
v. Brownlow Fold	Won	66—62
v. Bolton School	Lost	65—87
v. Hayward Schools	Won	83—67
v. Bolton County G.S.	Won	92—60
v. Bury G.S.	Lost	75—76

Inter-House Swimming Competition

It would be reasonable to suppose that with a new swimming bath on the Base, the pupils would be almost fighting each other to represent their House in the Inter-House Swimming Competition. Rarely could 1,700 young people have shown such apathy. Not only was there a lack of volunteers, but several of those who did volunteer let their House down by not turning up for the heats. It was very discouraging for Housemasters and organisers who had worked so hard to make a success of the competition.

However, on the credit side, those who did enter swam very well indeed and produced some fine performances and exciting races, and appeared to enjoy themselves very much.

Congratulations to Barton on being the first House to win the Swimming Competition.

RESULTS

1st and 2nd YEARS—

Boys' Freestyle :

I. Simpson (No) 35.4 secs., D. Neville (Ai) 36.2 secs., F. Godding (Ra) 31.7 secs., R. Bowden (Ba) 38 secs.

Girls' Freestyle :

K. Wilkinson (No) 35.1 secs., G. Baldwin (Ra) 42.9 secs., J. Shields (Hu) 55.3 secs.

Boys' Breaststroke :

S. Chadwick (Hu) 41 secs., P. Atherton (Ai) 46.4 secs., Pendlebury (Ra) 50.1 secs.

Girls' Breaststroke :

P. Finan (Ma) 47.4 secs., J. Williams (Ba) 48 secs., B. Bennett (Ai) 52.4 secs., J. Whittaker (Hu) 59.5 secs.

Boys' Backcrawl :

A. Kay (No) 35 secs., S. Wright (Hu) 46.4 secs., R. Bromley (Ba) 54.3 secs., S. Bradburn (Ma) 55.5 secs.

Girls' Backcrawl :

H. Nuttall (Ra) 43.5 secs., C. Sandall (Ba) 63 secs.

Boys' Relay :

Radclyffe 70.7 secs., Hulton 72.2 secs., Ainsworth 74.8 secs., Barton 79.4 secs.

Girls' Relay :

Barton 96.5 secs. Radclyffe were disqualified.

3rd and 4th YEARS—**Boys' Freestyle :**

E. Farrell (Ba) 32.2 secs., S. Leach (Ma) 35.7 secs., R. Todhunter (Ra) 36.7 secs.

Girls' Freestyle :

S. Allen (No) 33.3 secs., L. Grants (Ai) 33.4 secs., M. Bromilow (Ra) 35.5 secs., S. Entwistle (Ba) 39 secs.

Boys' Breaststroke :

D. Sharples (Ma) 38 secs., D. Hamer (Hu) 40.6 secs., D. Greenhalgh (Ba) 44.6 secs., J. Chadwick (Ra) 51.5 secs.

Girls' Breaststroke :

L. Martin (Ai) 45.2 secs., C. Horner (Ra) 45.2 secs., A. Owen 55.5 secs.

Boys' Backcrawl :

S. Caraher (Hu) 36.4 secs., M. Best (Ai) 39 secs., J. Craze (Ba) 40.3 secs., R. Wallwork (Ra) 51.4 secs.

Girls' Backcrawl :

J. Barlow (Ra) 51.7 secs., J. Abbott (Ba) 111.7 secs.

Boys' Butterfly :

A. Bromley (Ba) 18.2 secs., A. Schofield (Ai) 20.1 secs., P. Wood (Hu) 21.8 secs., M. Osborne (Ra) 31 secs.

Girls' Butterfly :

S. Wells (Ai) 20.7 secs., S. Spence (Ra) 25.2 secs.

Boys' Relay :

Barton & Hulton (Dead Heat) 64.5 secs., Radclyffe 72.8 secs.

Girls' Relay :

Radclyffe 74.2 secs., Barton 93.4 secs., Hulton 94.2 secs.

5th and 6th YEARS :**GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES****School Terms 1964-5 :**

Autumn Term 1964: Thursday, 10th September to Tuesday, 22nd December.

Half Term: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 28th, 29th and 30th October.

Spring Term 1965: Thursday, 7th January to Friday, 9th April.

Half Term: Monday and Tuesday, 1st and 2nd March.

Summer Term 1965: Monday, 26th April to Friday, 30th July.

Occasional Holidays—

Municipal Election 1965: Thursday, 13th May.

Ascension Day: Thursday, 27th May.

Whit Monday: 7th June.

Operatives' Holiday: Friday, 25th June to Friday, 9th July (inclusive).

Autumn Term 1965 will begin on Thursday, 9th September.

The Staff for 1964-65 will be:

Mr. R. W. Clements, Headmaster	Miss A. Hillerton
Mr. R. H. Leithead, Deputy Headmaster	Mr. B. Holden
Mrs. H. M. Medora, Senior Mistress	Mr. R. B. Howarth
Mr. B. A. Ashworth	Mr. J. F. Kitchen
Mr. L. Atkinson	Mr. E. G. McAvoy
Mrs. J. Ault	Mr. C. Mellor
Mr. J. G. Banks	Mr. D. C. Moizer
Mr. P. W. P. Bennetts	Mr. J. W. Oldfield
Mr. M. Clarke	Mr. K. W. Oxspring
Mr. P. Eadington	Mr. J. Porter
Miss M. H. Elsworth	Mr. D. Pye
Mr. A. Evans	Mr. B. L. Ramsbottom
Mr. J. A. Farr	Mr. E. Riley
Mr. I. Forsythe	Miss A. M. Thompson
Mr. R. Freethy	Mr. P. Wilcock
Miss M. H. Goddard	
Mr. M. Green	
Miss B. Hanley	
Mr. E. Heaton	

We offer our best wishes to Mr. P. Eadington on his marriage to Miss Fiona McPherson; to Miss A. Thompson and Mr. R. Moss and also to Miss M. McKiernan and Mr. D. Slavin on their engagements.

At the end of the Autumn Term we bade farewell to Mr. J. T. Evans who has taken a post in a Bristol Comprehensive School, and to Mr. D. Evans, who left to teach in Montreal, Canada.

At the end of the School year, we took leave of Mrs. J. Cawley, Mr. A. Cullen, Mr. T. Leigh, Mr. J. Lomax, Mr. D. Slavin and Mrs. B. Ward. Our best wishes go with all of them.

We wish to thank Mrs. J. W. A. Wood, Mrs. R. Compsty, Mrs. K. Turner, Mrs. A. Holt, Mrs. M. Barratt, Miss V. Cole and Mr. P. Hanley for the help they have given us during the year. Prefects during the year have been:

Head Boy: H. Roberts

Head Girl: Hilary Kilner

J. Bailey	Carol Ainslie
T. D. Chadderton	Jennifer Ainslie
D. Ewins	Linden Appleton
R. Greenhalgh	Margaret Aspinall
A. Kay	Judith Derbyshire
J. McCluskey	Kathryn Evans
D. McKay	Doreen Fitzsimmons
R. G. Moore	Judith Grant
S. Norris	Rosemary Hill
I. Pilkington	Stephanie Longland
D. Taylor	Celia Smethurst
	Sandra Wilkinson

Congratulations go to G. J. Slater on his being the first pupil to win a Goodenday Essay Prize outright. Also to G. Fry for winning the Salford Hundred Medal for swimming and to D. Brownlow, who passed with distinction Grade VII, Violin, of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

The following swimming awards have been won by pupils during the year:

Bronze Medallion:

D. Ainslie
N. Burtonwood
R. Forrest
G. Fry
J. Pearson
Marlene Atkinson
Susan Boardman
Janice Bushell
Susan Eastham
Pamela Gosling
Joan Hollings
Norma Shaw
Carol Summerton
Glynis Walker

Bronze Cross:

Elizabeth Williams
Janice Bushell
Susan Eastham
Pamela Gosling
Joan Hollings

Bar to Bronze Cross:

Eileen Schofield
Rhona Nightingale

Award of Merit:

Eileen Schofield
Rhona Nightingale
G. Fry
J. Pearson

We hope that these pupils will be happy and successful at College:

Margaret Aspinall: Kirkby Training College
Linden Appleton: F. L. Caulder College, Liverpool
Carol Ainslie: Homerton College
Kathryn Evans: Yorkshire Training College (Housecraft)
Joan Holgate: Northumberland Training College
Ann Bleackley: Elizabeth Gaskell College (Management Course)

Margaret Blackhurst: Yorkshire T.C. (Housekeeping & Catering Course)
Lynne Jones: Mirfield Nursery Nursing College
Gillian Allsopp: Pendlebury Children's Hospital (Child Nursing)
Ann Ross: Liverpool School of Physiotherapy

The following have been offered places at Universities or Colleges of Advanced Technology subject to satisfactory G.C.E. Advanced Level results:

Jennifer Ainslie	D. Chadderton
Sandra Wilkinson	J. McCluskey
Pamela Vickers	P. Otter
Judith Derbyshire	H. Roberts
Anna Frydman	B. Taylor
Carol Ainslie	S. Barker
	D. Ewins
	I. Pilkington

Congratulations to these winners of French-speaking prizes:
Linda Rayner 1P Judith Jackson IVA Gillian Newton MVI Arts

Between March 3rd and March 13th the School underwent a General Inspection. Fourteen of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools metaphorically took the School to pieces. One imagines that they missed very little; and it is too much to expect that everything was perfect; but they found much to commend and praise and had much good advice to bestow. We have yet to receive their report, but have reason to believe that it will be satisfactory.

During the year, the following articles were purchased through the School Fund: a table and three chairs for the hall platform; 100 stackable chairs for the hall; 20 pictures which were framed and hung about the school; the indenture in the Library and the etching of Smithills Hall.

Amount raised for School Charities:

Sale of stamps for Spastics	£1.13.9
Pestalozzi	£9.16.3
Oxfam	£7. 0.0

Thursday morning collections at Smithills Chapel amounted to £24.10.0.

During July, book number 7,000 was added to the Library. This does not mean, of course, that we have so many books. A number have had to be withdrawn because they were worn out, which is a good sign, and a further number are missing, which is not such a good sign. Thanks are due to the Library Prefects who this year have given their time to seeing that the Library was properly used.

We hope soon to have a framed "translation" of the Indenture.

had been entered for Advanced level G.C.E. the previous June and that for the third time a group of pupils had taken G.C.E. at Ordinary level. He went on to say that it was the duty of the schools to see that pupils took full advantage of today's educational advantages. Both pupils and parents should be prepared for demands which would be made on them by the higher academic standards which the schools sought. He specified two types of disappointing pupils: those who did not work until shocked by poor G.C.E. results, and those who left without reaching their true potential. Pupils should be made to feel that school extends beyond the age of sixteen. A new educational era was beginning in Britain so we must learn to change our thinking in this way. Mr. Clements praised pupils who returned for a sixth year to improve their results. Many had succeeded and there was no disgrace in taking six years to achieve a worthy result as the examination was never intended to be easy.

He was pleased that despite the high standards demanded by universities and training colleges there was no shortage of candidates. The Robbins Report would prevent the "rat race" in the schools as more opportunities were presented in further education. If science students would forsake pure science for technological studies they would find university entrance less difficult. All applying for further education should remember that they were expected to have interests outside the classroom. Universities were trying to find young people who could make a genuine contribution to life and not be just "academic sponges".

The report was followed by the choir's rendering of three songs—"Rolling Down to Rio"; "O. Waly, Waly", and "Let us now praise famous men" all of which were performed with the excellence we now expect of the choir.

Next came the presentation of prizes and certificates by Mrs. Wareham. There was the usual vigorous applause for each group of prize winners but the loudest applause certainly went to Mrs. Morris who collected a prize on behalf of her daughter Christine, who was the first pupil from the School to enter university.

Mrs. Wareham's address was most interesting and lively and enjoyed by everyone even though she spoke as a parent. She told us that we would be more successful if our lives were governed by a desire to serve others instead of ourselves all the time. She cited as an example her own husband who had begun in journalism at five shillings a week and by hard work had risen to the position of editor of a national newspaper. She advised us to go out and see the world on completion of our studies but not to be in too much of a hurry to leave school. As a parent she had been accused of being a "square" but she told us to remember that our parents had given us the priceless gift of freedom. Other young people

still had to fight and die for liberty. She said "We are with it all right; we are way out ahead of you". She advised the girls to stay at school because educated women made the best mothers. She suggested that children should be brought up with equal quantities of loving and thumping from their parents. Although Mrs. Wareham's speech was made in a light-hearted and amusing vein it certainly gave us much to think about.

The Head Girl, Hilary Kilner, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wareham and the Head Boy, Howard Roberts, seconded it and presented Mrs. Wareham with a book. The evening ended with the singing of the school hymn.

JENNIFER AINSLIE, Upper VI Arts.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

First Forms

IA
IB
IC

Jennifer Jones, Elizabeth Hulme, Barbara Yates
P. Karmaz, Marie Hammond
Alison Holland

Second Forms

IIA
IIB
IIC

Janet Barrett, Norma Shaw, Judith Taylor
Joseph Howarth, G. D. Matthews
J. Coochey, Jennifer Longton

Third Forms

IIIA
IIIB
IIIC

N. Potts, M. Smith
D. J. Dean, Alison Horrocks, Lynn Sutcliffe
Margaret Ridding, Pauline Salisbury

Fourth Forms

IV Remove
IV Alpha
IV Beta
IVA
IVB

I. Hulme, B. J. Roberts
S. Atherton, A. Perris, D. Roscoe
I. Guffogg, I. Sumner
E. Moore, C. Nicholas, Kathryn Nuttall
P. Bland, Anne Gregson

G.C.E. ORDINARY LEVEL

Subject Prizes:

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Domestic Science
English
Foreign Language
General Science
Geometrical and
Engineering Drawing
Geography
History
Mathematics
Commercial Mathematics
Music
Physics

Glens Barlow
F. Evans
F. Evans
Mary Lunt
D. McKay, Margaret Smith
Patricia Marsland
F. Reid

R. Yates
B. Clinch
Frances Makin, Jean Draper
N. Darbyshire
J. France
D. Brownlow
K. Butterworth, J. A. Cooper,
M. Heaton

Physics with Chemistry
Woodwork
5th Form General Prizes

Pamela Hargreaves
Paul Ashlin
Dorothy Hargreaves, S. Knowles,
A. Owen

JAMES SLADE PRIZE FOR DIVINITY

Pamela Smith

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION PRIZE FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING

Junior School: Barbara Yates
Middle School: June Scarr, K. Ingham
Senior School: Linden Appleton

Lower Sixth Form Prizes

Lower VI Arts	Stephanie Longland
Lower VI Science	S. Barker
Lower VI Biology	S. Roberts

OWEN PRIZE FOR SCIENCE

B. Taylor

GOODENDAY ESSAY PRIZE

Anna Frydman, Hilary Kilner

G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL

Subject Prizes

History	Jennifer Ainslie
Mathematics	Christine Morris
Chemistry	H. Roberts

G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS

D. C. Ashworth (M., P., C., U.)	H. A. Roberts (M., P., C.)
J. McCluskey (M., C.)	Jennifer Ainslie (E., H., F., U.)
A. P. A. Otter (M.)	Judith Grant (C., B., Z.)
I. Pilkington (C., B., Z.)	Christine Morris (M., P., FM., U.)
B. F. Taylor (M., P., C., U.)	Sandra Wilkinson (E., G., U.)

