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As a recent "addition" to the community of the Smithills Schools I have found it impossible not to be greatly impressed by the wide variety of activities taking place at all levels and in all fields. A mere glance through the Chronicle reveals the multitude of opportunities open to all pupils.

Whilst we value highly, and rightly so, the academic standards already attained, let us also value the very high standards reached outside the atmosphere of the classroom. As you read carefully through the Chronicle you will find there is much, both as staff and as pupils, in which we may feel a sense of pride.

Individual performances and undertakings have been excellent; the highest possible levels have been reached. Teams and group activities have met with similar success. Yet it is neither as individuals nor as members of a small team or group that the strength of the Base is seen, but as a large community, living and working together to further the highest ideals of education.

Some pupils will be able to contribute to the progress of the life of the community to a greater extent than other pupils, but the important thing is that all can, and should, contribute to the best of their varied abilities.

S.H.M.

HOUSE REPORTS

AINSWORTH

Staff: Mr. Denton, Mr. Banks, Mr. Eadington, Mr. Gresty, Mr. Moss, Mr. Olney, Mr. Pye, Mr. Shippobottom, Miss Vickerman, Mr. Yates.

As the time for writing our annual report is with us once again, may we begin by welcoming all new members and also Mr. Yates of the Technical School.

Ainsworth House has had, on the whole a successful year. If we have failed at all it has been in the games. The loss of the Junior Football Cup to Hulton, the Senior Football Cup to Barton; the Inter Cricket Cup to Byrom; The Hockey Cup to Byrom and the Rounders Cup to Byrom, emphasise firstly, how successful we were last year, which also gives us encouragement for the future, and secondly the need for continuous determined effort to maintain our reputation on the field. The loss of Mr. Pender, whose help with the boys games was so appreciated, and Miss Parr, who helped to organise the girls games, must surely have a bearing on this year's results.

However, the Christmas Fayre in November, showed what Ainsworth House is capable of. Here the children continued their excellent support, though the nettle fizz, or rather lemon this year—the sewing and knitting, the rock buns, cakes, toffee apples, pottery to mention but a few was of the highest standard. Our departure too into the jam and marmalade making was an instant success and it was very quickly snapped up. Out congratulations to the large number of children who contributed to the stall and to all the helpers who made it possible to add the grand total of £26/18/8 to the coffers of the Parent-Teacher Association.

We are grateful to the Technical School who continue to allow us to use their hall for our assemblies. This sets the tenor of our services which, coupled with the music played by Mr. Shippobottom and Mr. Moss creates the atmosphere necessary for a good assembly. We thank too all who have contributed to the services. It is here where we often note the absence of some of the senior members of the house. Many no doubt have special dispensations for not attending but the physical aspects of the base, the variety of time table within the schools and the time factor make it difficult to keep check. Not only do these people miss the act of worship but also the opportunity to contribute to the House Charity. Greater efforts will be taken next year to ensure all attend. None the less, our weekly contributions have realised the total of £10, bring the total donated to the Grenfell Association of Labrador during the past 4 years to £59, a worthy achievement.

As in previous years we have been joined by Barton for the Christmas parties and these as usual were well attended. Mr. Green made an excellent Master of Ceremonies and the gentle but firm persuasion by members of staff at the beginning of the evening, to get the girls sat on the boys knees dispensed with any shyness and guaranteed the success of the evenings. Our thanks go to the girls who did such an admirable job of work waiting on tables and washing up.

In the field of sport the Senior Boys Football Team lost their first game to Norley 2:1. This margin would have been even greater but for the fine goal-keeping of M. Baldwin, who had a prodigious amount of work to do in goal by virtue of the fact that the Ainsworth forward line was lacking in weight. In the second match against Barton, with only 10 men, we were able to hold them to a draw, 3 goals each. The third and final match against Assheton was cancelled after three postponements. Unfortunately, we have to record here that we were unable to raise an Inter-Boys Cricket Team. Only 6 members of the House appeared willing to play. In the other games the following items show our progress.

Junior Boys Cricket

We played only one match, which we narrowly lost to Barton. Our captain won the toss and put Barton in to bat. We were very successful and after the maximum of 16 overs Barton House were 34 for the loss of 7 wickets, with Croston taking 4 wickets and Peacock taking three. We started off batting badly and lost one of our openers with only 5 runs on the board. We started to lay behind in the runs needed to win because of some fine bowling by the Barton House Captain, Lomax. However, when Len Brooks came in to bat the run rate jumped up and with 3 overs left we needed only 6 runs and by this time we had 3 wickets left. However, by close of play we still needed three runs and so we lost the match 34 runs against 31.

Team: Pollitt, Heapy, Bray, Ainsworth, Dixon, Webster, Bramwell, Bruce, Yarsden (Captain).

Junior Boys Football

The whole team played well, winning all our matches except the final. The first match was played against Radcliffe which we won by 4 goals to 2. The second match was also a victory, but not as large as the first. Pollitt scored to make the margin 1 goal to nil, this match being against Barton. The next game, against Marsh, was the most convincing win, Ainsworth House scoring 7 times to Marsh's one, which was from a penalty. The team had a good forward line and a good defence. The inside trio consisted of D. Bramwell (I.R.),

T. Pollitt (C.F.) and N. Heapy (I.L.), all or whom are good players. Ainsworth suffered a defeat in the final against Hulton, the final score being Hulton 4, Ainsworth 0.

Team: Webster, Bray, Dixon, Bruce, D. Ainsworth, Shirresm Horrocks Bramwell, Pollitt (Captain), Heapy, Mortimer.

S. BRAY.

Hockey

The team followed the performance of the previous year by achieving a place in the hockey finals. Again the opposing team was Byrom. It was an extremely tight game. A. Johnson scored for Byrom with a searing shot from the edge of the circle. At half time the score was Byrom 1, Ainsworth 0. The second half followed much the same pattern as the first, a goal being scored for Ainsworth by myself. Thus when the whistle blew, the score was even, so that extra time was played. Ainsworth seemed to be tiring and two quick goals by Byrom ended Ainsworth's hopes of retaining the hockey cup.

Team: Jean Anderton, Susan Nowacki, Deidre Livesey, Janet Entwistle, Lorna Grant, Iris Laidlaw, Yvonne Jones, Brenda Pendlebury, Patricia Marshall, J. Butterworth.

JEAN ANDERTON (Captain).

Netball

The team played only two matches and on each occasion was incomplete. Despite this, each game was played well and hard by the team members. The passes were good but as the players tired the footwork deteriorated, Next year will probably show a marked improvement in the netball team.

Team: Janet Entwistle, Sandra Clarke, Vivien Clarke, Deidre Livesey, Jean Anderton, Iris Laidlaw, Yvonne Jones.

JANET ENTWISTLE.

Rounders

The performance of Ainsworth was marred by the apathy of the House members. In the first match played, the team was short of 2 players. In the loser's cup match the team was short of 5 players.

This apathy among Ainsworthians is also evident in other sports, In the previous years, there were often too many people wanting to play in the girl's teams simply because the teams were in the various finals.

Little more can be said about the performance of the team; those taking part tried their utmost to win the matches but teams which are short of players rarely ever win, as was the case with Ainsworth.

Team: Jean Anderton, Janet Entwistle, Deidre Livesey, Yvonne Jones, Iris Laidlaw, Sandra Clarke, Vivien Clarke, Susan Nockacki.

JEAN ANDERTON (Captain).

In the field of Athletics we are making sure and steady progress. This year has seen us move up from 7th to 6th place, with 40 more points than last year.

It would be invidious to single out any one competitor here but mention may be made of the Junior Girls Relay Team of A. Chadwick, M. Baines, H. McGuinness and H. Curtis, who set up a new school record of 60-7 seconds for the 4-110 yds. relay, beating the previous record set up by Byrom in 1963 by 1/10 of a second. Also successful on Finals Day were Jean Anderton, who won the Senior Girls Javelin, and S. Wilson, who won the Inter Boys Shot.

In the swimming competition we also improved our position on last year, moving from 5th to 4th position.

A feature of the House activities as the end of the school year draws to a close is the trips organised for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd years. These are always enjoyed by the children as the following accounts show.

1st year, Chester and Chester Zoo

The 1st year children of Ainsworth House went to Chester and Chester Zoo. When we arrived at Chester we split up into groups. The group I was with walked round for 20 minutes and then went back to the cafeteria for something to eat and drink till it was time for the coach to leave.

We started off again for the Zoo which we reached about 12 o'clock. There we split up into groups again. Our group went to the souvenir stall first and then had a look at the apes, monkeys, elephants, giraffes and all the other animals. After we had seen nearly everything there was to see, it was nearly three o'clock and time to go back to the coach, and to go home.

J. BOWKERS, T.I.A.

2nd year, Speke Hall, Liverpool Airport and New Brighton

We started from school at about a quarter past nine and it took us about one and a half hours to get to Speke Hall.

At Speke Hall there is a big courtyard with two tall trees standing in the centre. They are called Adam and Eve. Adam is the larger of the two, and Eve bears berries one a year. They are both four hundred years old.

There is a haunted room in which a lady is believed to have thrown her baby out of the window and then she committed suicide in the same room.

The kitchen is very large, with old-fashioned brass and copper pans. In the centre of the room there is a very solid wooden table, and there is also a chopping block.

The servants probably could not read, so they had bells with different tones, one bell for each room, so they knew which was ringing.

In a large room there is a big grate, with great pokers laid out in front of it and an ancient suit of armour in one corner. The rest of the furniture in the building is very old, highly polished and beautiful.

Afterwards we went to Liverpool Airport. There we were given time to eat our lunch, and later we were shown around one of the hangars, which, was extremely interesting.

Then we were on our way to New Brighton via the Mersey Tunnel and passing the large ships in the nearby docks. We had a great time at New Brighton, even though we nearly made ourselves sick on the fair. The weather was sunny and the tide was almost in.

All too soon we were in Bolton again, but I personally thought it was much better than being at school.

MARILYN BAINES, G.2A.

3rd year, Lancaster Castle, Ingleton and Morecambe

The venue for our House visit this year was Lancaster Castle, White Scar Caves and Morecambe.

We arrived at Lancaster Castle at 10.30 a.m. and were shown around by an official guide. First into the Shirde Hall where the Assizes are held 3 times a year. On the walls were over 600 shields ranging from Richard Ist up to the present Queen, who is the present Duke of Lancaster. From this room we followed the guide into a circular room rising into a dome. On the walls and in a showcase were excerpts of the history of the castle. From there into the dungeons, which impressed us most of all. Then we went up onto the roof where we looked at the surrounding scenery. After that, back into the Barrister's library and into the Court of Justice, in which you felt the presence of a case in trial. From there into the jury room which is circular and very simple. This was the end of our visit which we could have done many more times and still found interesting.

After leaving Lancaster Castle we travelled to White Scar Caves, arriving at half-past twelve. We then had our lunch and the first party went in at one o'clock. I was in the first party. The inside was lit by electricity and we could see the colours of the different forms of rock. There are two stalagmites next to each other. One is called Madoma and the smaller one is called Child, at which we had to crouch down to get past. We also saw some red stalagmites and these were red because of iron minerals in the water. One of the stalagmites looked like a small replica of the Buddah. The walls were covered with a whitish coat. This was rock which had formed over the thousands of years. The colour is white because of the presence of limestone. We walked on planks over a stream. It was cold in the caves and the waterfalls which we saw are just above freezing point. We also saw some rock which was shaped like an elephant. After we had gone to Ingleton cave we set off again for Morecambe. It rained all the way and on entering Morecambe we got into a traffic jam. Finally we found a car park and parked the coach there. We had to get back for 5 p.m. We went to the fairground and spent some time there. We were first back to the coach, so we stopped to buy some sweets for our journey home. We arrived home at 6.30 p.m. and had a very enjoyable trip.

P. WHORTLE, W. FSCRIVA, P. HARDMAN, M.3A.

And so once more, through this Chronicle, this record of our activities, our successes and our failures contributes to the building of the Base tradition and reputation.

J.D.

ASSHETON

Staff: Mr. K. W. Oxspring, Mr. W. Dodgson, Miss N. Fairhurst, Mr. K. Gerrard, Mr. W. H. R. Grundy, Mr. D. Moizer, Mr. J. Porter, Mrs. S. Wainwright, Miss J. Witherington, Mr. B. Stones, Mr. A. B. Woods.

In this year's report we have to say good-bye to Mrs. Wainwright, whom we thank sincerely for her assistance and the interest which she has shown in the girls' athletic activities. She leaves with our best wishes for the future. At the same time we are pleased to welcome Miss J. Witherington, who has already proved to be a helpful addition to our staff. We hope that her stay with us will continue to be both happy and rewarding.

At this point it is interesting to note how the fortunes of the House have changed over the past few years. Three years ago they were riding high, mainly due to outstanding ability and performance among the boys. Then there followed a slump as most of our talented members left. Now our fortunes are reviving, with the girls registering

more successes than ever before. The girls won the losers' Final of the Rounders competition and played well in the Hockey competition before being knocked out. The Intermediate boys reached the final of the Cricket competition but surprisingly could score only 11 runs after dismissing Byrom for 22. We had little success in Football this year, although we played with our customary spirit. Both boys and girls contributed to pleasing performances in the Swimming and Athletics competitions. In the Swimming competition we have registered our best success to date, finishing second to Barton. There is every indication that next year we shall be challenging for first position. Individual successes in the finals were scored by G. Eckersley, H. Osborne, S. Platt, S. Best, L. Roberts, J. Withers, J. Brooks, J. Lever, J. Fryer, P. Watts and the girls, and P. Gleaves, S. Pilling, T. Bourne, J. Cook, T. Wainwright, B. House, H. Cooper, D. Rawlinson, among the boys. In the relays we did very well, winning 4 and finishing second and third in two others. In the Athletics competition we climbed again to 3rd position with an increasing number of entries and some good individual performances. 1st positions in their events were gained by J. Newsham, S. Pilling, J. Fryer, and by the Intermediate Boys' Relay team comprising A. Huddart, D. Beamish, F. Blackburn and W. Buffey. Other successes were gained by M. Hulme, S. Barnes, S. Blacklock, C. Bromley, J. Bushell, S. Best, M. Chadwick, B. Greenwood among the girls, and P. Hough, R. Pulford, J. Owen, D. Beamish, A. Huddart, G. Bateson, I Barnes, D. Rawlinson, A. Cochrane, A. Jones, D. Mulligan, G. Leaver, D. Hughes, M. Smith, B. Wainwright, T. Bourne, H. Clare among the boys. Others entered for events and gained valuable standard points. To every competitor at every level and to all who volunteered entries but did not have a chance to compete, we give our sincere thanks.

K.W.O.

House Teams:

NETBALL: C. Tilley, L. Thorpe, S. Best, J. Newsham, H. Gregson, M. Chadwick.

HOCKEY: J. Abbott, L. Burrow, M. Chadwick, G. Greenhalgh, V. Greenwood, S. Lever, L. Murphy, J. Partington, S. Ruzgar, C. Tilley, P. Watts.

ROUNDERS: S. Best, G. Greenhalgh, L. Murphy, J. Newsham, H. Osborne, L. Thorpe, C. Tilley.

SOCCER: SR.—A. Cochrane, L. Rodgers, H. Cooper, T. Brown, H. Ripley (Capt.), A. Wright, A. Fielding, A. Jones, S. Willetts, J. Jones, D. Beamish.
JNRS.—F. Blackburn, D. Rawsthorpe, P. Perason, S. Walsh, D. Rawlinson, P. Reason, S. Mulvaney, W. Buffey, M. Hall, P. Tomlinson, R. Bentley.

CRICKET:

INTERMEDIATE—D. Beamish, R. Bentley, F. Blackburn (Capt.), W. Buffey, A. Huddart, D. Mulligan, S. Mulvaney, R. Openshaw, P. Pearson, D. Rawlinson, P. Reason, S. Walsh.

Juniors: from Cooper, Gleaves, Glicklich, Hall, Hough, Knight, O'Connor, Owen, Stott, Walsh, M. Walsh, S. Williams.

SWIMMING:

Senior Boys—Wainwright, Cooper, Bourne.

Senior Girls—J. Lever, J. Brooks, J. Fryer, D. Warburton.

Inter. Boys—Openshaw, Cook, House, Rawlinson, Baydell, Jones.

Inter Girls—H. Osborne, G. Eckersley, L. Roberts, P. Watts, L. Voce, M. Chadwick.

Junior Boys—Gleaves, Owen, Smith, Tomlinson, Pilling, Stott, Cooper, Walmsley, Glicklich, Cook, Johnson.

Junior Girls—S. Platt, S. Best, J. Withers, V. Grundy, C. Tilley.

ATHLETICS:

Senior Boys—H. Clarke, T. Bounre, G. Leaver, D. Hughes, M. Smith, B. Wainwright.

Senior Girls—C. Bromley, J. Bushell, J. Fryer, V. Greenwood, S. Lever.

