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## SCHOOL NOTES

A humorist remarked the other day that it is fairly clear why Hitler decided train his submariners at Plön - the weather is such that they would spend most of their time under water! However, in spite of almost continuous dull, cold, wet and stormy weather, this so-called 'Summer' term - all thirteen-and-a-half weeks of it - has been highly successful. The health record was very good, but we were much alarmed by an outbreak of typhoid fever at Neumünster and by reports that foxes and other animals in the neighbourhood were infected with rabies.

Five candidates passed the G.C.E. Examination at advanced level and fifty-five at ordinary level, details are printed elsewhere in this edition. During the examination the school was visited by a team of six H.M.I's led by Mr. Gill. They expressed themselves particularly impressed by the spiritual and corporate life of the school. They stated that our grammar stream is well up to the standard of a good grammar school in the United Kingdom, but that we still have some way to go in planning the modern stream syllabus which, as they admitted, is still only in the experimental stage at home.

Old pupils entering Alexander would notice several changes. Over the outside door, midway between the bronze plaques recording the occupation of the "Barracks" by the Guards Division and the Royal Navy respectively, is a new plaque which commemorates the opening of the School on 12th May, 1948, by the Minister of Education. And in the vestibule of Alexander above the various notice boards are oak panels giving the names of Head Boys and Head Girls of the School and academic successes since the school started. It is hoped that soon similar panels showing athletic successes will be placed in the boys' and girls' gymnasias.

Speech Day was a great success and it was particularly gratifying that in spite of transport difficulties, more parents than ever before were able to be present. We were much honoured that so distinguished a man as the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Northern Europe was able to come here and present the prizes. Admiral and Lady Brind were worked very hard during their visit and their enthusiasm and keen interest in everything was very much appreciated.

A great event of the term was the visit of sixty pupils from Prince Rupert School. Owing to ever increasing transport difficulties, it is no longer possible to arrange the cricket and tennis fixtures at one school and the athletics and swimming at the other. This summer all the various contests were held at Plön and in spite of appalling weather no single event had to be cancelled. We won the cricket, athletics and swimming but lost the tennis by 82 sets to 84. We were particularly glad to welcome Mr. Pacey, the new Headmaster of P.R.S., on his first visit here. Liaison between the two Secondary Boarding Schools is now closer than ever before and now that their numbers will soon equal ours, competition will be as friendly but even keener.

A striking feature of this term has been the remarkable success of the newly formed C.C.F. A few years ago it did not seem appropriate that so soon after the war British boys in Germany should be seen armed and on parade; but now that we and the German's are combining with the other Atlantic Treaty Nations to defend Western Europe, the position is very different. Mr. Ronald and his fellow officers have shown what enthusiasm sustained by hard work and careful planning can achieve.

The cricket team, again in spite of the weather, had a most successful season winning six out of their seven matches; and the athletics team are to be congratulated on their outstanding performance in winning the Milocarian Trophy in competition with some 600 other schools and for putting up the highest average score since the competition started. The sailing and riding activities have gone from strength to strength, and the considerable reduction in subsidies has made us more self-supporting and therefore more appreciative of our opportunities - which is as it should be.

At the end of June, twenty Danish boys and girls spent a week with us; the seventh such exchange; and we had several visits from groups of German teachers and students, including representatives of the German Youth Federation.

In view of our new status as an Army School we were very glad that Major General Hatton, the M.G.A., Brigadier Hadden, the C.E.O., Rhine Army, and Colonel Dobson of the Command

Secretariat, were able to visit us and have a good look round the school. Several Establishments and other Boards have also spent some time here seeing how the running costs of the school can be reduced. The loss of the Mill House Transit Hotel, the turning down of all works services and severe transport cuts are economies which have already been effected.

Other visits during the term were the Band of the Royal Tank Regiment, which gave an excellent concert in Butler Hall on 16th June, which was broadcast over B.F.N.; the Konigsteiner Puppenspieler who entertained the school on 10th May; Dr. Dunlop, the Land Commissioner of Hansestadt Hamburg, who gave a brilliant lecture to staff and seniors on the effect of the Contractual Agreement; Mr. Allen, Head of Cultural Relations, who spoke to the staff and seniors on present day problems of German education; Mr. Barret, D.E.O. (R) Land Nordrhein-Westfalen; Colonel Langford, C.O. of 94 B.M.H. Hamburg; Colonel Whetstone, the Military Secretary; the Rev. G. Williams, Principal Chaplain, C.C.G.; the Rev. H. Davies, A.C.G.; Mr. and Mrs. Heiges from the American Dependents School, Wiesbaden; and Miss Nightingale, one time Senior Mistress of the School who now holds the same position at P.R.S.

One other visit must be mentioned; on 5th June there was opened at Weissenhaus, thirty miles north-east of us on the shores of the Baltic, the first short-term school in Germany. This was the logical follow-up to the more experimental courses held during the winter at Schloß Nehnten on the Plön lake. Both owed their origin to the Gordonstoun-inspired Outward Bound Trust and are therefore of particular interest to us in that four of our teaching staff came from Gordonstoun. To attend the opening ceremony, the Head Boy (or Guardian) of Gordonstoun, Commander Godwin, who runs the sailing there, and Mr. Miner, an American Schoolmaster who is interested in the wider aspects of Gordonstoun, all stayed at K.A.S.

The weekend of 31st May to 1st June was celebrated as Founders' Weekend. The eight members of the staff who have been here since the first term of the school (Headmaster, Miss Alcock, Mrs. Boswell, Mr. Brittle, Mr. Curran, Mr. Heriz-Smith, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Thomas) augmented by Miss Nightingale and Miss Delmage who came up for the occasion, and the 64 founder pupils held a dance in the Music Room and Auld Lang Syne was sung with more than usual feeling.

This term there were three new members of the teaching staff - Miss Arbuckle, our first teacher of Commercial Subjects, Miss Holland-Hibbert and Mr. Woods, both General Subjects teachers. There were also 40 new boys and 48 new girls. Two other new arrivals were Julia Liesching on 4th July and Caroline Bache on 29th July. We should like to offer the parents our congratulations.

As is usual at the end of a summer term, there were many leavers. Miss Hicks, who has been absent throughout the term on sick-leave will not be returning. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have also left us. Not only will he be missed by Churchill House and the Geography Department, but both of them will be a great loss to the Riding Club, to which they have contributed so much time and energy. Mr. and Mrs. Marriott will also be missed in many departments of the school, as will be Miss Yelland and Mr. and Mrs. Riddick. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Thomas, who between them built up the woodwork and metalwork departments, are also leaving and the school will not be the same without them. Mrs. Parsons ran the Primary School until ill-health forced her to give it up. Captain Roy will also be returning to the U.K. May all these accept our gratitude for their work here and our good wishes for their future happiness and prosperity. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Col. Hyde Smith, the British Resident of Plön, and Mrs. Hyde Smith. 41 boys and 41 girls have also left, including 11 out of the 16 School Helpers.

Special mention must be made of Michael Haworth who was Head Boy for nearly two years, as well as Captain of Football and Cricket and a member of the White City Athletics Team - an outstanding record. It is good to hear that he has been accepted by New College, Oxford where we shall follow his career with interest. Margaret Renwick, Head Girl for the last year, has also left and has been accepted by Edinburgh University. We hope to meet all these leavers again at Wyvern Club Re-unions.

In May I let it be known that I should be leaving at the end of the summer term and going to work in Pakistan. For various reasons I have decided to refuse the Headmastership I had

been offered there, and as no suitable successor to me had been found I agreed to stay on until the end of the year. So my farewell message to the school will be included in the next edition of the Red Dragon.

F.J.S.C.

## **SPEECH DAY 1952**

AT 11 o'clock on the morning of 12th July, the Guards of Honour were drawn up under a threatening sky on the Quarterdeck - the Sea Rangers looking very smart in their white blouses, blue skirts and sailor hats, lining the path to the Headmaster's Study, and the C.C.F., with shining white belts and leggings, filling the paved central area, while the rest of the school lined the pavements in front of Alexander and Curie. Unfortunately, the Guest of Honour, Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, C.B.E., K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, and Lady Brind had been delayed by the breakdown of their car and it was not until 11.30 that the Admiral was piped on to the Quarterdeck by the Rangers. After taking the general salute, he inspected the C.C.F., and later, joined by Lady Brind, the Sea Rangers. Finally he took the salute at march past.

For the next hour our guests were taken a strenuous tour of the school and the Admiral launched the first Cadet built in our workshops, appropriately christening her "Amethyst".

Following our usual custom, the school then entertained in the Staff Common Room a number of guests including, in addition to the speakers, Major General Christophersen, G.O.C.-in-C. Norwegian Forces in Germany, Air Vice Marshal Whitley, the A.O.A., and Brigadier Hume, our Land Commissioner. At 1 o'clock the party joined the seniors for lunch in the school dining hall. During lunch the weather, which had been threatening all the morning, broke and it rained heavily, but luckily it cleared up to a sunny though blustery afternoon.

Prize-giving took place in Butler Hall at 2.15 p.m. Some 200 staff, wives and guests occupied the platform, while 600 pupils and as many parents filled every inch of the Hall. The Chairman, Major General Hatton, spoke first and as his speech contains a valuable statement of policy it is quoted in full:

"It gives me great pleasure, as the Major General in charge of Administration, Rhine Army and the Chairman of the Zonal Board of Education, to preside at this Speech Day, and I have one or two things that I would like to say which I hope will interest you.

The first Director of the British Families Education Service, Mr. J. Trevelyan, wrote in 1947 that he wanted King, Alfred School to be absolutely first rate and he was looking for an outstanding man to be the Headmaster. And he came here six months later and addressed the school, and he said "You have yet to form your traditions and to establish your reputation and the building up of this school will be as much the responsibility of you, the pupils, as it will be of the staff and the Headmaster". Now you have just had your fourth birthday and you have in the process become the largest British school outside the United Kingdom, and the high hopes on which you were founded have, in a very large measure, become realized. That is a magnificent achievement and I would like to congratulate you all, Headmaster, Staff and Pupils; and I would also like to congratulate you on the formation, this year, of a Combined Cadet Force which has made a very good beginning.

Now we can all agree that in the day-to-day life of a school the most outstanding individual factor is the personality of the Headmaster. In this connection I think, as most of you know, that we are shortly to lose Mr. Spencer Chapman. We are determined that we shall get a worthy successor to carry on his pioneer work. Mr. Spencer Chapman has been here since the beginning and the foundation of this magnificent school is a splendid testimony to add to his already distinguished record. We would like to thank him for what he has done and to wish him the best of luck in the future. I should like to couple with those thanks and good wishes for the future, his wife, who has done so much for the school and has given him such splendid support.

Your school is an illustrious part of the British Families Education Service, the responsibility for which was taken over by the Army on the 1st April this year. I hope there was nothing sinister

in the date on which the transfer occurred. I think that the staff and parents would be interested if I were to say briefly something about the manner in which the Army will carry out its task. There is a Zonal Board which is responsible for policy, and, in addition to the Army, the Air Force and civilian representation on a high level ensures that all interests will be looked after.

The day-to-day administration is carried out by Brigadier Hadden, the Chief Education Officer of Rhine Army, who unfortunately is unable to be here today. The education side is directed by the Director, and the acting Director, Dr. Humphreys, is with us today. Now the personnel of the British Families Education Service, being civilians, come ultimately under the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, War Office, and his representative out here is the Command Secretary. So you have in fact a machine for administering the Service which is comparable to the Board of Governors of a Public School or the Local Education Authority at home. That Service went through very difficult times during its foundation in the period 1947/48 and now, unfortunately, stormy seas again lie ahead. Because I think you will understand that with the end of the occupation there must be some curtailment in Deutschemark expenditure, but we are determined that this shall not be used to justify any retrogression in the education task that has been undertaken.

In the early day, the teachers and the pupils went through very difficult times which they overcame. By determination and self-sacrifice they built up a Service which has made the foundations for our schools today. Now I am satisfied that nothing they did can't be done equally well by their successors and I have been asked to say by the Board that we count on those same virtues to see you and us through any new difficulties that may arise. I will now ask the Headmaster to give his report."

The Headmaster then made his report on the progress of the school in the last year. He concluded as follows:

"Now before I conclude, I must turn aside to try to define this spirit of King Alfred School and to say what relationship it bears to what we set out to create more than four years ago. You will all appreciate, I am sure, the scope of the wonderful experiment that has gone on here. To be given an opportunity of providing not only for one privileged class, but for a complete cross-section of the community, all the facilities of the traditional Public School at home - and more, for what school at home for which parents pay £300 to £400 a year, has such buildings and grounds as these, such facilities for athletics, sailing and riding, and such an opportunity to study another great race and language at first hand. The more a school resembles society in miniature the more valuable it is as a training for adult life; the Public Schools at home have a long and splendid tradition, but they have one nationality, one sex, one religion, and in general one income group; here we have twenty nationalities, half-a-dozen religions, and boys and girls of every sort of home and background and every kind of aptitude and ability. As the H.M.I.'s said in their summary to the staff last week, here we have endeavoured to put first things first. Everything cannot be achieved in four years, but they considered that we have already produced here a living community where children of all kinds can move with disciplined self-confidence, are treated as individuals, and are given every opportunity to make the most of whatever talents God has given them.

If I may quote from the report of the Advisory Council of Education in Scotland - surely a canny body if ever there was one - "The good secondary school is to be assessed not by any tale of examination successes, however impressive, but by the extent to which it has filled the years of youth with security, graciousness and ordered freedom and has thus become a seed-bed for the flowering in due course of all that is of good report". And now, having laid our foundations well and firmly, we must continue to build with courage and imagination. We must see that our standards of work are as high as they can possibly be, and that our courses of study for the non-academic form's are not just the grammar school syllabus watered down, but provide opportunities for even the most ungifted child to make the best of him or herself. Do not forget it is not brilliance and cleverness that get you to the top in the world, but reliability, steadiness, goodness, kindness, all that we call character. And these qualities are within the reach of every one of you.



I am sure that all you visitors will realize that the long list of activities I have run through, and the successes therein, and above all the spirit of the school, could not have been achieved without tremendous efforts from staff and pupils alike. It is difficult to keep things going, much less to maintain high standards, when the average stay of pupils is only four terms and that of staff two years, and I should like at this, my last Speech Day, to pay the highest tribute to the incalculable amount of enthusiasm, patience and sheer hard work - but above all enthusiasm - that has been put into this school by the teaching and administrative staff who are here today and those who have been here and passed on. Nor could this have been achieved without the help of the German staff, not only the German teachers but the splendid clerks, supervisors, craftsmen and labourers whose loyalty and hard work have made life so pleasant here. And finally, I should like to congratulate and thank the whole school, Helpers, Assistants and others, on what they have achieved in the past four years at King Alfred School.

I am sure that whatever job I go on to after leaving this school, none will give me as much satisfaction and pleasure as that of having had the honour of being the first Headmaster of King Alfred School.”