Key: E—English Literature, F—French, G—Geography, H—History,
M—Mathematics, FM—Further Mathematics, P—Physics,
C—Chemistry, B—Botany, Z—Zoology, U—Use of English.

G.C.E. RESULTS

The following have obtained passes at "O" level. Those with four or more will be presented with their certificates.

V Alpha

S. J. Bond	K. Spragg	Kathleen Ireland
K. Butterworth	R. V. Taylor	Pauline Jones
J. A. Cooper	Susan Berry	Frances Makin
N. Darbyshire	Carol Blundell	Patricia Marsland
F. E. Evans	Joan Bryce	Carol Oxley
G. J. Fielding	Jennifer Carson	Sheila Parry
J. D. Haslam	Pauline Denton	Jennifer Shuttleworth
M. Heaton	Pauline Farrimond	Margaret Smith
G. Hilton	Barbara Gibbons	Rita Smith
A. G. Hughes	Maureen Hadcroft	Elaine Wiltshire
J. Johnson	Dorothy Hargreaves	

V Beta

T. J. Chadwick	N. Wainwright	Pamela M. Jode
B. Clinch	I. D. Whitehouse	Helene K. Jones
M. R. Cropper	A. P. Wise	Patricia Longworth
D. F. Flockhart	F. Vivienne Ashcroft	Eileen P. Mousir
A. Forbes	Carol Barton	Judith M. Pass
J. C. Haslam	Olwen Evans	Judith A. Partington

Eight

M. Hepburn
J. S. Pearson
C. J. Rogers
P. T. Shuttleworth

V F

D. Brownlow	H. W. Thompson
D. A. Calderbank	K. Whowell
D. R. Catherall	J. K. Yates
R. Deans	Susan Ainsworth
D. Hulme	Christine Binks
I. P. Kirk	Margaret Blackhurst
S. J. R. Knowles	Carol A. Clark
R. L. Machin	Joan Davies
A. Owen	Jean M. Draper
D. Pollitt	Pamela Hargreaves

V A

P. M. Elmes	Janet Davies
G. Fry	Christine Dunsbee
F. R. Reid	Rita Hargreaves
D. N. Sharples	Jean P. Higginson
G. J. Slater	Judith Fish
Joan Blinkhorn	Mary Lunt

V B

C. P. Ashlin	R. Sproston	Wendy Collier
M. Laycock	H. F. Turner	Doreen France
M. J. Orrell	J. Weeks	Sylvia M. Rudd

Additional "O" level passes:

Upper Vth

J. B. Breakspere	D. B. Knowles	Valerie Lee
G. Butterworth	D. Pollitt	Barbara Lomax
M. J. E. Cunliffe	Glenys Barlow	Susan Patterson
D. Davenport	P. Anne Bleakley	Lauren Robinson
J. T. France	Christine Clark	Karen Coleman
	Rita Johnson	

Vth Form

T. D. S. Chadderton	A. P. A. Otter	Hilary Kilner
R. P. Greenhalgh	C. D. Sidey	Dorothy Longworth
A. J. Hargreaves	B. Whittle	Christine Morris
P. S. Heyworth	P. J. Williamson	Sylvia A. Ratcliffe
A. Kay	Sheila Brennan	Jean M. Ridings
D. H. Kingston-Smith	Judith Darbyshire	Ann L. Ross
D. McKay	Doreen Fitzsimmons	Celia Smethurst
R. G. Moore	Vera M. Halliday	Pamela Vickers
S. R. Norris	Valerie Kerfoot	Barbara Ward
	Joan Ward	

ACADEMIC RECORD 1962/63

Christine Morris - Mathematics - Newcastle University

ENGLISH SPEAKING COMPETITION, 1964

This year the Competition took place on Thursday, August 30th. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. M. King of Wolfenden Girls' C.S. School to judge the Senior and Middle School competitions. Mr. A. Evans, of our own English staff, judged the Junior competition. Test passages and competitors were:

SENIORS

Extract from "The White Peacock" by D. H. Lawrence
Judith Grant, UVI Biology

Nine

Carol Ainslie, MVI Science
Stephanie Longland, MVI Arts
Joan Davies, Upper VA (2nd)
Carolyn Coward, Upper VB (3rd)
Elizabeth Williams, VR (1st)
Barbara Blunn, VR
Marilyn Moores, V Alpha

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Extract from "The Mill on the Floss" by George Eliot.
Lindsey Fearnley, IIIA
Carol Horner, IIIB
P. J. Turner, IIIB (shared 1st place)
Susan Lever, IIC
Lynn Sutcliffe, IVA (shared 1st place)
Mary Pearce, IVA (2nd)
K. Ingham, IVB

JUNIORS

Extract from "Black Beauty" by Anna Sewell
Anne Haslam, IP
S. Potter, IG
Kathleen Holland, IG
Susan Payne, IC (3rd)
Barbara Yates, IIA
Sylvia Blacklock, IIB
Anne Sandiford, IIC (1st)
Caroline Hall, IIC (2nd)

THE LAST THREE WEEKS

How to use the time profitably between the end of Bolton holiday fortnight and the beginning of the long holiday is an annual problem. The G.C.E. examination and our school examinations are over and everyone feels that the year's work has been completed; but the law compels us to attend School for a further three weeks and so we try to make the best of the time. This year, the main school made a start on next year's time-table in their new forms. Parties visited Lancaster Castle and the Oceanarium at Morecambe; Jodrell Bank, Harewood House, Kirkstall Abbey and Museum, Bibby's of Liverpool and the Bolton Town Hall and G.P.O. There were also the House excursions to various places. A party of Seniors put in some hard work on the garden of the Old People's Home in Castle Street and a group of boys laid a concrete footpath from the main gate to the cycle shed. Two other groups engaged themselves in surveys; one, of shops and offices in connection with the replanning of Bolton and the other visited pensioners living in an area bounded by Captain's Clough, Chorley Old Road, Halliwell Road and Eskrick Street to find out their needs and to help them wherever possible. Much information was gathered and sent to the Welfare Department. It is hoped to follow up this work next term.

The Headmaster has received the following letter of thanks:

47 Somerville Square,
Bolton

Dear Sir,

31/7/64

Thankyou very much for your insight into the needs of the pensioners. My "back", I nearly said "garden", but as one of your boys said "jungle" was so very high that I could not do it. The wonderful crowd of young ladies and gentlemen you have chosen to help us out are a credit to Smithills Grammar School. Again thanking you and your Staff and the young ladies and gentlemen.

Yours very sincerely,

M. T. McDONALD.

SOME IMPRESSIONS OF AN OCEANARIUM

The Oceanarium at Morecambe is the first in Britain and has many unique features. The building itself is new with a small portion as yet unfinished. In the building are tropical, Lake District and Morecambe Bay fish. In the middle of the interior is a penguin display and alligators and crocodiles in their natural surroundings, complete with artificial tropical rainstorms. There is also a display of gaily-coloured turtles and terrapins.

An outdoor arena, seating one thousand people, surrounds two huge pools in one of which are dolphins and in the other, sea lions. These creatures are trained daily by two experienced men. For every trick they perform, their reward is a fish. They eat up to twelve pounds of fish a day. Their ability to perform tricks is not quite up to standard, owing to a recent thunderstorm, after which the creatures were afraid of coming out of the water and so could not be trained. The dolphins, however, have recovered. The dolphins have to be imported from the Gulf of Mexico, a very expensive undertaking.

BARBARA CATTERALL, IIA.

Considering that the Oceanarium has been open only a short time, the show was of quite a high standard; although the prices were ridiculously high. I thought the tanks were too small for the number of animals in them; in one tank about fourteen feet square by eight feet deep were eight dolphins. The dolphins were in an advanced state of training with a number of tricks such as returning balls to the keeper, jumping for fish and taking cigarettes from the keeper's mouth.

The sea lions were trained by a "Captain" Fleming, who seemed only able to blow his whistle and feed the sea lions. At one side of the pool was a ramp up which the sea lions could climb on to a platform on which were pedestals on which they were supposed to sit and balance balls. The trainer would coax the seals up the ramp and on to the platform, using fish, and they, after taking their fish, would flap across the pedestals and into the water.

P. BROUGHTON, IVA.

The Oceanarium appears to be a good idea that has been spoiled by inadequate planning. The young man who was to introduce the show finally started his patter after several false starts, appeals to people inside the building to come out, to sit down and a fruitless search for a missing parent. He then went on to explain to the audience why they had just paid four shillings to see six non-performing seals. "Captain" Fleming, we gathered, was a man of many accomplishments, including the mastery of six languages, but not, apparently, including the ability to make seals perform. After spending several minutes in a vain attempt to get them to do something besides eat and swim, he retired from the scene amid loud applause.

The next act was more interesting, with several dolphins smiling, throwing balls around, and leaping out of the water. During the act, the commentator explained why the show was running at a loss and addressed several remarks to the dolphins, none of which was heeded.

N. RIGBY, IVA.

MY FIRST YEAR AT COLLEGE

My first year at College has been one of great fun. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and I have never regretted leaving school and going to College, even though at times it has been harder than expected.

My first term at College began on the 19th September, 1964; my mother and father drove me down to Bristol on the 17th September and spent the night in Bristol. As I saw them drive away from the hostel it was hard to believe that I would not see them again until Christmas. I met the other girls at the hostel; they were all very friendly, but they were like myself, feeling rather sad at having left home for the first time.

The next day, College started, and most of the time was spent sorting ourselves into the appropriate groups. Our group tutor, Miss Munsen, was very pleasant and made us all feel quite at home and happy. Soon work started and we began on our needlework, mak-

ing a pair of pyjamas for a child; great fun, one might say, but not if you have never done any needlework before, considering pyjamas are about the hardest things to make. The pyjamas I was making nearly ended up without legs as I stitched them together.

Then we started our appliqué picture in Art; this was a big joke too, because I just cannot and never will be able to draw. Eventually, after three weeks, Mrs. Wright decided I could not draw and drew my cat for me. The cat was then cut out of different kinds of material and stitched on to some hessian.

In craft we began to create Miss Tillman's idea of a lion cub; this was made out of gorgeous material just like a bought teddy-bear is made of. It cost 35/- a yard, but fortunately we only required $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of it. I say I began to create a lion cub because when it was finished everyone decided it was a kangaroo; very heart breaking really.

The term went by very quickly and I soon made many friends, all of whom found my Lancashire accent most amusing and tried their best to imitate it, but were not successful. About three weeks before the end of term we began what was to be the most intricate, yet satisfying thing which we were to make, an eiderdown. Many fears might have been shed if we had not had a lot of patience while making this. Term came to an end very quickly and I went home by train.

The holiday passed far too quickly and I was soon back at College, working like mad for exams. When exams were over, it was back to needlework which seemed to rule our lives at that time. We started a project in Art. I did one on Silk, and was fast and furiously sending for information and samples of silk. The most outstanding feature of this term was the College Luncheon, held on the 18th February to celebrate the opening of our department in 1962. All the students played hostess to a visitor and it was great fun.

The term again went by quickly and we were busy with our cookery, Needlework, Science, Business affairs, English and Child Care and Physiology and Anatomy, all very time-consuming, so we had very little time to spare either at night or during the day. The 20th March came very quickly and we all said our goodbyes as we were going out on training practice for the summer term. One thing I learned in Bristol was how to live and communicate with people of other races, especially the Africans and Indians. Before, coloured people had never entered into my life, but at the Methodist International Hostel we learned to live together happily and different colours of skin did in no way deter our friendliness towards one another. It was interesting to spend an evening talking

to them about their own countries and listening to their views of England as a country. All of them seemed to like England and the English people. It was also a magnificent sight to see them in their national costumes.

The summer term was spent at Ravenswood School, Stoodleigh Court, Tiverton, Devon. It was an absolutely super boarding school for boys between the ages of 7 and 14. There was a fabulous swimming pool and tennis courts, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

My first year at College has been a wonderful experience and I would not have missed it for the world. I have learnt to stand on my own two feet and fight for what I think is right. I should like to thank all the teachers at Smithills Grammar School, of which I am proud to be an ex-pupil, for making this experience possible.

SUSAN TILLMAN.

AN IMPRESSION OF UNIVERSITY

University, a word mentioned by hopeful schoolteachers, a word which ambitious pupils take for granted as being the natural conclusion to their years at school. But university, it must be realised by these hopefuls, is not just a job, nine till five and then home; it is a complete way of life for those who decide to attend university or college away from home as the greater majority of students in fact do. Life at university can be wonderful and exciting but it can be miserably lonely and unhappy just as easily. Almost everyone leaving home for the first time will go through a period of homesickness but luckily in the atmosphere of university such a feeling is quickly chased away by inevitable new friendships and experiences. It is very important though for the individual to decide carefully whether they will be happy away from home and not to be carried away by what they have heard of the social life of university or by thoughts of complete independence, which is almost impossible on a standard grant. I had the choice of attending a university near home or one much further away. I chose the latter and like many others was sure it was a mistake during my first few weeks; weeks when natural homesickness was aggravated by the necessary acceptance of new ideas in and out of college.

I had been told of differences between school life and university life but I never realised that they would be different to such a great extent. The only things which seemed to be the same were the actual conditions in and around the university. For six years I had become accustomed to the noises and rabble caused by buildings under construction; that is the Grammar School and then the Technical School and it was a pleasant surprise to be in the same circumstances throughout the rapidly expanding and new University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The attitude towards the work was prob-

ably the greatest surprise. It was to all only part and to some a small part of university. The student is given a tutor and a timetable of lectures which he or she is advised to attend. There is no check to see who or how many attend these lectures and the numbers at certain ones decrease noticeably week by week. The lack of discipline comes as rather a pleasant surprise after the regulated class and home work of school but after a while when the novelty has worn off and the student realises that the work is getting out of hand a certain amount of self-discipline is necessary and this is easier to some than to others. When one looks at the endless list of societies, clubs, dances and parties taking place every night it seems a miracle that any work is done at all. Fortunately most students come to a reasonable compromise and somehow find time to do enough work to keep up with the pace set, which is far faster than any experienced in school.

The first two terms in a student's year are perhaps a maximum of play with a minimum of work but during the final term leading to the examinations the amounts of work and play are noticeably altered and everyone seems occupied in a frantic effort to reach the standard required; a standard which not many students have much idea of, which is undoubtedly high and one which some will fail to achieve. I think most other students would agree with me that even if they were not allowed to continue their course, they would be glad to have had a taste of university life; to have met so many people, a varied, fascinating collection almost impossible to find anywhere other than at university. They will have had the opportunity to do what even the members of the academic staff confess is perhaps the most important role of university; that is, to learn from and about other people, about their ideas and interests; to grow up in an atmosphere in which class prejudices and intolerance cannot exist.

CHRISTINE MORRIS.

ON GOING TO AN ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

There was quite a large gathering outside the Victoria Hall; I looked at the faces and recognised no one. "She's going to be late," I thought. "I'll go inside and find my place". Taking a brief glance at my ticket numbered H5, I wended my way through the crowd and entered the hall.