Inter Boys—I. Barnes, F. Blackburn, D. Rawlinson, D. Beamish, A. Huddart, S. Mulvaney, D. Mulligan, W. Buffey, A. Cochrane, J. Cook, G. Bateson, A. Jones.

Inter. Girls—S. Blacklock, H. Osborne, M. Hulme, S. Barnes, M. Chadwick, L. Murphy, G. Greenhalgh, P. Watts.

Junior Boys—M. Hall, G. Owen, M. Bretherton, R. Pulford, P. Hough, G. Walmsley, M. Moore, R. Knowles, B. Williams, P. Mulligan, S. Stott, B. Knight.

Junior Girls—J. Newsham, S. Best, S. Pilling, B. Waring, J. Isherwood, S. Fort, H. Couper, M. Wynne, H. Gregson, C. Tilley, S. Platt.

BARTON

At Christmas we said goodbye to Mrs. Slavin and we have welcomed Mrs. Whalley in her place. The Barton House Staff members are now: Mr. M. Green, Mr. D. Austin, Dr. A. Barlow, Mr. J. Benson, Miss M. Elsworth, Mr. J. T. Farr, Miss B. Hanley, Mr. A. Jasper, Mr. C. Mellor, Mr. E. H. Price, Mr. H. Taylor, Mrs. A. Whalley.

This should have been a good year for the House. After all, this was the year that Barton Swimmers won the cup for the third time. All praise to the noble army. This was the year which also brought the Senior Football Cup to the House. A number of loyal senior pupils have so often helped the House to within a short distance of final victory in the past and it was good to see their efforts rewarded in 1966, when, at last, Barton won the competition.

This should have been a good year. However, one gained from it a stronger impression than ever that pupils will take part in events with full enthusiasm only when there is a very good chance of their winning. What a poor spirit! Of course, one may be mistaken, but the year 1966-67 will soon make things clear. Then, a number of our best swimmers and footballers, indeed a number of very good House members will have left; there is a fair store of talent remaining, but will people accept the challenge and fight for further victories?

We must hope so. We must hope that the abysmal response from the girls in their teams and athletic sports sections was an ugly feature which will pass from the House.

The names of the girls who took part in Swimming and Athletics are listed at the end of this article. Team lists for Hockey, Netball and Rounders are not included. Rarely did we have a full team—just a hard core of faithful campaigners who could always be relied upon to turn up and play whatever the weather and the prospects. Between them, bless their hearts, they managed to win a netball and a rounders match. Their names are there among those of the swimming and athletics competitors of course, for the faithful campaigners were good “all-rounders”.

One is not claiming, however, that the boys always responded with full enthusiasm. Our Intermediate Cricket team was down to seven for the match against Radcliffe. Admittedly, part of the trouble is that both boys and girls have other calls upon their time immediately after school. There are often duties at home to be carried out, errands to be run, paper-rounds to be completed. There might well be a case for having House matches at some other time. However, what one complains about is that while one pupil is ready to sacrifice time and possibly money by turning out for the House at 4.10 p.m., somebody else who has no commitments fails to play because of a general apathy.

Of course, those who make sacrifices deserve great praise. One would not wish, on the other hand, to give the impression that House matches are run for the benefit of the Staff or the school in general. The House system is established as one means of showing that there is more to School life than scribbling in dog-eared exercise books, listening to the constant drone of a teacher's voice or watching the pretty, coloured water bubble in the science lab. Schools do not exist just to provide children with sets of facts or the chance to shelter from the British climate on five days each week. They are intended also to encourage children to use whatever gifts and abilities they may have, and to learn how to live in a community for larger than that of their own family or street. School life should not be like a cold bath—to be approached with great reluctance and to be jumped out of with maximum speed. If schools do not in some way help children in learning for living, then their doors might just as well shut. They are neither simply for child-minding or child-grinding. If the House system does not help pupils to work in teams, to sharpen skill or wit in competition, to mix with others of different backgrounds and abilities, to work with others on projects and schemes which provide help for those in need, then the House system should be quietly buried. It has not, however, been tried and found wanting, it has never been given a fair crack of the whip.

By the way...Barton sent less money to the Burnthwaite Home this year, although members sold more “Save the Children Fund”

Christmas cards. The money that was sent to Burnthwaite is being spent upon camping equipment. The usual Christmas party was held for Burnthwaite and Barton children. One hopes to have further “joint” activities to report in next year's Chronicle.

By the way...the first three years of the House visited, between them, Wedgwood, Cadbury's and Jodrell Bank.

M.G.

Teams and Results:

Senior Football XI: from F. Allen, R. Bowden, A. Bromley, N. Burtonwood, R. Cummings, E. Farrell, R. Gill, J. Johnson, B. Kilshaw, C. Livesey, A. Longworth, P. Perris, H. Roberts, L. Vickers, A. Whittaker.

v. Assheton: won 2-0

v. Norley: won 3-1

v. Ainsworth: won 3-2

Final: v. Marsh: won 1-0

Junior Football XI: from W. Dawson, F. Dearnaley, S. Farrington, H. Fletcher, N. Gawthorpe, P. Harrold, S. Hindle, J. Marsh, J. Norton, P. Rudd, S. Seddon, V. Smith, D. Tatton, D. Turner, D. Wolfe.

v. Ainsworth: lost 0-1

v. Marsh: lost 1-3

v. Radcliffe: won 3-1

INTERMEDIATE CRICKET: from F. Allen, R. Bowden, R. Bromley, J. Jackson, S. Jones, C. Livesey, P. Rudd, D. Tatton, H. Weston.

v. Radcliffe: lost.

JUNIOR CRICKET: from W. Birtwistle, M. Boardman, A. Bowden, D. Brandwood, S. Catterall, F. Dearnley, P. Harrold, P. Holden, R. Lpmax, J. Norton, B. Smith D. Turner.

SWIMMING:

J. Norton, W. Birtwistle, M. Fogg, H. Fletcher, D. Turner, A. Longworth, J. Brooks, L. Nightingale, C. Rimmer, A. Ward, J. Jones, G. Ward, F. Allen, V. Smith, P. Sutcliffe, C. Livesey, J. Marsh, R. Bowden, S. Caltman, A. Shelton, J. Wilcock, J. Williams, M. Hurst, E. Farrell, J. Johnson, D. Ainslie, A. Bromley, B. Kilshaw, E. Williams, J. Ward, B. Blunn, J. Gibbons, R. Nightingale, P. Ridgway, M. Cavanagh, J. Abbott.

Team gained 1st place in the Competition.

ATHLETICS:

J. Norton, S. Hindle, P. Goodman, J. Burton, A. Grundy, J. Holt, A. Dodd, G. Strickleton, S. Catterall, P. Stillwell, F. Dearnley, N. Gawthorpe, A. Bowden, H. Fletcher, W. Birtwistle, F. McCrostie, L. Bennett, A. King, M. Daniels, J. Hurst, C. Hatton, J. Kervin, C. Rimmer, C. Livesey, J. Southworth, D. Tatton, R. Waddington, J. Harrison, J. Hadfield, S. Seddon, J. Jackson, K. Platt, S. Wiseman, P. Rudd, R. Bowden, P. Sutcliffe, T. Jones, G. Pybus, A. Skelton, E. Pendlebury, J. Williams.

R. Gill, A. Longworth, N. Burtonwood, J. Johnson, J. Cookey, D. Ainslie, J. Gibbons, E. Williams, J. Ward, B. Blunn.

BYROM

Staff: Mr. Pender, Mr. Boardman, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Turner (Modern), Miss Thomas, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Wilcock, Mr. Dugdale, Mrs. Ryder, Mr. McAvoy, Mr. Fairhurst, Mr. Ashworth, Mr. Roche.

It is with considerable pride that I write this report of Byrom House for the year 1965-1966. The house has done well, which is all the more remarkable when one considers that it has had to survive the leadership of a tenderfoot house-master. I must thank the members of Byrom House, and especially the Grammar School 6th formers, for leading me gently into a knowledge of what makes Byrom swing. My thanks also to Mr. Boardman for running the house "between housemasters" and for supervising the lunchtime swimming.

In November the Christmas Fair descended upon us but thanks to the girls, who could manage very well without me, we managed to raise £12. We had hardly taken a breath when we were enmeshed in the made whirl of house Christmas parties. This year we revelled with Barton House and all appreciated the efforts of that past-master of organised raves, Mr. Green.

When summer came in Byrom went out. The 1st year went to maintain diplomatic relations between Smithills and the inmates of the Chester Zoo. The 2nd year were frightened by the melodramatic guides of Speke Hall and beguiled by the hot-dog breezes of Southport. The 3rd year explored Teak Cliff Caves in Derbyshire; were disappointed that they could not pick the stalagmites; were more disappointed when the coach could not park in Castleton and went a mile down the road to a hamlet which the Great Joker of the Peak had christened Hope. In the afternoon they appreciated Haddon Hall, although some muttered that they now know why Dorothy Vernon ran away. Although the manade in the Banqueting Hall fascinated some, the highlight of the trip remained our coach which had ferried the Portuguese World Cup team around for the previous fortnight and still bore the pennants to show.

Byrom started the sporting year by being last in the House Swimming Competition. We were determined to avenge this decline. Although the Senior football team played to the best of their ability they did not make any progress in the competition. The Junior football team had two good wins but lost narrowly to Hulton who went on to win the tournament. We were still denied a success.

I cannot praise too highly the girls of Bryom House. This has been their year. They lost the final of the Netball Competition by two points. However, they brought home the first cup when they won through to the final of the Hockey Competition and beat Ainsworth 2-1 in extra time.

The Junior cricket team came up against Radcliffe. a good team, and were knocked out of the competition. The Intermediates, however, got to their final and had a magnificent and exciting win. We were in low spirits when Byrom were dismissed for 22 but elated when Booth's fine bowling (7 for 0) and keen fielding had Assheton all out for 10. On the same afternoon the Rounders team won their final, beating Hulton by an innings and 6 rounders.

Having won the Inter-House Athletics competition for the last three years Byrom could not possibly do so again; and so we did. Athletics is the greatest test of the house; it involves most people. It is essential to contest as many events as possible. It is the will to compete that matters. An average athlete can gain a point for a standard performance. After the heats Byrom were in fourth position but as the finals got under way we stole into the lead and gradually opened up a gap to beat our old rivals, Hulton. Nothing can match that spirit among the Byrom House team on Finals Day. The will to win, the anguished hoping that team-mates would triumph, the eager scanning of the scoreboard—it was all there. Elsewhere in this Chronicle you will find all the details of the Athletics finals, but let me just record here those who won individual events. Norman Mann won the Junior boys 100 yds and 80 yds. hurdles. Christopher Hadfield won the Junior cricket ball. Barbara Yates won the Inter Girls 80 yds. hurdles. Alan Brown won the Inter boys 440 yds. Philip Grimshaw won the Inter boys javelin. Alwyn Heaton won the Senior girls 100 yds and 220 yds. Beverley Fiddes won the Senior girls high jump. Carol Cockcroft won the Senior girls long jump. Russell Taylor won the Senior boys high jump and 80 yds. hurdles. John Heys won the Senior boys javelin.

This term we say good-bye to Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Ryder and Miss Thomas. They leave with all our best wishes. I would also like to thank Anne Heywood, Marilyn Moores, Carol Cockcroft, June Kirkby and Russell Taylor. I have been lucky to have the fine support of these seniors and I wish them every success in the future.

The following have represented the house:

SWIMMING:

C. Hadfield, P. Rigby, G. Pasquill, A. Walsh, D. Mallinder, D. Lee, S. Strickland, J. Murphy, B. Taylor, C. Clarke, D. Smith, A. Brown, I. Clarke, B. Johnson, D. Whitehead, R. Smith, E. Cornelius, S. Taylor, P. Finan, S. Rostron, R. Taylor.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL:

Dabecki, Gardner, Cain, Johnson, Poole, Marsh, R. Smith, Mann, Grimshaw, Williams, Walsh, Winrow (Capt.).

SENIOR FOOTBALL:

Richards, Waring, Roberts, Whitehead, Muschamp, Brown, Heys, Taylor, Dean, Lonsdale, Mangnall.

HOCKEY:

C. Marshall, C. Middlefell, A. Heywood, J. Shacklady, E. Cornelius, B. Fiddes, M. Moores, J. Kirkby, C. Cockcroft, V. Coleshaw, A. Neaton.

NETBALL:

A. Heywood, J. Kirkby, B. Fiddes, A. Heaton, J. Strickleton, M. Moores, C. Cockcroft.

JUNIOR CRICKET :

M. Heywood, J. Kirkby, B. Fiddes, M. Heaton, J. Strickleton, M. Moores Pasquill, McGunness, Hadfield, Walsh, Jones, Mallinder, Gardner Shacklady, Entwistle, Lee, Rigby.

INTER CRICKET:

Booth (Capt.), Winrow, Clarke, Grimshaw, Williams, Poole, Cain, Johnson, Ryding, Brown, Whitehead, R. Smith.

ROUNDERS:

J. Kirkby, C. Cockcroft, P. Finan, P. Gregson, J. Murphy, G. Jones, D. Smith, A. Heaton, B. Fiddes.

ATLETICS:

Mann, Wilson, Entwistle, Shadklady, Barrett, Hadfield, Billington, Pasquill, Jackson, Burns, Seddon, Mallinder, Kettle, Winrow, Grimshaw, Brown, Johnson, Kenyon, Cain, R. Smith, Thornton, Dean, Richards, Heys, Taylor, Rostron, A. Heaton, S. Clark, B. Fiddes, C. Cockcroft, C. Middlefell, B. Yeyes, C. Booth, E. Orrell, J. Jones, J. Sutcliffe, J. Burgess, J. Smity, G. Webster, J. Murphy, E. Walsh, J. McKeown, Y. Simpkin, D. Smith.

V.P.

HULTON

During the year the house has been successful in any of the things which we have attempted.

At the Xmas Fayre we raised almost £19. This amount was raised by a third of the members of the house. Our sincere thanks go to those members who supported us.

We have also continued to support as a house, a charity which supports the MSOMBA MISSION HOSPITAL in Portuguese Africa. By our 1d. per week per person collection we have sent off over £13 to this very worthwhile cause.

The Xmas Parties this year were held with Assheton, Radclyffe and Marsh. We held three parties, one for each of the first three years. These were very successful and for this much credit should go to the very willing help which was given by a number of senior children in organising the refreshments.

In the Inter-house sports competitions, the most active side of house life, we finished the year on a successful note, after a poor start. Early in the Christmas term the Senior Football Team played the three games in their Section of the league. We unfortunately lost all three games, against Marsh, Byrom and Radclyffe, 6-0, 4-1, 4-2.

The following boys played:

Allan, D., Ambrose, A., Atherton, S., Chadwick, S., Chamberlain, A., Crook, B., Healey, B., Heap, P., Jones, S., Laycock, I., Lonnen, P., Makin, B., Mills, M.

In the Junior Football competition we had a very successful year and finished by winning the Junior Football Cup. We played Assheton, Byrom and Norley and won with the following scores: 2-0, 2-1, and 9-4. In the final we played Ainsworth and won 4-0.

The following boys played for us:

Baldwin, F., Burr, S. A., Crompton, D., Gardener, A., Govan, A., Jolley, S., McGuire, M., Melville, P., Perkins, T., Sockett, J., Warren, P., Whitehead, S.

The hockey was organised on a knock-out basis and we played Norley and lost 2-0 in the first round.

The following girls played:

Irene Heap, Susan Eastham, Joan Eccleshare, Leome Heap, Caroline Hall, Carol Johnson, Anne McNalty, Kathleen Mason, Wendy Smith, Joyce Turner, Hilary Walsh.

In the Netball Competition played during the Spring Term, we were knocked out by Byrom 9-18. However, in the losers competition we beat Radclyffe 10-9 and in the final we beat Barton 22-5.

The following girls played:

Kathryn Callister, Leonie Heap, Janet Holden, Pat Mulligan, Janice Rodie, Janet Shields, Wendy Smith.

During the Summer Term the girls played in the Rounders Competition. We won the first round game against Barton. In the second round we beat Marsh House by a small margin. We unfortunately lost to Byrom in the final.

The following girls played for us:

Vivienne Boardman, Leanie Heap, Pat Mulligan, Janice Rodie, Janet Shields, Barbara Thornton, Pat Widdop, Nicola Witherspoon.

In the Inter-house Swimming Competition we finished in the 4th position. This was not due to poor efforts by those who swam, but to the fact that 3 swimmers did not turn up to swim in their events. This also meant that we did not compete in some of the relays. Two boys, Stephen Chadwick and Stephen Wright won their events.

In the house cricket competition the Juniors played their first game against Assheton, which we won by 10 runs. We scored 37 for 9 and they got 27 for 9 in the same number of overs. In the second round we played Radclyffe and lost. We scored 55 for 9 and they got 56 for 6.