Admiral Brind then presented the prizes and addressed the School. Referring to his present job he first told us that in the Atlantic Pact, fourteen nations are standing together to defend freedom and our way of living - fundamentally the Christian way - namely, the right to choose between right and wrong, and the overriding importance of the individual man and woman in this world. Similarly in his Headquarter’s staff in Oslo it is the point of view of the individual which is really felt and the common desire to work together is, as a result, wonderfully effective.

Looking back on his forty years at sea, the Admiral told us he recalled not so much the great organisation or even great traditions, but memories of individual men - quite ordinary men. And it is through the influence of numbers of individual men of upright character, moral courage and enterprise that the spirit of a boat’s crew or ship’s company is built up.

“To be in a really good ship or corresponding unit in the other Services is an experience never to be forgotten. There is a wonderful sense of fellowship and strength coming from the determination not to let down the ship or a shipmate. This arises, not merely from good orders well obeyed, not just from good organisation, but from a number of men in the ship being personally determined to put her and their shipmates first, perhaps instinctively, rather than consciously. Once one gets a number of men thinking together like this, the effect spreads further than anyone can ever imagine - the ship sets an example throughout the fleet, in the ports in which she visits, her men are smart and well-behaved and they help each other in all sorts of circumstances; men are individually happy in the consciousness of this, they write home cheerfully about their friends all around them, and their families react accordingly. So you see, there is no knowing how far the influence of a number of men and women thinking together on a high and unselfish aim will spread abroad.

This is, of course, the secret of the power of a free nation, and it was the source of strength of our own country when defeat seemed to stare her in the face during the last war. The motive was - the realisation by men and women that we were standing together to defend all that was highest and best in our standards of life, and it was the support and inspiration of this individual outlook which enabled our King and Mr. Churchill and our leaders of all parties, to rise to their full height.

“All this goes to reveal a powerful ray of hope in this troubled and apparently unbalanced world, for we can do so much more than you might at first think in influencing and strengthening our country by means of our own individual thinking, to develop honesty of purpose, enterprise, moral courage and loyalty.”

The Director, BFES, finally proposed a vote of thanks to the Admiral and this was seconded by the Head Girl. After the Head Boy had called for three cheers for our distinguished guest, the main function of the day was over and tea was served; for the staff and guests in the Lodge and for pupils and their parents in the Dining Hall.

Visitors were now able to see the various exhibitions - of Art in the Lecture Room, and Woodwork, Metalwork, Pottery and Needlework in Connaught Workshops. At 5.30 p.m. on the stadium, the girls gave a display of National Dances and the boys of gymnastics, followed by a march past of the C.C.F.

A buffet supper was provided in the Lodge and in the Dining Hall, and at 8 p.m. an excellent day was rounded off by our first School Concert.

Next day the Admiral and Lady Brind, after attending our Sunday morning Service, were seen off by a Guard of Honour of Senior Scouts. At Hamburg the Admiral boarded his silver Dakota aircraft which circled low over the school on its way back to his Headquarters

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following were successful in the July 1952 Examinations. Figures in brackets denote the number of subjects in which a pass was obtained.

### Advanced Level

Brenda McCall (3)	H. Brown (1, and 1 at Ordinary Level)
D. Thomas (3)	P. Fillingham (1, and 1 at Ordinary Level)
Rosemary Rees (1, and 1 at Ordinary Level)	

### Ordinary Level

Shirley Boyd (6)	Dorothy Cox (2)
Lesley Clark (6)	B. Stanley (2)
June Fookes (6)	Audrey Stonehouse (2)
Margaret Harris-Burland (6)	D. Williams (2)
Jennifer Challinor (5)	R. Haworth (1)
Barbara Clark (5)	C. McCausland (1)
Janet McCall (5)	Margaret Renwick (1)
Margaret MacGregor (5)	Mary Rose (1)
R. Burch (4)	Jill Stockwell (1)
Norma Gentles (4)	G. Bawden (1)
D. Lock (4)	Ann Cooke (1)
F. Pook (4)	Janet Cox (1)
Gillian Selby (4)	R. French (1)
R. Wilcox (4)	J. Gilbert (1)
D. Back (3)	P. Glass (1)
S. Leete (3)	Marilyn Gleber (1)
Thelma Letch (3)	P. Harper (1)
Ann Minhall (3)	E. King (1)
G. Walter (3)	Jill Lofthouse (1)
T. Bartlett (2)	I. Macdonald (1)
A. Bower (2)	June Macey (1)
F. Buckett (2)	Alexandra McHardy (1)
R. Davey (2)	P. Mills (1)
J. Langford (2)	H. Osick (1)
Sarah Micklewright (2)	Sylvia Schofer (1)
H. Rowe (2)	D. Weir (1)
Myra Butler (2)	Rita Oehmke (1)
	Renate Siegert (1)

C. Aylin passed in seven subjects. He was absent from this school from 31st July, 1950 to 16th September 1952, during which time he attended school in the United Kingdom.

## MUSIC

AS usual in summertime, Phyllis and Corydon played more outside than within the walls. Thus there were few concerts but, despite this, preparation went on for a School Concert for the end of term during which all sorts of people sang all sorts of notes in various parts which, in the end, weaved itself into recognisable - and enjoyable - music. Though few, if any, could read music with any fluency heads got down to it and, as well as improving their own capacity, gave many of us enormous pleasure. Those who could read found themselves pressed in from every side by those anxious to get both right leads and notes. Often we got one but not the other, but it was good enough, if certain of us got on or about the target. Certain bits, of course, became well known and, irrespective of marks of expression, came out with a hearty roar. The chorus numbered some 172 of middle and upper form's including all the school footballers who, as it were, shooting nothing through their own goal, found to their surprise what useful tenors and basses they could be. The hard-worked staff, English and German, did invaluable work in all voices and I am very grateful to them. Where to put the sole means of accompaniment the piano - became a problem as well as the stage managing of such a large body, but all went well under the kindly and capable hands of Mr. Heriz-Smith and I was content to find myself at the piano well up-stage beneath a frowning rampart of tenors and basses and otherwise surrounded by a sea of white blouses. The concert took place on Speech Day evening in Butler Hall - crowded to capacity with some sitting in the regions "behind the scenes" - to the following programme: -

1) Three-part songs for female voices:

- a) The Snow
- b) Fly, singing bird Elgar

2) Piano solos:

- a) Prelude in G minor
- b) Prelude in G major Rachmaninoff

3) Songs:

- a) Cherry Ripe
- b) Sandman Brahms Pearl Cooper

4) Baritone solo and male chorus:

- Songs of the Sea C.V. Stanford Richard Bowen and Senior Boys

5) Four-part chorus:

- Six Songs from the "Bavarian Highlands"  
Elgar

The loyalty devotion of all taking part gave us a performance which we shall all remember and which sent me on my way rejoicing.

J.H.O.J.

## RECITAL OF ENGLISH CHURCH MUSIC

IN place of Evensong at the end of Speech Day week-end, the following programme was given by the sixty-five members of St. Georges Chapel Choir: -

- 1) Organ Solo: Concerto in A Handel
- 2) Anthems:
  - a) From the rising of the Sun Ouseley
  - b) O come ye servants Tye
  - c) Jesu, the very thought is sweet Vittoria
  - d) As torrents in summer Elgar
- 3) Organ Solo: The Pastoral Sonata Rheinberger
- 4) Anthems: a) Blessed be the God and Father S. S. Wesley

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| b) I waited for the Lord       | Mendelssohn  |
| c) Jesu, joy of man's desiring | J. S. Bach   |
| d) My soul, there is a country | C.H.H. Parry |

The choir, of all ages and with many of the staff, is a loyal and most effective body, the peak of whose efforts lay in this performance - which was always careful, sincere, and had moments of real beauty and was, for the greater part, unaccompanied.

J.H.O.J.

## LE MÉDICIN MALGRÉ LUI

GERMAN is the main language of the school; only comparatively few of us learn French, and were consequently able to understand a play in that language. Nevertheless, this term certain members of the Fifth and Sixth forms, under the guidance of Mr. Coates, produced, in the Lecture Room, the school first French play, *Le Médecin Malgré Lui*.

A complete synopsis of the play would be too long to relate, but as a rough guide the story goes that Sganarelle, a woodcutter, is mistaken for a doctor and asked to cure a rich man's daughter of dumbness. In so doing he is able to settle a love affair and regain the affection of his wife.

Of the main characters, first comes Sganarelle. who is *Le Médecin Malgré Lui*. H. Brown, the most fluent French scholar in the School, took this leading part of the poor woodcutter who, allergic to work, most frequently exercised himself by raising a bottle of wine to his lips and afterwards wiping his mouth on his sleeve. Alas!, as is the fate of many men, the silly fellow had to have a masterful wife. This part was played by Jill Stockwell, whose accent, with a touch of the South Country in it, enabled her to expound such phrases as "C'est moi qui suis le maitre", with particular vehemence.

Margaret Harris-Burland as the dumb daughter was exceedingly enchanting. She was far from stupid and feigned dumbness in order to escape marriage with an old gallant called Horace, whom we had not the pleasure of meeting. Her father, played by S. Leete, was a fiery little man who finally allowed his daughter to marry the man of her own choice when it was discovered that he had a large fortune.

Evidently in the French theatre there is usually a gaily clad gentleman who steps forth from the curtains and brings the audience to order by beating vigorously three times on the floor with an elegant silver knobbed stick.

A. Bower was ideal for the part which he performed with great gusto.

Although this was the first French play ever produced in the school, there were few points to criticise and I think that those of us who saw the play had a full sixty minutes of laughter and enjoyment.

K. Palmer.

## EXHIBITIONS

### Speech Day Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

The Displays of Arts and Crafts were arranged in the Lecture Room and the Connaught Workshops.

On entering the Art Exhibition in the Lecture Room one's attention was immediately attracted to numerous pictures of witches and supernatural subjects in which the younger members of the School showed their vivid imaginations. It was interesting to note how the painters' conception of a subject varied. This was particularly noticeable in the treatment of the subject of "Trees". One was a tree in autumn painted in bold bright colours. In complete contrast was a picture of three birches standing against a pale blue sky. The foreground was a watery red and gave an unusual and pleasing finish to the painting.

There were several pictures of a man eating a good meal. One by Campbell especially caught the eye. Numerous paintings of rafts in a storm were shown. The colours and shapes of the waves, the battered rafts and the dark skies were imaginatively depicted. There were outstanding contributions by particular forms. 4B's studies of individual autumn leaves were very realistic. 6G showed their artistic ability in their scraper-board work of which Barbara Evans picture was outstanding because of its fine, delicate, white lines which gave it grace. 5C produced a book written and illustrated by themselves. This was both an interesting and original accomplishment.

There were innovations in the display in the Lecture Room. Wood-carving was shown in various stages of completion. The equipment used for carving stood beside it, including bandages! Numerous constructions rather like "peepshows" were displayed round the room underneath the windows to give them the light needed to produce the best effect. These "peepshows" were made in three parts: foreground, middle ground and background. A portion of each of the front two pieces was cut away so that the part behind could be seen. One of the best "peep shows" depicted a man sitting in a forest holding his gun. Both the fore- and centre-grounds consisted of trees, and thus it seemed as if the man were really alone in the centre of the wood.

Finally mention must be made of the display in the middle of the room of models worked in clay, some of them glazed. There were tile's of the School crest and a very fine model of a horse.

In Connaught Workshops a wide range of work was exhibited including pottery, metal and woodwork. One was first attracted to the pottery by the variety and imaginative quality of the work displayed. This included numerous delightful hand-thrown pots and several hand-painted plates. One display graphically showed the stages in pottery making. There was clay in its unworked state, then the thrown pot, known as "biscuit", immediately after firing. The preparation and application of glaze were shown and finally the completed pot.

In the Woodwork Room a Cadet in various stages of completion was on show. At first the planks cut to shape and marked, then at the next stage these planks put together to form the framework of the boat, and lastly, at the Yacht Club, one could see the finished boat varnished and rigged.

The exhibition of metal work showed numerous ash-trays, bowls and plates, all of them of varying design and workmanship. In general the exhibitions were deemed a great success by the parents and pupils who visited them.

R. French

## **Needlework Exhibition**

The Needlework Exhibition for Speech Day helped to show the school and its visitors the high standard of needlework that has been achieved during the past year.

The exhibition was arranged by 6G who managed to achieve an artistic display with drapings, models, and even a blackboard and easel!

The garments ranged from baby clothes to Ann Weston's evening dress, the pride of the Sixth Form girls, which deserves special praise. Also in the display were blouses, dresses, night-dresses and many half-slips which were very much in the fashion.

Most of the credit is due to Miss Hopkins, who patiently taught us so much and guided her forms to produce such excellent results. Thank you Miss Hopkins.

Shirley Millwood - Betty Ryan

## **The Exhibition of Children's Art from London**

In the middle of the term there was an exhibition of Art in the Lecture Room; all the exhibits were sent from England to Germany.

Fully to appreciate the collection it was necessary to consider the ages of the artists, which ranged from five to fifteen years. In many cases the senior members of the school failed to do this and complained that in all England they could have found a better selection, but the

juniors thought that the exhibition was of a very good standard.

There were some noteworthy contributions. Among those of the younger children, there were two pen and ink drawings entitled "The Wedding Photograph". They were greatly admired not only because such young children very seldom produce a successful drawing in ink, but also for the careful exactness and balance of the group in which an equal number of guests were ranged in height order on either side of the newly wedded couple. There was also a very amusing painting of a little girl's dog which had a head like a Scotch Terrier and a very elongated body with tiny, short legs attached, and there were various portraits of "Daddy", or "My Friend", all of whom seemed to be most individual characters.

The senior section consisted of a more serious collection. There were half a dozen outstanding works, one of which gave an extremely detailed impression of Battersea Fair Ground which had obviously taken hours of patience and concentration to paint. There was a very imposing picture of Stonehenge, it was a sombre study and apparently had been painted by a very serious artist. An excellent portrayal of a typical Market Day and a very sympathetic picture of a housekeeper polishing the drawing room floor were very popular as was a colourful painting of a cat peering into a bowl of goldfish.

The best picture of all was a portrait of a schoolgirl, which was painted in brown and well deserved its prominent position on the platform, opposite the entrance to the room. The effect given by the exhibition as a whole was one of colour and imagination, a different personality showed through every painting and the school was very much impressed.

Diana Ritchie

## **SPEECH DAY GYMNASTICS**

ON 12th July, the King Alfred Gymnastics Club gave an exhibition on the Stadium before a very large and distinguished audience. The team of sixteen ran on to the field with through vaults over a buck. Afterwards forming up in four rows of four behind the broad boxes which were facing the audience.