The blocks of seats were lettered alphabetically; I looked round the hall which had a pleasing décor of claret, blue, cream and beige; there was a gilt inscription "Trust and Obey" boldly displayed on the frieze over the platform. People of all types and ages were present in the audience; the old, the young, the connoisseur, the indifferent and amateur and I wondered what percentage of them, as I, knew very little about classical music.

Most of the musicians were seated and the weird incoherent chords produced as they tuned their instruments dominated the hum of conversation in the audience. This is characteristic of all orchestral concerts and one's mind always associates the two. In

strode the leader and everyone applauded. He tuned his violin and when satisfied with its tone, rapped his bow on the edge of the music stand as a signal for the orchestra to be quiet and to await the appearance of the conductor who confidently strode into the hall at the appointed moment. The audience fervently applauded as he made a slow, dignified bow on the rostrum. The prominent figure raised his baton, his hand made a descending sweep and the strains of the National Anthem filled the hall. After the audience had settled down and the late arrivals had found their seats, the full orchestra came to life by vigorously playing the William Tell overture; the concert had begun.

While the music is being played one's attention hardly strays from the musicians on the platform. The music produced by the percussion necessarily adds to the variety, quality and tone of the work but the sight of each player so conscientiously occupied with the unfamiliar instruments and the effort produced when they are required to be played at very infrequent intervals, is always a source of amusement for the inexperienced layman such as myself.

The conductor undoubtedly poses an enigma which has yet to be explained to my satisfaction. Reason dictates that the conductor must be the co-ordinating centre of the orchestra but I have yet to understand how this co-ordination is achieved as all he seems to do is to make incomprehensible gesticulations and as the musicians rarely ever seem to notice him with the exception of the soloist.

However delightful the music, one always becomes aware of the hardness of the chairs and one is invariably glad to welcome the fifteen-minute interval when most people make their way to the foyer where friends "discuss" the music and the haze of smoke emphasises the fact that smoking is prohibited in the main hall.

Whatever the programme and however competent its execution and interpretation, the concert ends in tumultuous applause. The individual departs with fixed ideas about the quality of the performance and he always feels a little more knowledgeable in the realm of music than he did on arrival; alas, he is brought to realise his ignorance when he finds that the views expressed by the experienced critic in the following day's newspaper are completely different from his own. On reflection, however, surely it is more important that the individual should form his own conclusions and this together with the fact that he has enjoyed the performance shows that the visit has been worthwhile.

JUDITH GRANT, Upper VI Biology.

STEEL—ITS PART IN THE BRITISH ECONOMY

On the 12th December, 1963, the geography, economics and science groups of the Sixth Form were given a lecture on "Steel—its part in the British Economy" by Mr. W. A. Gibson-Martin, the official lecturer of the British Iron and Steel Federation.

He began by naming a number of industries in which steel in differing qualities is a basic material, the quality of the steel deciding the price at which these industries buy it. For instance in the shipbuilding industry steel costs £46 a ton, but the very special steel needed to make watch hair-springs costs £500,000 a ton. He said that British steel is of such a high quality that the industry has been able to build an expanding export trade and that it is also an industry which is not likely to be troubled in the foreseeable future by competition from substitutes.

He then gave a synopsis of the technical developments in the industry beginning with the introduction of the Bessemer Converter in 1754 up to the recent Oxygen Process. But perhaps the most important development was the introduction of stainless steel in 1912. However, in all the processes used many changes have been made to keep the production of steel at the same level as its demand.

In recent years, he said, the distribution of steel plants has helped to relieve unemployment in certain areas. For instance Press Steel set up a plant at Ravensgrade in Lanarkshire as a means of employing the redundant and also as a magnet for lighter industries. As a result the Rootes Motor Group built an assembly line near to it and consequently Press Steel's production of car bodies was increased fourfold. He did, however, bring to our notice that despite this re-distribution of the industry there was still local specialisation; that is, iron rails in Workington, pipes and tubes at Corby and the production of steel alloys in Sheffield.

Mr. W. A. Gibson-Martin brought this very informative and interesting lecture to an end by showing a film that gave visual evidence of the processes he had earlier described briefly.

D. MCKAY, M.VI Arts.

ACCOUNT OF A LECTURE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS given by Mr. R. E. Hallett

On Friday, November 15th, the Sixth Forms of Smithills Grammar and Technical Schools, the Modern School, and the Sixth Form of Heywood Grammar School assembled in the Grammar School hall in order to hear an American lecturer, Mr. R. E. Hallett, give a talk on Anglo-American relations.

Mr. Hallett is widely experienced; having been a teacher, a producer, and visited many of the Carribean Islands, Africa and much of Europe.

Opening his lecture, Mr. Hallett remarked that since the war there has been a marked weakening of the ties between our two countries. This had been further weakened in recent times by such events as the Cuban crisis, the Polaris/Skybolt controversy, American aid to Indonesia, and American attempts to regulate trade between Britain and the Soviet Union. He stated that the full facts of these matters were not always known and that one should refrain from forming an opinion after examining only one side. To obtain both views, Mr. Hallett advised us to try to read both British and American newspapers.

Mr. Hallett pressed the need for a strengthening of ties between Britain and America and a broadening of the knowledge of our two peoples on both sides. This apparent lack of knowledge of each other was illustrated by means of a test set by our speaker in which the audience was asked to call out the first thing which sprang to mind at the word "America". These ideas varied from "ten gallon hat" and "loud clothes" to "brash and noisy". This also worked both ways, and when Americans had been asked to do the same thing of Britain they had given pictures of pageantry as seen in the Coronation and Royal weddings and the picture of a nineteenth-century thatched cottage. Of the former ideas, Mr. Hallett stated that not all Americans were cowboys or were brash and noisy, and of the latter he said that this picture of nineteenth-century Britain had been obtained from the extensive reading in American schools of authors from this period such as Dickens.

Mr. Hallett then went on to suggest methods of broadening the ideas of the young people from both countries. One way was to exchange modern British and American literature between school classes of both countries. These books would be read and the class would then have a discussion on the different aspects. This would be tape recorded and sent to the other country. Another, and even better method of broadening the outlook suggested by Mr. Hallett, was the exchange of students themselves for a period of time. This would enable the individual to see for himself and to form his own opinions on the different aspects of life in the other country.

Mr. Hallett later remarked that the situations of the two countries have, to a certain extent, changed. He said that there have been times in the past when the U.S.A. and many other countries have been thankful for Britain's willingness to protect their interests. Now America must also take on the same duty with equal willingness.

Towards the end, Mr. Hallett allowed time for any questions to be asked. Whilst answering one of these he stated that in his opinion, America would do well to enter the British Commonwealth and so form an Anglo-American Commonwealth. But for such an ambition to be realised he warned that there would have to be much discussion over the conference table and this would need give and take on both sides.

In answer to another question Mr. Hallett admitted that although the U.S.A. did have some success in foreign policy, this was not altogether true when it came to home policy. This was due to a certain extent to the comparatively small majority gained by President Kennedy during the elections. This meant that a large section of the senate consisted of extreme right-wing men who opposed many of the President's policies. Mr. Hallett himself was ashamed of the segregation in certain areas of America although he added that on looking closely one realised that this was gradually taking a turn for the better.

The proceedings were concluded by D. Taylor who, in his vote of thanks, thanked Mr. Hallett for a most interesting and beneficial lecture. This was echoed by the tumultuous applause of all present.

D. N. SHARPLES, G. L.VI Arts.

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

In November we welcomed to the School, Mr. Bell, who was once a teacher, lecturer and later director of education in Nigeria.

Mr. Bell spoke about various aspects of life in Nigeria. He told us that Nigeria had a population of forty-four million, about as many people as there are in England. Some of the people are Christians, others are Mohammedans, followers of Islam. These people, when they die, are buried in an upright position, facing Mecca. Also there are the forest tribes, who are Pagans.

The rain falls from April to September every year; a common greeting in Nigeria is, "Have you had rain?" On the coast the yearly rainfall is one hundred inches, and varies to twenty inches in the far north. The rain is vital to the farmers, for if the rainfall was low the crops would be very poor. When speaking about agriculture Mr. Bell mentioned that in the north, cotton and ground nuts are grown; while in the south, cocoa and oil palms are grown.

One big problem is that of the tsetse fly, which carries the sleeping sickness germ, and kills many of the cattle, so there is little or no milk or meat in some places. Many of the natives suffer from malaria, which is spread by the mosquito.

In the city of Kano the people, who live in mud houses, mostly follow the Islam religion. In the dry season there are many camel traders and at this time the population is doubled. Kano supplies us with skins and dyes. The material is dyed by being dipped in dye pits. Indigo, a violet blue dye, is one of the main colours.

Ibadan, in Southern Nigeria, is the largest town in West Africa. Mr. Bell showed us pictures of new schools and universities built there. The Port of Lagos is the capital of Nigeria; it is an educational centre, and a centre of government.

Mr. Bell joked about the way in which the influence of the British is seen in Nigeria. He stated that whenever the British colonise a territory they always bring red pillar boxes, buses, and introduce the game of association football.

FIONA HORROCKS, II A.

YOUNG GUESTS CAME FROM ENGLAND

Pupil Exchange between Bolton and Lübbecke

Once again foreign youths have arrived in Lübbecke as guests of local families. Seventeen girls and boys of Smithills Grammar School in the town of Bolton in the English county of Lancashire were heartily greeted on Tuesday evening on the playground of the Lübbecke Wittekind Gymnasium by their host families and partners with whom they will spend fourteen days here.

The pupils from the British island will stay here for two weeks and will then take their German partners home with them to England on the 21st July.

The English group is being accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Medora and Mr. A. Jasper, two teachers of Smithills Grammar School.

Numerous pupils of the Wittekind school, with their fathers or mothers, had arrived on the square in front of the Grammar School for the reception. The guests had left Bolton on Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock. It was Tuesday evening towards 7 o'clock when the 'bus coming from Herford (the group had been met there) drove into the school playground.

The young guests were, of course, extremely tired from the long journey. But they didn't show it. The 'bus had scarcely stopped when the English girls quickly jumped out to look for the German partners and found them surprisingly quickly. Photographs had already been exchanged.

The headmaster, Herr Gaupp, gave a short greeting to the guests. He will often see them as guest pupils in the Grammar School during the next two weeks. The families themselves already have all sorts of plans for the boys and girls from the island to make their stay as enjoyable as possible. Above all, it is intended to show them the area around Lübbecke.

On the journey to England, Herr Bohmer, who had met the young English people in Herford, and his wife, who is similarly a teacher at the Wittekind Gymnasium, will accompany the pupils from Lübbecke. They will likewise first live for fourteen days with the English host families and then spend some days in London.

The exchange between the two schools has been prepared for some time. Perhaps a permanent contact will develop out of it.

(Transformation of article appearing in the Lübbecke Kreiszeitung, 9th July, 1964).

Boys' Freestyle :

R. Walkden (Hu) 29.3 secs., B. Kilshaw (Ba) 31.6 secs., D. Rowlinson (Ai) 35.6 secs., A. Cropper (Ma) 37.2 secs.

Girls' Freestyle :

E. Williams (Ba) 35.8 secs., E. Schofield (Ai) 40.5 secs., J. Burgess (Hu), 52 secs.

Boys' Breaststroke :

G. Fry (Hu) 37.4 secs., D. Ainslie (Ba) 38.5 secs.

Girls' Breaststroke :

G. Walker (Ma) 47.5 secs., S. Berry (Ba) 49 secs.

Boys' Backcrawl :

J. Walker (Ai) 39 secs., R. Forrest (Ma) 41.9 secs., D. Watson (Ba) 50.2 secs., T. Ambrose (Hu) 59 secs.

Girls' Backcrawl :

J. Taylor (Ai) 43.4 secs.

Boys' Butterfly :

J. Pearson (By) 14.2 secs., P. Strzalko (Ra) 21 secs., H. Burd (Ai) disqualified.

Girls' Butterfly :

R. Nightingale (Ba) 19.8 secs.

Boys' Relay :

Barton 57.6 secs., Hulton 67.4 secs., Marsh 73.2 secs.

Girls' Relay :

Barton 72.2 secs., Radclyffe 107.4 secs., Hulton 108.2 secs.

Final Placings :

1st Barton 97, 2nd Hulton 69, 3rd Radclyffe 65, 4th Ainsworth 58, 5th Marsh 30, 6th Norley 25½, 7th Byrom 6½. Assheton did not enter a team.

Girls' Swimming Team

The newly formed very young girls' swimming team have shown a keen fighting spirit throughout the season. Its members consist mainly of second and third year girls. Although they have won only two matches the margin of defeat against well established schools with good swimming traditions has been very narrow.

The team swam extremely well in the Bolton District Gala having final entrants in all but three of the final eighteen events. Our final position was third with thirty-nine points. Hayward coming second with forty-three points and County Grammar first with fifty-one points.

Congratulations must go to Elizabeth Williams who was placed second in all her final senior events, and to the Senior Medley and Squadron Relay teams and the Junior Squadron Relay team. All teams were placed second.

The Base have some very good young swimmers who have trained earnestly throughout the season. A keen, determined spirit has been shown in all the matches, this coming to the forefront especially in the relay races.

Praise must go to all team members, as each has given of her best. Credit must go to Elizabeth Williams who has worked conscientiously as swimming secretary and to Jean Gibbons who by her performances and keen interest as captain has set a perfect example to the rest of her team mates, but who unfortunately was put out of action for some time through a shoulder injury obtained whilst training.

Results :

v. Whitecroft Road	Lost	49—83
v. Wolfenden C.S.	Won	82—70
v. Darwen G.S.	Lost	62—90
v. Hayward Schools	Lost	71—81
v. Bolton C.G.	Lost	60—92
v. Bury G.S.	Lost	67—79
v. Bury G.S.	Won	76—69

Swimming Proficiency Certificates

The Swimming Certificates are awarded in four standards:

- a) 1 Length
- b) 10 Lengths
- c) Plunge dive, Surface dive, Life Saving rescue 20 yds., 1 length front crawl, 1 length back crawl, 1 length back crawl without arms, 1 length breast stroke
- d) Plunge dive, Surface dive, Forward sculling, Backward sculling, General life saving proficiency, 4 lengths back stroke, 4 lengths back stroke without arms, 4 lengths breast stroke, 4 lengths front crawl, 4 lengths back crawl.

These sections have to be done in order and emphasis is on style and not speed. The 1 length people are too numerous to mention and these tests are done in normal class time. The 10 lengths are also very numerous and names will not be mentioned. This section of the test and also sections C and D are done on Friday evenings between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. It is worthy of note, however, that the number of non swimmers left, after each class having the use of the baths for one term in the last 12 months since the baths opened, are very few, and at the present rate of learning it is expected that by the end of two years at Smithills every child should be able to swim.

The number of children quoted below is not the total capable of the tests but the total who have taken the trouble to take the tests.