The following boys played:—

Baldwin, F., Beamer, K., Cooper, C., Cooper, S., Crompton, D., Davis, G., Gulshaw, M., Haslam, J., Tomlins, J., Warren, P.

In the Senior Cricket games we played Marsh House and won by 10 wickets. Unfortunately in the next round we lost to Bryom House, who eventually won the final.

The following boys played:

Burgess, B., Chadwick, S., Gardener, A., Govan, A., Jolley, S., Jones, D., Jones, L., McGuire, M., Perkins, T., Sockett, J., Wright, S.

In the House Athletics Competition we did very well and eventually finished in 2nd place, again behind Byrom House. As a house we tried very hard. A full report of the meeting appears elsewhere in the Chronicle, but special mention should be given to our individual winners.

Paul Warren won the Junior Boys High Jump.

Carol Johnson won the Inter Girls Long Jump, and created a new record.

J. Keltie won the Intermediate Boys High Jump. Our Intermediate Girls Relay team won the event; the team consisted of Irene Earp, Caroline Hall, Carol Johnson and Janet Shields.

After the Bolton holidays we also had the house visits. The 1st years went to Preston Docks and the Open Air Baths at Morecambe. The second years went for a stroll around Malham in the Yorkshire Dales. Both these trips enjoyed marvellous weather. The third years were not so lucky with the weather when they went to the Wedgwood Pottery and Trentham Gardens. But in spite of the weather they found the trip enjoyable.

This is the sixth house report I have written. The houses at Smithills Base have now established a pattern within which they work. I do wish that this pattern could be widened a little by more people taking part in more activities. We have had a good year, thanks to about half of the house—imagine how much more successful we could be if the other half would give their help.

I.McL.

MARSH

May I first say how honoured I am to become a member of Marsh House, a house which has a fine record of achievement. I hope we can maintain this high standard and go from strength to strength.

I have been very pleased with the number of people who are not only willing to help but are keen to do so. There are still a few who are reluctant to come forward and I think in most cases this is due to shyness which I hope they will overcome and enter fully into all the activities the house has to offer.

We suffered from this reluctance in some of the earlier activities of the year; Swimming and Hockey particularly. In the Swimming competition we suffered a heavy defeat: we were bottom with a miserable 28 points. I know that some of our best swimmers were absent but this does not alter the fact that we could have done better. Next year, if everyone puts into it that little extra, I am sure we can be at the other end of the list.

The use of the baths in the lunch break has been as popular as ever and I was pleased to see so many people taking advantage of it. I should like to thank members of the staff and life savers for their time and effort which has made this possible.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success, thanks to an all round effort. Most people either contributed or helped in some way. All the articles which were made in the lunch time were sold very quickly, particularly the shields. We made 70, all of which were sold. I should like to thank Miss Taylor and her able assistants for their great effort with the Hot Dogs and toffee, the helpers on the stall and all who gave their time at lunch time, or contributed in any way to this very successful Fayre.

The Christmas Parties were as usual a great success and the entertainment provided was much appreciated. The games were boisterous and, I am pleased to say, well supported. We played the ever-popular Bigamy and a game I mark well—or was marked well by—with rolled up newspapers. I think next year I shall stick to my job as jelly dispenser.

NETBALL:

We played two games, the first against Radclyffe. We won handsomely 20-4, fielding only six players. The second was against Byrom which we lost, 4-14. We have no excuses; they were a good and it just wasn't our day.

The Junior football team played three very hard games on very heavy pitches. Whether they played in colours or whites they were all a uniform black at the end of the games and when goal keeper George Pike went down for the ball it was difficult to tell which lump was the ball. We did well to win one match against rather bigger sides. We shall do better next year.

The Senior football final was a cracking good game and the two teams very evenly matched. The first half we played into the rather strong wind and were one goal down at half-time. Fletcher equalised early in the second half and then the match swung from end to end. Ten minutes from the final whistle Collier twisted a knee for the second time and had to be carried off. This was enough to upset the balance of power and Barton snatched the Cup.

The game of Piggy enjoyed a revival for a short time. Our attempts to bring the matches to a conclusion were thwarted by the weather, the state of the field and by crowding spectators. But we did get our picture in the paper!

I think our efforts in the summer term games are best summed up by "Better luck next time".

The annual athletics meetings are usually if nothing else, a pleasant afternoon out. This year we were unfortunate with the weather and on Intermediates day I was glad to wear an overcoat. I must say that I was delighted with the attitude of the competitors. I am only sorry that we had the usual number of people who would not join it. This becomes most pointed when the results are studied. We were beaten unto fourth place by one point after a recount. I think the thing to remember is that next year this could be the difference between first and second place. The results are published elsewhere in the Chronicle and I won't dwell on them now except to say that anyone who left the field before the Senior relay race, which we won in record time, really missed something.

In conclusion I should like to thank all those people who have helped to make this a good year and to say farewell to those who are leaving and welcome to the new members who will, no doubt, make the future years memorable.

J.W.O.

NORLEY

Staff: Messrs. Kelly, Ainsworth, Bennetts, Brindle, Evans, Holden, Pearson, Turner and Wright and Misses Broadbent, Holt, Mrs. Jones and Miss Smythe.

This year has seen more of our members taking part in House activities than in previous years but we still have a large number who are reluctant to join in.

The Norley House stall at the Christmas Fayre was well supported and gifts were received from approximately 100 pupils and parents. The girls who acted as sales ladies did an excellent job and as a result we were able to contribute £24/6/4d. to the grand total.

Christmas parties were held as usual—Norley again joining with Ainsworth, Barton and Byrom in organising parties for the first, second and third years. These were held in the Grammar School Hall, and, judging from the enthusiasm, were very much enjoyed. Our thanks are due to the artists who entertained us on these occasions.

The end of term House trips have been to Chester and Chester Zoo, first year—Chatsworth and Blue John Cave at Castleton, second year—and Holker Hall, Cartmell Priory and Grange-over-Sands, third year. The first and second years were favoured with good weather, the third year were not so lucky but nevertheless had an enjoyable day away from school.

The sporting side of our activities met with varying degrees of success. The senior and junior football teams were unequal to their opponents but the girls recorded their second successive win of the Netball Trophy. In the final against Byrom they had a particularly hard match only winning by a narrow margin. To our dismay we were unable to field a senior cricket team giving Assheton a walk-over in the first round. The junior team did much better, not only fielding a side, but went on to win the competition. In the final they beat Radclyffe, their opponents, by two runs. The hockey team, narrowly beaten in the first round, won the losers' final round but were eliminated in the second round. In the Swimming Gala, held early in the school year, the house won 51 points, the same number as last year. This was a disappointing result for more competitors had taken part than previously. However, we hope to do better in the future.

This year we have been joined by Mr. Brindle and Misses Broadbent and Holt. Each has entered into our House activities and has been a welcome addition to the staff. We are looking forward to having Mr. Davies with us again after his twelve months leave of absence.

E.K.

HOCKEY TEAM:

J. Bradshaw (Capt.), L. Baldwin, W. Morgan, P. Holden, Y. Liles, C. Mattison, M. Thornley, K. Mrozek, S. Riley, A. Rogerson, A. Smith, P. Westhead, K. Wilkinson.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM:

Dawson (Capt.), Ainscow, Bland, Brownlow, Drew, Gilliver, Hames, Jackson, Mason, Palmer, Simpson, Terrell.

NETBALL TEAM:

S. Riley (Capt.), D. Blakemore, J. Bradshaw, P. Holden, K. Mrozek, A. Rogerson, A. Smith, M. Thornley, P. Westhead.

ROUNDERS TEAM:

J. Bradshaw (Capt.), D. Blakemore, D. Harper, P. Holden, W. Morgan, K. Mrozek, S. Riley, A. Rogerson, A. Smith, M. Thornley, P. Westhead, K. Wilkinson.

JUNIOR CRICKET TEAM:

Ainscow (Capt.), Bell, Brownlow, Cloynes, Crutchlew, Edwards, Finegan, Harvey, Jackson, MacGuffig, Morris, Wolstenholme, Yates.

RADCLYFFE

Staff: Mr. A. R. Bradshaw, Mr. G. W. Ainsworth, Mr. A. Bentley, Mr. K. Evans, Mr. J. F. Kitchen, Mr. G. Ronstam, Mr. B. K. Martin, Mr. E. Riley, Miss A. Hillerton, Mrs. C. A. Pickavance, Mrs. J. Stephenson.

Before proceeding to a brief Survey of the year's activities, I would like to comment on the House dining arrangements during the past year. At the beginning of the year pupils were allocated to tables and dinner arrangements ran reasonably smoothly and happily for the first two terms. The cleanliness and manners of one or two tables were not up to the standard set by the other tables and this must be improved next year. Since Easter we have had the disturbance of "floating" tables and I regret that it has been necessary to move pupils who have dined happily together for most of the year in order to fill up other tables during the last weeks of the term.

In the Annual Inter House Competitions, we have not gained any trophies as the summary of results printed elsewhere shows. Encouraging, however, was the much keener spirit shown over last year, although on one or two occasions, teams were handicapped by the failure of members to turn up.

In the Senior House Soccer, we played three hard-fought matches but failed to qualify for the final. We were unfortunate in that two players, members of the Base 1st XI were unable to play in two of our matches owing to injury.

In the Girls Hockey Team, we possibly had our best XI yet and they played well together as a team although not qualifying for the final. Many of the team will be at school next year and should provide the nucleus of a good XI for next year's competition.

In the Junior Soccer League the team played hard, but many of the players were small and light and were at a disadvantage on the heavy grounds which prevailed at the time of the competition.

The Girl's Netball Team played well without reward, the game against Hulton being decided by the first goal scored after the end of full time. Several players were members in this House Competition should be better next year.

The Inter-house Swimming Gala was held in the Christmas term this year and as at the last Gala, Radclyffe finished in 3rd position, the result of both individual efforts and good swimming in the Junior and Intermediate relays. Senior support, however, was disappointing.

Two non-sporting events which occupied us during the Christmas term were the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas parties for the first three years. At the Christmas Fayre, the House Stall raised more than ever before for the Parents Association. Over 70 pupils brought items for Sale (what about the 140 who did not?) and a group of girls worked with Miss Hillerton to produce our annual "best selling" line—home made lemon cheese. I must mention too, the contribution of Marjorie Gardner, Form T5C. Marjorie made four soft toys of really outstanding workmanship and all were eagerly sought after. The Christmas parties, this year, were held jointly with Assheton, Hulton and Marsh Houses. All three parties were very enjoyable affairs with entertainment by Staff and pupils. The organisation of refreshments was in the hands of some senior pupils from the four houses and thanks are due to them for their hard work.

Sporting activities during the Summer term have included the Junior and Intermediate Cricket knock-outs, the Girl's Rounders Competition and the Inter-House Athletics meeting. The Junior Cricket team reached the final by two good wins, but lost to Norley in the Final. The Intermediate team had a good win in the first round, but lost in the Semi-final to Assheton, a disappointing result because we fielded only seven players. These seven boys, captained by Halliwell, bowled and fielded excellently to keep down the Assheton score, but the task of knocking off the runs proved too great for them.

In the Girls Rounders, we lost in the first round in a match in which our fielding was very good but our batting was suspect. The Inter-House Athletics gave us a brief moment of glory; we held first position after the completion of Junior heats, but at the end of the meeting, we were in last position. However, what was encouraging was the fact that we had competitors in most events and many excellent performances, the most outstanding probably being Osborn's victory in the Senior mile. Others, too, who felt they were only entering to "fill in" will be gratified to see their names in the Athletics results listed on another page. Again, we fielded relay teams in five of the six relays—what about six out of six next year, girls?

Three House visits were enjoyed during the last three weeks of the year, 1st years to Chester and the Zoo, 2nd years to Wedgwood and Trentham Gardens and 3rd years to Preston Docks and Black-pool.

During the year, we have contributed to the mission to Lepers and to the Bolton branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association with our Charity collections. A pity that **all** members of the house don't support our efforts. Finally, at the end of the year, there are good-byes to be said. Mr. Ainsworth left us at the end of May, and Mr. Riley, Mrs. Pickavance and Mrs. Stephenson left us at the end

of July. To each of them, our thanks for all they have done and best wishes for the future. To pupils leaving to continue their studies elsewhere or to start on the long trek to become "captains of industry" again—best wishes for your future. To those returning after the Summer holiday, let's see if we can improve on last year's performances.

HOCKEY:

S. Booth, S. Spence, C. Horner, G. Bleackley, S. Ross, I. Taylor, J. Buckley, S. Ridings, N. Barlow, H. Nuttall, M. Woodcock, N. Simpson.

NETBALL:

A. Kelly, M. Gardner, S. Butler, L. Russell, S. Hooton, C. Horner, J. Barlow, H. Nuttall.

ROUNDERS:

A. Kelly, M. Gardner, S. Butler, S. Hooton, N. Russell, H. Nuttall, M. Collier, M. Grundy, C. Entwistle.

SOCCER:

(Seniors): S. G. Horrocks, C. Williams, K. Poole, P. Hardcastle, M. Grundy, A. Merrett, I. Nicholls, J. Foster, B. Todhunter, R. Wallwork, D. McIntyre, P. Brendel, M. Osborne.

JUNIORS:

B. Howarth, W. Greenhalgh, H. King, M. Ward, P. Walkey, D. Selby, N. Hodgkiss, N. Berry.

CRICKET:

Intermediate: K. Halliwell, H. King, H. James, M. Curtis, M. Ward, B. Howarth, G. Massey, G. Hardman, W. Greenhalgh, P. Burgess, C. Webster.

JUNIORS:

A. N. Robinson, P. Walker, M. McLoughlin, R. Jones, G. Cryer, P. Buckley, G. Booth, S. Stonehewer, J. Syddall, S. Selby, M. Berry.

A.R.B.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1st XI

This year the 1st XI took on a somewhat new look because of our most experienced players' leaving. In view of this fact we were not expecting as good a side as last season's, but we were to be proved wrong. The four boys taking over from those leaving fitted into the rhythm of the team very well indeed, especially once they became accustomed to the speed of the 1st XI matches and it is in no small way due to these boys that the team have been so successful. The record of the team speaks for itself, the only loss being inflicted in the second round of the area knock-out competition by Thornleigh who won by 1 goal to nil in very bad conditions.

The team itself has developed a fine spirit and, along with the weekly training sessions, this has proved a great asset in many matches. The fitness of the team has been borne out in every match this season but in none more than our home encounter with Hayward Schools, when we turned round at half time 3—1 down and with only eight fit players, two being injured badly and one having to leave the field because of a wrenched ankle. In the second half it was not Smithills that tired first; it was Hayward, and our team hit back to win 5—3.

Having lost only one game throughout the season the team obviously became more and more confident as the season progressed and in the last two or three games there were signs of complacency: a fault that no team can afford to have. This is a lesson that future teams would do well to learn before they reach that stage.

No member of the team can be singled out as being outstanding as the whole team has played very well indeed. Not unexpectedly four of our 1st XI were honoured by being selected for the Area County Side. It is very unusual for one school to have so many selected and those selected can be very proud of themselves and the school. They were:—John Johnson (G.K.), Bruno Kilshaw (C.H.), Michael Baldwin (R.B.) and Stephen Leach (C.F. & O.R.). Stephen Leach was further honoured by being selected for the full County against Derbyshire: an excellent performance. John Johnson was selected also to go on a coaching course and competition for the whole of England at Bognor Regis; another fine performance and something that John will remember for a long time to come.

In short it has been a very good team and a very good season for the 1st XI.

Individual Reports

J. JOHNSON (V.-Capt.). Has been thoroughly reliable throughout the season and has brought off many fine saves. His ability has had a notably good effect on the team's defence and his selections for Area County and the Bognor Festival were well deserved.

M. BALDWIN. A very good constructive full-back who has the flare for scoring goals. His positional play and ball control have been excellent; he now needs to concentrate on getting off the mark quicker and being quicker on the turn.

H. RIPLEY. Again a very good constructive full back who is strong in the tackle and has very good ball control. Has been one of the most reliable members of the team throughout the season.

R. FORREST. Has the ability and capacity to play hard for 90 minutes. His determination has proved a great asset in gaining mid-field domination.

B. KILSHAW (Capt.). He has shown many qualities which have made him an exceptionally good captain, not the least being his ability to organise and bring the best out of the team without being in any way officious. His own play and determination have been first class and this very often has had a tremendous effect on the whole game. His heading ability has brought the team several fine goals this season.

W. COLLIER. This has not been one of his best seasons. After receiving an injury in the first match he has never really recovered and consequently his play has suffered. He has the ability undoubtedly, and now needs to practise and regain his confidence and true form.

S. HORROCKS. A hard fast ball-player who is equally at home on the wing or in the middle. He has served the side well in both roles and his ability to cross the ball and score goals has been a tremendous asset this season.

P. HARDCASTLE. He has a tremendous capacity for work and this coupled with his ball-playing ability has made him an exceptionally good inside-forward. Has been one of the big successes of the season.

