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## EDITORIAL

With the general increase of affluence in the country over the past number of years, the decision of a boy, who possesses sufficient 'O' level qualifications, to stay at a grammar school after the fifth form and proceed to 'A' level – a decision which, not so many years ago, was a very carefully considered one – is increasingly becoming, for many boys, a matter of course. It should not, however, be assumed that a boy in this position at the end of the fifth form will automatically benefit by staying at school to take an 'A' level course; such a boy, when making the decision to do this, should consider the mutual benefit to himself and the school which will result from his remaining there. He should realize that the advantage which he will derive from studying for 'A' levels is a real one and that the extent of this advantage depends on his own effort; he should also ask himself how he can contribute both to the general running and spirit of the school by interest or participation in school activities and, possibly, by acceptance of responsibility in connection with them.

The sixth former who says, "No school activities interest me," and is remaining at school merely to postpone the day when he will start a job and be compelled to work, does not, as might perhaps be expected, have a neutral effect upon school life, but may exercise a deleterious influence on the rest of the sixth form and even on the lower school. The reason for this is that a boy who enters the sixth form with the intention of doing a minimum amount of work may, help to produce conditions which, to say the least, will not be conducive to quiet or intensive work on the part of other boys; in addition he will tend to become bored, having neither work nor other school activities to keep him occupied, and from boredom it is but a short step to rank indiscipline. Thus he undermines the rest of the sixth form both in the academic sphere and in the matter of discipline.

Whether a sixth form realises it or not, the example which it sets has far-reaching effects upon the rest of the school. Thus a slovenly and irresponsible sixth form can produce or accentuate similar tendencies in the lower forms; the rot spreads downwards.

We would by no means apply the "more means worse" dictum of Kingsley Amis to the number of pupils contained in a grammar school sixth form. But the result of taking it for granted that everybody who obtains a few 'O' levels is bound, *ipso facto*, to benefit from a sixth form 'A' level course can be to add more fuel to the fire of educational reform which, some maintain, is already about to destroy the essential characteristics of a good grammar school.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate the following on their success:-

- R. J. FIRTH, Hastings Scholarship in Classics at Queen's College, Oxford.  
A. EASTWOOD, Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Churchill College, Cambridge.  
M. BAKER, Music Exhibition at Jesus College, Cambridge.  
K. VICKERS, Royal Naval Scholarship at Dartmouth.

Founders' Day Service was held at the Parish Church on Saturday, 11th June. The preacher was Rev. E. Barrett, Vicar of All Saints, Salterhebble.

After 36 years of devoted service to the School Mr. A. Holt left at the end of the summer term. He will be greatly missed in many departments of school life. We would extend to him and his wife our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

We are glad to have had with us during the past year Herr Norbert Weber as assistant in German. During his stay he has contributed a good deal to the school in a variety of ways. We hope that on his return to Langenberg he will think that his visit to Halifax has been both pleasant and profitable. We publish a farewell from him elsewhere in this issue.

Members of the School who took part in the "Long March" are reported to have walked 1,880 miles, winning £360 for this amazingly successful effort in support of Christian Aid.

A second display cabinet now graces the entrance hall of the Science Block. It is primarily intended for Geological exhibits and is the gift of P. F. Owen (1956-1964), for which we are very grateful.

## ARTHUR HOLT

Apart from two years in Bootle his whole teaching life has been given to this School, to which he came in 1930. It was then beginning its transition from a small traditional Grammar School to a larger (though by modern standards still small) maintained Grammar School, to which boys from many different sorts of home circumstances would come, and in which the rather narrow range of high academic achievement would be extended to all the subjects usually taught in large and famous schools - not least in Modern Languages which have been his special charge. Now that he is leaving, again there will be transition, to what we do not yet know. But he will be satisfied if the spirit which he has consciously cherished still animates the new machine.

Arthur Holt was bred in Burnley, and, from the other side, has always known and loved our Pennine Moors. His University was Manchester. Lancaster and York have far more in common than in difference, and in him the special mixture of the northern character at its best, grit, sensitiveness, warm-heartedness, sincerity, has enabled him to be instinctively at one with similarly minded boys in Halifax, and to interpret them to those colleagues who have come from further south.

In those early days it was soon apparent to the small and curiously mixed society of the Common Room - some affluent, cultured, leisurely and witty representatives of an older order, some young eager members of the new lower and working classes pushing their way through Universities ancient and modern - what his special qualities were.