The exhibition started off with through vaults over the broad boxes, followed by stride vaults, neck-springs and head-springs respectively. All of these vaults were performed once by each row. Following this, each of the four rows performed a different vault. The vaults were through-vaults, stride-vaults, neck-springs and thief-leaps done by the four rows respectively. The long boxes then followed. On these long flies and flying-neck-springs were performed. After all four rows had been used in turn, medicine balls were placed on the nearest end of the boxes to the team. The team then went through the same vaults, but this time over the medicine balls.

Just before going onto the mat-work the team performed a "funny". This was that the smallest member of the team, P. Lyons, was used as a heaving boy by four of the team. The mat-work that followed consisted of head-springs, hand-springs and somersaults which were followed by the high-light of the mat-work when Williams and Walter performed running-forward-rolls over six of the kneeling team. The finale of the exhibition was when team performed several tableaux after which the team ran off the field over the buck again.

A word of thanks must be expressed to Mr. Ronald the Physical Education Master, for the training he gave to the team and for the scene-shifters who moved all boxes around.

Frank Pook

## **GIRLS' DANCING DISPLAY**

The second of Miss Winwood's shows was presented on Speech Day afternoon on the grass of the Stadium. As at last Christmas, two groups of girls' dancing alternated with gymnastics acts by Mr. Ronald's team of boys. The girls' performance was as polished and attractive as before. The first group consisted of Scandinavian and Czechoslovak national dances, including

the Czech "Tancuy" and the Scandinavian "Lot is dead", while the second group was confined to English dances and the "Flowers of Edinburgh".

The whole show - boys' gymnastics and cadets' march-past as well the dances suffered from being staged in a frameless grass expanse instead of in a limited arena. Nobody could produce an open-air daylight play on a featureless prairie without introducing some sort of screen or furniture to act as a backcloth and frame for the action; even cricket screens - bare or suitably garlanded might have provided some sort of focus. As it was, the eye of the beholder was liable to escape from the dancers and roam across the empty acres of grass and sky beyond them, and so it was difficult to take in the significance of the dances, or to follow the poise and style of individual dancers. Also, and in spite of Miss Winwood's experiments in positioning the single loud-speaker, the slow speed of sound prevented the beholders synchronising what they saw with that they heard, and so the artistic unity of the dances - which had been in such evidence in the Gymnasium - was lost when they were turned out to grass.

Nevertheless, the hard work and hard thinking devoted to these difficult mechanical problems produced a beautiful - if only a partial - solution, for which Miss Winwood and all who took part are to be thanked, and congratulated on the high level of performance they can now command.

J.A.O.F.

## **THE BOSAU OPEN-AIR PAGEANT**

ON Monday July 28th 1952 about 70 senior boys and girls from King Alfred School visited the nearby village of Bosau to witness a most interesting and spectacular pageant-play depicting local history.

During this summer Bosau has been celebrating the 800th anniversary of the foundation of its very ancient church. To mark this occasion, from the 13th of July until 24th of August, the inhabitants of the ancient village organised a series of "Festwochen" - Festival Weeks, which included various exhibitions, meetings, church services and so on, and, as the central point of the whole programme, an Open-Air Play was produced, depicting the early history of Bosau, and the events leading up to the founding of its Church in 1152 A.D.

It was to see a performance of this play that a party from K.A.S. set out on that July afternoon. The journey was made both by land and water; thanks to the co-operation of Mr. Law and the Yacht Club, two thirds of the party were able to make the journey in the "Daffodil" and a cutter that was towed behind. The rest went by bus.

After a pleasant sail across the Plöner See - on a typical Plön Summer's day, punctuated by frequent thunder showers - we safely negotiated the "Shallows" leading to Bosau (after one or two tense moments!) and were quickly tied up alongside Bosau landing stage. There we rejoined the bus party and were soon ensconced in our seats in the Open-Air Theatre. This was not a real or permanent theatre but merely a section of the roadway leading up to the Church, which had been partitioned off in such a way that many of the events leading up to the foundation of the Church could be enacted more or less on the scene where they had actually taken place.

The pageant-play "BOZOW" took the form of eight scenes, covering the period 1137-1152 A.D., and showed events which resulted in the settling and colonisation of this area by the Saxon tribe known as the Holsaten who subdued and converted the pagan Wend's, a Slav tribe who used to inhabit these parts. We saw something of this inter-tribal war: we saw too the story of the great Bishop Vizelin of Faldera monastery (now Neumünster) and his constant battle with higher authorities such as Heinrich the Lion and Adolf II of Holstein - before he finally achieved his aim - of founding a new church in East Holstein - at Bozow.

In a spectacular final scene, we saw the consecration of the new church in 1152 - in the presence of the Bishop himself, as well as in that of the settlers of Bosau - Wend's and Holsaten now living peacefully together. And Past seemed merged with Present as the pageant ended with Vizelin leading a procession of monks towards the "new" church, chanting in

plainsong, whilst the bell of Bosau church greeted them, as it echoed over the village and across the waters of Plön Lake.

Truly a beautiful and impressive ending - in its devoutness and sincerity - to a stimulating afternoon, that helped us span in our minds those 800 years that separate two very different ages.

K.S.A.

## **DEBATES AT THE SCHLOSS SCHULE**

ON two occasions this term parties of some ten pupils have visited the Schloss Schule to take part with the German debating society on topics conducted in English. The Chairman at the first debate was Herr Levin but as the German pupils had not had much practice in debating he frequently handed over the chair and spoke on one or other of the sides. However in the second debate Mr. Aspinall was in the chair and the evening was conducted in a more formal fashion.

The first motion we debated was "Should professionalism be barred from sport today?" This was very ably proposed by A. Bower who brought forward many interesting points concerning his brother's career as a professional diver. The opposers were members of the Schloss Schule but, due to their limited vocabulary, they could not convince the house that their view was correct. However Herr Levin came forward and spoke against the motion in a very convincing manner so much so that he completely swayed the house and the motion was defeated.

The second motion debated was "Should co-educational Schools be abolished?" This proved to be a very interesting topic as we had views from both German and English pupils and we learned much about the attitude to coeducation in a German community. S. May proposed the motion with great gusto bringing out some of his personal experiences on the subject. One of the German boys opposed the motion and showed that any apparent shyness which was present on our last visit was now extinct. He made some of us feel that we were in one of the Wyvern Society debates as his English was so good. Finally the debate was thrown open to the house. Speakers were at first reluctant to rise, but eventually got up and spoke on the subject admirably. Regretfully, because of lack of time, the debate was closed and Co-educational Schools were abolished by a very narrow margin.

C. Cornock.

## **ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL**

THE morning service broadcast by B.F.N. on Empire Youth Sunday was again taken from our Chapel. In view of the change in B.F.N. broadcasting arrangements, it is a matter for regret that this will be the last "live" broadcast to be made from the School.

Most Public Schools in England have their own School Mission, which they support with their contributions and their prayers.. We have now achieved this, by making the work of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association our particular concern. On Sunday, July 13th, during Speech Day week-end, a collection for the work of the Association realised £50. This sum is to be used by the Association to build a cottage, to be known as King Alfred Cottage, in which boys and girls who need to be treated for leprosy can be housed. Part of the proceeds of the next Christmas Fair are to be devoted to the cost of maintaining leper children at this Cottage. May I commend this work to your prayers?

At the end of term a Guild of St. George was brought into being. This is to enable boys and girls, on leaving School, to retain a link with the Chapel and what it has stood for in their lives at School, and to pledge them to continue to live as practising and serving Christians. Members, who at present number 37, are remembered regularly at Holy Communion at the beginning of each month, and will also be kept in touch with the events and life of the Chapel. If old members of the School wish to join this Guild, will they please write to me.

Rev. C. BACHE, Chaplain.



## ST. MICHAEL'S CHAPEL

During the summer term quiet progress was made in various aspects of the chapel life. Services continued to be carried out by the priest from Plön, Pastor Felber, who still manages to find time to help us despite his heavy programme of work.

Improvements have been made in the internal appearance of the Chapel, which has proved to be just the right size, although at one time we thought it would be too large for us. The choir has continued to provide music at many, though not all services. Tribute must be paid to the hard work of the choir, and even more to the ability and energy of the choirmaster to whose efforts the success attained is mainly due. On Trinity Sunday a secular recital of Plainsong was given to a fair sized audience.

May our efforts all continue to be directed Ad majorem Dei gloriam

G.C.

## THE COMBINED CADET FORCE

AFTER much paper work and many visits to the War Office, permission was granted, in April, for a contingent to be formed. During the third week of term some 150 uniforms arrived and on the following Friday the Company, consisting of 130 cadets, paraded in Army uniform.

Training soon commenced, and, with the valuable assistance of the 15th/19th Hussars, the fundamentals of "square-bashing" and weapon training were soon learned. Lectures and demonstrations on the Bren, Mortar and Piat helped in the training, and a small-scale manoeuvre was carried out in Stadtheide woods. In a comparatively small time the training programme was running smoothly and efficiently.

On June 1st many promotions were effected in order to bring the Company up to full establishment. The work of the four officers was now somewhat reduced so that they could give more attention to training and lecturing.

The first highlight of the term was the Church Parade which was a great success, especially because the band of the 1st Bn. Seaforth Highlanders provided the music. The salute at the March Past was taken by the Headmaster who was in the Seaforth Highlanders during the war.

Then perhaps the biggest occasion for some cadets was the Guard of Honour for Admiral Sir Patrick Brind which formed up on the Quarter Deck on Speech Day. When the Admiral arrived he inspected the Guard and then took the salute at the March Past. In the evening the Guard of Honour paid their tribute to the Admiral by marching past him on the Stadium as he took the salute.

At the end of term the Cadet Force is staging it's first camp which is to be at Sennelager. The Canadians are acting as hosts and are arranging for us to watch a mock battle. So we are looking forward to a very interesting and useful week of Army Life.

C. Cornock.

As a postscript to the above it may be mentioned that a very interesting and enjoyable day was laid on for us by Capt. Williams of the Putlos training area on the Baltic Coast. Here we saw the Support Coy. of the 1st Canadian Highlanders firing their anti-tank guns, mortars, and flame-throwers. Many rides were had on carriers and some lucky cadets had some revolver practice. Our Canadian hosts gave us a wonderful time and we were delighted to see some of them over here when their pipe band came to school to beat the Retreat on the Quarterdeck, by kind permission of their Commanding Officer, Lieut. Col. Radford.

One of our early training parades was recorded for the B.F.N. "Old Comrades" programme. The recording van trailed through the undergrowth, failed to locate the platoon in defence, but definitely pinpointed a Drill Parade and a Colour Party. The resultant recording came over the

air on the B.F.N. wave-length only.

Colour Parties were formed alternately by the Cadets and the Rangers, for the purpose of lowering the flags on the Quarterdeck at sundown.

An all night exercise was also laid on; this took the very practical form of the cadets taking over the school guardroom duties at the gate from a Saturday evening till the following Sunday morning, and it shook quite a number of people.

The eight day camp at Sennelager was attended by some 83 cadets, and thanks to the excellent administrative arrangements made for us by the Camp Permanent Staff, and the hard work put in by all the officers and cadets present. It was indeed an interesting and useful week of army life. The unit found it's feet at camp; the Platoon and Section commanders took hold of their commands and showed their worth, and by the end of it all ranks had learnt not only the duties and responsibilities of their appointments, but had acquired those intangible qualities which go to the making of a soldier.

J.A.O.F.

## **Report by Officer Commanding**

As Officer-Commanding the C.C.F. I would like to start by thanking all the masters who have given up so much time to become officers in the Cadet Force, and other members of the teaching and administrative staff who have helped us in one way or another to make our first term as a cadet force such a successful one, and to the cadets themselves for showing such keenness.

This coming term we are forming a second company which means a lot more work for the cadets, and 100 cadets will be taking Certificate A Part I, and 40 Part II in November.

So there is a busy time in front of the Cadet Force. Show the keenness that you showed last term and you will pass your Certificates.

P.G.R.

## **SCOUTS**

AT the commencement of the Summer Term the reorganisation of the school Scout Troop's was carried out. The Senior Troop was disbanded and three all-age Troops formed Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Air Scouts.

The first event of the term was the collection of Bob-a-Job money which had been earned during the holidays. The total was £24.10.4d the largest individual amount being collected by Michael Weston who thus qualified for the prize offered by the Headmaster.

The term, from a weather point of view, was the worst we have had, and consequently the camping and other outdoor activities were considerably curtailed. Apart from the usual weekly meetings, the main events were a visit for Air Scouts to Buckeburg, and a very successful Rally and Campfire.

All arrangements had been completed for a Summer Camp near Amsterdam, but unfortunately this had to be cancelled at the last moment owing to extensive outbreaks of infantile paralysis in Holland. A few boys, determined to camp somewhere, went to Denmark. The Scout Troop Leader, Paul Abram, represented the Group at an International Camp in Italy.

Congratulations to Patrol Leader John Gilbert who gained the only First Class badge awarded during the term.

W.F.T.

## **VISIT TO R.A.F. STATION BUCKEBURG.**

After an early breakfast on Saturday, the 21st June, a group of eleven Air Scouts, including Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Parsons, left the Quarterdeck on a school bus for Hamburg. At Hamburg we changed on to a Hannover bound train where we changed again on to a train going direct to Buckeburg. At Buckeburg we were picked up by Major Milsom and taken to the camp-site which was just behind the control tower of the airfield.

After pitching the tents and having something to eat, we decided to look at the six Ansons lined up at the control tower end of the tarmac. We were disappointed to hear that all jet aircraft had been moved away to another 'drome for maneuvers, so we had to make do with the Ansons. When we had looked over these old twin-engined reconnaissance aircraft from the outside, it was getting dark and so we returned to camp. The weather, throughout the weekend, was undecided with heavy cloud and a little rain on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning we were up early and had finished clearing away before nine o'clock, and we' walked down to the guard room to see if there might be an opportunity to fly. After waiting for a quarter-of-an-hour while Mr. Hoffman made enquiries, we were told that a pilot was waiting in one of the huts by the airfield and that he would take us up.

While we had been waiting, one the Ansons had been taken off and when we arrived at the hut we were told that it was our pilot taking up some Army cadets, so we had to wait.

While we were waiting we were shown round a big hangar which housed two twin engined liners. They belonged to the Commander-in-Chief and were being overhauled. We were allowed to sit in the pilots' seats and we saw the radar working. Just as we were coming out of the hangar the Anson came back and so the first patrol went on and the rest watched them go. After twenty minutes they came back and my patrol, with Mr. Hoffmann, got in. The plane taxied down the tarmac until we reached the take-off strip. We could see the pilot and watched him make his instrument check and after receiving the take-off signal we staggered into the air. The very first thing that happened to me was that my ears "popped" and the noise of the engines was terribly loud. We flew over the low flying area skimming the trees and then the pilot decided to take us up to see the sun, which we had not seen for quite a while, and we climbed above the clouds. After you get above the clouds you lose all sense of direction until you see the ground rushing up to you at right angles. After coming down through the cloud, we went through the Minden Gap in a steep bank, and then back to the 'drome. After landing it is good to feel earth again, for this bumpy trip had shaken us all a bit.