S. LEACH. A tremendous goal-poacher who has scored about thirty goals this season. His speed and ability in general have played a big factor in the team's success. At times, though, he tends to hold the ball too long and he should watch this next season. His Area and County honours were well deserved.

A. LONGWORTH. A fast-attacking inside forward who is always willing to "have a go". In his first season with the 1st XI he has proved himself very capable.

P. ALLSOP. In his first season with the 1st XI he took a while to settle down, but once he did, he showed that he was well worth his place. He is equally at home on the wing or in the middle and has the ability to shoot well with either foot.

Full Colours: B. Kilshaw, J. Johnson, M. Baldwin, H. Ripley, S. Horrocks, P. Hardcastle, S. Leach.

Half Colours: R. Forrest, W. Collier.

1st XI Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 18	Leigh G.S.	1 - 1
" 25	Ashton in Makerfield	Cancelled
Oct. 6	Thornleigh	Cancelled
" 9	Q.E.G.S. (Middleton)	9 - 1
" 16	Bolton C.G.S.	1 - 1
" 23	Derby School	2 - 0
Nov. 6	Hindley and Abram G.S.	4 - 0
" 13	Bolton C.G.S.	2 - 1
" 20	Hayward Schools	5 - 2
" 27	Thornleigh	Cancelled
Dec. 4	Canon Slade	Cancelled
" 11	Heywood G.S.	9 - 0
Jan. 8	Farnworth G.S.	6 - 1
" 15	Q.E.G.S. (Middleton)	Cancelled
" 29	Burnley G.S.	8 - 1
Feb. 5	Colne G.S.	Cancelled
" 12	Hindley and Abram G.S.	Cancelled
" 19	Heywood G.S.	6 - 0
" 26	Hayward Schools	5 - 3
Mar. 5	Colne G.S.	3 - 1
" 19	Derby School	3 - 1
Apr. 2	Farnworth G.S.	Cancelled

2nd Round Area Knock-Out Cup

Mar. 12	Thornleigh	0 - 1
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Summary

Played 15, Won 12, Drawn 2, Lost 1, Goals For 64, Goals Against 14.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI have had easily their best season to date. They had some very good wins and of the two matches lost one was against a 1st XI team and the other was the first match of the season when only a makeshift team could be assembled. Throughout the season team spirit and behaviour on and off the field have been first class and this was largely due to the example set by the captain, B. Roberts, who has performed his duties admirably.

The goal scoring potential of the team was greatly improved when G. Bowling was moved up from half-back to centre-forward and with R. Taylor formed the basis of the attack; and together they have scored three-quarters of the goals. The defence can also be proud of its record and players deserving mention are: H. Roberts, the goalkeeper, and the half back line of B. Nicholls, M. Grundy and G. Kershaw.

The most disappointing feature of the season has been the number of matches cancelled, eight in all, owing to unfit pitches.

Next season many of the team will be playing again and with a new fifth form to add to their forces, who knows, we may do better still?

The team has been chosen from the following players:—
Goalkeepers: H. Roberts, K. Richards; Full Backs: A. Ambrose, B. Roberts (Capt.), J. Heys, T. J. Smith; Half backs: B. Nicholls, M. Grundy, G. Kershaw, A. Wright; Forwards: A. Whittaker, P. Brendle, G. Matthews, G. Bowling, R. Taylor, G. Poole, P. Lonnen, D. Pemberton, S. Hunt.

Colours: Half Colours were awarded to: H. Roberts, A. Ambrose, B. Roberts, B. Nicholls, M. Grundy, G. Kershaw, A. Whittaker, G. Matthews, G. Bowling, R. Taylor, G. Poole.

2nd XI Results

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	F.	A.	
v. Leigh	1	5	Lost
v. Ashton	Cancelled		
v. Thornleigh	Cancelled		
v. Bolton C.G.S.	3	2	Won
v. Derby School	6	2	Won
v. Colne	2	7	Lost
v. Hindley	7	2	Won
v. Bolton C.G.S.	5	2	Won
v. Hayward	4	1	Won
v. Thornleigh	Cancelled		
v. Canon Slade	Cancelled		
v. Heywood	Cancelled		
v. Farnworth	5	1	Won
v. Burnley	Cancelled		
v. Hindley	Cancelled		
v. Heywood	Cancelled		
v. Hayward	4	1	Won
v. Bury	2	1	Won
v. Derby School	2	2	Drew

Summary

Played 11, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Goals For 41, Goals Against 26.

Under 15 1st XI

The U.15's can be proud of season 1965-1966, having won the Bolton Wanderers' Cup and shared the Bolton Schools League Cup with Canon Slade. Everyone is pleased when a team marches on to achieve the success that the form of previous seasons has promised; in this case, however, there is real cause for celebration for a team has developed from a mediocre U.14s team into the best U.15s side in the area. The team had several problems to overcome during the course of the season. Paul Fletcher, Jones and Cochrane were regularly called on by Bolton Boys and

Fletcher went on to represent Lancashire and have an England Schoolboys' trial. Halfway through the season we lost the services of Mangnall, who had scored 22 goals by then. A calculated risk was taken and Cochrane, an accomplished goalkeeper, was released from his nets and replaced by the keen, though inexperienced, Walsh. It was an experiment which paid off. Walsh came on well under the protection of a very strong defence and Cochrane soon established himself as the terrier of the mid-field. The only defeats were suffered in the early part of the season when changes were being made and the team was unsettled.

The team's long run of wins stemmed from the successful adoption of tactics which were ideal for the players available. A strong defence which conceded only 22 goals in 23 games could usually take all that opposing attacks had to offer and enable the forwards to make quick strikes while opponents were out of position. Jones, in the rôle of sweeper, the hard-tackling Perris and the industrious Chadwick were steadfast in defence. Beamish, a fast full-back, often made strategic breaks down the wing. Brown became a strong player during the season and was ultimately an efficient link-man. Fletcher was a good captain and proved an ideal striker, his best game being when he scored five in the 6—3 defeat of our rivals Hayward, a team which had not lost for two years. Fletcher finished as leading goal-scorer with 35. Orlopp, Eagle, Hamilton, Allen and Ainsworth were reliable team men. The team was fast and fit; the result of the weekly training sessions which helped also to build a fine team spirit. An encouraging feature this season was the successful emergence of several boys who had not previously played for base teams.

The climax of the season was the memorable final of the Bolton Wanderers' Cup played at Burnden Park. Neither Fletcher, nor those who were fortunate enough to be there, will easily forget his winning goal in the last minute to round off a thrilling game against fine opposition, the conclusion of a year of triumph.

V.P.

Under 15 2nd XI

The U.15 2nd XI did not win any of its five matches; however, one or two useful players emerged from this side to make the first team. In addition to this obvious advantage of running a second U.15 team, there is a simpler and more important one. With over one hundred fourth year boys on the base it is good that as many of them as possible be given the chance of a game.

Under 15 1st XI Results

			F.	A.	
Sept. 18	v. Leigh G.S.	Won	8 - 1		H
Oct. 2	v. St. Anne's R.C.	Won	7 - 1		A
" 9	v. Queen Elizabeth G.S.	Won	7 - 3		H
" 16	v. County Grammar	Lost	1 - 3		H
" 23	v. Derby School	Won	2 - 1		A
Nov. 6	v. Hindley and Abram G.S.	Won	8 - 0		H
" 13	v. County Grammar	Won	5 - 0		A
" 20	v. Hayward Schools	Lost	1 - 5		A
" 27	v. Sunning Hill C.S.	Won	15 - 0		A
Dec. 11	v. St. Cuthbert's R.C.	Won	7 - 2		H
Jan. 8	v. Farnworth G.S.	Drew	3 - 3		H
" 29	v. Burnley G.S.	Won	9 - 1		A
Feb. 19	v. English Martyrs' R.C.	Won	5 - 0		A
" 26	v. Hayward Schools	Drew	1 - 1		H
Mar. 5	v. Whitecroft C.S.	Won	12 - 0		H
" 10	v. Castle Hill C.S.	Won	5 - 0		H
" 12	v. Turton C.S.	Won	5 - 0		A
" 19	v. Brownlow Fold C.S.	Won	4 - 0		H
" 26	v. Hayward Schools	Won	6 - 3		A
Apr. 25	v. Tonge Fold C.S.	Won	5 - 0		H

Bolton Wanderers' Cup

1st Round: Bye.					
Apr. 23	2nd Round v. Brightmet C.S.	Won	6 - 0		A
" 25	Semi-Final v. Hayward Schools	Won	2 - 1		A
May 3	Final v. County Grammar	Won	2 - 1 (at Burnden Pk.)		

2nd XI Results

Sept. 18	v. Canon Slade	Lost	0 - 16		H
Oct. 30	v. Colne Grammar	Lost	1 - 9		H
Feb. 5	v. Tonge Fold	Lost	1 - 10		H
Mar. 5	v. Colne Grammar	Lost	0 - 5		A
" 19	v. Derby School	Lost	0 - 11		H

Summary

1st XI: Played 23, Won 20, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Goals For 131, Goals Against 22.

2nd XI: Played 5, Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 5, Goals For 2, Goals Against 51.

Under 14 XI

This has been an extremely successful season for the team, only one game being lost and one drawn. It has also been very disappointing in that eight matches were cancelled, two because the opposing team failed to arrive.

The team has been captained by Shirres who has been very good but not always willing to shout instructions when it was needed. The team as a whole has played football of a very high standard and it is very pleasing to remember that our opponents have often commented on this.

Goal was kept by Blackburn or Rudd, Blackburn being very good on the ground and Rudd probably better in the air. The backs, Curtis and Winrow, have matured well during the season, but both are rather inclined to play too far up the field at times and then find that they are unable to get back when needed. The half-back line has always been strong with Dawson in the middle, Shirres on his left, and either Poole, Hinsley, or Ainsworth at right-half. The goal record speaks for the forwards, with Jolly and Seddon outstanding in their ability to snap up goals. The others, Mulvaney, Rawlinson and Grimshaw and sometimes Poole have, of course, done much hard work.

Much is hoped for next season and several of the team ought to be playing for the town as were Seddon, Winrow, and Jolly this season.

Results

			F.	A.
Sept. 18	v. Leigh G.S.	A	12 - 5	
" 25	v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	A	Cancelled	
Oct. 16	v. B.C.G.S.	A	6 - 3	
" 23	v. Derby School	H	6 - 1	
" 30	v. Castle Hill	H	9 - 2	
Nov. 6	v. Hindley and Abram G.S.	H	8 - 1	
" 13	v. B.C.G.S.	H	13 - 0	
" 20	v. Hayward Schools	A	4 - 4	
" 27	v. Thornleigh College	A	Cancelled	
Dec. 4	v. Canon Slade	A	Cancelled	
" 11	v. Heywood G.S.	A	Cancelled	
Jan. 8	v. St. Cuthbert's	H	20 - 2	
" 29	v. Burnley G.S.	H	Cancelled	
Feb. 5	v. Tonge Fold	A	6 - 2	
" 12	v. Hindley and Abram G.S.	H	Cancelled	
" 19	v. Heywood G.S.	H	Cancelled	
" 26	v. Hayward	A	4 - 5	
Mar. 5	v. St. Cuthbert's	H	Cancelled	
" 19	v. Derby School	A	6 - 0	

Summary

Played 11, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 1, Goals For 84, Goals Against 25.

Under 13 XI Results

			F.	A.
	v. Leigh G.S.	Home	Won	8 - 1
	v. St. Annes	Away	Won	12 - 2
	v. Bolton County G.S.	Home	Won	12 - 2
	v. Derby School	Away	Lost	3 - 8
	v. Bolton County G.S.	Away	Won	6 - 0
	v. Hayward Schools	Away	Lost	0 - 9
	v. Heywood G.S.	Home	Won	8 - 0
	v. St. Cuthbert's	Away	Lost	0 - 6
	v. Burnley G.S.	Away	Lost	2 - 7
	v. Tonge Fold	Home	Lost	3 - 4
	v. Tonge Fold	Away	Won	5 - 4
	v. Hayward Schools	Home	Lost	0 - 10
	v. St. Cuthbert's	Home	Lost	1 - 6

Summary

Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 7, Goals For 60, Goals Against 59.

OLD SMITHILLIANS A.F.C.

This season the Old Smithillians experienced their first taste of Division One and Division Two football in the Lancashire Amateur League. The season began well for both the first and second XIs but by November the First XI had expended a great deal of its energy and, regretful to say, its enthusiasm, and a lean spell ensued. The Second XI continued to hold their own and produced some fine wins but towards the end of the season when injury struck and the number of playing staff became depleted, the difficulty of raising two strong teams was too often apparent and both teams lost ground.

In spite of the apparent lack of success the football of the Old Boys was of a high standard but lack of experience against more mature teams and sometimes a general lack of fighting spirit contributed to the team's downfall.

John Mossley is to be congratulated on his selection for the Northern Section representative team.

The Club developed a close liaison with the Schools to whom we are indebted for use of playing fields, changing rooms and the Modern School gym for training purposes, and we should like to pass on our sincerest thanks to Mr. J. Weir, the groundsman and his staff for their help and co-operation.

At the recent A.G.M. the following officers were elected:

Secretary	D. Sidey
Treasurer	P. Walker
Selection Chairman	C. Mellor
President	Mr. K. J. R. Robson
Vice-Presidents	Mr. R. W. Clements
	Mr. R. H. Leithead
	Mr. J. Sidey.

C.R.M.

ATHLETICS

The season began with Bolton Inter-Schools Athletics meeting which took place at Leverhulme Park and which was a most enjoyable and well organised event. We entered a full team and excitement soon began to mount when we realised how frequently the red and black vests of Smithills were coming in, in 1st and 2nd places in order to qualify for the finals. At the end of the heats we discovered that out of a total of 86 events, individual and team, there were only 13 in which we had no competitors and in 12 track events we had two finalists which was the maximum. All our relay teams reached the final and we got 6 firsts, 2 seconds, and 1 third place, which is a most creditable performance. In the final results the Girls' team (up to 4th year) were 2nd with 234½ points, being 15½ points behind Hayward Schools, the winners. The Boys' team

won with 325 points, being 50 points ahead of their nearest rivals. In the E Group (5th and 6th form boys and girls) both teams came 2nd, the girls getting 55 points against the winners' 65½ and the boys 71 against the winning 74; altogether a very creditable performance which leaves us with a determination to sweep the board next year if we can.

1st and 2nd Placings

E Group Girls 80 Yds. Hurdles	Jennifer Jones	2nd in 15.4 sec.
E Group Boys 110 Yds. Hurdles	R. Taylor	2nd in 15.6 sec.*
B Group Girls 150 Yds.	Anne Smith	1st in 18.6 sec.*
B Group Boys 220 Yds.	N. Mann	1st in 27.3 sec.*
B Group Boys 220 Yds.	R. Billington	2nd in 27.8 sec.
E Group Boys 220 Yds.	S. Leach	1st in 23.5 sec.*
C Group Girls 100 Yds.	Marilyn Hulme	1st in 12.3 sec.*
E Group Girls 100 Yds.	Alwyn Heaton	1st in 12.2 sec.*
A Group Boys 100 Yds.	J. Harvey	2nd in 13.3 sec.
B Group Boys 100 Yds.	N. Mann	2nd in 12.0 sec.*
E Group Boys 100 Yds.	S. Leach	1st in 10.1 sec.*
D Group Boys 1000 m. Steeple-chase	A. Cochrane	2nd in 3 min. 31.2 sec.*
E Group Boys 1000 m. Steeple-chase	M. Osborne	2nd in 3 min. 19.0 sec.*
B Group Boys 660 Yds.	P. Warren	2nd in 1 min. 48.0 sec.*
C Group Boys 440 Yds.	W. Ainsworth	1st in 62.5 sec.
C Group Boys 440 Yds.	H. King	2nd in 64.2 sec.
C Group Boys 1 Mile	S. Kenyon	1st in 5 min. 3.8 sec.*
E Group Girls High Jump	Susan Riley	2nd with 4 ft. 2 in.
E Group Boys High Jump	J. Johnson	2nd with 5 ft. 0 in.
E Group Girls Long Jump	Susan Riley	1st with 14 ft. 3½ in.
E Group Boys Long Jump	J. Johnson	2nd with 18 ft. 5½ in.*
D Group Boys Long Jump	S. Nuttall	2nd with 16 ft. 3½ in.
D Group Boys Triple Jump	S. Nuttall	2nd with 33 ft. 1½ in.*
D Group Girls Shot	Sylvia Blacklock	2nd with 21 ft. 1 in.*
D Group Boys Shot	R. Bowden	2nd with 31 ft. 9 in.
E Group Girls Discus	Alwyn Heaton	1st with 65 ft. 6 in.*
D Group Boys Discus	R. Bowden	1st with 72 ft. 2 in.
C Group Girls Javelin	Brenda Hacking	1st with 56 ft. 10 in.*
C Group Boys Javelin	P. Grimshaw	1st with 95 ft. 8½ in.
E Group Boys Javelin	G. Gittins	2nd with 93 ft. 11 in.
A Group Boys Cricket Ball	S. McGuffey	2nd with 153 ft. 8 in.