Section b—194

Section c—58

Section d—9

Section C. Awards

S. Laithwaite	M5T	J. Wells	T5H	J. Pearson	L6M
A. Owen	M4T	S. Riley	T5H	E. Scofield	G5A
D. Greenhalgh	M4E	D. Hamer	T4P	E. Williams	G5R
P. Bullough	M4E	S. Allen	T3A	G. Fry	GU5B
N. Street	M4E	S. Coltman	T2A	P. Lounen	G3A
D. Stokes	M4E	A. Johnson	T2A	A. Lee	G3B
J. Chadwick	M4E	H. Nuttall	T2A	G. Matthews	G3A
A. Whittaker	M4E	E. Cornelius	T2A	N. Seagar	G3C
A. Kenyon	M4E	B. Kay	T2D	B. Dagnall	G3C
A. King	M4B	K. Wilkinson	T2A	R. Williams	G3C
P. Wood	M4A	D. Whitehead	T2C	J. Williams	G2A
P. Wadeson	M4B	P. Robinson	T1B	A. Scofield	G3B
S. Selby	M3B	G. Baldwin	T1A	F. Allen	G2C
D. Hollins	M3A	T. Pollitt	T1B	B. Worthington	G2B
H. Cooper	M3A			D. Neville	G2A
A. Bromley	M3A			L. Morris	G1G
P. Fogg	M2A			C. Webster	G1C
C. Sandall	M2A				
J. Whittaker	M2B				
B. Bennett	M2B				
F. Godding	M2D				
J. Wilcock	M1C				
S. White	M1C				
A. Bennett	M1D				
J. Mann	M1A				
C. Preston	M1C				
I. Simpson	M1C				
Section D. Awards					
I. Simpson	M1C	T. Pollitt	T1B	A. Scofield	G3B
J. Mann	M1A	K. Wilkinson	T2A		
H. Cooper	M3A	D. Hamer	T4P		
P. Wadeson	M4B				
P. Wood	M4A				

Congratulations to Elizabeth Williams on being awarded her half colours.

Members of the Base teams have been: Juniors, K. Wilkinson, H. Nuttall, P. Finan, B. Kay, H. Osborne, G. Eckersley, J. Williams, S. Coltman, S. Taylor, E. Cornelius. Seniors, L. Grants, M. Bromilow, L. Martin, J. Gibbons, M. Kay, E. Williams, J. Barlow, S. Allen, S. Entwistle, J. Taylor, S. Riley, C. Middlefell, J. Hollings, E. Schofield.

ATHLETICS

The 1963 season was the first in which we had any athletics at all, and it therefore follows that this season many of those performances would be bettered and we should have a long string of new records. As the years go by these records will be pushed higher and higher and become increasingly difficult to break, until the breaking of a record becomes quite an occasion in the athletic life of the school. Skill with measuring tape and stopwatch will, we hope, also increase, competitors will learn where to be and be there, until the whole organisation ticks regularly and efficiently like a piece of clock work.

We have taken part in three meetings against other schools, the first against Bolton County Grammar School at Leverhulme Park; the second was the Bolton and Districts Inter-Schools Sports at Raikes Park and the last was against Haywards Schools at home. We did not win any of these meetings although the girls came very close in the Bolton Inter-Schools sports. We have learnt, however, in athletics, as in all games and sports, it is practice and training that count.

The track has been marked on the track level since Easter and although P.E. staff have made themselves available for coaching on any evening of the week except Fridays, very few requests have been made and very little training done. Many boys and girls, however, are natural athletes and put up some very good performances but the lack of practice showed itself in the lack of edge we had in the match against Haywards Schools and the spate of pulled muscles during the Inter-House athletics and especially in the Hayward match which followed closely on the Inter-House event and which demanded that extra all-out effort. So long as these lessons have been learnt the 1965 season should be a good one.

The Inter-House athletics ran very well this year and was a credit to all who took part. The four days concerned all turned up trumps weatherwise and made the occasion most enjoyable. In the records which follow only the first four places are given although of course eight are taken in each final. The meetings are in chronological order so that records made are in their proper order. Some records have been broken more than once this season and of course only the best performance appears under the section headed "Athletic Record Holders".

Smithills v Bolton County Grammar School

Bolton County Grammar School won by 345 points to 289.

New records made during this match:

5th and 6th Year Boys:

220 Yards—J. Sidebottom. Equalled existing record of 27.1 secs.
Javelin—A. Hayes. 121ft. 0in.

3rd and 4th Year Girls:

Long Jump—S. Clarke, 13ft. 8in.

5th, and 6th Year Girls:

100 Yards—B. Potter. 13.4 secs.
220 Yards—J. Sheriden. 31.5 secs.
High Jump—S. Riley. 4ft. 4in.

Bolton and District Inter-Schools Athletics

In this match both boys and girls did very well, the boys getting 4th place with 43 points whilst the girls were 2nd with 45 points, only 4 points behind the leaders.

No records of times or distances were available from this meeting, but the points were as follows:

BOLTON AND DISTRICT ATHLETICS, 1964

U/12 Boys Relay	6th	1 point
[S. Seddon (G), K. Webster (T), P. Grimshaw (M), M. Curtis (M)]		
U/13 Boys Hurdles	A. Kay (M)	2nd 5 points
" " 100 yards	W. Collier (T)	2nd 5 points
" " 220 yards	S. B. Leach (T)	1st 7 points
" " 440 yards	W. Collier (T)	3rd 4 points
" " Relay	S. B. Leach (T)	1st 7 points
" " 880 yards	[S. B. Leach (T), W. Collier (T), D. Smith (G), G. Holmes (T)]	3rd 4 points
" " H. Jump	G. Holmes (T)	2nd 5 points
" " H. Jump	D. L. Smith (G)	2nd 5 points

The Above Events counted in the Championship 43 points
Position in the Championship — 4th

U/16 Boys 220 yards	D. Thomas (T)	4th
" " 440 yards	A. Wilson (T)	5th
" " L. Jump	K. G. Jones (G)	3rd
" " H. Jump	K. G. Jones (G)	3rd
" " Discus	A. Hayes (G)	3rd
" " Javelin	A. Hayes (G)	3rd
" " Shot	A. Hayes (G)	3rd
These events did not count in the Championship.		
U/12 Girls 100 yards	S. Butler (M)	2nd 5 points
" " Relay	S. Jones (M)	3rd 4 points
" " Hurdles	[S. Jones (M), M. Hulme (M), S. Butler (M), C. Johnson (T)]	1st 7 points
" " R. Ball	M. Hulme (M)	6th 1 point
" " R. Ball	B. Hacking (T)	1st 7 points
" " R. Ball	C. Johnson (T)	4th 3 points

U/15 Girls Relay	5th	2 Points
[A. Heaton (M), S. Clark (M), J. Anderton (T), C. Curtis (M)]		
" " L. Jump	S. Clark (M)	2nd 5 points
" " Discus	A. Heaton (M)	2nd 5 points
" " Javelin	B. Fiddes (G)	1st 7 points

The Above Events counted towards the Championship 45 points
Position in the Championship — 2nd (and only 4 pts. behind the winners).

U/16 Girls J. Bradshaw	4th
" " Relay	5th
" " Hurdles C. Cockcroft	4th
" " " J. Sheridan	5th
" " L. J. C. Cockcroft (G)	3rd
" " H. J. J. Bradshaw (G)	3rd
" " 100 yards J. Sheriden (T)	5th

SMITHILLS SCHOOLS INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Junior Girls 100 Yards :		Junior Girls 220 Yards :	
1st P. Harrison	By 13.4 sec.	1st G. Pybus	Ba 32.0 sec.
2nd S. Jones	By	2nd J. Jones	By
3rd G. Pybus	Ba	3rd B. Yates	By
4th S. Blacklock	As	4th L. Banks	N
Junior Girls Long Jump :		Junior Girls High Jump :	
1st J. Jones	By 14' 3¼"	1st P. Harrison	By 4' 1½"
2nd I. Carp	H (Record)	2nd P. Holden	N (Record)
3rd S. Blacklock	As	3rd L. Green	M
4th G. Pybus	Ba	4th P. Gregson	By
Junior Girls Rounders Ball :		Junior Girls Relay :	
1st B. Hacking	M 166' 3"	1st Assheton	93.5 sec.
2nd N. Gornall	By	2nd Byrom	
3rd L. Green	M	3rd Hulton	
4th P. Holden	N	4th Ainsworth	
Junior Boys 100 yards :		Junior Boys 220 yards :	
1st P. Fletcher	M 12.7 sec.	1st P. Fletcher	M 28.8 sec.
2nd I. Ainsworth	Ai	2nd S. Chadwick	H (Record)
3rd J. Rackstraw	M	3rd N. Armitage	N
4th C. Livesey	Ba	4th D. Allen	H
Junior Boys Long Jump :		Junior Boys High Jump :	
1st T. Cox	Ai 13' 11½"	1st A. Kay	By 4' 8½"
2nd I. Ainsworth	Ai	2nd S. Chadwick	H (Record)
3rd J. Eagle	R	3rd D. Allen	H
4th S. Wright	H	4th F. Allen	Ba
Junior Boys Cricket Ball :		Junior Boys Relay :	
1st B. Fletcher	N 207' 5"	1st Barton	
2nd G. Tierney	R	2nd Hulton	
3rd M. Booth	By	3rd Assheton	
4th J. Allen	H	4th Byrom	
Intermediate Girls 100 yards :		Intermediate Girls 220 yards :	
1st C. Lee	As 13.8 sec.	1st C. Lee	As 31.4 sec.
2nd C. Curtis	By	2nd C. Dabecki	By (Record)
3rd C. Sharples	M	3rd S. Clarke	By
4th E. Wood	N	4th J. Fryer	As
Intermediate Girls Long Jump :		Intermediate Girls High Jump :	
1st L. Guffogg	By 13' 3¼"	1st B. Fiddes	By 4' 3"
2nd J. Fryer	As	2nd V. Heaton	M (Record)
3rd B. Fiddes	By	3rd J. Brooks	As
4th C. Preston	Ba	4th D. Warburton	As
Intermediate Girls Rounders Ball :		Intermediate Girls Relay :	
1st B. Fiddes	By 199' 8"	1st Byrom	68.9 sec.
2nd P. Simpson	As (Record)	2nd Hulton	
3rd L. Heap	H	3rd Radclyffe	
4th A. Ward	Ba	4th Assheton	

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS—continued

Intermediate Boys 100 yards :		Intermediate Boys 220 yards :	
1st S. Leach	M 10.9 sec.	1st S. Leach	M 24.9 sec.
2nd W. Collier	M	2nd B. Hoyle	Ai
3rd L. Vickers	Ba	3rd A. Longworth	Ba
4th P. Schofield	H	4th M. Yarwood	Ba
Intermediate Boys Long Jump :		Intermediate Boys High Jump :	
1st S. Leach	M 17' 14"	1st D. Smith	H 4' 8½"
2nd W. Collier	M (Record)	2nd M. Smith	As
3rd G. Allman	By	3rd S. Willetts	As
4th C. Gerrard	N	4th I. Leeming	H
Intermediate Boys Javelin :		Intermediate Boys Discus :	
1st N. Leather	N 118' 8"	1st C. Gerrard	N 95' 9"
2nd A. Heyes	R	2nd D. Scholes	M
3rd G. Allman	By	3rd G. Hughes	H
4th S. Willetts	As	4th G. Wetherall	As
Intermediate Boys Shot Put :		Intermediate Boys 440 yards :	
1st H. Lee	H 35' 7"	1st B. Hoyles	Ai 60.5 sec.
2nd G. Bowling	Ai	2nd W. Collier	M
3rd G. Wetherall	As	3rd M. Yarwood	Ba
4th G. Hughes	H	4th J. Flitcroft	As
Intermediate Boys Relay :		Senior Girls 100 yards :	
1st Marsh	54.3 sec.	1st J. Sheriden	Ai 13.9 sec.
2nd Barton		2nd F. Makin	M
3rd Radclyffe		3rd J. Lever	As
4th Hulton		4th B. Potter	N
Senior Girls 220 yards :		Senior Girls 440 yards :	
1st S. Riley	N 31.6 sec.	1st F. Makin	M 78.0 sec.
2nd J. Sheriden	Ai	2nd S. Worthington	N (Record)
3rd F. Makin	M	3rd R. Nightingale	Ba
4th P. Hargreaves	Ai	4th G. Walker	M
Senior Girls High Jump :		Senior Girls Long Jump :	
1st S. Riley	N 4' 3"	1st S. Riley	N 14' 4"
2nd J. Bradshaw	N	2nd J. Bradshaw	N (Record)
3rd C. Cockcroft	By	3rd B. Potter	N
4th S. Partington	H	4th E. Williams	Ba
Senior Girls Javelin :		Senior Girls Relay :	
1st S. Berry	Ba 65' 5"	1st Norley	64.4 sec.
2nd W. Collier	Ai	2nd —	
3rd S. Breakell	By	3rd —	
4th B. Thompson	R	4th —	
Senior Boys 100 yards :		Senior Boys 220 yards :	
1st N. Wainwright	As 11.3 sec.	1st S. Aldred	As 26.0 sec.
2nd D. Schofield	As (Record)	2nd R. Forrest	M (Record)
3rd R. Forrest	M	3rd N. Wainwright	As
4th N. Darbyshire	N	4th S. Howarth	R
Senior Boys 440 yards :		Senior Boys 880 yards :	
1st A. Wilson	M 62.5 sec.	1st N. Wainwright	As 2m. 19.8s.
2nd D. Critchley	Ba	2nd D. Sharples	Ai (Record)
3rd N. Grant	Ba	3rd H. Roberts	As
4th K. Jones	Ai	4th P. Bland	By
Senior Boys 1 Mile :		Senior Boys Long Jump :	
1st M. Lawson	By 5m. 50.3s.	1st N. Darbyshire	N 17' 6½"
2nd M. Ewins	R	2nd D. Sharples	Ai (Record)
3rd D. Sharples	Ai	3rd D. Lloyd	R
4th J. Mossley	N	4th R. Taylor	By

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS—continued

Senior Boys High Jump :		Senior Boys Discus :	
1st R. Taylor	R 5' 0"	1st P. Carlyle	Ba 100' 8½"
2nd J. Johnson	Ba (Record)	2nd J. Walker	Ai (Record)
3rd J. Hunt	N	3rd G. Gittins	H
4th A. Hughes	Ba	4th J. Haslam	By

Senior Boys Javelin :		Senior Boys Shot :	
1st G. Gittins	H 134' 4"	1st I. Nelson	N 30' 8"
2nd P. Bland	By (Record)	2nd A. Heyes	As (Record)
3rd A. Heyes	As	3rd D. Ainslie	Ba
4th D. Watson	Ba	4th J. Carlyle	Ba

Senior Boys Relay :	
1st Assheton	50.7 sec.
2nd Marsh	(Record)
3rd Ainsworth	
4th Hulton	