After the flight we had to start packing up and getting back to tie station to catch our train straight to Hamburg, and thence to Plön. The weekend was short, but we all enjoyed ourselves.

Derek Lock.

## **INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CAMP IN ITALY.**

I left Plön on July 7th, arriving the following day in London, where I stayed on the R.R.S. Discovery for three days and then went to Bounds Green, in North London, where I met the rest of the contingent. We were camping under canvas and on the first night Col. Adshead, our leader, divided us up into three patrols. I was in "Stephenson". The people comprising the contingent came from all over England, though the majority came from the North.

On Sunday, 13th July, we left England for Italy. We travelled from Victoria to Folkstone, and then by cross channel steamer to Boulogne; the weather was very rough, and many people were seasick. From Boulogne we went to Paris, where we had a meal, and caught the Simplon/Orient Express. We travelled by night and I found it a little difficult to sleep in the cramped compartment - one boy slept on the luggage rack. Soon after entering Switzerland we saw Lake Geneva; it looked wonderful in the moonlight. We arrived at Milan early in the morning, had breakfast at the station and about 11 o'clock we caught the train to Colico where we were to camp.

The train was a local one which had only third class carriages with wooden seats. Until it started it was very hot, and the carriage rapidly filled with Italians. To entertain us a man

came and played a doleful tune on an instrument resembling a guitar; he was very disappointed when he discovered we had no lira, on seeing an approaching ticket collector he went away and we realized that what he was doing was illegal. The train arrived at Colico, and after a short rest we walked two miles to the camp. It was uphill and we were very tired. We slept well that night, even though there was a thunderstorm. These occurred about once every three days, generally when my patrol was on duty.

Colico is a wonderful town on the shores of Lake Como, so we could go swimming every day. We went on numerous excursions to Bellaljio and Mannajio, towns on the lake, and to Como and Lugano in Switzerland, travelling by the narrow winding roads, over a mountain, pass, and along the side of the lake; we played games with the Italian Scouts, built a raft, had numerous campfires, held a swimming gala, climbed a mountain. This was very strenuous - it took us all day and it was very cold at the top. We also visited the Italian motorbike factory, Moto Guzzi, at Mandelo del Lario; this was very interesting, the factory being very modern.

After ten days at Colico we went to Sori, a small village near Genoa. We were camping on the land of a count. At the bottom of a series of terraces, were growing peaches, figs and olives which, unfortunately, were not quite ripe. From Sori we visited Comogli, Rappallo, La Spezia, Genoa and Santa Margharita. All these are tourist resorts on the Ligurian Sea, and are very beautiful. The food in Italy consists of spaghetti - for soup and everything else - also peaches, of which I had so many I grew rather tired of them.

At Sori we had a very bad rainstorm and were washed out, the water coming over the bottom terrace as a solid sheet of water. We left Sori on 5th August travelling via Genoa to Milan where we saw the wonderful cathedral, the Opera House, the Basilica of St. Ambrogia - here we saw the bones of St. Ambrose, and a Christian martyr dressed in fine robes, lying side by side and many other interesting things.

The time went too quickly, and we had to catch the train for Paris. That night there was a partial eclipse of the moon, and we watched it from the railway carriage, the Alps forming a background. The return journey was like the outward one, except that the channel crossing was calmer. When we arrived in London we went to the Scout Shop where we had tea and then dispersed.

I fully enjoyed my visit to Italy, and was sorry to see all my companions go. I hope I shall see some of them again.

P. Abram.

## **SCOUT CAMP IN DENMARK.**

Owing to an unfortunate outbreak of infantile paralysis in Amsterdam, of the 17 prospective camper's, only four elected to go to Denmark - 3 British Scouts and 1 Danish Scout. Under Mr. Parsons, we set out at 10.45 on the 1st August on the start of our journey north.

We arrived at our camp-site, situated in a field by a fiord, some 10 kilometres north of the small town of Aabenraa, at about 6 o'clock in the evening, just as the rain (which had gone on for three hours) stopped, and pitched our tents, dug latrines, a fireplace, etc., while Mr. Parsons and one of the scouts went off for food and milk. We were extremely lucky in arriving when we did, because almost immediately after we had eaten our supper and crawled into our tents for a well-earned night's rest, a torrential downpour saturated the surrounding countryside once again.

Next day we finished tidying up the site, made a large kitchen table, laid in a large store of firewood and rowed across the fiord to the island of Kalø, where there was a small general store. We made these trips each day for food, stores, etc. The following days were spent in just playing about the camp or, if one was cook, trying to prepare something edible! During our stay a party Danish Scouts from the 1st Aabenraa Troop camped with us, and we were given the use of their cycles to ride into Løjt Kirkeby, a village three kilo-metres distant, where we could buy meat, fruit, butter, and other things unobtainable at Kalø.

We were shown the Troop Patrol Huts, which each separate Patrol had built. They were very cosy inside, but when the stove was on, lack of ventilation made frequent trips to fresh air

necessary. One day we went by bus into Aabenraa, to sightsee and buy souvenirs. Our Danish friends conducted us round the town in the morning, notable sights being the huge electric power station which we were shown through, and the sports ground (which we were told was one of the best in Denmark). After lunch we went shopping until about 4 p.m., when we found a miniature golf course where we spent most of our money and all our remaining time.

On account of the state of our site (set amidst long grass, off which the dew and rain never seemed to dry, and almost perpetually buzzing with mosquitos and crawling with snails, we were invited by Dr. Westergaard, the father of the Danish Scout, to spend the remaining days camping at the bottom of his garden in Odis Bramdrup which was forty kilometres from our site and seventeen kilometres from Kolding - a town rather bigger than Aabenraa. We accepted, and from then on were thoroughly spoiled by Mrs. Westergaard. We spent our time playing chess or billiards, or riding madly round the garden and village. We went in Dr. Westergaard's car to Romo, an island in the North Sea, returning by way of Ribe - "the town where all the storks in Denmark live". We also visited Kolding, where we went over the Koldinghus, the old castle which dominates the town.

All too soon the camp came to an end and we went our various ways, wiser in some respects - one of those being that to cook for a critical scouter requires a lot of patience!

D. Macfarlane.

## GUIDES

GUIDES have progressed well this term, and in spite of the weather, weekend camps and many enjoyable hikes have been held.

Some of the younger members of the companies got down to their 2nd class work and should, next term, be well on their way to 1st class. An interesting Home-Nursing Class was held every Wednesday by Mrs. Fleming-Thomson which ended in several guides receiving their Home Nursing badges.

The Sea Rangers formed part of the Guard of Honour for Admiral Sir Patrick Brind on Speech Day, and were commended for their smartness. They also paraded with the Combined Cadet Force. Judging by their polished performance one could tell Miss Norman had been at work.

The highlight of the term for us was the Guide and Scout Rally. The March Past and the Inspection was taken by the Headmaster. He said a few words to us about the movement, then we were dismissed and there was a mad rush to the improvised "Sportsground". crowds of enthusiastic Guides and Scouts joined in the egg and spoon races, travellers races and various other exciting pastime's. Mr. Law acted as "Master of Ceremonies". When everyone began to feel exhausted we were told to make for the Scout Hut where we were to have supper followed by an indoor campfire (owing to the rain). Miss Verling-Brown and her staff as usual excelled themselves. We would also like to thank them for everything they have done for the Guides this term.

The campfire, conducted by Mr. Parsons, was a great success, although several lusty "singers" found themselves with sore throats next day.

Several times during the term the flags were lowered by the Guides. We hope next term to carry on with this.

Our warmest thanks go out to Mrs. Marriott and Miss Yelland who did so much for us whilst they were here, and we wish them "Good Guiding" in the future. Sylvia Antonsen

## The British International Guide Camp.

There were over a thousand of us at the International Guide Camp in Beaconsfield, and we were divided into 24 groups of approximately 42 Guides each. We were in Cumbria group with the Isle of Man, Eire and Lancashire Guides, who had arrived two days before us to prepare our site. We were welcomed to the camp by our group on Sunday, August 10th. Although we

were British we were treated as visitors, for we had come from a foreign country, representing British Guides in Germany.

Monday, our first day, was spent getting to know the camp routine, and being introduced to our new friends. There was a village green set round with imitation shops including a Walls Ice Cream stand which proved the most popular.

By Tuesday we were old hands and had settled down quite happily with our potatoes to peel and washing up to do, we did not miss any fun either. On Wednesday 9000 members of the movement streamed through the camp, asking questions and collecting autographs. In the evening our visitors attended Campfire making the total number in our campfire circle somewhere about 1100 people. On Thursday we were divided into two groups, one going to London by bus to see the historical buildings and famous landmarks of our capital, and the other half to Windsor Castle and down the Thames by travel steamer to Hampton court.

Friday was a usual camp day. After Camp Fire in the evening we had one of the most awful storms I have ever seen, we know now that this was the cause of the tragic Lynmouth disaster.

Saturday August 16th was Open Day. This meant that the camp was on view to all those interested. In the afternoon the campers gave the "Golden Ball Display". The "Golden Ball" was the imaginary gift thrown by the Founder to the boys and girls of the world. The display showed how it has been passed on from country to country and how guides have gone on training to keep the ball bright. At the end our display 10 hydrogen filled balloons were released, each representing a Guide Law, and 800 small golden balls were thrown into the audience from every country, for the young Guides and Brownies of Great Britain.

At 3 p. m. on Sunday Lady Baden Powell's plane flew over the camp; she was on her way back from Norway to attend our last Camp Fire. When the World Chief Guide arrived she visited all the groups and shook hands with every Guide and Ranger in the Camp.

In the evening our last Camp Fire took place. We all sat round wrapped in rugs, singing the songs which had become famous during the week.

As the last echoes of our evening vesper died away in the darkness, we returned to our sites, to sleep for the last time in the "British International Guide Camp" at Hallbarn in Beaconsfield.

Myra Butler.

## **KING ALFRED SAILING CLUB**

### Secretary's Notes.

THE Club has had a successful season, despite the reduction of the subsidy from £ 2,500 to about £ 100; of course this meant a heavy increase in the subscription, yet the summer membership only dropped by about 70, and this corresponded with the temporary reduction in the number of boats available to members.

The standard of sailing has been as high as ever, in some of the worst summer weather the Club has ever known; damage to boats has been less than ever, despite the weather and fewer staff to nurse and admonish.

The house Pirate races were sailed, though it took ten race's to complete the competition with the reduced number of boats, and Temple won as usual, with a score of 66 points out of a possible 72. The only outside fixtures were against Luisenlund; King Alfred School won both here, on a day of grey sky and fresh breezes, and on the Schlei in calm and pouring rain.

The Club has now passed its lowest ebb; we have a generous grant from the Commander-in-Chief to restore our fleet, and hope to get five new Pirates with this money; our own effort has already produced the two new Cadets which you have seen and sailed. They have surpassed every hope, proved far more "seaworthy" than I had guessed, and completely converted local German opinion; there are more to come.

The real test of the NEW YACHT CLUB comes now, when the Bosun's Party take up for the

first time the scraper and paint brush, and try their hands at a really practical splice. I hope you will paint the boats rather than yourselves or the floor, and not get fed up half way. The girl members of the Club have already shown how it is done by paying for the sails you have used in the Cadets entirely by their labours in the canteen or "Captain's Cabin".

T. P. L.

## RIDING

This term, as before, most people were able to get two rides per week and though we were threatened with the loss of eight horses, none were missing when we returned.

The highlight of the term was a visit to the Horse Show at Neumünster. On the day we were there the main jumping event was taking place in which both Miss Holland-Hibbert and Mr. Hall were competing. Unfortunately both were eliminated. Some of us walked round the Hunter Trial course. This was a formidable affair of some thirty obstacles, rather different from the one over which we ride in the Autumn Term.

During this term we also held a most successful gymkhana which included the usual bending and potato races; but new to us were the V. C. race and 'Musical Sticks'. At the end of the afternoon an inter-house relay race was held which included all classes of riders. Nansen won this event and were challenged by the staff - Nansen won.

In May, Pumpkin departed to have a foal - this left twenty horses. Later on, Tasso was replaced by Pirate, a beautiful chestnut, but he is still only a 'P Rider only' horse.

To finish off the term we had the usual inter - house competition consisting of Dressage, Jumping, a Free Choice Display and a Steeplechase. Once again the dressage was of very high standard and this time it was ridden individually. The jumping was divided into two classes, one for Qs and one for Ps. This year the Free Choice Displays just showed the different ways one's riding ability can be demonstrated.

Churchill produced "Colonel Filliamski's Riding Establishment" complete with charming young ladies! Fleming gave us a preview of the Derby with weighing in, saddling, etc. Nansen brought on a 'coach' and highwayman. Roosevelt did dressage and bare-back riding. Temple showed how team dressage should be done. After this the House Captains took part in a very exciting steeplechase which was won by Colonel Filliamski (Terry) chased home by a highwayman (Aladdin). Churchill won the competition, Temple and Nansen tying for second place. All the scores were very close.

At the end of the term we were very unfortunate in losing both Mr. and Mrs. Hall as well as our Riding, Captain, Ann Sargeant. The Riding Club owes a great deal to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, who have spent an enormous amount of time teaching and instructing as well as organizing the numerous gymkhanas and Hunter Trials.

C.R.M. Fillingham.

## THE FARM

FOR many people, this term has been one of the busiest since the farm was built in 1949. One of the biggest jobs we had was the rearing of nearly 100 ducks and 45 geese, who required quite a lot of attention and time. We also had a clutch of turkeys hatch from our own eggs, under a turkey hen. These, although not requiring the use of the brooder, did require a little extra attention in case they were caught out in one of the showers of rain which suddenly descend at times when least expected, but fate dealt graciously and we did not lose a single turkey. We also had quite good luck with the ducks and geese, the chief reason for any loss being due mostly to the fact that some of the birds were at first rather unstable on their feet so that should there suddenly be a rush from one part of the house to the other and a duckling or gosling should fall, it generally had the full effect of about 30 ducks or geese treading on it. Otherwise the birds grew very fast, and it was not long before it was possible to allow them out into the woods to forage.

Another rather unexpected arrival to the farm was a kid goat from the Seehof in Plön. She has been tethered in the wood where the grass is long and juicy and where she does not get the heat of the sun on her or the rain later on, so that she is at least reasonably comfortable should it suddenly begin to rain.

The chickens have laid quite well this term although the yield did drop considerably when we sold all but one of our Rhode Island Reds, so that our new Legbar hens would not be too crowded when they came to lay. Here again we were lucky not to lose a single chicken in the process of rearing them, although the surplus cockerels are gradually being disposed of.