To begin with he was a "born teacher", able to put his spell on any class from the youngest to the oldest, to amuse, inform, and inspire them. That spell has persisted, though the magician has aged somewhat, and spells are not so easily worked but that they drain energy while they transmit it. A tribute to his teaching should properly come from his pupils, but his colleagues have no doubt that over

the years few teachers can have taught to a higher or more sustained standard of skill and success.

Secondly the arts - above all music - have been not an added pleasure, but a necessary part of life to him. His musicianship is such that any professional would be glad of it, based on an impeccable ear and an instinctive sympathy with all a composer's subtleties of rhythm and phrasing. When he trained it the School String Orchestra was a pleasure to hear, for he made its members - whatever their level of technical attainment - play inside the music, and, rarest of all amateur virtues, in tune.

Yet probably his colleagues will remember more than anything else the ready courtesy and unaffected interest with which he talked to them, young or old, veteran or newcomer. Many a young man, teacher or pupil, and many a casual visitor, have had reason to thank him for the warm and personal way in which he welcomed or counselled them, for, in his whole attitude to people he has been, in Wordsworth's phrase, "Alive to tenderness".

It would be easy to write at much greater length of his many accomplishments. Nothing has here been said of his culture in French and German, of his poetic gifts in interpretation and writing. We are glad that his illness last autumn has left him as alert in mind and sympathy as ever, and we wish him and Mrs. Holt the happiest of retirements at Ilkley.

## SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held at the School on Friday, 26th November, 1965, in the presence of the Mayor, Coun. H. Ludlam, J.P., (the Mayoress unfortunately was unwell and could not attend) with Ald. Sir Dryden Brook in the chair. The proceedings followed the usual pattern and the prizes were distributed by A. B. Wade, Esq., M.Ch.D., Director of the Department of Periodontology in the Royal Dental Hospital, London. The musical interlude was provided by the School's Woodwind Ensemble and Trumpet, a brave effort, full of enthusiasm, from inexperienced players who showed great promise. The Headmaster quoted figures to justify his claim that the School was doing a reasonably good job. Mr. Wade reminisced and expressed views about Comprehensive Education with which the Chairman did not agree. The Mayor proposed a vote of thanks that was seconded by Mr. K. G. Wynn, Deputy Chief Education Officer.

## PRIZE WINNERS

### First Forms

- 1A 1st Prize: D. P. Armstrong; 2nd Prize: G. I. Ryley.  
1B 1st Prize: M. J. Hearnshaw; 2nd Prize: D. R. Marsden.

### Second Forms

- English, History, Geography: D. Lightowlers.  
Languages: D. Lightowlers.  
Mathematics and Science: C. Kenyon.

### Third Forms

- English and History: P. J. Sutcliffe.  
Geography: M. I. Richardson.  
Languages: D. Conyers.  
Mathematics and Science: P. Goulden.  
Art: R. D. Kulak.

### Fourth Forms

- English and History: J. R. Priestley.  
Geography: M. M. Priestley.  
Languages: J. R. S. Littlefair.  
Mathematics and Science: S. R. Lassey.  
Art: I. R. Dalzell.  
"Young" Prize for Oral French - No Award.

### Fifth Forms

Classics: D. I. Perfect.  
English: J. D. Brearley and R. W. MacDonald.  
History (The Mayor's Prize): J. D. Brearley.  
Geography (Junior "Dudley" Prize): R. C. Woodhead.  
Modern Languages: J. D. Brearley, and P. M. Wilby.  
Mathematics: R. O. Freeman.  
Science ("Clegg Memorial" Prizes): M. L. Armitage, D. Northrop, D. I. Perfect and C. S. Raistrick.

Art: M. Andrejczuk.

### Lower Sixth Forms (W. E. Horsley Prizes)

English: M. J. Moore  
History: P. A. Smith.  
Modern Languages: J. D. Moseley.  
Chemistry: D. Briggs and D. Tyas.  
Physics: D. G. Evans and T. Roper.  
Mathematics: D. G. Evans.  
Art: P. N. Hughes.