	Ai.	As.	Ba.	By.	H	M	N	R
Junior Girls 100 yds.	—	10	4	12	—	—	—	1
Junior Girls 220 yds.	—	—	12	11	1	—	2	—
Junior Girls Long Jump	—	5	2	11	8	1	—	—
Junior Girls High Jump	—	1	—	12	—	4	8	2
Junior Girls Rounders Ball	—	—	2	7	1	14	3	—
Junior Girls Relay	2	10	1	7	4	1	1	—
Junior Boys 100 yds.	7	1	3	2	—	14	—	—
Junior Boys 220 yds.	—	—	2	—	10	10	4	—
Junior Boys Long Jump	17	1	1	1	3	—	—	4
Junior Boys High Jump	1	1	2	10	11	—	1	1
Junior Boys Cricket Ball	—	1	—	5	2	10	1	7
Junior Boys Relay	1	4	10	2	7	1	1	1
Intermediate Girls 100 yds.	0	11	0	8	1	4	2	0
Intermediate Girls 220 yds.	0	12	0	11	2	0	0	0
Intermediate Girls Long Jump	1	7	2	15	0	0	0	0
Intermediate Girls High Jump	0	7	1	10	0	7	2	0
Intermediate Girls Rounders Ball	0	8	2	11	5	0	0	1
Intermediate Girls Relay	1	2	1	10	7	1	0	4
Intermediate Boys 100 yds.	0	0	6	0	2	17	0	0
Intermediate Boys 220 yds.	8	0	7	0	2	10	0	0
Intermediate Boys Long Jump	1	0	0	4	2	17	2	1
Intermediate Boys High Jump	1	12	1	0	13	0	0	0
Intermediate Boys Javelin	0	2	1	4	1	0	11	7
Intermediate Boys Discus	2	2	1	0	4	7	10	0
Intermediate Boys Shot	7	5	0	½	13	1	½	0
Intermediate Boys 440 yds.	10	2	5	0	2	7	0	1
Intermediate Boys Relay	1	1	7	1	2	10	1	4
Senior Girls 100 yds.	11	4	0	0	1	7	3	0
Senior Girls 220 yds.	10	0	0	0	1	10	4	1
Senior Girls 440 yds.	0	1	4	1	0	12	7	0
Senior Girls High Jump	0	1	1	4	4	0	17	0
Senior Girls Long Jump	0	0	2	0	0	1	22	1
Senior Girls Javelin	8	0	12	4	0	0	0	2
Senior Girls Relay	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0
Senior Boys 100 yds.	0	18	3	0	0	4	2	0
Senior Boys 220 yds.	0	14	0	2	0	7	0	4
Senior Boys 440 yds.	2	0	12	0	0	10	0	3
Senior Boys 880 yds.	7	15	1	3	0	0	0	0
Senior Boys 1 mile	4	0	2	10	1	1	2	7
Senior Boys High Jump	2	0	9	11	0	0	5	0
Senior Boys Long Jump	8	2	0	2	0	1	10	4
Senior Boys Discus	7	1	11	2	4	0	0	0

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS—continued

Senior Boys Javelin	0	4	4	9	10	0	0	0
Senior Boys Shot	0	8	6	2	0	0	10	1
Senior Boys Relay	4	10	1	1	2	7	1	1
Events total	123	183	141	205½	126	190	148½	58
Standards total	26	36	29	32	33	28	29	18
Grand total	149	219	170	237½	159	218	177½	76
1st	Byrom			236½				
2nd	Assheton			219				
3rd	Marsh			218				
4th	Norley			177½				
5th	Barton			170				
6th	Hulton			159				
7th	Ainsworth			149				
8th	Radcliffe			76				

Athletics Match v Hayward Schools

Hayward Schools won this match convincingly by 286½ points to 197½. There were, however, some very good races and the meeting produced five records for Smithills. We could have been very much nearer Hayward's total had all our best athletes been able to turn out. However next year we will try again and hope that the meeting will be blessed with the same good weather that helped towards making the meeting such a success this year.

Junior Girls 220 yds. — S. Jones, 30.5 s.
 Intermediate Boys Shot — N. Leather, 37' 1½"
 Senior Boys Shot — A. Heyes, 33' 2½"
 Senior Boys 220 yds. — S. Aldred, 24.5 s.
 Senior Boys Discus — P. Carlyle, 107' 5"

Athletic Record Holders

Junior Girls	100 Yards	C. Curtis	By	12.8 s.	1963
	220 Yards	S. Jones	As	30.5 s.	1964
	Relay 4 x 110	Byrom House		60.8 s.	1963
	High Jump	P. Harrison	By	4' 1½"	1964
	Long Jump	J. Jones	By	14' 3½"	1964
	Rounders ball throw	B. Fiddes	By	187' 6"	1963
Junior Boys	100 Yards	D. McIntyre	Ra	12.5 s.	1963
	220 Yards	P. Fletcher	M	28.8 s.	1964
	Relay 4 x 110	Barton House		58.5 s.	1963
	High Jump	A. Kay	By	4' 8½"	1964
	Long Jump	Siddall		14' 2"	1963
	Cricket ball throw	Vickers	Ba	215'	1963
Intermed. Girls	100 Yards	V. Heaton	By	12.5 s.	1963
	220 Yards	C. Lee	As	31.4 s.	1964
	Relay 4 x 110	Norley House		60.7 s.	1963
	High Jump	B. Fiddes	By	4' 3"	1964
	Long Jump	S. Clarke	By	13' 8"	1964
	Rounders ball throw	B. Fiddes	By	199' 8"	1964
Intermed. Boys	100 Yards	S. Leach	M	10.6 s.	1963
	220 Yards	S. Leach	M	24.4 s.	1963
	Relay 4 x 110	Assheton House		51.5 s.	1963
	440 Yards	S. Leach	M	59.7 s.	1963
	High Jump	K. Jones	Ai	4' 9"	1963

ATHLETIC RECORD HOLDERS—continued.

	Long Jump	S. Leach	M	17' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1964
	Javelin	B. Walmsley	Ai	131' 10"	1963
	Shot Put	N. Leather	N	37' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1964
	Discus	P. Carlyle	Ba	99'	1963
Senior Girls	100 Yards	B. Potter	N	13.4 s.	1964
	220 Yards	J. Sheriden	Ai	31.5 s.	1964
	440 Yards	F. Makin	M	78.0 s.	1964
	Relay 4 x 110	Byrom House		64.0 s.	1963
	High Jump	S. Riley	N	4' 4"	1964
	Long Jump	S. Riley	N	14' 4"	1964
	Javelin	S. Berry	Ra	63' 4"	1963
Senior Boys	100 Yards	N. Wainwright	As	11.3 s.	1964
	220 Yards	S. Aldred	As	24.5 s.	1964
	440 Yards	J. Poulson	As	60.8 s.	1963
	880 Yards	N. Wainwright	As	2m.19.8s.	1964
	Relay 4 x 110	Assheton House		50.7 s.	1964
	1 Mile	Davenport	N	5m.50.1s.	1963
	Shot Put	A. Heyes	As	33' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1964
	Discus	P. Carlyle	Ba	107' 5"	1964
	High Jump	R. Taylor	R	5' 0"	1964
	Long Jump	N. Darbyshire	D	17' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1964
Javelin	G. Gittins	H	134' 4"	1964	

Athletic Colours

It is a very difficult job to award colours fairly in a sport which at present rarely represents the Base and awards this year are few. It would be a mistake to make the gaining of a Colour an easy task, the Colour would then have little meaning and those gaining them little pride in their possession. An award must be connected with good performances, but these, as in other games, of themselves, are not enough. To turn out regularly for the side and to play to the spirit of the game as well as to the rule are qualities which are looked for. The Colours awarded are the Full and Half Colours for the 5th forms and above and the Under 15 Colours for the 4th forms.

Anthony Heyes, G5 Alpha	Half colour
S. M. Riley, T5H	Half colour
S. B. Leach, T4S	Junior colour
Sandra Clarke, M4 Com.	Junior colour

BASKETBALL

A number of friendly matches against local schools were arranged last season and although the club did not have a great many members to begin with the team did very well. The side was made up of Grammar and Technical school boys, there being a surprising lack of support from the Modern school.

The team was very ably lead by John Johnson of the Grammar School, who showed a good sense of responsibility, both on and off the court, in captaining the side.

Although we started off reasonably successfully there is still

no room for complacency and the team realises that there is still room for improvement. This applies especially for the coming season when we will be entering the Bolton Basketball League where competition will be much keener. Because of this, plenty of pre-season practice is essential and as a reminder to all who are interested in joining the club the practices are every Thursday dinner time at 12-30 p.m. in the Grammar gym.

It is hoped that a junior side will be formed this season, which will be chosen from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year forms.

At the AGM of the Basketball Club John Johnson was re-elected captain and Russell Taylor was elected club secretary for the coming season.
C.A.B.

BADMINTON

For a number of years a badminton club has been held for the senior school. However, for the first time this year a team was formed to compete with other schools.

The first three matches bore no fruit as we were playing teams who have been playing together for some time. Fortunately after a number of team changes, more practice plus the experience gained from the earlier matches we were more successful and the next three matches resulted in good wins. On the whole it has been a successful first season and it is hoped that this good start can be bettered and developed in the years to come.

Feb. 14—v. B.C.G.S.	Away	0—9
„ 20—v. Darwen G.S.	Home	4—5
„ 24—v. B.C.G.S.	Home	1—8
Mar. 4—v. Derby School	Home	5—4
„ 12—v. White Bank	Home	6—3
„ 19—v. White Bank	Away	6—3
Apr. 24—v. Derby School	Away	4—5

Members of the team: D. McKay (Capt.), P. Otter, J. Johnson, P. Wise, R. Taylor, J. Mossley, B. Walmsley, A. Sutcliffe, B. Whitehead.

D. McKay, G. MVI Arts

HOUSE REPORTS

AINSWORTH HOUSE

Staff: Mr. Denton, Mr. Gresty, Mr. Eadington, Mr. Moss, Mr. Pye, Miss Stone, Mr. Olney, Mr. Shipperbottom, Mr. Pender, Mr. Banks and Mrs. Knight.

In September we were pleased to welcome to the house Mrs. Knight and all those first year children who were allocated to us from all three schools on the Base.

Our assemblies in the Technical School Hall continue to play an important part in the life of the house and our thanks go to all the readers. No comment on our assemblies would be complete without a special word of thanks to Mr. Moss, D. Brownlow and C. Rogers for their excellent musical accompaniment, without which the service would lose a great deal. We also thank all the members of the staff for their attendance and co-operation.

The annual sale of work or Christmas Fayre as it was called this year once again involved many members of the house in either making articles or helping to sell them. The response was first rate and the standard of work high. The work of the children is a feature of our stall and this kind of contribution is the best. The amount of money raised, over £26, is unimportant, but it is an indication of the number of boys and girls who were prepared to devote their time, money and energy for the benefit of the House and the Parent Teacher Association, and we should like to thank the members of the public who supported us so generously.

For the first time the junior and senior Christmas parties were this year held in conjunction with Assheton and again proved very successful. The junior party received kindly, to judge by the reception, the sketch given by members of staff. The senior party took on a different look with the introduction of a beat group and the night was devoted to dancing or at least some sort of rhythmic movement. If the volume of sound is any indication of success the dance was indeed successful.

Our main social activity is the House Charity. This charity is the Grenfell Association of Labrador which maintains missions along the coast of Labrador and Newfoundland. The weekly contributions have made it possible this year to forward a cheque for £12. Our thanks go to all who have contributed.

After a number of years without success it is pleasing to record our first win in sporting activities. The girls won the Netball Cup in a very exciting final against Marsh, our last year's arch enemy on the sporting field. Opportunity to acquire further successes is still with us having reached the final of the junior cricket match and the semi-final of the girls' rounders. We thank all who have played or supported us and Judith Darbyshire who has captained all the girls' sporting events, the Senior football captain; W. Baldwin, Junior football captain, P. Allsop; Senior cricket captain, I. Pilkington and Junior cricket captain, R. Aspen. This year saw the first inter-house swimming match in which we made a promising start and gained a creditable 4th position. We learned a great deal not least the value of relay teams, for it was here we lost many points. With this knowledge we envisage greater success next year. Judging from the entries for the Athletic meeting which has yet to

take place we anticipate finishing in a much higher position than last year.

To help in the organisation of the House activities the House Committee have met from time to time. Their suggestions and ideas have been extremely useful in organising the House parties and House visits. The visits this year are to Chester, Lancaster and Chatsworth.

I take this opportunity of thanking all the members of staff and children who have helped and supported me in the many activities we have undertaken and wish all the children leaving us to begin their careers or further their education good wishes for the future.
J.D.

ASSHETON

Staff: Mr. K. W. Oxspring, Mr. J. W. Oldfield, Miss E. M. Dawson, Mr. T. A. Cullen, Mr. D. Moizer, Mr. W. H. R. Grundy, Mrs. J. Valentine, Miss N. Fairhurst, Mr. W. Dodgson, Mr. B. Stones, Mr. K. Gerrard.

We should like to welcome Mr. Gerrard, who has joined our staff since our last publication, and all pupils who are new to the House this term. With reluctance we say goodbye to Mrs. Valentine and thank her very much for all that she has done for the House during her stay at Smithills.

Our first House function of the School year 1963-4 was the Christmas Fayre which was held on Saturday, November 22nd. In previous years the items sold have been made by House members, but since the response from Senior pupils was so poor, it was decided this year to accept donations of any kind for the House stall. Although some senior members supported us, it was again from the juniors that the greatest response came. However, everything on the stall was sold and the takings amounted to £14 17s. Quite a number of girls and boys contributed to the success of this function and their help was much appreciated.

Our Christmas parties were held in conjunction with Ainsworth House. As always the junior party was a great success, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the games and competitions. A beat group entertained at the Senior party, which was a greater success than in previous years.

In the field of sport, the House has had a fair measure of success, although this success is due to a limited number of groups within the House rather than to the House as a whole. The girls

were knocked out of the Netball competition in the first round, but only after playing a most exciting and creditable game which afterwards drew praise from the umpire. On this occasion the girls gave 100% effort and it was very pleasing to see how much they have improved. Although they won the first round of the Rounders competition they were disqualified and so were knocked out of the competition.

In the soccer competition, the senior boys won the trophy with a series of very convincing wins. They have been an exceptional team who have played exceptionally well and in the final beat Marsh 9-1. The junior boys, although they played with enthusiasm, failed to qualify in their section of the league.

In the cricket competition, the junior boys played an exciting game which they lost by 3 runs. The outcome of the game was in doubt until the very last over of the match. The senior boys won through to the final of their competition, which they lost by 49 runs.

The Base athletics meeting brought the year to a close in grand style. Once again we gained second place in the competition, and produced some very fine performances. For Assheton, however, as for most other Houses, the meeting was marred by the lack of enthusiasm in entering for various events and, more seriously, by the number of people who had entered but failed to appear, and so let down not only their House but their own friends who were relying on their support. Just as the actors in a play must depend for success partly on the people working backstage, so must the star athletics in a House depend upon other members to compete and try for standard points to supplement the points gained on Finals day. An almost complete lack of interest by the Senior girls, and a poor show by the Intermediate boys, meant that the House's successful athletes were overworked in order to gain second place, without a hope of winning the competition outright. It is to be hoped that this lack of moral fibre will not remain with these defaulters when they apply for jobs, or they will jeopardise the reputation of School even more than they have done the reputation of their House.

K.W.O

BARTON

Staff: Mr. M. Green, Mr. D. Austin, Dr. A. Barlow, Miss M. Elsworth, Mr. J. T. Farr, Miss B. Hanley, Mr. A. Jasper, Miss S. McKiernan, Mr. E. H. Price, Mr. D. Slavin, Mr. H. Taylor.