Those marked with an asterisk are records.

Thursday, June 2nd

The next meeting was a "girls' team only" against Bolton County Grammar School. The result was a win for Smithills with 195 points to 135.

Outstanding performances which again broke records were:

Intermediate Girls Javelin	Brenda Hacking	64 ft. 0 in.
Junior Girls 100 Yds.	Hilary Curtis	12.4 sec.
Junior Girls 100 Yds.	Anne Smith	12.0 sec.
Intermediate Girls 100 Yds.	Marilyn Hulme	21.2 sec.
Senior Girls Javelin	Beverley Fiddes	81 ft. 10½ in.
Senior Girls Hurdles	Jennifer Jones	13.9 sec.
Intermediate Girls 150 Yds.	Anne Rogerson	19.0 sec.
Senior Girls 220 Yds.	Alwyn Heaton	29.0 sec.

Of the 28 events in the meeting we won 23; were 2nd in 11; 3rd in 9 and 4th in only 3; an excellent performance.

Friday, June 3rd

The Boys' meeting at Rivington and Blackrod, which was a centenary event in which six schools competed, opened our eyes to the sort of stiff competition that can be found in established schools where athletics has a tradition. We went to this meeting knowing that we had a strong team and were surprised to be beaten into fourth place even though we were only 10 points behind the winners. The outstanding performance of this meeting was the mile run by S. Kenyon, who, although still a 3rd Year boy, ran against boys a year older and returned a time of 5 min. 1.8 sec. He paced himself evenly around the course never losing touch with the leaders, refused to be drawn by some apparently strong opposition at the three quarter mile and then proceeded to lead the field in a beautifully even last lap.

New Records

Senior Boys 100 Yds.	N. Mann	11.7 sec.
Intermediate Boys 1 Mile	S. Kenyon	5 min. 1.8 sec.
Seniors Boys Discus	R. Bowden	109 ft. 6 in.
Senior Boys 1 Mile	M. Osborn	4 min. 58.1 sec.
Senior Boys Long Jump	J. Johnson	18 ft. 8¼ in.
Intermediate Boys Triple Jump	P. Fletcher	37 ft. 5¼ in.
Senior Boys Triple Jump	R. Taylor	39 ft. 5 in.

The final result was:

1st Bolton School	134 points
2nd Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	133 points
3rd Wigan G.S.	125 points
4th Smithills Schools	124 points
5th Bolton County G.S.	88 points
6th Hindley & Abram G.S.	52 points

As a result of their efforts in Bolton Inter-schools sports eight boys and four girls were invited to compete for Bolton against Bury and Rochdale at Leverhulme Park. They were:

M. Osborne won the Steeple Chase. 3 min. 14.5 sec.*
 W. Ainsworth won the 440 yards. 61.9 sec.
 H King won the 440 yards. 64.2 sec.
 S. Kenyon won the 1 Mile. 5 min. 5.3 sec.
 J. Thornton won the 1 Mile. 5 min. 24.7 sec.
 N. Mann won the Relay.
 R. Billington Relay reserve.
 P. Grimshaw won the Javelin. 112' 3".
 Ann Smith won the 150 yards. 18.8 sec., 100 yds. 12.5 sec.
 Marilyn Hulme won the Relay 100 yards. 12.6 sec.
 Barbara Yates won the Relay.
 Brenda Hacking won the Javelin. 57' 3½".*

The final results were:

Boys:		Girls:	
1st Bolton	216 points	1st Bolton	237 points
2nd Rochdale.....	195 points	2nd Rochdale	211 points
3rd Bury	125 points	3rd Bury	149 points

Saturday, 18th June

Our athletes received further honours when the following were chosen to represent Bolton and District in the Lancashire Championships:

W. Ainsworth in the 440 yds. Junior.
 S. Kenyon in the 1 Mile Junior.
 P. Grimshaw in the Javelin Junior.
 J. Thornton in the 100 yds. Intermediate.
 M. Osborn in the 1000m. Steeple Chase Intermediate.
 S. Leach in the 100 yds. Senior.
 R. Taylor in the 100 yds. Hurdles Senior.
 Anne Smith in the 100 yds. Junior.
 Marilyn Hulme in the 100 yds. Junior.
 Alwyn Heaton in the 100 yds. Senior.

The results of the Inter House Athletics are reported elsewhere in the Chronicle but the records covering the whole season are as follows: In our sports we call 1st and 2nd years, Junior; 3rd and 4th years, Intermediate; 5th and 6th years, Senior. In the other meetings this may not follow but when records have been made these have been put into the age groupings as we name them. In addition we compete in some events in the town sports which are not included in our Inter-House sports but all events are included below.

ATHLETICS RECORDS

Junior Girls	100 Yards	A. Smith	No	12.0 s.	1966	
	150 Yards	A. Smith	No	18.6 s.	1966	
	220 Yards	A. Rogerson	No	30.1 s.	1965	
	80 Yards Hurdles	L. Nicholas	Ma	15.0 s.	1966	
	4 x 110 Yards Relay		Ai	60.7 s.	1966	
	High Jump	A. Rogerson	No	4' 4"	1965	
	Long Jump	J. Jones	By	14' 3¼"	1964	
	Rounders Ball	B. Fiddes	By	187' 6"	1963	
	Junior Boys	100 Yards	N. Mann	By	12.0 s.	1966
220 Yards		N. Mann	By	27.3 s.	1966	
660 Yards		P. Warren	Hu	1m. 48.0 s.	1966	
80 Yards Hurdles		N. Mann	By	13.2 s.	1966	
4 x 110 Yards Relay			Ba	58.5 s.	1963	
High Jump		A. Kay	By	4' 8½"	1964	
Long Jump		D. Ainsworth	Ai	15' 1"	1965	
Cricket Ball	L. Vickers	Ba	215'	1963		
Inter. Girls	100 Yards	M. Hulme	As	12.3 s.	1966	
	220 Yards	J. Jones	By	29.7 s.	1965	
	150 Yards	A. Rogerson	No	19.0 s.	1966	
	80 Yards Hurdles	B. Yates	By	14.8 s.	1966	
	4 x 110 Yards Relay		No	60.7 s.	1963	
	High Jump	D. Warburton	As	4' 6"	1965	
	Long Jump	A. Rogerson	No			
	Rounders Ball	C. Johnson	Hu	14' 1"	1966	
Shot		B. Fiddes	By	199' 8"	1964	
		S. Blacklock	As	21' 1"	1966	
	Javelin		B. Hacking	Ma	64' 0"	1966

Inter. Boys	100 Yards	S. Leach	Ma	10.6 s.	1963
	220 Yards	S. Leach	Ma	24.4 s.	1963
	440 Yards	H. Thornton	By	59.4s.	1963
	80 Yards Hurdles	S. Seddon	Ba	13.0 s.	1966
	1000m. Steeple Chase	A. Cochran	As	3m. 31.6 s.	1966
	1 Mile	S. Kenyon	By	5m. 1.8 s.	1966
	4 x 110 Yards Relay		By	60.5 s.	1966
	High Jump	D. Smith	Hu	5' 0"	1965
	Long Jump	S. Leach	Ma	17' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	1964
	Javelin	B. Walmsley	Ai	131' 10"	1963
	Shot	N. Leather	No	37' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1964
	Discus	R. Bowden	Ba	109' 6"	1966
	Triple Jump	P. Fletcher	Ma	37' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1966
	Senior Girls	100 Yards	A. Heaton	No	12.2 s.
220 Yards		A. Heaton	No	29.0 s.	1966
440 Yards		J. Fryer	As	77.4 s.	1966
80 Yards Hurdles		J. Jones	No	13.9 s.	1966
4 x 110 Yards Relay			By	60.5 s.	1966
High Jump		S. Riley	No	4' 7"	1965
Long Jump		S. Riley	No	14' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1965
Javelin		B. Fiddes	By	81' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1966
Discus	A. Heaton	No	65' 6"	1966	
Senior Boys	100 Yards	S. Leach	Ma	10.1 s.	1966
	220 Yards	S. Leach	Ma	23.5 s.	1966
	440 Yards	N. Darbyshire	No	56.3 s.	1965
	880 Yards	N. Wainwright	By	2m. 14.8 s.	1964
	1 Mile	M. Osborn	Ra	4m. 58.1 s.	1966
	80 Yards Hurdles	R. Taylor	By	13.1 s.	1966
	1000m. Steeple Chase	M. Osborn	Ra	3m. 14.5 s.	1966
	110 Yards Hurdles	R. Taylor	By	15.6 s.	1966
	High Jump	R. Taylor	By	5' 4"	1965
	Long Jump	J. Johnson	Ba	18' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1966
	Triple Jump	R. Taylor	By	39' 5"	1966
	Shot	A. Hayes	As	33' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1964
	Javelin	J. Heys	By	142'	1966
	Discus	R. Bowden	Ba	107' 5"	1966
4 x 110 Yards Relay		Ma	48.0 s.	1966	

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS 1966

The finals took place on July 21st and although the day was fine there was a strong and blustery wind which did nothing to improve the meeting and the competitors had little chance of producing their best form against it. In spite of this however seven records were broken and all the 80 yds. hurdle races times will stand as records because in previous seasons there have been insufficient flights of hurdles which produced very fast and unreal times for these events.

The seven record breakers are as follows:

Junior Girls 4 x 110 Yards Relay: Ainsworth House in 60.7 sec.
 Intermediate Girls Long Jump: C. Johnson with 14 ft. 1 in.
 Intermediate Girls High Jump: A. Rogerson with 4 ft. 6 in. Equals Record.
 Senior Girls 440 Yards: J. Fryer in 77.4 sec.
 Senior Girls 4 x 110 Yards Relay: Byrom House in 60.5 sec.
 Senior Boys Javelin: J. Heys with 142 ft.
 Senior Boys 4 x 110 Yards Relay: Marsh in 48 sec.

The final house positions were as follows:

1st Byrom House	337	points
2nd Hulton House	261 $\frac{1}{2}$	points
3rd Assheton House	210 $\frac{1}{2}$	points
4th Marsh House	209 $\frac{1}{2}$	points
5th Norley House	207	points
6th Ainsworth House	163	points
7th Barton House	138 $\frac{1}{2}$	points
8th Radclyffe House	128	points

Junior Girls 100 Yards:

1st A. Smith	No
2nd A. Chadwick	Ai
3rd M. Barnes	Ai
4th H. Curtis	Ai

Junior Girls Long Jump:

1st J. Newsham	As
2nd W. Harris	Hu
3rd D. Smith	By
4th C. Brown	No

Junior Girls Rounders Ball:

1st J. Newsham	As
2nd C. Mattison	No
3rd H. James	Ra
4th P. Atkinson	Ma

Junior Girls 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1st Ainsworth
2nd Byrom
3rd Norley
4th Marsh

Junior Boys 220 Yards:

1st J. Harvey	No
2nd F. Baldwin	Hu
3rd M. Brindle	No
4th P. Crompton	Hu

Junior Boys High Jump:

1st P. Warren	Hu
2nd N. Bolton	Ma
3rd A. Bowden	Ba
4th S. Bray	Ai

Junior Boys 80 Yards Hurdles:

1st N. Mann	By
2nd P. Stillwell	Ba
3rd N. Farrimond	Ai
4th D. Whittle	Ma

Intermediate Girls 100 Yards:

1st B. Hacking	Ma
2nd M. Hulme	As
3rd S. Barnes	As
4th S. Blacklock	As

Junior Girls 150 Yards:

1st A. Smith	No
2nd M. Barnes	Ai
3rd A. Chadwick	Ai
4th J. McKeown	By

Junior Girls High Jump:

1st S. Pilling	As
2nd C. Rimmer	Ba
3rd C. Brown	No
4th J. Smith)	By
5th E. Ward)	Ma

Junior Girls 80 Yards Hurdles:

1st L. Nicholas	Ma
2nd J. McKeown	By
3rd J. Murphy	By
4th M. Smith)	Hu
5th F. McCrostie)	Ba

Junior Boys 100 Yards:

1st N. Mann	By
2nd M. Brindle	No
3rd J. Cooper	Hu
4th J. Barkess	Ai

Junior Boys Long Jump:

1st R. Jones	Ra
2nd A. Ainscow	No
3rd D. Newton	Ra
4th P. Hough	As

Junior Boys Cricket Ball:

1st C. Hadfield	By
2nd I. Morris	Ai
3rd R. Jones	Ra
4th A. Thornton	Ma

Junior Boys 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1st Byrom
2nd Hulton
3rd Norley
4th Radcliffe

Intermediate Girls 150 Yards:

1st A. Rogerson	No
2nd J. Jones	By
3rd S. Barnes	As
4th C. Booth	By

Intermediate Girls Long Jump:

1st C. Johnson	Hu
2nd J. Jones	By
3rd I. Earp	Hu
4th S. Butler	Ra

Intermediate Girls Rounders Ball:

1st B. Hacking	Ma
2nd J. Shields	Hu
3rd J. Hughes	Ai
4th K. Wilkinson	No

Intermediate Girls 4 x 110 Yds. Relay:

1st Hulton
2nd Assheton
3rd Byrom
4th Radclyffe

Intermediate Boys 220 Yards:

1st P. Fletcher	Ma
2nd A. Brown	By
3rd G. Bateson	As
4th W. Greenhalgh	Ra

Intermediate Boys Long Jump:

1st D. Robinson	Ra
2nd I. Barnes	As
3rd D. Ainsworth	Ai
4th S. Wright	Hu

Intermediate Boys Javelin:

1st P. Grimshaw	By
2nd S. Wilson	Ai
3rd S. Wiseman	Ba
4th N. Baldwin	Ma

Intermediate Boys Shot:

1st S. Wilson	Ai
2nd D. Beamish	As
3rd R. Bowden	Ba
4th A. Jones	As

Intermediate Boys Relay 4 x 110 Yds.:

1st Assheton
2nd Marsh
3rd Byrom
4th Hulton

Senior Girls 440 Yards:

1st J. Fryer	As
2nd S. Riley	No
3rd Sh. Clark	By
4th E. Williams	Ba

Senior Girls High Jump:

1st B. Fiddes	By
2nd J. Bradshaw	No
3rd J. Anderton	Ai

Intermediate Girls High Jump:

1st A. Rogerson	No
2nd B. Yates	By
3rd S. Blacklock	As
4th P. Kay	Ma

Intermediate Girls 80 Yards Hurdles:

1st B. Yates	By
2nd C. Hall	Hu
3rd J. Shields	Hu
4th M. Chadwick	As

Intermediate Boys 100 Yards:

1st P. Fletcher	Ma
2nd D. Beamish	As
3rd A. Huddart	As
4th P. Grimshaw	By

Intermediate Boys 440 Yards:

1st A. Brown	By
2nd S. Chadwick	Hu
3rd M. Heaney	Ai
4th S. Kenyon	By

Intermediate Boys High Jump:

1st J. Keltie	Hu
2nd L. Morris	No
3rd M. Gilliver	No
4th F. Gerrard	Ra

Intermediate Boys Discus:

1st R. Bowden	Ba
2nd S. Chadwick	Hu
3rd J. Keltie	Hu
4th A. Cochrane	As

Intermediate Boys 880 Yards Hurdles:

1st S. Seddon	Ba
2nd D. Mulligan)	As
3rd G. Bateson)	As
4th M. Curtis)	Ra

Senior Girls 220 Yards:

1st A. Heaton	By
2nd S. Eastham	Hu
3rd D. Livesey	Ai
4th J. Bushell	As

Senior Girls 100 Yards:

1st A. Heaton	By
2nd C. Bromley	As
3rd J. Jones	No
4th J. Holden	Hu

Senior Girls Long Jump:

1st C. Cockroft	By
2nd S. Riley	No
3rd M. Rees	Hu
4th L. Grants	Ai

Senior Girls Javelin:

1st J. Anderton	Ai
2nd L. Heap	Hu
3rd C. Lee	No
4th V. Greenwood	As

Senior Girls 4 x 110 Yards Relay:

1st Byrom
2nd Hulton
3rd Norley
4th Ainsworth

Senior Boys 220 Yards:

1st W. Collier	Ma
2nd A. Longworth	Ba
3rd T. Ambrose	Hu
4th D. Hughes	As

Senior Boys 880 Yards:

1st M. Abbott	Ma
2nd P. Heap	Hu
3rd N. Burtonwood	Ba
4th B. McCann	Ra
5th J. Horan	No

Senior Boys High Jump:

1st R. Taylor	By
2nd D. Smith	Hu
3rd J. Johnson	Ba
4th M. Smith	As

Senior Boys Discus:

1st J. Coochey	Ba
2nd B. Todhunter	Ra
3rd D. Smith	Hu
4th N. Cryer	Ai

Senior Boys Shot:

1st D. McIntyre	Ra
2nd D. Ainslie	Ba
3rd D. Lonsdale	By
4th H. Clare	As

Senior Boys Relay:

1st Marsh
2nd Byrom
3rd Hulton
4th Radclyffe

Senior Girls 80 Yards Hurdles:

1st J. Bradshaw	No
2nd C. Cockroft	By
3rd L. Martin	Ai
4th V. Greenwood	As

Senior Boys 100 Yards:

1st S. Leach	Ma
2nd J. Thornton	By
3rd P. Schofield	Hu
4th R. Gill	Ba

Senior Boys 440 Yards:

1st W. Collier	Ma
2nd J. Thornton	By
3rd P. Lonnen	Hu
4th M. Osborn	Ra

Senior Boys Mile:

1st M. Osborn	Ra
2nd D. Dean	By
3rd M. Abbott	Ma
4th P. Heap	Hu

Senior Boys Long Jump:

1st S. Leach	Ma
2nd J. Johnson	Ba
3rd B. Wainwright	As
4th R. Thompson	Hu

Senior Boys Javelin:

1st J. Heys	By
2nd C. Kershaw	Ma
3rd N. Cryer	Ai
4th B. Todhunter	Ra

Senior Boys 80 Yards Hurdles:

1st R. Taylor	By
2nd P. Lonnen	Hu
3rd G. Kershaw	Ma
4th R. Wallwork	Ra

BADMINTON 1965/66**1st VI**

The Badminton team has had a fairly successful season winning more matches than they lost. Five out of the six members were experienced, having played for the team last year. But our one fault was that we failed to dominate the games and dictate the play to weaker opponents with the result that our play was lowered to the standard of the opponents and we lost a few games

which stopped our winning more comfortably. The team started badly by losing the first two matches, but with the benefit of more match play we lost only one other match. As all the present team are leaving this year, I hope the fifth forms will continue the high standard of play in the school. R. Forrest and J. Johnson received their full colours.