### Upper Sixth Forms

"Reith" Classical Prize: P. G. Highley.  
English (awarded by the Halifax Literary and Philosophical Society):  
T. R. Fearnley, J. P. Feather and M. S. Whitworth.  
"Mackley" History Prize: J. P. Feather.  
"Stocks" Modern Languages Prize: D. N. Phillips.  
"Rouse" Chemistry Prize: A. R. Eastwood.  
"Laycock" Physics Prize: A. R. Eastwood.  
"Horrocks-Taylor" Mathematics Prize: R. J. Collins and K. H. Bennett.  
Geography (Senior "Dudley" Memorial Prize): B. M. Johnson.  
"Peel" Art Prize: D. R. Culpan and E. M. Stead.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

### "Treacy" Scripture Prizes

Sixth Form: A. K. Robinson.  
Fourth Form: J. R. Priestley.  
Third Form: A. P. Greenwood.  
Second Form: I. M. Threadgold.  
First Form: M. J. Hearnshaw.

### "Smith" Reading Prizes

Upper School: D. J. Holdsworth.  
Middle School: S. J. Fearnley.  
Lower School: N. J. Cunliffe.

Prefects' Lesson-Reading Prize: A. N. Connell.

"Filden" Woodwork Prize: A. Walmsley.

"Stocks Memorial" Prize: J. P. Feather.

"Shoesmith" Historical Essay Prize: P. A. Smith.

"E. M. Horsley" Prize for Choral Music: S. G. Ellis and D. J. Holmes.

"Whitham" Prize for Instrumental Music: R. J. Barnes.

"Bottomley" Prizes: D. Hartley, C. R. C. B. Parker and D. G. Bolton.

### Essay Prizes

Fourth Form Prize: J. E. Holder.  
Third Form Prize: D. W. Godfrey.  
Second Form Prize: M. R. Firth.  
First Form Prize: G. I. Ryley.

### Neatness Prizes

Fourth Form Prize: S. G. Cox.  
Third Form Prize: G. Crowther.  
Second Form Prize: N. J. Braithwaite.  
First Form Prize: J. Leach.

### "Sewards-Shaw" House Captains' Prizes

Heath: G. D. Baggaley.  
Kings: R. Dixon.  
Queens: A. N. Connell.  
School: R. W. Dixon.

The "Athlete's" Prize: R. W. Dixon.

The "C. E. Fox" Prize: R. Coates.

## SCHOOL CLUB 1965-66

### Officers:

<i>President</i>	THE HEADMASTER
<i>Vice-President</i>	MR. E. J. TAYLOR
<i>Treasurer</i>	MR. D. M. HALLOWES
<i>Secretary</i>	MR. B. I. EVANS
<i>Auditor</i>	MR. D. LUMB

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Hall on Monday, 20th September, 1965. The Treasurer was again able to report a sound financial situation, largely as a result of a donation of £90 from the ladies who had organised the Flower Show. This magnificent gift was much appreciated.

When the meeting was thrown open to general discussion, very few points were raised. It was disappointing that this should have been so; the School Club organises a very wide range of activities, and its continued health demands the active participation of its members.

## HEATH SCHOOL CLUB STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1964-65

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Balance br. fwd. ...	68	16	9	Fares: Rugby ...	67	19	9
Subs.: 387 at 10s. ...	193	10	0	Cricket ...	8	9	9
Teams ...	7	15	0	Fives ...	6	8	0
L. E. A. Grant ...	51	6	11	Other ...	3	11	0
Lost Property ...	11	0	0	Teas: Rugby ...	25	19	2
Sports Day Prog. ...	3	1	10	Cricket ...	14	7	8
Xmas Card profit ...	5	3	5	Fives ...	3	5	0
Donations ...	32	10	0	Other ...	5	5	0
Flower Show ...	90	0	0	Subs and Entries ...	2	19	0
Sundries ...	1	5	0	I. G. S. Sports ...	19	12	0
	464	8	11	Half Heathen ...	40	10	0
				Photographs ...	25	0	0
				Engraving ...	12	11	0
				Fixture Cards ...	9	6	8
				Llanelly Sevens ...	29	5	10
				Shirts, Vests, etc. ...	8	2	1
				Sports Day ...	4	10	0
				Science Society ...	8	9	6
				Photographic Society ...	5	0	0
				Model Rlyway Club ...	5	0	0
				Post, Bank, etc. ...	4	9	0
				Sundries ...	1	19	9
				Balance car. fwd. ...	152	8	9
					464	8	11

### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

	HEATH	SCHOOL	KING'S	QUEEN'S
Swimming	5	0	15	10
Fives	4	6	2	0
Rugby	15	0	5	10
Chess	8	0	4	12
Cross-Country	8	0	4	12
Seven-a-Side	12	6	0	6
Athletics	0	10	15	5
Cricket	10	5	15	0
Bentley Cup	3	9	6	0
	65	36	66	55

### RUGBY REPORTS 1965-66

**1st XV.** With only one colour, P. J. Brearley, remaining great things were not expected from the 1st XV. In the annual encounter with the Old Boys the School showed some potential in going down 0-6. Throughout the season the team showed promise yet there seemed to be something lacking; it failed to play together as a unit and team spirit was poor. The only two displays when the school showed real form were against Huddersfield N.C., who were beaten 19-6, and against a very strong Moseley Hall side with whom the team drew 6-6.

The team had a difficult time through injuries and it is noticeable that only four boys, Brearley, Stott, Hughes D. and Roper, were "ever-present" and that altogether 27 boys made first team appearances.

Although the middle-backs had a fine winger outside them in P. J. Brearley they never really co-ordinated well and the continuous switching of positions forced upon them by injuries did not help.

The forwards were ably led by Roper and well supported by Lassey and E. Mitchell, who, being only 5th formers, are outstanding prospects for the future. Also in Hardwick, Wilby and Briggs the team had outstanding performers.

Fullback P. Hughes had a really good season and his fine tackling often saved the weak tackling of the middle-backs.

The season was not as unsuccessful as the records suggest, for some good rugby was played in conditions which were on the whole poor and the team was never really thrashed, the scores usually being separated by not more than 10 points. Colours: Brearley (reaffirmed), Wilby, Roper, Eastwood, Hughes P. N., Hughes D. C., and Stott.

**2nd XV.** With an abundance of rugby-playing fifth formers available, the 2nd XV was young and full of enthusiasm. Ably led by the captain, Holden, the team had an average season, drawing 1, winning 6 and losing 6 of their matches.

**Under 15 XV.** In the under 15's the school seems to have some of the outstanding prospects for the future. They finished the season again undefeated thanks to a blend of fine individual play, provided by Gaynor, Brearley R. W. and Smithies, and splendid teamwork.

**Under 14 XV.** The team played 7, won 4 and lost 3 of their matches and in Maude, Brazier and Quinn the team had outstanding performers. Colours were awarded to C. R. Maude, P. Smith, M. Quinn, R. M. Holmes, P. L. Crowther M. R. Firth, K. T. Binns.

**Under 13 XV.** Playing 4 matches, the Under 13's only managed to win 1.

We would once again like to express our gratitude to Messrs. Birchall and Evans for their coaching and administrative duties and to the ladies who so kindly made our teas. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Hardwick for her donation of shirts to the 1st XV.

### SEVEN-A-SIDE 1965-66

Although the school failed to win a tournament this season it acquitted itself very well and always went down fighting. Nearly all the tournaments followed a set pattern: the team easily disposing of first round opposition and then meeting a really strong side in the second round and being defeated. In the tournament at Fylde the team really seemed to be in with a good chance. In the first round the team beat a Hutton G.S. side containing two county players but then two disputed tries by St. Edward's, Liverpool, in the second round shattered the team's hopes of what would have been a memorable victory.

## RESULTS OF SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENTS 1965-66

MANCHESTER G.S.				
1st Round:	1st VII	3	Wigan G.S.	8
LOSERS' PLATE				
1st Round:	1st VII	10	Stockport G.S.	3
2nd Round	1st VII	5	St. Bede's	13
FYLDE				
1st Round:	1st VII	11	Hutton G.S.	5
2nd Round	1st VII	0	St. Edward's	8
ILKLEY				
1st Round:	1st VII	9	Rothwell G.S.	5
2nd Round:	1st VII	5	Roundhay	16
LLANELLY				
1st Round:	1st VII	8	Glan Afan	3
2nd Round:	1st VII	0	St. Edward's	11
SUTCLIFFE SEVENS				
1st Round:	1st VII	11	Heath O.B.	0
2nd Round:	1st VII	3	Hemsworth	11

D.C.H.