For the pigs, this term afforded them an excellent opportunity to bask in some of the sunny weather we had. The two sows were mated during the term and a new young one was also mated, and all three are due to farrow from late September to early November at the latest. So for this reason the steady disposal of fat pigs was carried on in readiness for the new pigs.

The ducks progressed favourably and we very soon had a full pen when the young ducks, which having passed a few weeks on the pond in front of the Dining Hall, returned to the farm and were then penned in to finish growing and to fatten up ready for the table.

Very soon after they were hatched, the young geese were allowed out to have the run of the woods and big field, and all through this term they have been running around, growing and feeding themselves to a greater degree, so that we have had really little to do for them but to round them up at night and let them out in the morning, and in this way they have grown 'strong and have been in good health apart from one or two minor incidents.

Likewise the turkeys have been in excellent health, and apart from the fact that some of the hens sometimes lay away in the woods they have been very quiet. The first clutch of turkey eggs set under a broody turkey were a failure though, probably because they were some of the earlier eggs of the season, but a later clutch which were set provided us with five more young turkeys to swell the ranks, all of which are still strong and in good health.

Finally the ferret, now rather forgotten and unused, living by herself in the goat house. She had very little to do this term, probably due to the fact that the rabbits, once so numerous, within the school grounds, have discovered that it is a better proposition to live away from the school and their enemy, a revolting little ferret.

S. Taylor.

## GARDENS

Those who came to the School when it opened in May 1948 and have since left, would indeed have been astonished and delighted if they could have seen the grounds this spring and summer. In 1948, to be sure, the grounds were lovely with their woods and shady walks and the more formal parts were very neat - but there were practically no flowers. The lawns round the Quarter Deck were adorned with a few juniper bushes and along the main road in front of Roosevelt House and Butler Hall there was a line of uninspiring poplars, all long since vanished.

The Gardening Committee had planned steadily and hopefully and Herr Stonis, with a much reduced staff of gardeners, has achieved fine results and is to be congratulated. The flower-beds at the entrance and round the Administration Office and Quarter Deck have been ablaze with colour since early spring, first with tulips, forget-me-nots, pansies, primulas and wallflowers, and later with red polyantha roses, fuchsias and begonias. The window-boxes, filled first with pansies and now with red geraniums and white petunias, are a fine addition to the Quarter Deck display.

The comparatively new wall garden in front of the Gymnasium entrance was planned by Mrs. Boswell and is one of the most interesting in the grounds, with its endless variety and succession of bloom.

We we're sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Marriott at the end of the term and we wish him good luck for the future.

E.M.A.



# CRICKET REPORT

## Results of 1st XI matches.

1st XI v WON	Staff	Staff 94 1st XI 106 for 5	May 6 for 19 Haworth 61
1st XI v WON	RAF Uetersen	RAF 74  1st XI 79	May 3 for 15 Frost 3 for 12
1st XI v WON	15/19 Hussars	1st XI 184  15/19 78	Bower 54, Marshall 34 Fawcett 34 May 7 for 27 Frost 3 for 11.
1st XI v WON	Mr. Clark's Team	1st XI 129 Mr. Clark's 113	Haworth 53 Haworth 6 for 42
1st XI v WON	15/19 Hussars	1st XI 165 for 7  15/19 109	Haworth 64 Cornock 60 not out Buckett 7 for 24 Wright 2 for 8
1st XI v WON	Prince Rupert School	1st XI 216 for 8  P.R.S. 53	Haworth 84 Marshall 42 May 4 for 22 Haworth 3 for 29
1st XI v LOST	15 ABOD Hamburg	1st XI 47  ABOD 72	Haworth 13 Fawcett 13 May 2 for 11 Langford 2 for 5

## 1st XI Averages

Batting	Runs	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Average
1. Haworth	550	13	1	116	45.8
2. Cornock	432	16	2	95	27
3. Fillingham	194	13	0	52	14.9
4. Frost	195	15	1	41	13
5. Buckett	76	6	0	33	12.7
6. Langford	49	8	4	20*	12.25
7. Marshall	84	8	1	42	11.25
8. Bower	97	9	1	54	10.8
9. Fawcett	130	13	1	34	10
10. May	44	10	1	13*	4.9
11. Bawden	25	8	0	6	3.1
Also Batted Back	19				

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
1. Buckett	21	3	58	11	5.3
2. Langford	37	9	84	13	65

3. May	115	35	286	34	8.4
4. Wright	34	8	85	10	8.5
5. Cornock	59	16	141	16	8.8
6. Frost	61	10	215	20	10.75
7. Haworth	119	10	386	30	12.8

K.A.S. Club XI v Major Peberdy's XI  
Major Peberdy's XI . . . 255 Mr. Clark 3 for 35  
Club XI 157 Fillingham 42  
Cornock 35  
Mr. Ronald 20

### Report on Matches.

The 1952 season opened with the usual match against the staff, who won the toss and batted first. The opening bowlers made no impression on Mr. Clark and Major Peberdy, and four bowlers had been tried before Major Peberdy was stumped by Bawden off Frost. Mr. Liesching and Mr. Clark took the score to 55 when Mr. Clark was caught by Langford off Fillingham for 16. Only Mr. Ronald (20) offered any resistance and the staff were all out for 94, May taking 6 for 19. The first XI score had only reached 7 when Fillingham was well caught by Padre Bache. Haworth and Cornock took the score to 32 before the latter was l.b.w. to Mr. Hall for 9. Bower and Haworth together put on 52, after which Bower was stumped. When Fawcett came in only 12 runs were needed to win, and these were soon knocked off, the school winning by 7 wickets.

We were visited by a RAF team from Uetersen on the 24th May who batted first and against steady bowling in which May, Frost and Cornock featured, made 77. The school started well and had made 23, without loss, but collapsed quickly and it fell to the last pair to make the winning run.

Our old but friendly rivals, the 15/19 Hussar's, came a week later. The school batted slowly but steadily and the first four batsmen put on 71 runs. Then Bower and Marshall came together and increased the rate of scoring noticeably, Bower making 54 and Marshall 34. With a quick 34 from Fawcett the 1st XI were all out for 184. The Hussars wickets fell quickly before some accurate outswingers from May who took 7 for 27, and they were all out for 78.

Mr. Clark brought a team against the School after bad weather had prevented any matches for three weeks. Haworth and Fawcett between them were mainly responsible in making most of the 129 which the team made before tea. Half Mr. Clark's team were dismissed for 38 runs by some accurate bowling but unexpected resistance was encountered in the tail and the last over came with one wicket to fall and Mr. Clark's XI needing 13 to win, Mr. Curran stopped the first 3 balls from Haworth and was only waiting for a good chance when he was well caught by Cornock at gully.

A return match was played with the Hussars on 13th July. Haworth and Fillingham, for the first time this season, put the 50 up before being separated. Cornock joined Haworth and together they brought the score to 107 before Haworth was out for 64. Cornock went on to score 60 Not Out and the innings' was declared closed at 165 for 7. Haworth, May and Cornock bowled without success whilst the Hussars scored 69. Buckett, playing in his first match, was then brought on and bowled very steadily and accurately, sometimes making the ball move in, and took 7 for 27 in 9 overs. The Hussars were all out for 109.

With 5 consecutive wins the first XI were very confident for the match against Prince Rupert School which, unfortunately, was played on a very dull day interspersed with showers of rain. The first XI batted first and Haworth and Fillingham, again set for their half century together, were separated when Fillingham trying to straight drive, was caught and bowled. Two overs later Cornock fell into his old trap (which by now we thought he had mastered) of trying to turn a ball off his leg stump. Fawcett made a quick 13 but was also caught attempting another big hit. Bower added a steadying influence with a safe 10, but then Frost

was out at 110 for 5, also with 10 runs to his credit. Soon after lunch, which is often the case in a school match, Haworth was out having scored an indispensable 84. Marshall came into hit before the innings was declared and scored 42 in just under 20 minutes, but a 42 which was well worth watching, especially on the off side, it included six four's and one six. The innings was declared at 216 for 6 Carey having taken 5 for 39. PRS batted in a poor light (it had never been good all day) and despite a good innings from Eaglon, were all out for 54.

For the last match of the season the 1st XI travelled to Hamburg to play 15 ABOD. Unfortunately owing to the late arrival of our kit, the batting order had to be changed, and having to bat on a grass wicket (the first of the season), did not augur well for keeping up our record of wins. Perhaps too much confidence did not balance against the wickedness of the wicket and the accurate bowling, but Fillingham was out with the first ball of the match, and Bower went, with only 6 up. Haworth and Fawcett momentarily recovered the situation with 13 each, but the XI still unable to believe that defence and patience was now really wanted, collapsed and were all out for 47. Nevertheless the first XI obtained the same help from the pitch as their opponents and two wickets were gained for only 8 runs, but the Home team recovered and passed our total with 6 wickets in hand, and went on to make 70 odd. They then generously put us in again and the XI certainly justified themselves for an hour before a terrific shower put an end to the play.

The 1952 season has, beyond all doubt, been the best that the XI has enjoyed. Winning six out of seven matches the team has displayed a spirit and determination which has sometimes been lacking in previous seasons. Because of gradually gained confidence, the batting improved all round and we could always bat down to number 8. The bowling too has gained in accuracy and consistency and the regular bowlers have realised that, above all else, length is a bowlers most important asset. The fielding too has greatly improved. It has always been an attacking field, tight and generally safe: we shall indeed have a good team when the report can say "consistently safe" - there is still room for improvement in the field. Much of the success of the season has obviously been due to the continued net practice and the coaching which has been administered chiefly by Mr. Clark, and our thanks are due to him and to all the other members of the staff who helped with the coaching and the fielding practice.

1st XI Colours were awarded to Frost, Marshall, Bawden and Bower.

## House Competition

### Senior Knock Out

Final. Nansen v Churchill

Nansen	176	Frost 41, Cornock 39
DRAW		Langford 7 for 41
Churchill	125 for 5	Haworth 49, Fillingham 35
		Frost 4 for 46
REPLAY		
Churchill	214 for 7	Haworth 116, Fillingham 52.
		Cornock 3 for 43
Nansen	64	Carrington 27
		May 2 for 5, Langford 2 for 8.

### Junior League

Both competitions started off as a league, but owing to lack of available time and some wet weather, the senior was turned into a Knock Out, though attempts were made to finish the Junior League. This however was not quite possible but Temple were the unchallenged winners of the Junior league, getting all possible points and losing no matches.

## **1st XI Characters**

### **Haworth + + + (Capt)**

In his last season at the School he has done excellently in every respect. From the beginning he has led his team, managed his field cunningly and efficiently, and almost overcome his own faults at the wicket, where he has shown patience, determination and some excellent attacking and defensive strokes. In great measure the success of the team is due to his unerring leadership, which has been more and more evident, as the season progressed. The very best of luck to him at Oxford, and may this serve to gain him a "Freshers" trial.

### **Fawcett + + + (vice Capt and Secretary)**

A tower of strength in support of his Captain, on the field, at the nets, and in the pavilion. He has batted with more confidence this season, and at times hit the ball very hard, though his wrists are still a little stiff, especially on the leg side. When called upon, he bowled quite well, especially in House matches.

### **Cornock + + +**

The forecast of last season, has, to a great extent, been correct. His batting, still slightly unorthodox, has gained from quicker footwork, a straighter down stroke, and an eagle eye, and runs have resulted all round the wicket. His weakest spot is the leg stump, and a too early desire to pull the ball on his left thigh, instead of pushing it away for a single. An accurate cover point and a useful bowler.

### **Fillingham + +**

Although he could not gain his captain's full confidence as a first change bowler, he fully justified his place as opening bat, developing his attacking stroke's very effectively, and patiently defending his stumps to accurate bowling. A much improved cricketer.

### **May + +**

Developed considerably as an opening bowler, both in speed and accuracy, though there is still room for the latter, even at the expense of the former. Has depended rather too much on his Captain to place his field, and sometimes has missed filling an opening. Great improvement seen in his whole attitude on the field. His batting is still sadly lacking.

### **Frost +**

A much improved player all round; batting with far more determination and confidence, and has developed a useful straight drive. His bowling also has often been turned to good account: it has been of a much more consistent length. His throw is accurate and his fielding has been of a high standard.

### **Marshall +**

He is not a natural batsman, but by sheer practice he has developed through the season several attacking strokes and a much straighter bat. A keen and fearless fielder and always enthusiastic. Has fully justified his place in the team and was entertaining to watch in the PRS match.

### **Bawden +**

When he is on form, he is an extremely useful "keeper" but is still inconsistent. There has, however, been great improvement during the season. His batting is immature but his style is sound and here too he will improve with practice.

### **Bower +**

An extremely useful No 6 or 7 batsman. He has plenty of patience and has often "stopped the rot", while his style has improved too.

### **Buckett**

Brought, into the team quite late in the season, he has however fully justified his inclusion. A very steady bowler who has relied almost solely on accuracy in length and been fully rewarded. Also a sound bat and fielder.

### **Langford**

Unlucky in so far as he is the second left arm bowler in the side. His bowling has much improved, especially later in the season when he has used slightly more pace and body swing. His wrists are the weakness in his batting, and until he loses their stiffness he must expect

disappointing results. A very keen cricketer.

As this will be my last season at King Alfred School, and as I have had three seasons with the majority of this team, I must record my thanks to them, especially Haworth and Fawcett, for making it such a successful one. Perhaps I may also give a word of advice to those who are hoping to be included in next year's team, and who think they are keen cricketers:- practice in the nets at every opportunity: ask a friend to practice on the "cradle" with you whenever you have a spare moment: get to know the proper strokes so well that you never have to think about them. Cricket is a wonderful game, for its discipline and its moral value will stand you in good stead both on and off the field.

D.J.V.C.

## ATHLETICS REPORT

THIS season the results have been more than satisfactory, and they speak for themselves:

The International Match at Wiesbaden v teams from German French and American Schools. Result K.A.S. won

The White City: One cup and five medals (only one has arrived) were won by K.A.S.

The Prince Rupert School Match: Won by K.A.S.

The Milocarian Trophy for all schools in the United Kingdom: Won by K.A.S. on entering for the first time, with the highest average per boy ever put up since the competition started in 1948. A really wonderful performance. My congratulations to Cornock and his team. My thanks to Herr Sonntag without whom, I am sure, we could not have achieved these outstanding results.

P.G.R.

## THE MILOCARIAN TROPHY

Last term the School was invited to compete in the Amateur Athletics Association "Milocarian Trophy" for 1952, as a result of the high standard reached by our White City Team last April.

The Trophy was presented to the A.A.A. by the Milocarian Club in 1946, as a memorial to those members of the Club who died in the Second World War. The Club, whose membership is drawn from Officers and Cadets of the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, was founded in 1930.

Schools from any part of the Empire can compete, and teams must comprise 20 per cent of the total number of boys between 16 and 17 years of age. The boys eligible to compete in the 1952 competition had to be born in 1935 or 1936. King Alfred School entered a team of 13 boys with C. Cornock as Captain.