Regular members of the team were: R. Forrest (Capt.), J. Johnson, G. Gittins, R. Taylor, T. Owen and B. Roberts.

P.	W.	L.	Games		
			For	Against	
9	...	6	...	3	
			55	...	35

2nd VI

The 2nd VI have had an average season winning and losing the same number of matches, usually by a wide margin.

We have been fortunate in having good weather for all our matches and have been able to play all the arranged fixtures.

The team have played their matches with keen interest but could show more interest and determination in playing their shots. There could be considerable improvement in speed of movement about the court and in anticipation and judgment of the opponents' return. Too many points have been lost this season through careless shots and unenforced errors where the ball has gone out of court and into the net. This can only be remedied by intelligent practice to improve the technique of stroke making and in improving foot work.

B.F.

3rd Year Boys' Badminton

The 3rd year Badminton Club was started in the New Year by a small but enthusiastic band of boys, few of whom knew which end of the racquet to hold. It was unfortunate that some practice was missed through boys being involved in House matches. The skill causing the greatest amount of difficulty was the service, and many were also troubled by the scoring system, but through perseverance, quite a good standard was reached by the end of the term. It is hoped that matches with other schools will be arranged for the coming season for these boys.

F.H.

4th Year Boys' Badminton

For the first time the club has included fixtures in its activities. These have been a welcome change from the usual run of club evenings. They provide that bite which tightens up the game. We hope that fixtures will be more numerous next season and that we shall get started with them earlier in the season.

Team members were: J. Keltie, N. Hamilton, S. Chadwick, F. Allen, P. Sutcliffe, W. Worthington, D. Robson.

v. Whitecroft Road	Won	8-1
v. Whitecroft Road	Lost	4-5

SENIOR BASKETBALL

The Senior Basketball Team has again done extremely well in the Bolton Under-21s Basketball League. Last year they finished second to the Bolton Technical College but this year they did even better and won the league by a clear margin of eight points: an excellent performance.

Apart from the position of the team in the league, the players have played some very attractive basketball, attacking swiftly and accurately and zoning back very efficiently. The side differs from last year in that two of the U.15s team also play for the Senior Team, in the absence of those seniors who left last year. They are Paul Fletcher and Stephen Chadwick. Both boys' play has improved tremendously this season and they are now playing very well indeed. All five senior boys have played extremely well together, especially after they were re-shuffled early on in the season.

TEAM: John Johnson (Gr. Capt.), Bruno Kilshaw (Tech.), Harold Ripley (Tech.), Stewart Horrocks (Tech.), Russel Taylor (Gr.), Paul Fletcher (Tech.), Stephen Chadwick (Gr.).

Colours

J. Johnson, B. Kilshaw, S. Horrocks, R. Taylor.

P.	W.	L.	Pts.
22	...	20	...
		2	...
			40

Individual Reports

J. JOHNSON. Has been an excellent captain during his two years in office, setting a very high standard both in his play and attitude both on and off the court. He has become alert at reading game situations and in dealing with them and his own play has always been thoroughly reliable.

B. KILSHAW. His presence on the court always has a good influence on the team and his shooting power has been a big factor in the team's league victory this season. His general play on court has improved even further this season and he is now a very competent player.

H. RIPLEY. After being moved from defence to attack he has gone from strength to strength. He now rivals Kilshaw as the team's leading scorer, which again has been a big factor in the team's league victory.

S. HORROCKS. A very sound defender and builder of attacks who dribbles well. He could become a very formidable player if he developed his shooting more.

R. TAYLOR. Not his best but nevertheless he has played an important part in the team's success. His shooting, which was his strong point last year, needs practising.

R. FLETCHER. A very fine prospect. His ability is second to none in the team already. He now needs more experience in good class basketball and he will no doubt be useful to any side.

S. CHADWICK. Another fine prospect. His shooting ability is very good and he moves well on court. He will be an asset to the team next season.

SENIOR BASKETBALL RESULTS

Opponent	Result	F.	A.
Bury G.S.	Lost	29	39
Leigh G.S.	Won	54	22
Hayward 'A'	Won	53	52
Castle Hill Y.C.	Won	46	25
Bolton Colleges	Lost	43	50
Bolton C.G.S.	Won	54	30
Hayward 'B'	Won	60	39
Worsley Col. of F.E.	Won	72	51
Leigh Tech.	Won	73	30
Worsley W.G.S.	Won	53	38
Y.M.C.A.	Won	119	20
Leigh G.S.	Won	46	38
Bury G.S.	Won	53	27
Hayward 'B'	Won	74	21
Castle Hill Y.C.	Won	64	30
Leigh Tech.	Won	73	35
Bolton C.G.S.	Won	48	35
Worsley W.G.S.	Won	32	30
Hayward 'A'	Won	49	46
Y.M.C.A.	Won	104	40
Bolton Colleges	Won	Bolton Colleges forfeited match	
Worsley Col. F.E.	Won	59	42

P. 22 ... W. 20 ... L. 2

Under 15 Basketball

In its first competitive season in Basketball, the junior team has played extremely well and finished second to an experienced Hayward Schools' side in the Bolton and District Junior League. The team's enthusiasm has been apparent not only in matches but also in practices, which have taken place several times a week, with almost maximum attendance. With twelve regular members of the Club, it has often been an embarrassment to play every player in any one match, although, to their credit, the players who were not in the first five have never shown any disappointment. With a spirit such as this, the team will have a sound foundation on which to build next year's Senior team. From the full list of players, who have all given 100% effort, Fletcher, Chadwick and Mangnall are awarded colours for outstanding play and conduct throughout the season.

Team members:

P. Fletcher, S. Chadwick, I. Mangnall, W. Worthington, N. Hamilton, F. Allen, D. Robson, P. Sutcliffe, W. Buffey, W. Cox, R. Bowden, P. Bland.

Fixture List and Results:

Opponents	Venue	Result
Castle Hill	Away	Lost 40 - 44
Worsley Wardley	Home	Won 39 - 6
Hayward "C"	Away	Lost 19 - 42
Bolton C.G.	Home	Won 30 - 16
Hayward "D"	Home	Won 34 - 24
Castle Hill	Home	Won 38 - 23
Worsley Wardley	Away	Won 32 - 9
Hayward "C"	Home	Lost 26 - 44
Bolton C.G.	Away	Won 54 - 21
Hayward "D"	Away	Won by forfeit

K.W.O.

CRICKET

1st XI

Once again the 1st XI failed to live up to expectations. Without looking a brilliant team on paper they certainly looked capable of winning at least half their matches, being quite strong in batting and reasonably strong in bowling. Unfortunately, the recognised batsmen never hit form together, some never really hitting form right throughout the season. This put a great deal of responsibility on to one or two batsmen, notably Bruno Kilshaw and Michael Baldwin and also on to our bowlers, Stephen Leach especially. As a result of this the team never, apart from one match against Derby School, scored enough runs for our bowlers to bowl at. The reasons for this are twofold: first of all not all batsmen had enough practice in the nets and secondly there was still a lack of confidence in the team. The confidence can be gained only by regular practice and a determined approach to the game, something which next year's 1st XI would do well to note now.

TEAM: John Johnson (Capt.), Michael Baldwin (V.-Capt.), Bruno Kilshaw, Stephen Leach, Harold Ripley, Brian Roberts, Brian Nicholls, Geoffrey Gittins, Maurice Grundy, Peter Allsop, Harold Cooper, Harvey Roberts.

FULL COLOURS: Bruno Kilshaw (Re-award), Michael Baldwin (Re-award).

Individual Reports

J. JOHNSON (Capt.). He has captained the side very capably throughout the season. Lack of practice has made this his worst season as far as batting is concerned, but his wicket-keeping has been good.

M. BALDWIN (Vice-Capt.). A very capable batsman who although he has done well in comparison with the rest of the team still did not reach his best form this season. His fielding has been excellent. Has proved a useful bowler.

B. KILSHAW. Has shown a determination in his batting which the rest of the team would have done well to follow. His fielding has been excellent. One of the few successes this season.

H. RIPLEY. Not his best season. Lack of practice has been his downfall as far as batting is concerned. His fielding has been excellent.

S. LEACH. The team's most consistent bowler. He has been bowling well without a great deal of luck. More variation in pace and an attempt to swing the ball in the air more would help next season.

B. ROBERTS. Another capable batsman who has not hit form this season because of lack of practice.

B. NICHOLLS. Towards the end of the season he showed signs of becoming a very useful batter. With practice he should be a great asset next season.

G. GITTINS. A determined if not stylish player who has served the team well.

M. GRUNDY. Without being a great stylist he has proved himself a very useful batsman and should be an asset to the side next season.

P. ALLSOP. Has shown that he is a capable bowler who can swing the ball and has a nice easy action. He must now attempt to hit his length first time.

H. COOPER. Has been a very useful member of the team. He has fielded very well throughout the season and his batting contribution has been appreciated on more than one occasion.

H. ROBERTS. Has bowled quite well this season but still tends to be a little erratic. He must concentrate on finding his length more.

Results

v. Bolton C.G.S.

Bolton C.G.S. 48 for 4. Smithills 21 all out.
Bolton C.G.S. won by 27 runs.

v. Farnworth

Smithills 60 all out. Farnworth 66 for 8.
Farnworth won by 2 wickets.

v. Worsley Wardley G.S.

Smithills 28 all out. Worsley Wardley G.S. 32 for 4.
Worsley won by 6 wickets.

v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S.

Smithills 47 for 7. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. 52 for 2.
Rivington won by 8 wickets.

v. Canon Slade

Smithills 32 all out. Canon Slade 34 for 4.
Canon Slade won by 6 wickets.

v. Canon Slade

Canon Slade 86 for 6. Smithills 39 for 9.
Canon Slade won by 47 runs.

v. Derby School

Derby School 31 for 6. Smithills 34 for 4.
Smithills won by 6 wickets.

Staff v. 1st XI

Staff 71 for 6. 1st XI 52 for 9.
Staff won by 19 runs.

AVERAGES

Batting :

	Innings	Runs	Not Out	Average
B. Kilshaw	6	59	1	11.5
M. Baldwin	7	72	0	10.33
M. Grundy	5	25	2	8.33

Bowling :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
M. Baldwin	12	3	36	5	7.2
S. Leach	66	12	116	15	7.65
H. Roberts	28	5	68	6	11.33

Under 15

The Under-fifteens have had a disappointing season. Because of the weather, only three matches were played and all of these resulted in defeats for Smithills. The players were very short of practice, not only match practice but those long, hard hours in the nets and around the slip cradle. Some players promised much without ever really achieving it. There was plenty of endeavour and enthusiasm but this did not compensate for lack of technique. Ainsworth captained the side in a satisfactory way although his batting was below his usual standard. Fletcher's wicket-keeping has improved considerably since last season, being much neater; however, he also was disappointing with the bat. Booth was an invaluable all-rounder and the best fielder. Nevertheless three fine summer mornings were spent in the open air in pleasant surroundings and although no victories were recorded, the matches were enjoyed by the participants, which is the best reason for playing cricket.

Results

v. Worsley Wardley G.S.

Worsley Wardley G.S. 38 all out. Smithills 24 all out.
Ainsworth 2 for 10; Booth 4 for 9; Hamilton 4 for 10.
Smithills lost by 14 runs.

v. Farnworth G.S.

Farnworth G.S. 97 for 5. Smithills 84 all out.
Booth 18.
Smithills lost by 13 runs.

v. Derby School

Smithills 35 all out. Derby School 36 for 9.
Winrow 17.
Smithills lost by 1 wicket.

AVERAGES

Batting :

	Average
Winrow	17.00
Brown	13.00
Booth	12.00

Bowling :

	Average
Hamilton	7.30
Booth	5.28
Ainsworth	5.51
Brown	3.24

V.P.

Under 14s

This has been a season of moderate success for the team; two games won and two lost. They have improved noticeably towards the end of the short season and this is because they were then playing as a team and not as a collection of individuals. It has been very pleasing never to hear any argument or dispute and has certainly made the job of the captain, Dawson, easier.

The only individual players who ought to be mentioned are Winrow, who headed the batting averages with 21.0, and the two bowlers, Blackburn and Shirres who had figures of 11 for 39 and 10 for 53 respectively. The rest of the team each played their part admirably, particularly in their standard of fielding.

We look forward to next season when the U.15s will be playing some forceful and very entertaining cricket. The following have played for the team this season: Dawson (Captain), Shirres, King, Winrow, Buffey, Curtis, Mulvaney, Rawlinson, Crompton, Griffiths, Sochett and Blackburn.

Results

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2.

Apr. 30 Home Bury G.S. 20 for 8. Smithills 43 for 9. Won.
May 14 Home Worsley Wardley G.S. 41 all out. Smithills 39 all out. Lost
June 3 Home Canon Slade G.S. 47 for 3. Smithills 66 for 5. Won.
June 11 Away Canon Slade G.S. 80 for 7. Smithills 58 all out. Lost.

Under 12s

Played 3, Won 0, Drawn 0, Lost 3.

This season, the Junior Cricket XI experienced its first taste of Secondary School cricket. The statistics indicate that it proved a rather disappointing season yet in spite of the apparent lack of success the fixtures were well fought, entertaining and above all enjoyable. Lack of practice and careless batting contributed mainly to our downfall but it was noticeable that in the face of defeat there was always a strong team spirit which promised well for the future.

The fielding was generally of a good standard and next season with more practice and more experience we feel that we shall be more successful.

INTER-HOUSE CRICKET CUPS

Juniors, 1st and 2nd Years

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

Intermediates, 3rd and 4th Years

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

STAFF CRICKET

The Staff Cricket XI have again had a successful and enjoyable season, winning three matches and losing one. One match was cancelled through rain and the Staff v. Parents Match was not played this year because the usual date coincided with the World Cup semi-final.

Results

v. Burnley G.S. Staff

Staff 29. Burnley G.S. Staff 17.
A. Woods 12, A Woods 8 for 3.
Staff won by 12 runs.

v. Derby School Staff, Bury

Staff 78. Derby School Staff, Bury 85 for 3.
K. Robson 28.
Staff lost by 7 wickets.

v. Derby School Staff, Bury

Staff 80 for 5. Derby School Staff, Bury 49.
C. Mellor 22, K. Gerrard 19, K. Robson 25 n.o.
Staff won by 31 runs.

v. School

Staff 71 for 7 (P. Wilcock 23, B. Ashworth 12, A. Bentley 5 for 15).
School 52 for 9 (Nicholls 14, Lonnen 12, Leach 4 for 20).
Staff won by 19 runs.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

At the end of our first competitive season, we have an encouraging report to make. The most outstanding feature was the immediate response which was made to the request for boys who would compete for places in a base U/15 team. This response has been maintained throughout the season, and a reliable nucleus of boys have turned up to regular Wednesday-evening training sessions.

Record of Results

We have had six matches against other schools and have won three and lost three. In the Fred Norris Trophy meeting, held at Moss Bank Park, our teams finished 5th and 13th out of 15 teams.

In the Bolton Schools' Championships held at St. Cuthbert's our Junior team finished 3rd and our Seniors 5th.