## UNDER-15 SEVENS

### TEMPLE MOOR

Owing to the success of the 15-a-side team, the school entered two teams in this tournament. The "A" team showed great promise for the future by easily disposing of Nunthorpe (16-0) and Gotts Park (11-0) in the first and second rounds. However, they had a much closer semi-final against King's School, Pontefract, in which extra time had to be played before the team scored a try to make the final score 9-6. They then went on to a much easier final beating Normanton 16-0.

The "B" team were unfortunately knocked out by the finalists Normanton in the first round, in which the school took Normanton to extra time before losing by 11-8.

### LLANELLY

In the preliminary round the school was drawn against Ystalyfera, and just managed to scrape through 6-3 in extra time. They then beat Cherry Orchard (5-3) and in the second round Kenfig (8-3) on the wide expanse of Stradley Park. On the following day, in the quarter final, the team were beaten 6-0 by the notorious Llanelly Grammar School "A" who were in turn beaten by the winners of the tournament, Neath.

R.W.B.

## CRICKET

**1st XI.** The 1st XI results were the best for some years, and the team enjoyed an even better season than these would suggest. The seven victories included the first for several years against King James G.S., Almondbury, the second in succession against Hipperholme G.S., a fine batting performance in quick time against Sowerby Bridge G.S., and an exciting win in the last over against Crossley's. The four defeats included a game against Ermysted's G.S., Skipton, notable for a fine Heath batting recovery after a catastrophic start; only against Woodhouse Grove did the team fail badly.

Much credit for this fine record is due to M. I. Priestley and P. G. Highley in their second year in partnership as Captain and Vice-Captain. They fostered an excellent team spirit, and Priestley's wicket-keeping set a high standard, to which the rest of the side responded well in the field. Aggressive and shrewd field placing, too, made the most of the side's bowling, which was perhaps less hostile than had been hoped. Not until late in the season did Highley recapture his old form, and although R. G. Barrett bowled accurately at medium pace, as, on occasion, did R. C. Woodhead and D. C. Peel, it was the off spin of C. P. Hill that proved the most useful attacking weapon, especially on the true wickets at Thrum Hall.

The real strength of the side, rather unexpectedly, lay in the batting. Priestley and M. L. Armitage, together with J. S. Bradley and R. W. Brearley, two batsmen of the highest promise, all averaged over 20; P. A. Smith made a most reliable opening partner for Armitage; whilst Hill and R. W. Sharples both batted usefully. In general, even in the face of early disaster, the batting looked reassuringly composed.

An important factor in this improved batting has undoubtedly been the excellence of the wicket at Thrum Hall, for which we offer our thanks to the Halifax C.C. We have also been fortunate in enjoying the use of the indoor nets at Wellesley Park, whilst the School nets have been undergoing reconstruction. Finally, we are most grateful to those mothers of School cricketers who have organised the tea at home matches.

**2nd XI.** After an encouraging turn out at the indoor nets it has been very disappointing that most of our matches were not played either because of inclement weather or failure of communications. Thus we played only two out of seven matches and lost both. The likeliest cricketers have been Titchmarsh (Capt.), Baines, Stott, G., Atkinson, Hughes P.N. and D.C., Heley, Speak, Carter, Rawson, and Bolton. Also chosen were Rowley, Crabtree, Cunliffe, Noble.

**Under 15 XI.** Although not enjoying an outstandingly successful season the team are to be congratulated on several very fine performances. Well led by their Captain C. A. Brearley, the fielding has been good and the bowling has been consistently accurate enough to give the team a winning opportunity in most games. Unfortunately the batting has rarely been up to full-strength and has at times looked very frail. On the credit side have been several good innings from the Vice-Captain K. J. Gaynor, particularly noteworthy being a knock of 37 not out against Woodhouse Grove, some lusty leg-side play from Jack and the adventurous hard hitting of Horsfall and C. A. Brearley.

**Under 14 and Under 13 XI's.** The Under 14 team has had a moderately successful year without producing any outstanding performances. No batsman has made a large score, while the bowling has been far too erratic to achieve much against the stronger sides. The biggest disappointment has been the failure of the Captain, P. L. Crowther, as a batsman, although he has tackled a difficult task well and been the chief wicket-taker. Braithwaite and Jackson have also had successful spells. Among the batsmen, Butterfield and Brazier have done quite well at times, while Kenyon, coming into the side late in the season has looked a very good prospect. Firth's fielding and useful knocks in the middle order also deserve praise.