The team consisted of:

C. Cornock (N) who broke two records and became the only boy this year to achieve an average over 60. Cornock's average was 66.6 for three events.

P. Glass	(N)	50.7
J. Smith	(C)	49
R. Palmer	(R)	48.3
M. Roy	(T)	48
D. Fenemore	(T)	45
D. Wilson	(T)	42.4
A. Ball	(F)	39
A. Bower	(F)	36.3
A. Aldred	(F)	35

I. Macdonald	(T)	32.8
A. Cassie	(F)	32.3
M. Wilson-Brown	(T)	32.3
S. Leete (Reserve)	(F)	31.2

As most of the events were run during the sports matches, only a few spectators realised what the team was doing besides running against other Schools.

The success of the team was due to Mr. Ronald's and Herr Sonntag's strenuous work put into coaching the school. Let us hope that K.A.S. will be able to keep up to, and even improve, the high standard that we have set.

D. Fenemore.

## Inter-School Competition

The most outstanding performance of the meeting was undoubtedly Thomas' double in the half and metric miles. In both races he set up new School records of 2 minutes 4.7 seconds and 4 minutes 21 seconds respectively. However, one must not overlook Fenemore's brilliant time in the half mile which was excellent for a boy of his age. Palmer once again won the 100 metres but only by inches from Smith, both recording the same time of 11.8 secs. Smith also ran in the 200 metres and recorded a time of 23.6 seconds which is extremely good for a sixteen year old. The relay proved to be a great disappointment as the K.A.S. Team were disqualified for taking over outside the 'box'. In the field events points were more evenly distributed. Griffiths won the high jump for P.R.S. with A. Ball, second. A. Ball, has a splendid scissor style allied to great spring and a good temperament and he should be a very useful member of next year's White City Team. Once again Frost leapt to victory in the long jump by a clear six inches but was unable to improve on his own record of 20 feet 8 ins. In the hop, step and jump which- is a new event for the meeting P.R.S. gained first place through Fletcher who effortlessly reached the 42 feet 8 inches mark. Frost occupied second place with a jump of 41 feet 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ins. which improved on his old record. In the heavy events, the discus and shot, Bower gained first place in each although he did not produce his Sports Day form in either.

The Junior events were completely dominated by K.A.S. as our boys came first and second in every event. Lee was undoubtedly the star performer as he won the 100 and 200 metres and also the Long Jump. In the latter he set up a new School record with a fine jump of 17 feet. Mention must also be made of Watson's 63.2 seconds for the 400 metres. This was a very creditable performance on such a heavy track. In the 4x100 metres relay K.A.S. won by almost 25 yards but a reasonably slow time was recorded. This was perhaps because Lee and Watson had a very tiring afternoon and were unable to produce top form.

I would like to thank Herr Sonntag for his untiring effort in training the Senior and Junior Teams and I feel that he has produced good results especially from the younger boys.

	KAS	PRS
Final Points: Seniors	92	59
Juniors	65	25

School colours were re-awarded to: Haworth, Thomas, Frost, Cornock, Brown, Glass and Palmer.

School Colours were awarded to: Smith, Fenemore, Bower and Johnstone.

C. CORNOCK.

## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Unusually the two main days of the competition were both the finest and hottest of the term, and the inter-house rivalry which had been building up during the final stages of the "Standard Points" reached its climax in a swelter of heat, hopes and expectations.

Undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the competition was the great number of School records which were broken, in all about 80%. Some of the more spectacular events were Cornock's record breaking 200 mtrs. which he won with easy grace from a flagging Palmer in 23.2 secs. He also broke the 400 metre record, even turning round several time's to encourage his team mate, Glass, who equalled the old record. Haworth avenged his defeat of last year in the 100 metres by beating Palmer, also in a record time. Thomas ran the mile and half-mile in record time. Lacking the opposition of Cornock he won the mile easily, but was pushed hard by Brown and Wilson in the 800. This race had perhaps the most exciting finish as less than a second separated Brown, Wilson and MacDonald who finished in that order. As was expected Bower won the shot put and discus by a wide margin, creating records in both of these events. To those who had not seen him training, Johnstone's victory over May in the javelin came as a surprise, but it was well deserved. Derek Frost won all the jumping events, setting up new records in the long jump and hop, step and jump. Cornock surprised everyone by beating Haworth for second place in the long jump. Unfortunately Frost was rather tired when it came to the high jump and failed to beat his own record.

Two new events were the hurdles and walk. Frost won the senior hurdle event by several flights, and G. Ball just beat Walter in the 14 - 16 event. In the walks, Gentles and Thomas won their respective races by a generous margin, Seymour, the favourite for the half mile walk, being disqualified at the start of the second lap.

Judging by results the 14 - 16 age group will be able to provide the School with an excellent White City Team in the future. Some of the more impressive results were the high jump duel between A. Ball and Wickenden, Ball finally winning at 5 ft 2½ ins.; Smith's meteoric 23.7sec., 200 metres victory; Fenemore's 1500 metres and 2 min. 8.0 sec. half mile in which he had no opposition to make him really extend himself; and K. Palmer's discus throw of 108 ft. Mention also must be made of Smith's hop step and jump, A. Ball's shot-put - he will be a worthy successor to Bower, and the exciting 400 metres of Carlin and Wilson-Brown, in which Carlin won by nearly, 0.2 of a second.

The Junior results were not so impressive but we must not forget to mention Watson who was the outstanding athlete of the term. Not only did he obtain all his standards, but he also took first place in five events, and broke the School record for the Cricket Ball with a fine throw of 214 ft.

Nobody managed to catch up with Temple who had already got a good lead from the Standard Points, and they deservedly won the competition, Churchill coming 2nd and Roosevelt 3rd. Finally we must take note of the splendid organization which enabled the whole competition to run smoothly.

D. Thomas.

## BASKETBALL

DURING the Spring term the senior and junior cups were competed for. Churchill won the senior cup with ease, Roosevelt coming second for the second year in succession. Temple juniors overcame all opposition to win their cup leaving three houses to share second place.

The Easter holidays were the scene of our match against the American High School at Wiesbaden. Unfortunately their gymnasium was twice the size of ours, and it took a few precious minutes to accustom ourselves to our new surroundings: We played very good basketball however, and only lost 54 - 44 to a far more experienced team.

This summer term we did not have many opportunities for matches, as other sports such as cricket and athletics took precedence.

Of the three matches we did play we lost twice, but not by a large margin, to a Canadian team from nearby Putlos, but beat an American team from a destroyer which docked at Kiel. Next term we hope to have many more fixtures, and with our rapidly improving team ought to score many successes.

H.G. Brown.

## Swimming

BECAUSE of extremely bad weather the swimming was a little late in starting, but as soon as the boys and girls realized that the water was not as cold as it seemed, they plunged in. This term we welcome new figures in our swimming teams, for the boys Bower soon showed us his paces, and of the girls Diana Apps and Valerie Wickenden showed promise in diving and Free style respectively.

This year strong teams entered for the Inter-House cup which Temple won after a very exciting and tense meeting. The tenseness of which was relieved by Rufus "the bulldog" racing Bower when he fell in.

In the Inter-School's match the P.R.S. side tried hard, but K.A.S. won the meeting for the 3rd time running. It is difficult to pick out the most outstanding because so many boys and girls did so well. Bower started off his run of events by winning the 100 metres free style in 74 secs. which is a relatively good time. He also smashed the 50 metres record by returning a time of 29.4 secs. The old "Colours" plugged on and in the match between K.A.S. and P.R.S. the boys won all their events.

The old School Colours are J. Johnstone, Walter, D. Williams and two new colours are Bower and Curthoys. In the girls swimming Diana Apps deserves her Swimming Colours. Results of Inter-House Competition:

1st	Temple
2nd	Fleming
3rd	Nansen
4th	Roosevelt
5th	Churchill

D. Williams.

## GIRLS SPORTS

FOR the first time since the School began it was possible to begin tennis in the first week of term. The courts were ready and in good condition and the weather was dry. Tennis, being the main game for seniors this term, was played once a week in class. With this extra coaching and the long season the general standard improved a little, although the School team was not quite so skilled as last year.

Swimming started very late, after the middle of June, and even then only spasmodically, as it was often too cold to bathe. Not until June 27th was it warm enough to swim in class time. The Inter-House swimming sports were postponed because of lack of opportunity for training. They were held eventually at the end of term after the Inter-School sports.

There were six very successful and enthusiastic Life Saving Groups. Each House had at least one girl taking her Instructor's Certificate and training a class of Bronze or Intermediate candidates. Originally there were fifty entrants. All worked extremely hard and became efficient at the theory and land-drill, but unfortunately, owing to the lack of opportunity to swim practice in the water, only half were able to enter for the exam. All passed well and are to be congratulated. Those who did not enter hope to do it early next term.

Two new events were introduced into the Athletic training, discus and javelin. Both events were very popular and it is hoped that next year the standard of javelin throwing will be good enough to include it in the Inter House sports events.

B.W.



## Tennis Report.

The standard of tennis has improved steadily throughout the term, but the weather has been our chief opponent.

The Tennis League was a success, and the final between Churchill and Temple was played in excellent spirit. The winning team was Temple, but Churchill, the former Cup-holders, gave the Temple team an extremely good game.

The School Team played three matches during the term. The first was against a German Club in Lübeck which beat us by quite a large margin. The second was an enjoyable game against the Staff who also beat us. The third and last game of the season was played, against P.R.S. It was an enjoyable game in spite of the fact that we lost by only two games.

Mary Ryan and Betty Ryan played for the Individual Cup and Mary Ryan was the winner. Congratulations!

### The School Team

1st Couple:	Mary Ryan	Betty Ryan
2nd Couple:	Barbara Evans	Celia Dalton
3rd Couple:	Margaret Renwick	Barbara McCall
Reserves:	Sarah Micklewright,	Margaret MacGregor, Ann Weston

### School Colours:

Betty Ryan	Temple
Mary Ryan	Churchill

### House Colours:

Ann Weston	Nansen
Shirley Thomas	Nansen
June Macey	Roosevelt

### Match Results:

K.A.S. v. Lübeck Club	Lost (rain stopped play)
K.A.S. v. Staff	Lost 3 matches to 6
K.A.S. v. P.R.S.	Lost 9 sets to 10.

Betty Ryan.

## Rounders Report.

Enthusiasm on the rounders field has been stronger than ever this year, and as a result the juniors started practising very early in the term and were seen out on their pitches every Saturday afternoon.

Inter-house matches commenced at the very beginning of the term, but in spite of much practice the hitting of all teams was below standard, until Churchill's match against Fleming which resulted in a win for Churchill. Roosevelt are to be congratulated upon being the first house to win the cup from Churchill.

We only had one school rounders match, in which we competed against Hamburg. Both schools produced a senior and junior team. The seniors have not competed in School rounders for a long time and in spite of their only having had one practice before the match they only lost by one rounder. The junior team has improved immensely, in quick fielding tactics and the standard of hitting, and the school team is good. They very nearly lost their game last year, but this summer the match resulted in an easy win for King Alfred School.

Diana Ritchie

## Girl's Swimming

Due to bad weather last term, swimming did not start until mid June. Even so the standard of all age groups was high, especially the Juniors. Torrents of rain fell down on the swimmers whilst competing against P.R.S., but nevertheless everyone was prepared for a fight, K.A.S. won 8 out of the possible 10 events and broke 12 school records.

A heavy wind blew on the day we held the Inter-House Competition, but it had no effect on the swimming as 12 records were broken. Margaret Harris-Burland beat her own record for senior 50 metres breast stroke by 2.4 seconds.

The Royal Life Saving had 30 entries from K.A.S., the test falling into three parts, practical, land drill and theory. All who competed passed.

13 Intermediate Certificates.  
13 Bronze Medallions.  
2 Scholar Instructor's Certificates.  
1 Instructor's Certificate.

School Colours were awarded to:

Diana Apps	Nansen
Leslie Clarke	Nansen
Margaret Harris-Burland	Temple

House Colours:

Mary Ryan	Churchill
Ann Ball	Fleming
Anne Gillmore	Fleming
Anne Dove	Nansen
Barbara Seymour	Temple
Hilary Newton	Temple

Lesley Bush.

### Inter-School Swimming Results.

<b>Seniors:</b>			<b>Juniors:</b>		
50 m Free Style			40 m Free Style		
1st	Diana Apps	41.1 secs.	1st	Valerie Wickenden	31.2 secs.
2nd	Leslie Clarke	41.2 secs.	4th	Ann MacInnes	31.8 secs.
50 m Breast Stroke			40 m Breast Stroke		
1st	Margaret Harris- Burland	47.4 secs.	1st	Marjorie Adlard	35.0 secs.
3rd	Brenda McCall	53.6 secs.	3rd	Gerlinde Hasler	38.4 secs.
50 m Back stroke			40 m Back Stroke		
1st	Leslie Clarke	45.9 secs.	1st	Ann MacInnes	37.5 secs.
3rd	Brenda McCall	53.7 secs.	2nd	Valerie Wickenden	38.0 secs.
4 x 50 Relay			4 x 2 widths Relay		
1st	K.A.S.	2 mins. 59.7 secs	1st	K.A.S.	1 mins. 56.2 secs
Diving.			Diving.		
2nd	Margaret Harris- Burland	23.7 points	2nd	Valerie Wickenden	
3rd	Barbara Seymour	22.3 points	3rd	Jill Oxley.	

## Girls' Athletics Report.

The standard of the girl's athletics has greatly improved since last year and the season was an outstanding success. Many new school records were made, especially among the junior girls. Mention must be made of Gisela Alexander who won four events all of which made new school records.

Unfortunately the bad weather of the term cut our athletic activities rather short, but we were lucky enough to have ideal summer weather for the Inter-house Competition. The cup was won, for the third year running, by Roosevelt House who had a total of 319½ points, which was a lead of over a hundred. Temple House were second with 205 points. The Individual Cup went to Barbara Seymour of Temple House.

The Inter-Schools meeting proved King Alfred worthy winners. We won eleven out of twelve events, setting up eight new school records.

Much of the season's success was due to the great help of Miss Winwood and Fräulein Rahn, who gave encouragement to promising athletes and spurred everyone on to greater effort.