In the Northern Schools Championships held at Lyme Park, Cheshire, our intermediate team, our only entry, finished 39th out of 110 schools.

The individual highlight of the season was the remarkable sequence of races run by Stephen Kenyon, who in the space of three weeks won the Bolton Boys' Junior Cross-Country Championships, ran for the Bolton team at Liverpool in the Lancashire Championships and finished fifth, and finally was awarded his county colours when he was the first Lancashire runner home, finishing 32nd in the National Cross-Country Championships held at Derby.

All of this augurs well for the future, when we hope to field two competitive teams regularly.

A further encouraging feature has been the admirable response received when coach trips have been organised to watch cross-country matches. To these enthusiastic spectators and supporters go our warmest thanks.

J.B.

LAWN TENNIS
GIRLS' TENNIS

Results, 1966:

			Sets	Games
Apr. 30	v. Rivington & Blackrod	1st VI	Won 4 - 5	46 - 35
		2nd VI	Won 8 - 1	50 - 31
		U15 VI	Lost 1 - 8	16 - 47
		U14 VI	Lost 1 - 8	9 - 36
May 7	v. Leigh G.S.	1st VI	Won 6 - 3	45 - 36
		2nd VI	Lost 0 - 9	26 - 55
		U15 VI	Lost 1 - 8	31 - 51
.. 14	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	1st VI	Won 6 - 3	50 - 31
		U15 VI	Lost 4 - 5	35 - 46
.. 18	v. Bolton County G.S.	1st VI	Won 5 - 4	45 - 36
		2nd VI	Won 7 - 2	48 - 33
June 1	v. Canon Slade G.S.	1st VI	Lost 3 - 6	40 - 41
		2nd VI	Lost 2 - 7	31 - 50
		U15 VI	Lost 0 - 9	24 - 57
.. 4	v. Hayward Schools	1st VI	Won 6 - 3	50 - 31
		U15 VI	Lost 3 - 6	22 - 41
.. 8	v. Turton C.S.S.	2nd VI	Lost 4 - 5	38 - 43
.. 11	v. Farnworth G.S.	1st VI	Won 5 - 4	41 - 40
.. 11	v. Bury G.S.	U15 VI	Lost 2 - 7	30 - 51
		U14 VI	Lost 2 - 7	31 - 50
.. 18	v. Heywood G.S.	1st VI	Won 6 - 3	48 - 33
		2nd VI	Won 8 - 1	39 - 24
		U15 VI	Won 6 - 3	43 - 32
July 14	v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	U15 VI	Wou 8 - 1	58 - 23
		U14 VI	Won 6 - 3	46 - 35

1st VI

The team has had the best season any 1st VI has yet had, losing only one match and that by one game. The remaining matches have been won by a comfortable margin.

The team have played well together but need to develop more speed about the court in order to get into position to play their shots. They must also improve their anticipation to give them more time to move to and play the ball.

Stroke play has improved throughout the season but there are still too many careless shots and unenforced errors resulting in the ball going in the net or out of court.

The team are to be commended for their enthusiasm and keen interest in attending practices both official and unofficial.

TEAM: Beverley Fiddes (Capt.), Joyce Turner, June Kirkby, Barbara Blunn, Jane Bradshaw, Margaret Rees.

Full Colours: B. Fiddes, J. Turner. $\frac{1}{2}$ **Colours:** J. Kirkby, B. Blunn, J. Bradshaw, M. Rees.

BOYS' TENNIS

The boys' tennis team has had a successful season, winning all its matches. It has been quite a strong side for its age; at the time of writing several members are faring well in local competitive circles. The team's enthusiasm has shown in its regular attendance for practice and coaching, and an encouraging sign for next year has been the presence of some promising non-team players at the coaching sessions.

TEAM from: D. Pemberton, R. Forrest, S. Horrocks, A. Perris, C. Whiteside, A. Owen and K. Poole.

L.A.

NETBALL

1st Team

The first netball team has had a fairly successful season winning 7 games and losing 5. Although they are still a young team compared with some of their opponents, they have provided some very strong opposition. All the seven players and the reserves have shown great enthusiasm and attendance at practices has been good. No one girl can be singled out for commendation because all have played to their utmost capabilities. The standard of play improved towards the end of the season and team spirit was never lacking.

Those matches lost were very close and defeat in some cases was by one or two goals. A loss has often been due to a member of the team missing through sickness, particularly at the beginning of the season when one of the shooters suffered an ankle injury at the team trials.

These girls have set a fine example of behaviour, smartness and enthusiasm to the Junior teams. It is hoped that next year, the first team will not only try to emulate the present girls' record but will surpass it.

Regular players have been: S. Riley (Capt.), S. Clarke, L. Perkin, A. Heaton, L. Sutton, J. Brooks, P. Tootell, C. Dabecki, M. Gardner.

Senior Colours:

JAQUELINE BROOKS

Jaqueline has developed into a very strong wing Defence player. She has the ability to control the ball at speed and direct it accurately.

PATRICIA TOOTELL

Patricia has gained her colours through untiring determination to improve her defensive play in the position of goal keeper. By the end of the season, anticipation of the ball had been achieved and her footwork became much speedier.

Half Colours:

CHRISTINE DABECKI

Christine has proved to be a very strong reserve for the 1st team. As a shooter, she has helped the team to score and win with her accuracy.

1st Team Results:

Sept. 18	v. Bury G.S.	Lost	8 - 22
.. 25	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	36 - 11
Oct. 2	v. Hayward Schools	Won	21 - 7
.. 9	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Won	20 - 10
Nov. 13	v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Lost	15 - 19
.. 20	v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	
Jan. 15	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Won	27 - 3
.. 29	v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S.	Won	20 - 16
Feb. 12	v. Hayward Schools	Won	21 - 16
.. 28	v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Lost	9 - 10
Mar. 12	v. Farnworth G.S.	Lost	8 - 19
.. 19	v. Leigh G.S.	Won	17 - 12
Won 7, Lost 5, Drawn 0.			

U.15's Team

The U.15's team have won 8 games, lost 7 and drawn 2. They had a very weak start to the season when in the first term they won only one of their seven games. They seemed to play as seven individuals and team spirit was lacking. After the Christmas break, however, team tactics began to blend and enthusiasm increased. Consequently, confidence and ball control improved.

In the second half of the season, they lost only 2 of their 10 games. These girls have worked hard to overcome their early difficulties and many of them should prove to be very successful senior players next year.

Regular players have been:

B. Yates (Capt.), S. Blacklock, P. Noble, L. Gomall, V. Clarke, P. Holden, P. Harrison, J. Shields, J. Jones, C. Davenport.

Junior Colours:

BARBARA YATES

Barbara has proved to be a more than adequate goal defence, improving her standard as the season has progressed. She has performed her duties as captain with dignity and efficiency.

SUSAN BLACKLOCK

A powerful goal keeper, Sylvia has prevented many opposing goals from being scored by her speedy anticipation and control of the ball.

LILLIAN GORNALL

Lillian has developed into a speedy and accurate centre-court player. Despite her size, she has run circles around many a stronger, larger opponent.

PATRICIA HOLDEN

Patricia has had to work hard to overcome her lack of size in the shooting position. Her shooting is accurate and her footwork well extended but more speed is necessary if Pat is to become a 1st team shooter.

U15 Team Results:

Sept. 18	v. Bury G.S.	Lost	5 - 21
Oct. 2	v. Hayward Schools	Lost	5 - 16
.. 9	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Won	41 - 5
.. 16	v. Wolfenden Street C.S.S.	Lost	17 - 18
Nov. 6	v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Lost	15 - 18
.. 13	v. Mount St. Joseph's G.S.	Drew	13 - 13
.. 20	v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	10 - 20
Jan. 19	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	17 - 14
.. 22	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	15 - 11
.. 29	v. Rivington & Blackrod G.S.	Won	27 - 11
Feb. 5	v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Won	15 - 13
.. 12	v. Hayward Schools	Won	16 - 12
.. 28	v. Mount St. Josephs	Lost	6 - 7
Mar. 7	v. Wolfenden St. C.S.S.	Drew	12 - 12
.. 12	v. Farnworth G.S.	Lost	12 - 16
.. 23	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	20 - 19
.. 25	v. Whitecroft Road C.S.S.	Won	11 - 5
Won 8, Lost 7, Drawn 2.			

U.14's Team

The U.14's team have had a good season winning 9 games, losing 7 and drawing 2. They have been hindered on several occasions by sickness and injury and for most of the season, one

of the shooters has had to represent Bolton in athletics, thus leaving the team minus one of its key players. There has been a strong body of reserves, however, to replace absent players and regular team members have had to be re-positioned to accommodate reserve players to their best advantage. All the girls have worked very hard to make this team successful and despite the many setbacks they have suffered, a cheerful enthusiasm has been prevalent throughout the season.

Regular players have been:

B. Hacking (Capt.), G. Rushton, M. Hulme, S. Butter, W. Morgan, J. Rodie, A. Rogerson, J. Strickleton, D. Blakemore.

U14 Team Results:

Sept. 18	v. Bury G.S.	Drew	6 - 6
.. 25	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	23 - 19
Oct. 2	v. Hayward Schools	Drew	7 - 7
.. 9	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Lost	14 - 16
.. 16	v. Wolfenden St. C.S.S.	Won	24 - 9
Nov. 6	v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Won	21 - 20
.. 13	v. Mount St. Josephs G.S.	Won	16 - 11
.. 20	v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	
Dec. 18	v. Farnworth G.S.	Won	25 - 15
Jan. 15	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Lost	10 - 17
.. 19	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	18 - 13
Feb. 5	v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Won	16 - 14
.. 12	v. Hayward Schools	Won	34 - 6
.. 28	v. Mount St. Josephs	Lost	6 - 11
Mar. 7	v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	Won	16 - 7
.. 12	v. Farnworth G.S.	Lost	7 - 13
.. 19	v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	17 - 24
.. 23	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Lost	11 - 14
Won 9, Lost 7, Drawn 2.			

U.13's Team

The U.13's team have had an excellent season winning 9 games, losing 3 and drawing 1. Their success is due to continued hard work and concentration on team tactics. They have developed from seven inexperienced individuals to a well-integrated and confident team with several strong reserves. All players have improved their own positions and tried to strengthen their weaker points. As an U.13's team they have been well above average, but as next year's U.14's team, efforts must not be slackened. Competition becomes increasingly stronger every year. The shooters must now combine their accuracy with the running shot to score immediately they receive the ball, the centre-court players must use the various passes to fit the situation, and the defence players must learn to anticipate the direction of the ball and intercept without hesitation.

Regular players have been:

L. Russell (Capt.), L. Baldwin, J. Hewsham, C. Tilley, S. Hooton, S. Best, S. Duckworth, A. Smith, J. McGuinness, A. Chadwick, L. Thorpe.

U13 Team Results:

Sept. 25	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	6 - 27
Oct. 2	v. Hayward Schools	Won	10 - 6
.. 9	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Won	20 - 10
.. 13	v. Wolfenden St. C.S.S.	Drew	9 - 9
Nov. 6	v. Brightmet C.S.S.	Won	23 - 5
.. 20	v. Leigh G.S.	Lost	
Jan. 15	v. Wythenshaw Tech. High School	Lost	8 - 15
.. 19	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	8 - 17
.. 22	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Won	18 - 10
Mar. 7	v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	Won	11 - 8
.. 12	v. Farnworth G.S.	Won	6 - 5
.. 19	v. Leigh G.S.	Won	19 - 14
.. 23	v. St. Cuthbert's Tech.	Won	15 - 11
Won 9, Lost 3, Drawn 1.			

ROUNDERS

1st Team

The first team have played only three matches this season, mainly because of cancelled fixtures by opposing schools. There has been the difficulty of examinations and contact with players here at Smithills too, but to their credit, all our girls have been keen to play and have checked on arrangements well in advance so as to be available.

They lost their first match of the season which was on the fourth Saturday of term, through lack of experience. Their opponents had by this time played three matches and were obviously more confident and well settled. After this initial loss, however, they went on to win their last two games quite easily. The key players of Bowler-Backstop-1st Base have blended well together to form the mainstay of the team, and all players have backed-up and fielded well. The batting has been strong but particular mention must be made of Alwyn Heaton who has scored more than half of the total of rounders made by the team.

Regular players have been: L. Perkin (Capt.), S. Riley, J. Entwistle, A. Hobson, M. Gardener, S. Clarke, A. Kelly, A. Heaton.

Senior Colours:

ANNE HOBSON. As longstop, Anne has worked in conjunction with backstop, joining the team as a new member at the beginning of the season she has taken many good catches from backward hits and improved her standard of play considerably.

MARGERY GARDENER. Margery has improved throughout the season by dint of hard work and enthusiastic application.

AVRIL KELLY. A much improved player: her alertness in the deep field has contributed much to the success of the team.

1st Team Results:

May 14	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	4½ - 10
„ 18	v. Canon Slade G.S.	Won	7 - 6
June 3	v. Hayward Schools	Won	9 - 2
	Won 2, Lost 1.		

Under 15s Team

The U.15s team have done well this season to win three of their five games. They began with some of last year's key players having left school at Easter. This meant that new players had to be found and regular players re-positioned. The re-organisation has proved quite successful, however, and by the end of the season team fielding showed tremendous improvement. All positions have learnt to back-up wherever possible, throwing has become quick and accurate and the batting, though perhaps not sufficiently strong, is now well-directed.

Regular players have been: P. Holden, S. Evans, J. Shields, P. Finan, V. Clarke, K. Wilkinson, L. Aldred, Y. Jones, M. Thornley.

Junior Colours:

PATRICIA HOLDEN. Patricia has captained the U.15s team with cheerful enthusiasm. As the team bowler, she has worked hard to integrate the new system of fielding.

JANET SHIELDS. Janet has worked at 1st Base and as a deep fielder. In both positions she has displayed excellent ball-control.

VIVIENNE CLARKE. Vivienne has displayed a good, all-round standard of batting and fielding this season. She has been a very reliable member of the team.

SUSAN EVANS. As backstop Susan has worked in conjunction with Bowler and 1st Base. The efficiency of these three players is essential and Susan's contribution has helped the team to victory on several occasions.

PATRICIA FINAN. Patricia has played both 1st Base and Deep fielder this season. She has batted and fielded consistently well throughout the season.

KAREN WILKINSON. Karen has worked well at 4th Base this season. She has displayed an excellent standard of batting.

U15 Team Results:

May 14	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	1 inn. 1½ - 0
June 3	v. Hayward Schools	Won	1 inn. 5 - 3½
„ 11	v. Bury G.S.	Lost	4½ - 13(D)
„ 14	v. Bolton County G.S.	Won	1 inn. 7(D) - ½
„ 22	v. Turton C.S.S.	Won	1 inn. 6(D) - 0
	Won 3, Lost 2.		

Under 14s Team

This team have had a very good season winning 4 games, drawing 1 and losing two. Their two games lost were the first two of the season when, because of cancelled fixtures by opposing schools, our first match played was on the fourth Saturday of term, opponents by then being well-settled and confident. After this initial lack of experience, however, they proved to be very successful despite having to substitute through sickness and injury on several occasions. This group of third year girls have developed into very strong and intelligent rounders players. They represented Smithills at the Lancashire Rounders Tournament in June and played some excellent games against girls often older than themselves. If they continue to work as hard next season as they have done this year, they should prove to be a very successful U.15s team.

Regular Players have been: G. Rushton (Capt.), G. Morgan, J. Strickleton, D. Blakemore, J. Rodie, M. Hawarden, B. Hacking, C. Johnson, M. Williamson, B. Thornton, M. Woodcock.

U14 Team Results:

May 14	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	0 - 6
„ 18	v. Canon Slade G.S.	Lost	3 - 9
June 3	v. Hayward Schools	Won	12½ - 3
„ 8	v. Turton C.S.S.	Won	1 inn. 12½ - 2
„ 14	v. Bolton County G.S.	Won	5 - 1½
„ 18	v. Heywood G.S.	Drew	1½ - 1½
„ 22	v. Turton C.S.S.	Won	1 inn. 5 - 3
	Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 2.		

U.13's Team

The U.13's team have had a very pleasing season. They began late because of cancelled fixtures by opposing schools and it was mainly through lack of experience that they lost their first two games. Out of their next seven games, however, they lost only one and this when three of their key players were selected to play for the U.14's team in the Lancashire Rounders Tournament.

As a fielding team they have adjusted well to the less orthodox fielding of three bases and two backstops. There must, however, be closer co-ordination between the backstops and first base, and the bowler must operate second base as well as her own position if the system is to be successful. Several players have developed a strong batting action but rounders are more often scored when the ball is aimed into the spaces of the deep field. We have a strong body of reserves to back-up the nine regular players and all the girls should be commended for their reliability and enthusiasm.

Regular players have been: J. Newsham, C. Pratt, C. Tilley, S. Best, L. Russell, S. Hooton, C. Mattinason, L. Thorpe, A. Chadwick, C. Entwistle, S. Newton, S. Ward, L. Baldwin.