Can the "dry bones" of the House system live? The answer, surely, is "yes", provided that members of Barton House show some signs that they are coming to realise what the House system is all about. It is not simply a grouping of pupils for lunch sittings or money-raising schemes or social events (although all these can find

a place within it). It is not simply a means of breaking down divisions between the three Schools on the Base, although it can help in this too. It is, first and foremost, an encouraging of all pupils at Smithills to use more fully whatever gifts and abilities they have.

No hollow laughter, please, at the mention of gifts and abilities. We are not mainly concerned with breaking records, winning races or gaining prizes. We are claiming, however, that in the main life is far more enjoyable for people who would get up and act rather than sit down and rot; who would use their talents rather than bury them, who would burn out rather than rust out. If the House system can spur pupils on to "have a go" at running a hundred yards, swimming a length, scoring a goal or taking a wicket (and we need not confine activities to sport alone) then the House system will not only live, but justify its life.

All this is by way of introduction to the Barton House notes. This is written after Barton won the Swimming Sports by just that kind of all-round effort that we rejoice to see. Congratulations to all who took part. Entries for the athletic sports were also encouraging. Two-thirds of the Barton pupils made between them 250 offers of help and we were able to complete the entry forms with very few gaps. In the main, those people who handed in their names presented themselves for the heats and the finals. Some were absent through no fault of their own.

Barton finished in fifth position in the athletics competition and the House is grateful to the small army of folk who gave their support enthusiastically and, praise be, cheerfully. The names of Barton pupils who did particularly well can be found elsewhere in this magazine. We congratulate them and all who tried hard. These notes were written last year by Miss Elsworth who led Barton House during the first six years of its existence. Miss Elsworth pleaded last year for greater keenness among our members. We thank Miss Elsworth for all her help in the past, feeling sure that a Barton which is growing in enthusiasm is a rewarding sight for her.

Let us, however, look for a moment at the disappointments of the past year. To pretend that they did not exist would be foolish. The places in the senior sports teams of the House have not always been filled. Although the more obvious choices for team places have not always been available, there were surely enough Barton pupils able to move one leg or arm independently of the other and therefore capable of filling the gaps.

Nevertheless, we must remember that a game that is lost is not necessarily a disappointment. On more than one occasion, full teams turned out and lost only after very keen games, or games in which Barton at least made a valiant effort. The most obvious example

of a very keen game was the final of the Junior football competition, when Barton, after a series of very convincing victories in preliminary rounds, lost to Radcliffe House after extra time.

Our team in the P.T. Competition fared well. One of its members came second in the competition as a whole and another came fifth. Barton's final position was second—a very good effort.

At the end of these notes can be found lists of games teams and results for the 1963-64 school year. The list for the athletic sports is missing, for this would be too lengthy.

There is not space either to mention all the names of the many other people who have helped the House in a variety of ways this year. May we offer thanks now to the following: Those who have assisted at House Assembly or done duty at the swimming pool; those who helped to make the Christmas party given to the children of the Burnthwaite Home a success, either by bringing food or by working hard on the party day, in many cases behind the scenes; those who, in partnership with Norley House, made the Christmas parties go with a swing; those who enabled the House to raise a praiseworthy sum at its Christmas Fayre stall; those who helped to sell £15 worth of "Save the Children Fund" Christmas cards, and those who sold paperback books also for the S.C.F.; those who, by contributing to our House Assembly collections, enabled us to send £20 to the Burnthwaite Home.

Children of our first three years went on House visits this summer as follows: 1st forms to Lancaster and the Morecambe Oceanarium; 2nd forms to Wedgwood Pottery and Trentham Gardens; 3rd Forms to Liverpool Cathedral, Chester and the Liverpool University Botanical Gardens at Ness.

As one puts together these notes, one has a clear impression that this has been an encouraging year for the House. May Barton go from strength to strength in the next.

Junior Football XI: from F. Allen, D. Bray, A. Bromley, R. Cummings, K. Dawson, E. Farrell, C. Livesey, A. Longworth, J. Lomax, G. Roberts, S. Seddon, V. Smith, L. Vickers.

- v. Assheton: Won 3—1
- v. Marsh: Won 7—1
- v. Byrom: Won 10—1
- v. Radclyffe (Final): Lost 4—6 (after extra time).

Senior Football XI: from D. Ainslie, N. Burtonwood, J. Carlyle, B. Kilshaw, B. McGlynn, E. Moore, R. Pryce, H. Roberts, A. Whitaker, P. Wilkinson, P. Wise, D. Woods.

- v. Byrom: Won 5—1
- v. Norley: Match conceded to Norley

v. Marsh: Lost 3—2

Junior Cricket XI: F. Allen, A. Bromley, E. Farrell, C. Livesey, J. Lomax, A. Longworth, J. Marsh, G. Roberts, S. Seddon, V. Smith, L. Vickers.

- v. Byrom: Won by 8 wickets
- v. Radclyffe: Lost by 25 runs

Senior Cricket XI: N. Burtonwood, J. Carlyle, D. Critchley, A. Howarth, J. Johnson, B. Kilshaw, R. Pryce, H. Roberts, P. Wilkinson, P. Wise.

v. Norley: Lost by 20 runs.

Hockey: J. Ainslie, M. Cavanagh, V. Montgomery, R. Nightingale, C. Preston, C. Smethurst.

v. Ainsworth: Lost 2—5

Netball: J. Cove, J. Halliwell, V. Montgomery, C. Preston, P. Tootell, B. Williamson.

v. Byrom: Lost 3—17

Rounders: M. Cavanagh, J. Cove, J. Gibbons, J. Halliwell, V. Montgomery, C. Preston, E. Williams, B. Williamson.

v. Byrom: Lost by an innings.

P.T. Competition: T. Brady, A. Bromley, J. Gill, D. Wood.

Result: D. Wood (2nd), T. Brady (5th). Barton finished in 2nd place

Swimming: F. Allen, R. Bowden, R. Bromley, T. Jones, S. Wiseman, A. Bromley, J. Craze, E. Farrell, D. Greenhalgh, D. Ainslie, B. Kilshaw, D. Watson, D. Wood. S. Coltman, G. Fallows, C. Sandall, J. Williams, J. Abbott, M. Cavanagh, S. Entwistle, J. Fare, M. Hurst, S. Berry, B. Blunn, R. Nightingale, E. Williams.

Barton finished in 1st position

Athletics: Barton finished in 5th position.

M.G.

BYROM

At the end of last year Mr. E. McAvoy relinquished the post of Housemaster. We wish to place on record the appreciation of this House for all the work and effort that he has given to improve its standard and to raise enthusiasm to serve it. We would also thank Mr. D. Evans for his services. He left us at Christmas to teach in Canada and we wish him well in his new appointment. In his place we extend a warm welcome to Mr. R. Ogden.

This year we have undertaken to help the "Ockenden Venture". This is a voluntary organisation which provides homes in this country where children from refugee camps in Europe can receive

care, attention and training to fit them for occupations here and in their own country. After our weekly assembly we have a collection for this cause, and during the Autumn term we held weekly record session, the receipts from which also went to this fund. Our contributions stand at £11. This is good but could be much better with just a little more self denial.

The Christmas Fayre was very successful. The response of the House was very good, over 50% of our members volunteered gifts, and willing helpers proffered to staff the stall. Our thanks to everyone who helped.

The Christmas parties were held jointly with Radclyffe House and were most enjoyable evenings.

This year we have been very fortunate in our weather for the House visits. They have all been thoroughly enjoyable and interesting outings. The 1st years went to Lancaster and Heysham Docks, the 2nd years to Chester and Chester Zoo and the 3rd years to Holker Hall, Cartmell Priory and Grange-over-Sands.

In the Merit competition of the Modern School we have greatly improved our position thanks to the efforts of our members who have gained awards for their good work and behaviour. We are placed third.

In the realm of sport we have had a very satisfactory year. We won the Hockey and Senior Cricket competitions and the Athletics, where we had 8 firsts, 5 seconds and 8 thirds and set up four new records. We thus retain the Senior Cricket and Athletics cups for a further year. We give our thanks to everyone who has taken part in any of the competitions, they have shown a tremendous enthusiasm and are helping to build up a House spirit which augurs well for the future. This spirit should also help in one or two competitions where we have had difficulty in fielding a full team.

Finally, a sincere word of thanks to the Staff without whose generous help the activities of the House would have suffered.

The following have represented the House in various teams:

Senior Cricket: P. Otter, R. Taylor, P. Bland, A. Howarth, C. Teasdale, D. Lonsdale, B. Roberts, A. Sutcliffe, P. Breakell, T. Hailwood, G. Allman, K. Burton, M. Lawson, A. King.

Junior Cricket: J. Heys, P. Grimshaw, M. B. Booth, K. Richards, B. Winrow, H. D. Thornton, W. N. Poole, M. W. Cain, D. Whitehead, J. Howarth, I. D. Magnall, I. J. Clarke, D. Horrocks, R. W. Smith.

Rounders: K. Bray, A. Heaton, C. Dabecki, C. Curtis, C. Cockcroft, M. Moores, P. Fogg, B. Fiddes, J. Morgan, P. Gregson.

Hockey: M. Moores, J. Kirkby, B. Fiddes, C. Cockcroft, A. Fogg, J. Morgan, K. Bray, J. Rollinson, A. Heaton, A. Heywood, C. Curtis, C. Dabecki, C. Marshall.

Gym: J. Haslam, D. Horrocks.

Swimming: V. Holgate, G. Pearson, J. Haslam, T. Draper, P. Mitchell, D. J. Dean, M. A. Walsh, C. Higson.

Senior Football: B. Roberts, P. Bland, P. Southern, P. Breakell, D. Lonsdale, C. Teasdale, A. Howarth, R. Taylor, M. Lawson, G. Sculthorpe, J. T. Hamblett, C. J. O'Brien, K. Burton.

Junior Football: J. Heys, M. W. Cain, C. Gregson, D. W. Marsh, D. J. Nuttall, I. D. Mangnall, B. P. Johnson, K. Hodgkiss, J. Grundy, C. Royse, J. A. Brooks, P. Waring, D. Whitehead, P. Grimshaw, K. Richards.

Netball: C. Cockcroft, B. Fiddes, A. Heywood, M. Moores, C. Curtis, C. Dabecki, A. Heaton.

HULTON

This report will detail what is possibly our most successful year. Much of the report will give information of sporting activities, but we have also attempted and achieved success in other spheres.

We had a House stall at the Christmas Fayre, when thanks to the positive support of about one third of the House, we managed to raise nearly £20. This helped towards making this year's Christmas Fayre the most successful we have organised.

The House charity has continued to function; this year and in the form of the 1d. per week collection. We have sent off over £13 to the House charity. This in time will be sent to Msumba Mission Hospital in Portuguese East Africa, to provide medical equipment.

The Christmas parties were very successful and this year for the first time our Senior party set quite a pattern by having a local group, "The Citizens", to play for the "dancing". Many people said they couldn't tell whether they played or not, the noise was so great. However, most people said they really enjoyed themselves.

In the sporting field we have had a reasonably successful year.

Our junior football team played three games, against Radclyffe, Ainsworth and Norley; we drew the first game 1-1, and won the other two, 2-1 and 6-1. We were second in the league on goal average. The following boys played: Bailey, S., Birchall, W., Carraher, S., Chadwick, S., Grey, A., Hart, A., Heap P., Howarth, J. J., Hughes, G., Lonnen, P., McGuire, Makin, B., Mills, M., Rowley, A., Smith, D. J. This team played very well and we were unlucky to lose the league on goal average.

Our Senior football team played only two games against Rad-

cllyffe which we lost 3-0 and against Ainsworth which we lost 4-1. The following boys played: Ambrose, A., Atherton, S., Chadderton, D. J., Fry, G., Hamer, D., Harman, Heathcock, Partington, Smith, Towlers, Walkden, R., Wood, P. We did not play the third game against Assheton because we were unable to raise a team. Quite a frightening state of affairs when you consider that we have over 40 boys eligible to play in this team.

In the winter term the girls played hockey. The games were organised on a knockout basis and unfortunately we lost 2-0 against Radclyffe in the first round and were therefore out of the competition. The following girls played for us: Jennifer Barlow, Carole Benyon, Jacqueline Burgess, Pamela Gosling, Maureen Hadcroft, Pamela Haslam, Judith Partington, Anne Pickining, Janet Smith, Joyce Turner, Hilary Walsh.

In the spring term the girls played netball and met Ainsworth in the first round of the knockout competition. They had a very strong team and we lost 23-5. The following girls played for us: Jacqueline Burgess, Kathryn Callister, Pat Mulligan, Angela Owens, Janet Sheilds, Janet Wills, Ann White.

During the summer term the girls played rounders and we were again beaten in the first round by Byrom, 4 to 5½. This was unfortunate because we had a good team who played well. The following girls played for us: Kathryn Callister, Pamela Haslam, Leonie Heap, Janet Murphy, Angela Owens, Lesley Ray, Janet Sheilds, Janet Wills.

Also during the summer term the boys were able to play cricket. A junior team was entered and played two games. We played well in the first game and beat Assheton House by 4 runs, after some good bowling by Alan Govan and good batting by John Sockett. In the second round we just lost an exciting game against Ainsworth, by 6 runs. The following boys played for us: G. Allan, J. Bailey, A. Govan, A. Grey, P. Heap, J. J. Howarth, I. Jolley, P. Lonnen, I. McGuire, M. Mills, A. Sockett, G. Thompson.

In the senior cricket competition we can only register a dismal failure. We have 40 boys eligible to play for this team, but could only get four people willing to play. Hence we did not field a team.

Two sporting activities in which we had considerable success were gymnastics and swimming.

In the Gymnastics competition held in March we entered a team consisting of the following four boys: Graham Hughes, Stephen Chadwick, David Hamer and Philip Wood. They did exceptionally well, Hughes coming first in the whole competition and all four of our boys being in the first seven.

In the Swimming competition we again did well and came second in the overall placings. Our success here was due to two groups of people, a small hard core of very good swimmers, and another group of average swimmers who entered the events and relay teams and did their best. It would be most encouraging to see this kind of enthusiasm and support carried over into other House activities.

The following people swam for the House: A. Ambrose, S. Carrahar, G. Chadwick, G. Fry, D. Hamer, B. Healey, S. Jolley, A. Schofield, B. Thompson, R. Walkden, P. Wood, S. Wright. Margaret Spinall, Jacqueline Burgess, Jean Disley, Lynda Durkin, Susan Eastham, Pamela Gosling, Angela Owens, Janet Sheilds, Jean Whittaker, June Withington.

As I write these notes the entries for the Athletics have been submitted, details of our trips, for the first three years, have been worked out, and questions for the "Holiday Hunt" are being duplicated. I hope these three features will achieve considerable success.

This is the fourth House report I have written and increasingly I am aware of apathy which is affecting many members of the House. There is fortunately a group of people in the House who give of their best in many different ways and their support is very welcome, however, there is a large number of children who take no part in any kind of "out of school activity". They are missing many opportunities to lead a fuller life. I hope they will realise their loss before they leave school.