### Inter-School Athletics Results.

<b>Seniors:</b>	<b>Juniors:</b>
100 yds	80 yds
1st Anne Sinclair 12.5 secs.	1st Marilyn Wright 10.2 secs.
2nd Lexie Irvine 12.8 secs.	2nd Gisela Alexander 10.6 secs.
150 yds	100 yds
1st Anne Sinclair 18.5 secs.	1st Marilyn Wright 12.4 secs.
2nd Lexie Irvine 18.5 secs.	3rd Gisela Alexander 13.1 secs.
High Jump	High Jump
1st Barbara Seymour 4' 7½"	1st Diana Green 4' 3"
3rd Lydia Haworth 4' 4"	2nd Gisela Alexander 4' 1"
Long Jump	Long Jump
1st Barbara Seymour 16'	1st Ann Catterson 15' 10½"
4th Lexie Irvine 15' 3"	4th Gisela Alexander 13' 7"
Ball Throwing	Ball Throwing
1st Celia Dalton 188' 6"	1st Jean Stockton 163' 11"
3rd Dorothy Morrison 167' 1"	3rd Carol Garnett 125'
Discus	Relay 4 x 100 metres
2nd Betty Ryan 67' 1"	1st K.A.S. 56.1 secs.
3rd Diana Ritchie 64' 9"	
Relay 4 x 100 metres	
1st K.A.S. 54.4 secs.	

### Final Results:

	K.A.S.	P.R.S.
Junior Girls	51	26
Senior Girls	57	33
Total	108	59

Grand Total for boys and girls:

**K.A.S.**  
265

**P.R.S.**  
143

**School Colours:**

Gisela Alexander  
Marilyn Wright  
Ann Sinclair  
Barbara Seymour

Roosevelt  
Roosevelt  
Roosevelt  
Temple

**House Colours:**

Diana Ritchie  
Joan Ryan  
Dorothy Morrison  
Ann Catterson  
Lexie Irvine  
Margaret Ellis  
Margaret Harris- Burland

Churchill  
Churchill  
Nansen  
Roosevelt  
Temple  
Temple  
Temple

Lydia Haworth.

**INTER-HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS.**

<b>Tennis</b>			<b>Rounders</b>		
1st	Temple	8 points	1st	Roosevelt	7 points
2nd	Churchill	6 points	2nd	( Temple	4 points
3rd	Nansen	4 points		( Churchill	4 points
4th	Roosevelt	2 points	3rd	Fleming	3 points
5th	Fleming	0 points	4th	Nansen	2 Points

<b>Swimming</b>			<b>Athletics</b>		
1st	Nansen	96 points	1st	Roosevelt	319 points
2nd	Roosevelt	80½ points	2nd	Temple	205½ points
3rd	Temple	73 points	3rd	Nansen	151 points
4th	Churchill	47 points	4th	Churchill	141 points
5th	Fleming	37 points	5th	Fleming	82 points

**FILMS**

ALTHOUGH this has been a Summer Term we have had quite a number of films. When one considers the weather perhaps this is understandable.

We saw Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway in "Lavender Hill Mob", at the beginning of the term. It was an interesting film with a good many laughs; though one was inclined to feel a little dizzy after beholding the two criminals descending the steps of the Eiffel Tower.

We then saw "The Galloping Major" with Basil Radford and Jimmy Hanley.

"Laughter in Paradise" was a very enjoyable comedy with Alistair Sim, Joyce Grenfell and Guy Middleton. In fact at times the laughter of the audience was a little too appreciative one could hardly hear the dialogue.

On June 2nd there was a half, holiday; the weather was bad and so we saw "The Thief of Bagdad" with Sabu. This was a very colourful film about the East. A "catchy" tune occurred often in the soundtrack, one constantly heard it whistled or sung in most parts of the School for the next few days.

Yet another Alec Guinness film was seen, "The Man in the White Suit" (also featuring Joan Greenwood) which tells of the arduous exploits of a would-be scientist.

The Seniors only were allowed to see "Cry, the Beloved Country" with Canada Lee. It was a very moving film about the problems of the Colour Bar in Africa.

Towards the end of June, we saw "Appointment with Venus" starring David Niven and Glynis Johns. The character of the stubborn and rather portly German Officer highly amused the audience. (Prospective imitators' eyes gleamed at the thought of new material.) On the whole an entertaining film, considering it was only about rescuing a cow.

A fitting end to the films of the term was "Cinderella", Walt Disney's rendering of the age-old fairytale. The Technicolour and film in general completely captivated the whole School.

Sylvia Antonsen.

## **K.A.B.S.**

The King Alfred Broadcasting System continued its programme during the Summer term - but in a less active capacity. There were the usual News Bulletins given each Wednesday evening, but the Junior and Senior topical talks were given on alternate Mondays. As in previous terms our aim was to use more and more pupils in the actual broadcasts, and we heard some interesting talks on such varied topics as European Defence, Finland and the Olympic Games, Truth and Politics, Lancashire, and an account of our own athletic team's visit to the White City in April. The Junior talks are at present given by the Staff, but we do appeal for more people, Staff and pupils, to come forward with suggestions for future talks and discussions. We want to thank all those who have already given so generously of their time and energies in preparing the 'News' and the talks, and those who work all those mysterious switches, knobs, buttons and wires which enable you to hear "Good-evening, this is the K.A.B.S." in your Common Rooms.

M.M.

## **THE WYVERN CLUB**

The Club continues to grow and grow, and from the size of my Old Pupils file we shall soon have a membership as big as the school. My correspondence grows apace and it is very pleasant to hear news of all old pupils and staff. So I hope you will continue to write often and I will do my best to answer (though I grumble at the time). I now get letters from all over the world - Canada, Australia, South Africa, Malaya, Canal Zone and Addis Ababa!

And all of you who can, do come to the next re-union. I will send details to you all later on.

E.B.

## **NEWS OF OLD PUPILS**

Mary Allwood	Is now working in a shop in Lichfield.
Tessa Beavis	Thoroughly enjoying Paris as may be seen from an article on another page.
Peter Bowd	Has come home from the Middle East, and hopes to be present at the next re-union.
Carol Brookes	Has been performing for her school dramatic society. She played Cecily in The Importance of Being Earnest.
Sheila Baggarly	Is working in the Royal Establishment, Farnborough as a tracer.
Jean Carter	In error it was stated that Jean was helping her father. The boys do so but Jean is working in a Travel Agency and hopes soon to accompany parties abroad.
Stephen Dally	With the R.A.F. at Compton Bassett, Wilts., is still stage struck! Last effort - Journeys End.

Robert Downie Now at Chichester High School for which he plays football and cricket. Has been doing well in the athletic field for Bognor Regis. In the Sussex Championship he was runner up to the Sussex hop-step-and-jump champion. In a Club Meeting he won the senior long jump and shot and was second in the high jump and junior 100 yards.

Colin Drew Is now at King Edward VI School, Stafford (500 boys, no girls). Does not like England at all, and is finding his school work very hard Has failed for Dartmouth so is feeling a trifle blue. Cheer up Colin!

John Edwards Hopes to spend a week's local leave at school towards the end of term. Was commissioned in May and is now in B.A.O.R. 10. Is hoping to get to Cambridge.

Barbara Greenfield Is now in Canada (Ottawa) where she has met Elinor Quick whose father is now with the Canadian Army.

Maureen Grigg Now attends Brighton Municipal Technical College where she is taking a secretarial and languages course. She had just met Primrose Chambers on holiday.

Pat Greenwood Very happy at Cosham where her parents have bought the Red Lion Hotel. Michael is in Canada and is by now married to an American girl.

Jane Hyde Attends Cleethorpes Girls' Grammar School.

Arthur Hildyard Has entered the Army Apprentice School at Chepstow.

Mr. Harrison Is now Headmaster of the RAF School at Changi, Singapore. His wife teaches at a nearby School.

Carmel and Michael Hicks Are also in Ottawa. Michael at school but Carmel is now at Queen's University studying Nursing Science - a five-year course.

Peter Henshaw Entered Dartmouth last month. His last letter came from Addis Ababa! He was joining his parents for a holiday.

Jennifer Lloyd Now a boarder at the Welsh Girl School, Ashford, Middlesex.

Ann MacDonald Has tried several jobs for a short time. Now has decided to go through the hotel business.

Eric Magee Is at the Duke of York's Military School, Dover. He lives in Cheshire.

Angela Mayo Attends Swanage Grammar School.

Pat and Janet McCormack Have joined their father who has been posted to Jamaica.

Janet Mather Is nursing at the Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.

Rosemary Rees Is just starting secretarial training.

Ruth Rousel Is nursing at Bath.

Netta Reif In Queensland, Australia.

Pat Rowland Working in Divisional H.Q. Pay Office B.A.O.R. 22.

June Spackman Training to be an Infants Teacher, at Kesteven Training College, Grantham.

James Sargent Now Acting Pilot Officer RAF at Moreton in the Marsh.

David Scoffield Now at West Bridgeford Grammar School.

Timothy Scoffield Now at West Bridgeford County Secondary Modern School, Nottinghamshire.

David Truscott As he was not accepted for a University or Medical School, is trying for a job with Cables and Wireless. Now lives at Chester.

Tessa Tait In Toronto, Canada. Has enjoyed a lovely holiday camping by a lake and fishing. Still working at ballet.

Shirley Wilkinson Married and in S. Rhodesia.

Roger Young Has more or less recovered from his motor cycle accident. Feels a bit cut off so far away, so what about writing - anyone who remembers him?

Peter Froggatt Now engaged to a Dutch girl and very happy. Has changed his ship but still on the Far East run.

## STUDENT LIFE IN PARIS

Gay, scintillating, Bohemian Paris! Paris is the pulsing heart of pleasure, "la vine lumière". . . but turn your back for an hour or two on la Place Vendome, la rue Royale and go across the river. Fling economy to the winds and take a 'bus to the "Ile de la cite", the cradle of Paris. Get off by the law courts and saunter slowly up the "Boul' 'Mich' - ". As you reach the big blaring "Dupont" café, leave the roar and the bustle for a moment and turn into a long narrow road with Chinese restaurants crushed against dusty bookshops on one side and: a large grey stone building on the other. You are in "la rue de la Sorbonne"

If you were expecting a repetition of our own "dreamy spires" you will be disappointed by the University of Paris. But before you turn away in disgust, go through the low archway and stand for a moment in the cobbled courtyard. It is usually carpeted with pamphlets, each with its blaring headline, "Etudiants, Etudiantes!", but try to ignore them and look instead for some faint white tracery in the uneven stones. This marks the site of the original chapel built by Robert de Sorbon in the 12th century. From this nucleus has grown the nominal Alma Mater of fifty thousand University students.

Eight thousand of the enormous number are foreigners. Not all are studying at the Sorbonne: many are medical students, students from the "polytechnique" or art students from the "École Nationale des Beaux Arts". But for foreign students who do not speak French perfectly a "Cours de Civilisation" organised at the Sorbonne. Lectures are given by Sorbonne professors on French, history, geography, literature and philosophy. In the spacious "Amphitheatre Richelieu" five hundred students gather daily. Every country seems represented: a huge African student sits next to a tiny Chinese girl and on a bench further down an Indian girl in a sari is comparing notes with a flaxen-haired Scandinavian. The Americans are there with their check suits and crew-cuts. In the majority are the British students, who are said by the French to wear an unofficial uniform. The boys apparently wear regimental blazers, flannels and depressing ties. The girls, however, are not let down so lightly - they are dressed in floral prints and brogues!

Thanks to a common language, the French spirit prevails, but an international feeling is indubitably there. What could be more appropriate than the gold emblazoned letters, high above the lecturer's desk, dominating every shade of colour and political feeling, "Pacem summa tenent".

But if you want to get to know the average French student, you must frequent cafés and, provided you are blessed with a cast-iron digestive track, student restaurants. The "Malaposse" cafe must be known to everyone who has studied at the "Beaux Arts". Thrust your way in the smoke-filled room and bellow for the sadly overworked waiter, "Leon". Do not be surprised if there is some gentle derision as you order a "crème", for it is a word that the British cannot pronounce to a Frenchman's satisfaction. Listen to the banter thrown between tables, the passionate argument raging in the corner. Look at the students themselves; every "dauber" seems to have adopted the "unshaven" look, a shaggy sheep-dog hair-cut and half-mast trousers. They all seem to swear by the cynical Existentialist creed.

Most foreign students billet with a French family or live in one of the innumerable "pensions". Perhaps the ideal solution is a room in the "Cite Universitaire". This is a small town in itself, and in many ways is much like King Alfred School. It is built especially for students on the outskirts of Paris. Each nationality has a "house" built in the style of architecture peculiar to that country. Japanese students live in a kind of pagoda. The British share "la Maison Franco- Britannique" with the French. This is a most attractive building with Virginian creeper all over the facade and it is magnificently equipped. The rent is fantastically low and every room is beautifully furnished. In addition to the "national" houses, is the "Maison International" on the centre of the grounds. This is, perhaps, the equivalent of combined Alexander, Curie, Dining Hall, Butler Hall and Smuts. There is a library and in indoor swimming pool, a large dining hall and squash courts: the "Maison International" is the hub of the "cite".

Because of a bad rate of exchange, the difficulties of getting sterling transferred and the high cost of living in Paris, a British student is usually obliged to "faire les economies".

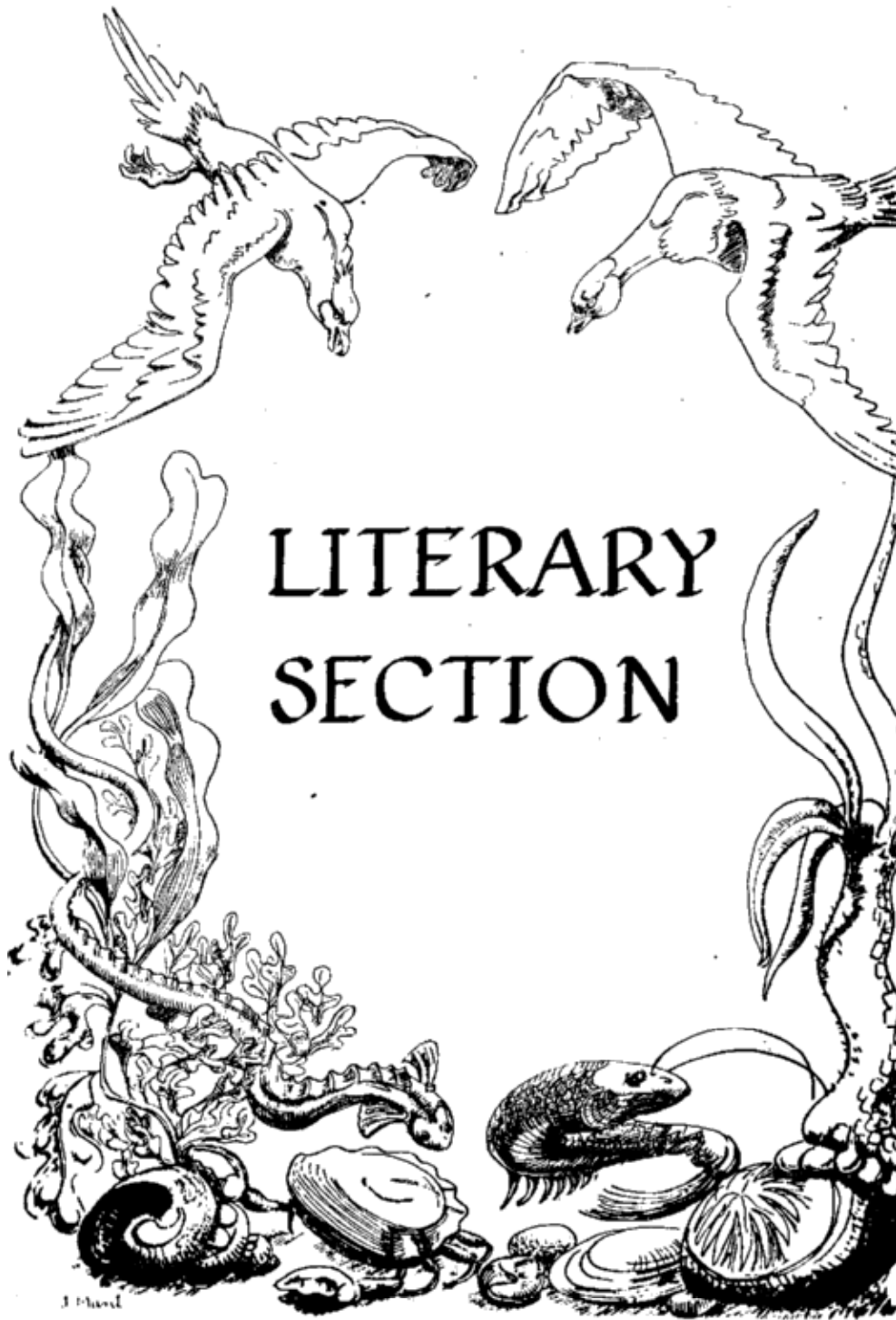
Luckily, France has a highly developed social service which provides particularly well for students - foreigners, as well. Today in Paris there are many "student restaurants", which are state subsidized. A meal there will seldom cost more than one and threepence.