U13 Team Results:

May 14	v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	Lost	2½	-	3½
„ 18	v. Canon Slade G.S.	Lost	7	-	9½
June 3	v. Hayward Schools	Won	8	-	1
„ 8	v. Turton C.S.S.	Won	1 inn.	17½(D)	- 3
„ 11	v. Bury G.S.	Lost	5	-	9
„ 14	v. Bolton County G.S.	Won	1 inn.	11	- 2
„ 18	v. Heywood G.S.	Won	1 inn.	8	- 5
„ 22	v. Turton C.S.S.	Won	1 inn.	6½	- 2
July 16	v. Wolfenden C.S.S.	Won	1 inn.	12 (D)	- 4

Won 6, Lost 3.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

There was some surprise when tall posts with a horizontal bar half way down their length were first seen on the base. But the second and third years soon found out that handling a queer-shaped ball was not too easy, and tackling a boy with the ball even harder.

Rugby was not an easy game to pick up since the positions, ideas of forwards and backs and the mode of play were entirely new. By the end of the season both years had learnt the difference between a scrum and a line-out; that the three-quarters are expected to handle the ball and above all the importance of possession. The players found that bodily contact was not easy; thus a loose ball was often not picked up and when a loose scrum was formed there was a reluctance to bind with the next man to form a cohesive force.

At the end of the season there were two matches against Hayward Schools who have more experience and consequently Smithills lost both of them rather heavily.

Under-thirteen Team

Woods, M., Booth, G., Howard, K., Hampson, P., Morgan, E., Turner, T., Billington, R., Faramond, N. (Capt.), Walsh, M., Whitehead, M., Stillwell, P., Small, V., Smith, D., Stokes, J., Abbot, M.

Smithills 6 pts. Hayward 40 pts.

Under-fourteen Team

Pollard, S., Cain, M., Potter, S., Morris, L., Bland, P., Waddington, R., Logan, P., Rothwell, G., Sharples, P., Gardner, A., Gillever, M., Thompson, D., Crook, H., Jones, T., Reason, P.

The Sixth and Fifth formers played some rugby after school but it was not supported well enough to field two full sides. Nevertheless a good muddy time was had by all and the Staff were challenged to a game. This was an interesting game in which both sides learnt as the game went on. The experience, weight and useful play by the staff overcame the fitness of the boys. Mr. Rose on the wing was sent away by the three-quarters and easily outpaced the boys and got three of the staff tries. The game was well controlled and rules explained by Mr. Leithead. The only complaint came from Mr. Gerrard because the school team finished without injury.

Result: Staff 21 pts. School 3 pts.

Teams:

STAFF: Ashworth, B., Rose, J., Bentley, A., Benson, J., Mealer, C., Forsyth, I., McAvoy, E., Gerrard, K., Maclean, A., Hamer, F., Pye, D., Fairhurst, J., McLeish, I., Moizer, D., Pender, V.

BOYS: Horrocks, S., Leach, S., Forrest, R., Gittins, G., Ripley, H., Roberts, B., Hardcastle, P., Ainslie, D., Taylor, R., Abbott, M., Bdzola, M., Nelson, J., Lonsdale, D., Hunt, J., Laycock, I.

The Bury Seven-a-Side Competition

The Smithills Base entered a team in the competition. This was a new venture; playing against experienced teams. Although the base lost all three matches they played well and produced quite a few handling movements worthy of more experienced sides.

Results:

Smithills 0 pts.; Cheethams 26 pts.

Salford 11 pts.; Smithills 0 pts.

Rochdale 13 pts.; Smithills 3 pts.

Team:

Leach, S., Roberts, B., Hardcastle, P., Ainslie, D., Taylor, R., Abbott, M., Lonsdale, D.

SWIMMING

GIRLS SWIMMING

The main drawback this year, to competitive swimming on the Base, has been the lack of competition in the form of matches with other schools.

Many in the Base team have shown themselves to be dedicated, attending three training sessions a week throughout the year.

There were three matches during the winter months:

Derby School, Bury — Won.
County Grammar School — Won
Heywood Grammar School — Won

In the Bolton Schools' Senior Swimming Gala last term the school was second in the girls' section, against strong opposition from Hayward.

Mention must be made of Carol Rimmer (Modern) who gained a coveted place on the Northern Counties Easter Diving Course at Blackpool. Carol, along with Barbara Taylor and Dorothy Hoyle (Technical), were members of the successful town 'Age-Group' team that won the Tillotson Trophy this year.

It is pleasing to note that Joan and Elizabeth Williams (Grammar) gained first and third places, respectively, in an area competition for Synchronised Swimming at Rochdale.

Colours, this year, were awarded to:

Elizabeth Williams (Grammar) — Half Colours.
Joy Barlow (Technical) — Half Colours.
Hilary Nuttall (Technical) — Junior Colour.

Girls who have represented the Base this season are:

Grammar—Jane Bradshaw, Susan Eastham, Jean Gibbons, Kirsty Hughes, Elizabeth Williams, Joan Williams.
Technical—Gloria Baldwin, Joy Barlow, Gillian Eckersley, Laura Grant, Dorothy Hoyle, Hilary Nuttall, Gillian Pollard, Kathleen Richardson, Susan Riley, Pat Robinson, Barbara Taylor.
Modern—Joan Brooks, Carol Rimmer, Joy Wilcox.

I should like to add that we hope for an even stronger Base Team next season, taking advantage of the facilities at our disposal. To achieve this I should like to stress that **all** interested swimmers are welcome as active or potential team members. You must not underestimate your own abilities, or think that "the team" is for a selected few. Regular training over a period of time will result in marked improvements.

J.M.B.

BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM

Results:

Matches 6, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 4.

Results:

v. Bolton School	Away	Lost	97 - 89
v. Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won	83½ - 66½
v. Bury G.S.	Away	Drew	89 - 89
v. Bury G.S.	Home	Lost	129 - 115
v. Bolton School	Home	Lost	174½ - 119½
v. St. Mary's College, Blackburn	Home	Lost	167 - 117

It would appear from the results that the team has not swum as well as in previous seasons, but the competition has been of a much higher standard. The best performance by the team was in the first match of the season against Bolton School when the result depended on the last relay race. Our hard luck story came against Bury Grammar School when one of our relay teams was disqualified for a faulty take-over and the match was tied.

Despite the figures, the team has swum very well indeed and at a consistently high standard. The captain, David Ainslie, has set an excellent example to all in his handling of the team, his efficiency, his sportsmanship, and not least, his form in the water. Stuart Caraher gained his full colour, Alec Bromley, Ernest Farrell and Ernest Sharples their half colours, and Stephen Chadwick, David Neville and Stephen Wright their Junior colours.

Unfortunately, some matches were again marred by the non-arrival of some team members, thus throwing a greater burden on the loyal ones who did come. Many pupils still lack a sense of loyalty to the schools.

However, we look forward to the new season with hope of greater achievements and exciting matches.

F.H.

TABLE TENNIS

Many thanks are due to G. Haward who devoted much time to harnessing the enthusiasm of many followers of the game. His efforts were rewarded when a team was organised to play the fixture he had arranged. Although the team put up a good display, lack of organised practice was all too obvious, and defeat was inevitable; a defeat that was soon to be avenged however, for a greater effort in the following match produced an even greater victory. Before fourteen matches could be played, examinations were upon us, but a start had been made, and table tennis can become an established base activity.

C. D. Williams (Capt.)

Players: S. Atherton, G. Gittins, J. Johnson, C. Williams, R. Taylor, B. Stegan, C. Nicholas, J. Hunt, G. Haward.

Played 2, Won 1, Lost 1, Games For 32, Against 18.

CHESS

The season 1964-65 was the most successful in the history of chess at Smithills Base. In the Bury League our composite team of staff, old scholars and pupils captured the League Championship at the second attempt, whilst the senior team won the Northern Section of the Manchester and District Schools' League for the second consecutive time. The season closed somewhat sadly with the disappearance of no less than five strong players, as a result of which the prospects for 1965-66 did not appear very good. Yet our achievements this season have far exceeded expectations:

1. Bury League (adults): 3rd in the League, two points behind new champions.
2. Senior Schools League: 3rd in Northern Section.
3. Intermediate Schools League: 3rd in Northern Section.

Last August several Smithills players attended the British Chess Congress at Hastings. Mr. Evans of the Technical School won the 1st Class section; and P. Karmaz of the Grammar School came 5th in the British 'under-14' championship. Several pupils have already arranged to attend the B.C.F. 1966 Congress at Sunderland. We wish them well!

The Smithills Chess Society continues to flourish, especially on Monday and Wednesday lunch-times in Room 2 of the Technical School. More advantage should be taken, however, of the weekly club meetings in the same place on Wednesdays at 4-0 p.m. (to 5-45). New members are cordially invited.

M.S.

CAMP

Churchill hit the nail on the head; with the insertion of 'School Camp' instead of 'human conflict' his historical speech applies very well to our venture to Grasmere this year. The key positions of cook and quartermaster were taken by members of Staff who had not done the work previously. The fact that every meal arrived on time and extremely well cooked suffices to show how well worked the Moizer-Martin duo.

Have you ever tried to erect a forty-foot marquee and 15 bell-tents on what approximates to an acre or so of jam flan? The advance party did so and did it very well (if you discount a 15° main pole lean towards Brimmerhead Farm). The weather was not kind to the advance party, and the thanks of the two main parties go out to them.

The main pole lean mentioned above was very nearly eradicated on the first Friday, along with the whole marquee, cooks' tent and store tent. On the evening of this fateful, never-to-be-forgotten day, our field lay besieged by a force 10 hurricane which, by the minute, tore the tent pegs from the not too solid earth and made the canvas wallow and fold like the mainsail of the "Cutty Sark" rounding the Horn. Every available being on camp was pressed into service on the windward side of the marquee. Those incapable of swinging a 14 pound Langdon hammer were used as dead weight at the end of long ropes. A little technology and a lot of muscle later the canvas was safe, though as we quaffed our well-earned hot beverage (what was it, Mr. Martin?) every eye was set constantly on the fluttering cloth above our heads.

Both Sundays brought the traditional mixture of lamb, mint sauce and parents. The thought of visiting parents was encouraging though Mr. Elleray and the camp staff are still hunting the errant meadow walkers!

Taking seventy town dwellers to the very foot of a mountain range, there to show them how to camp, walk and generally enjoy themselves without the aid of wireless, T.V., cinema and bingo hall is not an easy task. Problems of hygiene, weather and health are ever-present. The task was made even more difficult this year by there being present only the basic number of Staff. Every member of Staff worked to capacity and the children responded very well, whether on duty or 'questing'.

The age-old tradition of the trifle, which is held on each Thursday party-night of camp, stood in jeopardy this year. On the first night it was delivered, still a bit runny in the middle, with ceremony to unsuspecting diners. On the second it failed to arrive at all and we had to be content with grass and grousel butties.

Music-making on camp is always welcomed and those present this year witnessed the concerted efforts of Miss Holt, Mr. Martin and Elizabeth Ward's two-stringed guitar. The "Smithills Calypso" came into being and we are now negotiating with Francis Day and Hunter for the suppression of this unbecoming little ditty. The third movement of the "Haggis's Lament" is, at the time of going to press, still being written; we sincerely hope that it is never completed. The Thursday night entertainment was a little disappointing, there being only two items from tents. Next year's campers be warned — start rehearsing now.

Damming the water course is, in the eyes of Mr. Elleray, an unforgivable sin, and this year we shattered our hitherto unbroken record of water course clearance. We succeeded in displacing

almost the same amount of water as the Queen Mary. Stones were not used for this purpose, nor branches of Canadian Firs, but living campers hurled from bank height into the dark waters of Teasedale Beck, the resulting backwash enclosing for seconds the laughing spectators.

The rearguard did excellent work, finding time to lift 200 bales for Mr. Elleray, and as we left, a backward glance brought to mind a variety of thoughts. How many tent pegs have we hammered to Australia? How many tons of grindles sank in the grease-pit? How many acres of litter have we managed to recover? Will Mr. Elleray let us camp here again? We hope so.

H.T.

MODEL AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The Society has been well attended throughout the year, and especially so by our new first-year members who have taken great pleasure in the construction of their models.

The main interest has been the building of power-driven model hydroplanes. These are easily built, are less prone to damage than model aircraft, and represent the ideal subject for a first model. A disappointment has been the lack of fully completed models, especially as the weather has been ideal for flying and sailing this year. We hope pupils will start construction earlier in the school year, as time passes all too quickly.

Notable models built this year have been a radio-controlled model aircraft and a hydroplane. This is the ultimate in model building, and with the arrival of cheaper radio equipment on the market, perhaps other more experienced members will venture into this exciting side of our hobby.

B.O.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

The Junior and Intermediate branches have continued to meet throughout the year with average attendances of twenty and fifteen respectively. Although the 'diet' for the Junior group has consisted mainly of quizzes and competitions, the Intermediate group has made progress towards discussions of a more serious nature. Films have sometimes been shown and, as usual, members went at Christmas to sing carols at Smithills Hall. The brass band accompanied the singing for the first time this year. One hopes it will not be the last, for all present derived pleasure from the joyful noise which burst upon the peace of the old people's home.

The Schools acted as hosts for a 6th Form C.E.M. Conference in February on the subject of Race Relations in Britain. Sixth-formers from Smithills have, in the past, shown themselves reluctant to speak up at such meetings, but the fact that this time they were on 'home ground' seemed to give them confidence. One hopes to see a lively delegation from Smithills at future conferences.

M.G.

YOUTH HOSTELLING HOLIDAYS

There has been, in most Augusts recently, a Youth Hostelling trip for middle-school pupils. It is difficult to provide reports on these for the Chronicle, for people are hostelling while the magazine is being printed, and by the time the next edition is due, the dust of the ages has settled upon the previous year's activities.

Let us then mention briefly that in 1965, a party visited hostels in North Wales and that in 1966, the Yorkshire Dales area is scheduled for invasion. There are some pupils who embark upon hostelling trips and who then suffer severe shock when they realise that they are to spend a week without juke-box or telly. There is all that walking too! However, a high proportion of the sufferers offer themselves again for the weight-reducing course, and there is usually a waiting-list for places both in the middle school party and in the senior school one which ventures forth at Easter.

M.G.

HOLIDAY IN SPAIN — 1966

The recent trip to Spain began on a dull Thursday morning with a monotonous journey on the motorway to London. London! The greatest city in the world. The familiar names that appear on film and television screens there in front of me: Park Lane, Hyde Park Corner, Marble Arch, The Dorchester, Maida Vale. Then the drive to Lympne Airport and the flight across the Channel; then France and Paris! The city flashed past us, and all we had time for was an endless run along the platform to find the couchettes.

The next morning it was no longer France but Spain, complete with mountains and blue skies. Late that night the train reached Madrid, where, for the next three days I visited palaces and bullfights; attempted to scrape chickens' feet out of my dinner; found that drinks were cheap and that Madrid, like Paris, came alive at night.

It was Tuesday and I was at Cloret, where for four days we sunbathed and only once had to shelter from the rain. Here we found the food more palatable, as Cloret caters for English appetites. Cloret also had the added attraction of a pop-group, admired by many. Some of us visited the weekly market and bought relatively cheap souvenirs. We took a boat trip to Tossa and San Felin, which are resorts further north along the Costa Brava.

The trip was enjoyed by all the pupils and our thanks must go to Mr. Gerrard who organized our holiday, aided and abetted by Messrs. Bentley and Heaton who filmed all events for posterity.

Lynn Barlow, VA(T)

“LET’S MAKE AN OPERA”

Late in March, 1966, Mr. Austin and Mrs. Moss produced Benjamin Britten’s “Let’s Make an Opera”, of which there were three successful performances. It was very exciting to be offered proof that in the Schools there is the talent to direct and triumphantly perform such a work as this, which makes considerable demands both musically and dramatically.

The general standard of musicianship from the orchestra was high, and the cast surmounted with an engaging naturalness the difficult operatic problem of acting convincingly while singing part-songs, in this instance fraught with modernistic rhythmic and melodic hazards.

The children collectively deserve commendation and there were also some striking individual performances. Gloria Horrocks was an incredibly good Miss Baggott, full of spite and music. Carol Hampson, as the nursery-maid, revealed a voice of full, sweet quality, approximately tender for the role. Her maternal gentleness was made to seem naturally aroused by the urchin charm of Derek Lythgoe as the pathetic Sam. He surely cannot be so angelic in real life! Werner Collier and Frank Chapman were suitably sinister as sweep-master and assistant, and Chapman’s performance at the mocked-up piano in Act I was totally convincing: one of the minor gems in this brilliant production.

The sets were good, even the advertising poster was a little masterpiece; and the audiences enjoyed both performance and participation.

L.A.

At the end of the Summer Term, a Musical Entertainment, “Eyes Have They” followed by “Down in the Valley”, was presented on three evenings in the Grammar School Hall.

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