MARSH

Marsh had an unsuccessful season on the sports fields until the arrival of Sports Day when we finished second. We were unfortunately eliminated from all football, hockey, cricket and rounders competitions. On Sports Day, however, things improved a great deal. We finished second behind Byrom House and indeed the result eventually turned on the completion of the relays.

I wish to thank all the people who took part in the events, and congratulate Brenda Hacking, P. Fletcher, S. Leach and A. Wilson who all won their events.

The House trips were this year organised only for the first three years. The weather during the week of the trips was not kind, but we did manage to keep dry. The first year went to Chester and the zoo, the second year to Lancaster and Morecambe, and the third year to Holker Hall and Grange-over-Sands. Last year's "Chronicle" mentioned the good time-keeping and behaviour which was shown on the visits. I wish I could repeat this again this year,

but I honestly feel that there was definite room for improvement with regard to behaviour and time-keeping. I hope that next year I am able to make a favourable report.

If we were not too successful in the field of sport, we can at least congratulate our Modern School members who emerged the easy winners of the "Merit and Demerit" competition organised within the confines of their own school.

This year has seen a change of Housemaster in Marsh House. I think therefore that a few words from me at this stage would not be inappropriate. I would like all members of the House to know that the House system exists for their benefit. It will not run itself—the House needs your support as well as your criticisms.

Finally may I ask for your full support in the coming academic year. If I get your support I am positive that we shall have a very successful and happy academic year beginning in September 1964.

R. FREETHY.

RADCLYFFE

Staff: Mr. A. R. Bradshaw, Mr. G. W. Ainsworth, Mr. A. Bentley, Mr. K. Evans, Mr. J. Kitchen, Mr. G. Konstam, Mr. T. Leigh, Mr. E. Riley, Miss A. Hillerton, Mrs. J. Stephenson, Miss C. A. Ward.

The past year has seen the House taking part in a variety of activities, some for the first time. In November the Christmas Fayre was held and the House provided the articles for and set out and staffed a stall. Mention must be made of the high standard of workmanship in the articles brought for sale—consequently the returns from the stall bettered those of any previous year.

At Christmas, parties were held in conjunction with Byrom House. Both the Junior and the 3rd and 4th year parties proved to be enjoyable evenings. For the 3rd and 4th year party we had the services of "The Citizens"—a beat group, who filled the hall with sound in the modern idiom and encouraged some present to take more physical exercise with their contortions than P.E. ever did. We must thank the Domestic Science departments and the girls who helped in serving for the high standard of catering for the "inner" man.

During the year, we have continued to support the Mission to Lepers as our House charity. Collections have been taken at weekly House assemblies and these have brought the total raised since we adopted the Mission to £62. Three copies of the magazine of the Mission, "Without the Camp" have been received each quarter and these have been placed in the libraries of the three Schools.

In the year's sporting programme, results have been more encouraging than in previous years with good standards of play and a commendable increase in team spirit.

Hockey: The girls of the Hockey team played keenly and well to reach the final of the competition and it was encouraging to see them turning out for practice. In the final, however, they lost to Byrom House, but gave a good account of themselves.

Team: M. Kay, C. Summerton, G. Bleakley, S. Booth, C. Binks, E. Wynne, B. Young, A. Riley, S. Spence, J. Barlow, J. Butler, B. Farrimond.

Netball: The success of the Hockey team was not to be achieved by the Netball team, who lost in the first round of the competition.

Team: C. Binks, A. Riley, C. Horner, S. Spence, K. Nuttall, B. Young, E. Wynne.

Football: The Senior team played well in their section of the competition, although they failed to qualify for the final. With many members of the team still available next season, they should have a better chance of success.

Team: Butterworth, Ewins, Flockhart, Gaskell, Horrocks, Howarth, S., Laithwaite, Poole, Scott, Todhunter, G., Wolstenholme, Wright.

The Junior team played very well to win their section of the competition and qualify for the Final. This proved to be an exciting and close match with Barton House. A draw at full time meant that extra time had to be played and during this, Radclyffe scored two more goals without reply and so won the Junior Soccer Cup. Congratulations to all the team on their success; their keenness and team spirit were very encouraging and the captaincy of M. Grundy, G3B, was a big factor in this.

Team: M. Grundy (Capt.), A. Hayes, P. Brendel, J. Eagle, J. C. E. Foster, B. C. Todhunter, A. McCarthy, A. Merrett, M. Curtis, J. A. Wallworth, K. Halliwell, N. Seager.

Cricket: The Senior team lost in the first round of the competition to Assheton House. Slow scoring in a match of a limited number of overs being their downfall.

Team: Ewins, Kerr, Lanceley, Williams, Poole, Lord, Howarth, Wolstenholme, Todhunter, Potts.

The Junior team proved more successful, having won their first round and semi-final matches. In the final, however, they lost by five wickets to Ainsworth House.

Team: Hayes, Merrell, McIntyre, Foster, Brendel, Eagle, Osborne, Curtis, Halliwell, Todhunter, B., Seager, Howarth, B., Wignall.

Rounders: Here again the competition has not been completed, the team having reached the semi-final round.

Team: S. Whittle, L. Woods, G. Whitehead, K. Nuttall, S. Booth, C. Binks, G. Bleakley, C. Horner, M. Bromilow, C. Summerton, S. Swarles.

Swimming: The Inter-House Swimming Gala was a new event in the sporting calendar and the House did well to finish in 3rd place, 2 points behind Hulton House, particularly as in the Junior Girls' relay the team finished first by almost a length, but were disqualified for a faulty touch, thus forfeiting the 10 points for a first place. The individual results of the gala are given elsewhere in "The Chronicle" but congratulations are given to all who swam. Particular mention must be made of the relay teams who showed what team effort can do.

Teams:

Junior Boys (1st) F. Godding, B. Wignall, L. Wood, G. Smith.

Junior Girls (disq.), H. Nuttall, G. Baldwin, A. Bennett.

Intermediate Boys (3rd), J. Chadwick, M. Osborne, B. Todhunter, J. A. Wallwork.

Intermediate Girls (1st), C. Horner, M. Bromilow, J. Barlow, S. Spence.

Senior Girls (2nd), K. Fenney, G. Allsop, S. Booth, K. Hargreaves.

HULTON HOUSE TRIP TO PRESTON DOCKS

The coach arrived at Preston Docks at 10 a.m., after leaving Bolton at 9 a.m. The guide, who was called Mr. Tait, boarded the coach and welcomed us to Preston Docks, over the loudspeaker. We then toured around the Docks in the coach, peering out of the window at every item he mentioned. We passed the banana wharf where the bananas were being prepared for the market and a special warehouse for goods exported from Ireland only. Most of the products were imports and there were very few exports. They imported wood pulp (Scandinavia), China clay (Cornwall), and petrol and oil from famous firms like Esso and Shell refineries at Milford Haven; also countless stacks of timber and granite chip-pings (Penmaenmawr).

After alighting from the coach we proceeded to the edge of the docks, whereupon we saw the lock gates being opened, to allow the hefty ship to be guided in by the tug boats. Their cargo was petrol and oil from Shell and Esso firms, and with this being the first time that some of us children had visited a docks we were absolutely fascinated. Next we moved on to the extreme part of the docks where the River Ribble forks to the right and the entrance to the docks to the left. There we saw the dredgers at work, which scoop up the mud from the river bed, so that ships will not get stuck in it. Looking further along the river we saw large ships waiting for the level of the water to rise before they could enter the docks. We were very fortunate to see the largest ship that ever enters the dock; it was a ferry and was 3,500 tons and such a terrific sight to see. Just as we were about to leave the docks a ship called the "Mare Novum" carrying citrus fruits, almost rammed another stationary ship and action stations had to be taken on board, but no disastrous accident took place.

And so ended our trip to Preston Docks, which everyone enjoyed and thought most exciting.

S. CHADWICK, G. IIA.

"THE HOPEFUL TRAVELLERS"

For more years than Professor Denis Brogan and his colleagues would care to remember, they have been playing a long-distance somewhat donnish parlour game in which "London" engages in a matey combat of attrition with "Wales", "North-West" and other outposts of the B.B.C.'s far-flung empire. A typical question might well read, "Who or what, when or where, travelled from Flanders via France to arrive at Smithills in the first week of December, 1963?"

"The Hopeful Travellers", a play in three acts, was originally written in Flemish by one Monsieur Martens and adapted for the French, before being translated into English.

As soon as the initial nervousness began to wear off it was readily apparent that the actors were revelling in their parts and, inevitably, they soon had the audience with them. Duncan Scott, as Boule, the gluttonous tavern keeper, was outstanding in more ways than one. In figure, if not in character, there was a marked resemblance to a butcher who used to grace Bolton's Market Hall. Scott's enjoyment of his role could only have been surpassed by that of Frank Chapman in his representation of Rietje, the philanderer and connoisseur of liquor. Together they made a formidable team whether they were drinking together, cringing before Lucifer together, attempting to bluff St. Peter together, or merely "dead" together. Scott and Chapman were on stage continually and simply learning their lines so well merits congratulation. That they put them across so effectively deserves admiration.

Michael Whittle's St. Peter was the character which will probably linger longest in the memories and affections of those who saw the play.. Act II, Scene II was undoubtedly his. He made the most of his part, holding the audience spellbound with his absent-minded, short-sighted guardian of the pearly gates.

In a cast of more than thirty there were many who earned a mention, but space dictates the expression of our appreciation must remain general rather than particular. However, Wise, as the infernal barman, succeeds brilliantly, bringing back memories of a stripling Antony Newley in "Fire Down Below". Of the rest, Kathleen Fenney projected the character of Manse most ably and her line, "Let's have a drink", could be guaranteed to tug a laugh from the audience every time she repeated it. From first former upwards, all the actors gave of their best.

Another reason why "The Hopeful Travellers" was such an excellent choice for the Base play was that it strained and taxed our resources to the full, testing us in every department of theatre. The challenge was met and those concerned rose to the occasion.

The sets represented weeks of work by Mr. Moss, the two-room set of the last act being particularly effective as the audience enjoyed the spectacle of Boule and Rietje "laid out" in the bedroom, eaves-dropping on the plans of their mourners.

The lighting was again directed by Mr. Bennetts. One remembers an awesome combination of angry light and set design in Act II which silhouetted Lucifer, ten feet tall and condor-like.

Over one hundred people were actively involved with the production, from Mr. Grundy and his stage crew, who had more scenery to handle than in any other previous Smithills production, to Mr. Eadington and his usherettes. In addition Mr. Cullen helped with the delicate art of make-up and, as always, there were the unsung legions of silent seamstresses.

The indefatigable producer, Mr. Slavin, successfully employed such devices as utilizing the rear entrances of the hall. However, his supreme achievement was in coaxing and guiding his cast through many weeks of hard and frustrating rehearsal, always maintaining their enthusiasm, and in creating such rapport between Boule and Rietje.

There were four performances of the play and they were enjoyed by over a thousand people. However, there were some empty seats at each performance and those who neglected the opportunity to see this play should, by now, realise their loss. It was refreshing to see a play which was universally entertaining, for there was something to please every audience. It was interesting to note how different audiences laughed in different places. The first night audience, composed entirely of children, found plenty to amuse them. Above all, it was a pleasant change to attend a school production for enjoyment rather than out of a sense of duty.

In conclusion, if the play had a message it was that adults can learn from children; an interesting theory in the circumstances.

V.P.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Model Aircraft Society

The main interest this year has again been in the building of control line models, powered by diesel and glow plug motors. Some exceptionally well finished models have been built, their makers obviously having spent many hours of work in order to achieve such fine results.

The poor summer has limited flying activities this season, but nevertheless we are hoping for fine weather at the Summer Festival to enable us to demonstrate our models in flight.

Art and Craft Society

The activities of the Art and Craft Society have continued during the present year, its members finding ample opportunity for the pursuit of their individual interests.

During the winter months, meetings in the Technical School were transferred from Wednesday evening to Thursday lunch-time. It had been found that poor light during this period had greatly hampered the production of paintings and general use of colour in the evening sessions. Now that the light nights have returned meetings are once again being held on Wednesday evenings.

Those interested in three-dimensional and design work have received enthusiastic instruction in the Modern School which is particularly well-equipped to produce work in clay and plaster. It had been originally intended that there should be a voluntary rotation of studies, each member spending approximately one term in each school, but this has not been too successful since painters and modellers have preferred to remain with their primary interests rather longer than was anticipated.

One disappointing aspect of the Society is the falling attendance during Spring and early Summer when most work could be produced under good light conditions, and it is hoped that more pupils will come along to take the places of "poor stayers". Since the time passes all too quickly at the meetings it is difficult to produce good work without spending a considerable number of weeks on each project, and any irregular attendance soon turns a promising effort into a seemingly never-ending bore.

Keen members continue to take great pleasure in all aspects of their work and it is hoped that the Society will be able to expand its activities during future years.

Youth Hostelling Trips 1963-64

Since the last edition of the "Chronicle" went to press, two further Youth Hostelling trips have taken place. A party of third and fourth year pupils went to North Wales at the beginning of September and fourth and fifth year pupils visited the Forest of Dean and the Cotswolds at Easter.

The weather for each trip was reasonably kind, enabling us to see the countryside without being drenched or lost in mountain-top mist. Snowdon Ranger proved the most popular hostel for the Wales party and it provided a base for our journey up the highest mountain in Britain this side of Carlisle.

The hostels for the Cotswolds holiday had great character.

St. Briavels Castle, which dates from the reign of William The Conqueror, had a delightfully foul dungeon and some of its dormitories once served as the cells of a debtor's prison. The Cleeve Hill hostel was formerly a golf club-house. Built high up on the western edge of the Cotswolds it commanded a fine view. Duntisbourne Abbots used to be a vicarage. The present "Vicar" is suitably strict with his flock.

One could mention the many "places of historic interest" (forgive the cliché) in the area, the ruined abbeys, the castles, the Roman villas and the prehistoric burial mounds, but one could not do justice in an article as brief as this, to the quiet beauty of the Cotswold hills and villages.

The Christian Union - Junior and Senior Branches

The average attendance at Junior Christian Union meetings has remained at least as high as last year's. On occasions when films have been shown, numbers have risen from thirty plus to seventy. The programme for the year has once again included a mixture of quizzes, discussions, films and filmstrips, etc. Each meeting begins with refreshments.

Although the progress of the Senior group has not been as satisfactory, there are signs that what is now needed is a Middle School branch to bridge the gap between Juniors and Seniors. It is hoped that the first meetings of such a group will be held early in the 1964-65 School year.

HOLIDAYS AND EXCURSIONS

From Camp 1964

The dark green milk lorry lurched along, bearing, over the driver's cab, like a notice of impending doom, the legend "Makaminapinta", but we had no time for investigating obtruse Finnish insults, being bound for a world absolutely alien to this peripatetic puzzle, with all its sterile connotations.

One of the many annual events upon which local newspapers thrive is the holiday fortnight. This is known in the South of England, where they do not have them, as "Wakes Week". The headlines may scream about "the evacuation" and "the exodus". We at Smithills prefer to slip quietly out of town the day before all the nonsense starts. It's the call of the mountains all over again, and there's no Goldwater in them thar hills, and no paper to prate of him.