It would not be quite true to say that the food is excellent, beautifully served and that the restaurant itself is impeccably clean. In actual fact, it takes about a month to harden yourself to both the food and the methods of serving. Everything is planned to save time and labour: there are seldom plates but usually tin trays with appropriate dips in them. The meat and vegetables are quite often served by hand! The next time you groan and say at supper-time "Not kipper's and macaroni pudding again!" think of your French counterpart eating noodles ad infinitum. In spite of notices begging students to "ne pas gaspiller le pain", there is always enough left on the floor to fill the biblical seven baskets.

Perhaps you will take the incredibly archaic "Metro" back to your hotel, be it the "Continental" or a tiny "pension" by the meringue-like towers of "Sacré Coeur". As the clock strikes ten next morning and you sip your steaming café au lait and crumble your croissant remember just for a moment three hundred or so of your compatriots. Maybe they will be attending a lecture on Mallarmé's musical "Aboli, bibelot d'inanité sonne". At all events, they will have been at the Sorbonne an hour and a half already!

Tessa Beavis (old pupil).





## **FALLING ASLEEP**

A very old lady is sitting in a rocking chair with her glasses on the end of her nose reading a book. The book is very sad. She sits up as straight as she can and look's through the window dreaming of her long lost husband. She thinks of the jolly time she had with him when he was alive. The old lady puts her head in her hands and begins to cry, very softly, to herself. As she is crying her thoughts fade away, her head starts nodding and she begins to dream. She slowly starts swaying and is soon asleep. While she is asleep she is quietly snoring to herself, dreaming as she slumbers.

Patricia Manley IX

## **A VISIT TO THE MAN IN THE MOON**

One night I woke up to find the moon shining in my face. Then I saw the Man in the Moon smiling at me in a friendly manner. He spoke and said:

“Would you like to come and stay with me?”

“Certainly”, I replied.

“Well this is what you have to do. Get a bottle and paint it yellow so that it shines. Then put it in the garden with some green cheese”, he told me.

“What shall I do next?” I asked curiously.

“Wait and see,” said the Man in the Moon, and he glided slowly away.

Next day, although I shall never know how, I arrived at my destination. “Hullo, my dear, so you are here at last! Come and have a look round”, said the Man in the Moon.

I saw thousand's of queer things - big mice, more green cheese, butter dishes walking about, and many curious little men.

At last it was time to go home.

“Goodbye”, I shouted, and landed in my front garden with a bump. It was tea-time.

Hilary Laver IX

## **THE WEATHER COCK**

“Cock a doodle doo”, I cried, “cock a doodle doo!”

I was sitting on the top of a church steeple gazing at the magnificent view around.

Below me was the little village of Fursham, its houses like toy ones. The thatch on the roofs glistened in the evening sun and the good people of the quiet village were flocking to church, decked in cool clothes, and I could see a surprising number of straw hats.

The bells in the church below me started ringing loudly and awakened me from the trance I had fallen into. I nearly fell off my perch in terror.

When everyone was in church only the rustling of the trees and a few birds singing could be heard.

The scent of the roses from the houses drifted up to me and I sniffed luxuriously at the fragrant smell.

In the green fields a few cows stood grazing as the sun sank down, down, down, to rest in peace.

From the church came the indistinct voices calling me to Dreamland. My head drooped and I went to Dreamland to rest with the sun, my mind full of thatched Cottages, neat gardens and sweet-smelling roses.

Grania Murphy

IX

## OUR FAMILY

Our family is a queer one. It consists of a mischievous boy, a tall father and a medium sized mother who is in charge. Usually, the boy is late for lunch, comes dashing in, sits down and starts eating and is immediately told to cleanse himself before entering the Dining Room.

The mother very occasionally makes a mistake in the cooking. When she does she is at first politely questioned by the father as to what rubbish she has made, a friendly argument breaks out until at last the boy comes to the loser's rescue (usually the father).

Quite often the father is persuaded to "Come into the Mess with me, old boy" and when he is, he is late for lunch. Finally he comes in ten or fifteen minutes late while mother and son are eating. He dashes in forgetting to cleanse himself (AHM!!!) and start's eating. After ten minutes the mother questions him with long words she has been thinking up (she comes from Yorkshire) as to why he is late. This develops the usual argument and the boy comes to the rescue of the usual loser, (the father). So you see we have quite a family.

M. Eley IA

## WHEN THE CANDLE BLEW OUT

The wind howled and the snow lashed about me as I struggled up the hill with my large case bumping against my leg. At the best of times I could only remember the way vaguely to my uncle's remote farm-house; now, battered by the wind, defeated by the dark, I wandered aimlessly on till, lost in melancholy thoughts, I crippled my leg on something hard. The force of the impact cleared my dulled brain and I saw a shadowy building in front of me. Oh joy unsurpassed! I recognized the grey stone house. I marched boldly up the path and gave a loud bang on the door to bring my uncle to welcome me. No result! No uncle in; not a sound; deafening silence! I pushed the door open and, striking matches to light my way feebly along the passage, reached the kitchen.

Inside a candle gave a flickering light and I read a note which lay on the table. "I am out, make yourself at home. Sorry the lamps are empty." The fire was low on the hearth but food lay ready for me to devour - eggs, bacon, bread - so I restored the fire, put the kettle on to boil, took my towel and soap and, candle in hand, made my way to the bathroom to comfort my frozen body.

I gazed round at the green bath, the duck green walls and floor, the scarlet curtains of this my uncle's latest craze then, lying relaxed in the steam and heat of the bath-water I drifted into a state of semi-consciousness and washed and afterwards dried in a day-dream. Suddenly I was jerked crudely back to life on remembering that before getting into the bath I had absent-mindedly snuffed the candle, forgetting that my matches were in my overcoat pocket somewhere at the other end of the immense, dark, eerie old house.

Hoping, praying, that I would be able to reach the kitchen again I left the luxurious bathroom. But hardly had I taken a few steps before I sensed that I was already lost. A little further on my suspicions were confirmed by the discovery of a flight of stairs curling away beneath me and another flight continuing directly above my head; such a set of stairs I had not encountered on my upward journey. Here I was lost in the old house with no sustenance inside me since early morning and no way of knowing how near to or far from the kitchen I was.

But now the warmth from my bath had worn off, leaving me shivering. Gibbering with cold I sat down on the floor hugging myself in an effort to get warm while I tried to recall the way I had come so that I could at least stay in the warmth of the bathroom until help arrived; but, try as I would, I could not recall even the first turning of the way back.

I got up miserably and went on but the result of this venture was disastrous for, after wandering round for a while, the floor suddenly disappeared over the edge and I found myself looking down over the snow-covered, sleeping farm from the door of a hay loft some twenty feet above the ground. I was now hopelessly lost and with no possible chance of ever finding either the kitchen or the bathroom. These stone-hard facts roused my brain to breaking-point.

By now I was desperate. "Why did my uncle want such a huge, dark house where to get lost

was to meet death by cold and starvation? I'll bet my bottom shilling he has gone out on purpose just so that I can get lost and wait until he condescends to drag his drink-sodden bag of bones out of that pub", I thought angrily, and with ill feeling and curses for my poor old uncle I covered myself up with some of the hay which I found stored up in the loft, and awaited his return. Soon a clatter of wheels over the cobbles in the lee of the house informed me that he had arrived, so I dragged my tired body from the prickly bed I had lain on and walked over to the loft door and called to him. My lusty shout brought him running to my aid and with a few brief orders and directions he explained the way out of my prison.

Later, as we sat in the kitchen discussing my adventure, he disclosed the fact that after my bath I had lost myself only because the part of the house into which I had wandered had been specially built in the form of a maze; all I had really done was to wander round in circles for about an hour until I had at last ended up in the hay loft.

S. Taylor 4A

## THE GUARDIAN

The moonlight filtered through the overhanging branches, and the surrounding forest was as desolate as a churchyard. The atmosphere, like that of all tropical and equatorial climes, was damp and humid. The smell of decaying vegetation lingered in the air as a breeze stirred the surrounding foliage.

I alone knew why they were here - those two white men from a far-off land. Behind me, enshrouded by the all embracing vines, were the remnants of a once highly cultured civilisation. These pillars stood, gaunt and grey, merging with the background of the old forest faithfuls, and they, alone with me, guarded the secret. These white men knew not what they were doing!

The tomb and its contents were sacred and had not seen life since the mourners had left. There were abundant supplies of gems to aid the Great

Ngara through the land beyond, but soon I knew the tomb would be desecrated. They trudged nearer and nearer, their pace quickening, excitement in their eyes as they neared the holy spot.

I could not do anything except stand there and watch, wetting for them to make the next move. The entrance, I knew, was about ten feet in front of me. The lichens and moss had covered the flag-stones, but I knew they would soon find the way.

Yes, there they went, scraping the covering that vainly tried to hide the secret. Reaching the flag-stones they guessed at which one to open and spent their energies chipping it out. Age had sealed it up well enough and when, after some exhausting work they lifted it, they found that it was not the right one. Away they went at the next and: I knew that it would not be long before they found the right one, and then my guardianship of the tomb would come to an end. Sweat was dripping down their faces, and the humid atmosphere was taking its toll of them. One may ask, how did I get on, and how did I guard the tomb all the time and yet live? Nature, which surrounded me, provided me with the necessary food, and I was accustomed to the climate.

They tried something else. One of the men went to his bag and pulled out two white sticks and then came back to the flag-stones. His companion stuck them together in a crevice between two stones. He struck a match, lit the sticks, and then both ran away for about a hundred yards.

Why did I remain, you may ask. I did not know of the inventions of the white man and all the while looked on in wonder. "Boom!" Suddenly a white flash seared my vision, and I felt that I was mortally stricken. Even in my agony I saw that the tomb of the Great Ngara was opened. I had failed in my task! The two men ran to the tomb and squeezed in through the opening, and gave vent to cries of joy when they saw the gems.

But by now I knew that I could not last much longer. I began to topple forward in line with the tomb. It was then that I realized I would still be the guardian of the Great Ngara's tomb. My body would cover the entrance, and the two men were still inside.

The dawn broke and the morning sun shone across the pillars which marked the lost civilisation. In one corner there used to be flag-stones covering the tomb of Ngara, but now they were broken up and a giant ebony tree lay right across on top of them, covering the scarred tomb.

G. Ball  
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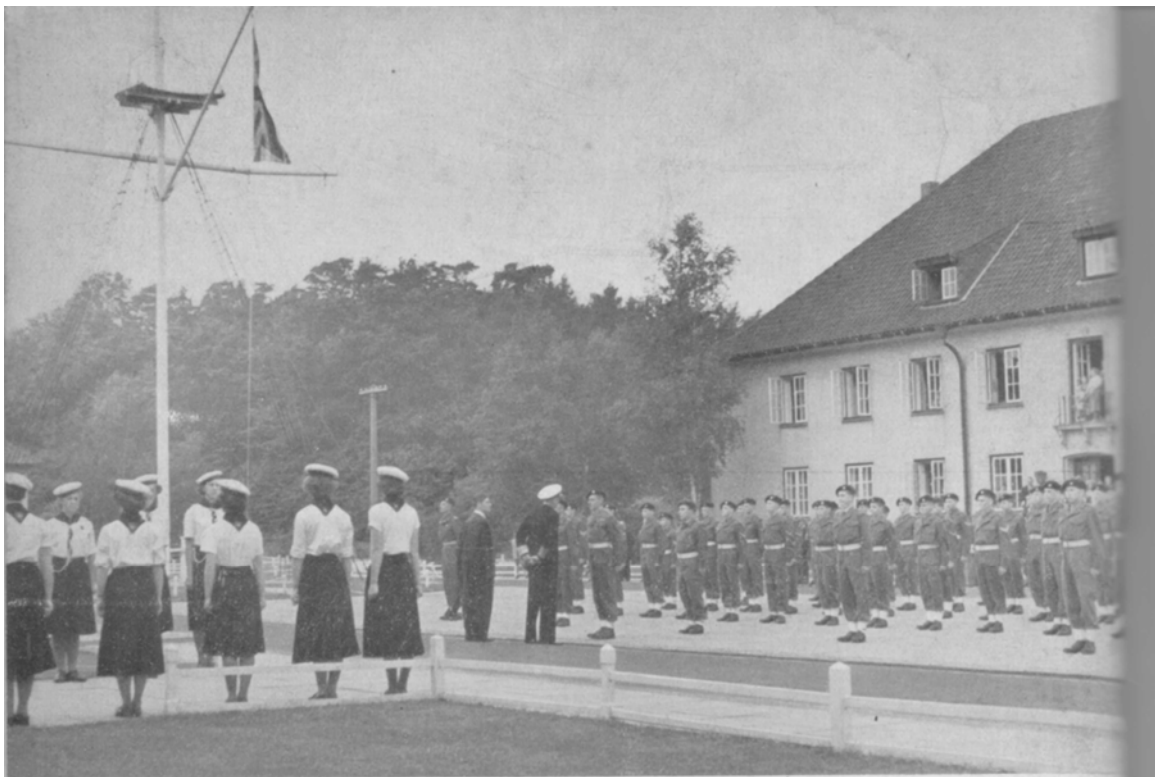
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