Always the same, camp always manages to be different as well. Superficially it was different this year in that, because of Dr. Beeching's desire to make the railways pay, we went by coach direct to Grasmere and returned the same way. This meant that

we did not have to change trains at Preston, nor change from rail to road at Windermere. Mr. Marples would probably be the only one to quibble at the innovation since it helped to clot up the thrombotic A6 a little more.

'The Globe' was the "Wooden O" within which Shakespeare trapped a good slice of life, and Far Easedale at the end of June rivals it in representing a cross-section of society. "Society" is the key word, for it is a true community with its rule and code of conduct, most of it unwritten; regulations which vary from the fundamental, such as keeping your tent pegs in contact with the ground, to the intangible, by which you get on with your own task and learn to let others deal with theirs without interruption.

Camp is, inevitably, so esoteric that it is hard for anyone who has not experienced it in all its moods to appreciate the atmosphere that accumulates like mist in the morning in the hollow between Helm Crag and Stenor Crag.

One of the necessary evils of camp life is the daily tent inspection, which is conducted as a competition with prizes each week for the best tent. Most of the campers readily accept that it is essential for hygienic reasons, besides being a good way of finding misplaced articles, such as the chocolate you were surreptitiously eating in bed after "lights out", your soul carried away by the romantic roar of Easedale Beck in flood and the sheep having indigestion six inches from your right ear.

As you doggedly jerk the ten-gallon trek cart back from the farm in the lung-scouring chill of the early morning, crawling along the still-shadowy floor of the valley with the mountains so sharply defined in the clear light that they are cardboard mountains, cut from the back of some cereal packet, you wonder whether the children get the same impact from it all. Are they impressed in the same way that the Romans, those tireless tourists, must have been impressed as they rose to work on High Street? What did the Scandinavians think of it, much later, when they breasted the heights and poured into the valleys to leave a masculine world of tarn, crag, mere, beck, fell, dale and ghyll?

Looking down from Castle Howe even the most ham-eyed townie can just see the regular lines of the Smithills Agincourt, its back to the crag, its moat flowing round it. It seems as though the tents have never been moved. The mind refuses to accept that another year has flown; an autumn, winter and spring, each affecting the landscape in such different ways, been and gone. You realise that you only know the place as it is in mid-summer and resolve to creep up at a later date and catch it out of season, unprepared for visitors.

In retrospect, sights of camp project themselves before the mind's eye. The sight of Sour Milk Gill, that gargoyle of Easedale, that natural force which must have impressed Wordsworth, lingers in the memory. In full cry at night, glowing like phosphorus in the torn moonlight it is at once remote yet at an arm's length, so awesome that one is tempted to parody Juno, asking, "What is Sour Milk Gill?" Here it is, in the backyard of our camp, a woodent of a waterfall from an early work on African exploration.

Even the hardened hill-walkers, well versed in the lore of the Lake District, never fail to be astonished by the different faces the region will decide to show without any warning or hesitation. A sudden glimpse of Wastwater, a stark giant's corridor into the heart of the central massif, caught as the strings of raindrops part, makes the toe-stubbing heel-bruising scramble to the top of the gravestone-littered Scafell Pikes well worth while.

Moments of insight can strike you at any time while wandering among the peaks. Standing on Esk House, watching a spring bubbling from the peat and looking up to see Ravenglass and the river estuary on the horizon gives the townsman a sudden comprehension of what geography is all about. Source to sea, the Esk is there for the asking, and with it a realisation of yet another of those separate worlds of the Lakes. Eskdale with its antique railway starting just below Boot, of all places, guarded by its Roman fort, assumes dimensions no map or guide book could give it.

Being a real community, camp is as subject to fashions and crazes as communities anywhere. Being a rather isolated community, these often assume more extreme proportions than would be the case in the world outside. Last year piggy was the rage but, although the bating-stone received a fair measure of attention and Mr. Taylor's workshop produced a Mark II metal-reinforced yogo, the verse, in the camp song, which included such terms as "trogging" and "striggers" was a foreign language to the tenderfeet, believe it or believe it not.

As usual at camp it was not only the dust of town which had to be shaken off, but the recreational habits of our civilisation. Only for the first evening, if at all, do the children miss the attraction of television. At camp they find themselves and learn, often for the first time, to amuse themselves and their companions, by making their own entertainment. Nowhere is this more evident than in the concert of the Last Night. The sketches show much more free expression than is often the case at school. On a topical note, the Easedale School of Satirists, from Tent 6, wrote some interesting contemporary verses for the "Smithills Boating Song".

"And so we say goodbye to sunny Easedale, folks! Land of a thousand thistles! With the sun sinking slowly in the west" . . . and

the audience getting ready to race for the exit, bent on beating the final anthem, we go home tucking odd recollections into the nooks and crannies of memory, treasuring the silhouette of the sombreroed-fiddler, perched on his solitary rock, a sacrilegious sombreroed-fiddler, perched on his solitary rock, a sacrilegious version of "The Monarch of the Glen".
V.P.

Holiday in Copenhagen

Looking dirty and rejected after a tedious journey we all scrambled hurriedly from the train, and after casting longing eyes on our destination Copenhagen, the words of the familiar song "Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen", resounded in our weary ears as the jewelled lights of the gigantic city dazzled our sleepy eyes.

The most popular attraction on the agenda proved the gay, riotous gardens of Tivoli, whose ground packed with fortune hunters ready to entrap the tourists with their exciting wares, never failed to attract our party.

Copenhagen appears to be a city of crystal fountains and magnificent palaces, all of which received our inspection. On the final day we paid our respects to the exotic winter palace of the Danish royal family. In the palace we wandered through lavishly decorated rooms accompanied by a summary of fascinating Danish history.

Everybody welcomed the excursion to the famous brewery where the long process connected with the manufacture of beer, were carefully explained to us. This tour ended with samples of the end product, which were gratefully received by all members of our party.

The airport, museum and cathedral were all visited for educational purposes, while the zoo and beach helped to form part of our pleasure.

One day we visited Sweden, which is situated near the island of Copenhagen. We did not venture far into Sweden and our stay there started and ended at Helsingborg, the port where we docked.

While in Copenhagen we saw the famous mermaid, which aroused a great amount of excitement owing to the events of the previous week. Many picturesque parks could be found in Copenhagen, where one could seek refuge from the hustle and bustle of the streets.

Copenhagen is a magnificent city, combining old with new, noise with solitude and education with pleasure. In fact it provided us all with an unforgettable holiday, the memories of which will live on.

A Visit to F104 H.M.S. Dido

The party of boys from the 4th year and upwards left school at about 9-30 on the morning of April 6th, together with similar parties from the other two schools on the Base. The coach we travelled in took roughly $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to reach Canada Dock where "Dido" was berthed. After spending several minutes turning his bus in a space not much longer than the vehicle, bounded on one side by a shed and on the other by water, the driver parked our coach close to the shed behind another coach which had presumably brought another party from Bolton. The coach parked, we all, the driver included, made our way through the dockside shed up the gangplank and on board.

"Dido" is a general-purpose frigate of the "Leander" class which are all named after characters from classical mythology. The present Dido is the seventh ship of her name, the previous ship was a cruiser armed with 5.25 in. guns as her main armament. It was this ship that Bolton adopted during Warships Week 1941. It was due to the town's adoption of the cruiser that we were now able to visit the new Dido. Dido is armed with two 4.5 in. fully automatic guns in twin turrets, two 40 mm. fully automatic A.A. guns, one 3-barrelled limbo anti-submarine mortar, and one "Sea-cat" guided missile launcher. We were able to learn some things of the working of all but the last named. In addition to the above, Dido is equipped with a Westland "Wasp" AH1 helicopter and a comprehensive radar installation for gunnery control, navigational and aircraft detection purposes.

The group of 30 boys and three masters who were now assembled on the helicopter landing platform was pounced upon by a posse of officers, petty officers and junior ratings, divided up into three groups, one from each school, assigned a guide each and dispatched to various parts of the ship. Our guide, a seaman gunner, did not have to take us far, for without moving we had arrived. An Artificer from the helicopter's maintenance crew explained to us their duties in connection with the aircraft; he also told us a little about the helicopter. The helicopter is a lightweigh ($1\frac{1}{2}$ tons) and very useful aircraft which can attain 121 m.p.h., has a range of 303 miles, and can climb to 12,500 feet, but is more usually operated at sea level against submarines. After being allowed time to ask questions concerning the aircraft and its crew we were led aft, down into the "Limbo" well, then further aft to the Asdic platform. Arriving there we found two junior ratings busy with paint brush and grey paint. They informed our guide that the Chief had left and added rather caustically that he knew as much about it as they did—next to nothing. We returned to the "Limbo" well but finding the preceding party still in the mortar bomb handing room our guide thought quickly and took us below into a messdeck belonging to Electrical ratings.

The mess was a small space a little over 12-13 feet long and roughly half as wide; in this space lived 20 men. They slept in bunks not hammocks as they used to do in the Navy. Here they stow their gear in lockers crowded at one end; in fact they do everything a sailor does aboard ship except work and eat. They eat in a general mess which is also the ship's library, and they work in various parts of the ship. The bunks are arranged in two tiers so that with the upper ones folded down they form seats along the bulkheads of the compartment. Though small the mess is comfortable and provided one can mix fairly easily, and mixing is an essential quality in a sailor, there is no reason why one should not be happy. Ask a sailor and you might get a totally different story, but then, sailors are not happy unless they have something to grumble about.

On returning to the A.S. mortar for the second time we found the handing rooms empty and filed in. The rating in charge was a little put out at having to explain the workings of the mortar for what must have been the umpteenth time that week and thought aloud that he would put in for instructor's pay, and then got down to the business of explaining. Although he expressed difficulty in finding words for one part of his explanation he seemed to experience no such difficulty. When asked he told us we were better off out of the Navy; evidently no one had told him the visit was intended to encourage us to join up.

Leaving the handing room we crossed the well for the fourth time, went through a watertight door and then forward to the engine room. On the way we passed the junior ratings' mess. The Navy is divided into officers, senior ratings and junior ratings, in that order. Officers have their own cabins and eat in the wardrom top-sides. The ratings live below decks. Junior ratings ordinary, able-bodied and leading seamen live in large messes of 20 or more men and eat in one mess; the senior ratings, Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers live in small messes and eat apart from the junior ratings. This may seem to be, as was suggested by the master in charge of our party, class distinction, but is considered to be essential in the maintenance of naval discipline. A parallel is found in schools where the education authorities consider that it is essential for the maintenance of discipline that the teachers should have separate facilities. The privileges and more comfortable quarters are part of the reward that comes with responsibility in the navy.

In the engine room are two steam turbines, with their controls and various auxiliary machinery. In port the installation can be adequately manned by one person; all we found there anyway. The rating explained the working of the machinery. Again we were told we were better off out of it. The boiler room lies immediately forward of the engine room and contains two boilers, evaporators, condensers and their controls. The rating in the boiler room explained the workings of this equipment.

From the boiler room we went further forward to the main switch gear compartment, a very short visit, then on to the radar plot. The radar plot was also empty but here there was more to be seen so we spent a little more time here. In the plot were half a dozen radar sets, short tables, perspex plots and disposition boards and a large number of telephones. The electrical installation of a modern frigate is large and expensive; it can account for half the ship's total cost. The amount is far more than would have been fitted to a World War II battleship.

Next came the 4.5 in. gunhouse, again empty, but as our guide was a gunner he was able to explain the workings of this. We now went aft and climbed up into the superstructure. At the after end of this are the 40 mm. A.A. guns and as this was the guide's action station he was able to explain their working at some length. Also on the superstructure are the lookout stations and these too were examined. We descended and returned to our starting point and were again pounced upon this time by a P.O. handing out propaganda.

After satisfying ourselves that we had got all the free handouts going we returned to our waiting coach. We left the docks and returned to the city centre by the Midland Adelphi Hotel where we were boarded by a P.O. who directed our driver to a parking ground. We then made our way to Lewis's department store restaurant where we ate a long overdue dinner. We returned to our coach and started the return journey. We arrived at school at a quarter to four, too late for the last lesson.

OLD SMITHILLIANS A.F.C.

Last season (1963-4) was the inaugural one of the Old Smithillians F.C.. The main aims in founding this club were to provide an opportunity to foster comradeship through football and to put the schools on the map of open-age amateur football.

Like many new ventures, the club experienced considerable "teething troubles" but a determined spirit on behalf of club members gradually overcame these difficulties. In this respect Mr. Robson, headmaster of the Modern School merits grateful thanks for obtaining permission for the team to play on the School pitches and for the use of the Modern School hall where a dance was held in April. This proved lucrative and did much to relieve our impecunious position.

The team's playing record was moderate. This was due to an inability to breach the standards between school and open-age football; there was a general lack of the required speed and skill. However, during the year many individual members steadily matured and next season improved performances should be forthcoming.

In our first season it was especially gratifying that the team was composed of old boys from all schools on the base, though the Modern and Grammar provided the majority because of the very recent entry to the base by the Technical School. In future I am sure that many players will emerge from the latter. Team members last season included Sidney, Cunliffe, Ashcroft, Knowles, Walker, Ormrod, Hayter, Breakspere (ex-Grammar), Morris, Warren and Walker (ex-Modern).

Next season the team will be playing in the Lancashire Amateur League (Northern Section) and we look forward to greater success on the field of play and firm support from those members of the Base who qualify as "old boys" this year.

R. B. HOWARTH (Secretary).

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since the last publication of the "Chronicle" the Parents' Association has continued its efforts to provide and assist in social events for parents, teachers and pupils, to have pleasant entertainment and to raise money for school funds. As a result, the Association has been able to make grants of £140 to each of the three schools.

The Sale of Work was given a new look, being called the Christmas Fayre. This and the Summer Festival were our two main events.

An afternoon Car Treasure Hunt in April, followed in the summer by an evening one, was again a popular event—the Hot Pot suppers being an essential finish for the competitors.

The most popular and best attended of the lectures was a talk on the Robbins' Report by Bolton's Chief Education Officer, Mr. Selley. Those fortunate enough to hear this address will certainly want to listen again to Mr. Selley when he gives his views on the Newsome Report some time in the autumn.

It was sad to receive the resignation of the Secretary, Mr. J. Sidey, owing to the termination of his son's education. Mr. Sidey has done much for the Parents' Association, being connected with it since its formation, and it was fitting that he should be made the first honorary life member in November 1963, in appreciation of the great work he has done.

The appeal for assistance at the Christmas Fayre had a good response, there being 600 offers of gifts. We hope the parents will do even better next year.

Once again we have to thank the Ladies' Committee for their assistance in catering arrangements and for the successful events they have organised throughout the year.

A new venture was the formation of a Drama Group and anyone interested is asked to contact the Secretary, Mr. R. R. Fletcher, 110 Bennetts Lane, Bolton.

The Annual General Meeting has been arranged for the 29th September, 1964, when films of camps and continental trips will be shown. We hope for a good attendance and would appeal to all parents who have not joined the Association to do so, and to take an active interest in their child's school.

The Headmasters and their staffs have devoted much of their spare time in organising out-of-school activities for our children for which, I am sure, the parents would wish to give their warmest thanks.

J. T. KIRKBY (Secretary).

We wish to thank all our contributors and others who have assisted in the production of this edition of "The Chronicle"