The Under 13 only managed to play two matches but did enough to suggest that they will be a useful side next year; two of their players, Baxter and Holder, have been regular and successful members of the Under 14, and in particular their performances in the otherwise disastrous Hipperholme game showed very great promise.

## CRICKET COLOURS

1st XI: M. I. Priestley, P. G. Highley, M. L. Armitage, C. P. Hill (re-affirmed), R. C. Barrett, J. S. Bradley, R. W. Brearley, R. W. Sharples, P. A. Smith, R. C. Woodhead.

Under 14 XI: P. L. Crowther, N. J. Braithwaite, G. H. Butterfield, M. R. Firth, R. A. Jackson, B. B. Baxter.

### ANALYSIS FOR SEASON 1966

	P	W	D	L
1st XI ... ..	12	7	1	4
2nd XI ... ..	2	0	0	2
Under 15 XI ...	8	4	0	4
Under 14 XI ...	8	3	1	4
Under 13 XI ...	2	0	0	2
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	32	14	2	16

## ATHLETICS

True to tradition, the School Sports day was wet and miserable, the majority of the events being run in driving rain. As a result no new records were produced.

Queen's, who were in the lead on the events decided before Sports day, looked all set to pull off a surprise victory. However, they faded badly on the day and were lucky to avoid last place. Most of their points came from the Intermediates where C. R. Maude and R. J. Stott were dominant.

Finally the Sports became a straight fight between School and King's, as it has been for the last few years. Only two points separated the two teams with only the relays to run. In the relays King's did excellently, never being lower than second. School on the other hand failed badly being disqualified after being first home in the Intermediates. Thus King's won the championship.

The Victor Ludorum was a nip and tuck battle all the way between P. J. Brearley (School) and J. A. Baker (School) who dominated the Senior track and jumping events. Brearley eventually won through and took the Victor Ludorum.

S. R. Lassey won the Fifth Form Cup and Henry won the Junior Victor Ludorum.

The sun shone brilliantly for both halves of the Inter-Grammar School Sports. Our competitors, unaccustomed to such conditions, could only produce three firsts, the majority of our total being composed of seconds and thirds. We eventually finished third behind Hipperholme and Crossley and Porter. One bright point is that the Intermediates came second, being beaten by only four points in their section.

In the field events we had only one first, C. R. Maude, who won the Intermediate long jump. As Maude is only in the third form this bodes well for next year. Our other firsts were P. J. Brearley in the Senior 220 yds. and Halliday in the First Form's 100 yds. The most exciting event of the day for the Heath Supporters however was the Senior mile, the last event of the day.

In this race J. R. Mitchell was lying second at the beginning of the last lap, sixty yards behind the leader. He then sprinted the whole of the last lap to finish no more than five yards behind. This feat is all the more remarkable when one considers that Mitchell had already run in the fast Senior 880 yds. earlier in the afternoon.

P. J. Brearley (Seniors), G. Brazier and C. R. Maude (Juniors) were chosen to represent Halifax in the Yorkshire Schools Sports.

## CROSS-COUNTRY 1965-66

The First VIII have had a rather unlucky season. Though not winning a single race out of five, one was drawn, two were lost by less than four points, whilst the other two were somewhat less closely contested. The small number of fixtures run was a result of cancellations and unforeseeable circumstances, but the change-over to Wednesday afternoon school, with the consequent reduction of the number of available alternative dates, has not helped matters. However, the First VIII to some extent compensated for this shortage of fixtures in the Inter-Grammar School Championship, coming 4th out of eight schools, and also in the Northern Schools' Championship at Disley in Cheshire, in which 127 schools took part and our Senior team came 44th. Our other teams at Disley found the opposition a little more difficult.

The Under 14 VIII ran one school fixture, against Hipperholme, which they won in convincing style. In addition, they were entered for the School Race of the Halifax Harriers' Championships at Roils Head and were unlucky not to come higher than fourth; with five men bunched between positions 13 and 19 in a large field, it was most unfortunate that only the first three runners counted. Worthy of mention are Hesselden, Holmes and Spencer, whilst Carter failed to produce his previous season's form.

For the Seniors, D. Rutter was always a good captain, and both he and J. R. Mitchell attained consistently high positions. A. R. Eastwood, P. P. Sayer and D. Briggs, three runners of remarkably close ability, turned in some very creditable performances. R. J. Stott, entering the team just before Christmas, was rather unpredictable but showed great promise for the future, whilst D. Bolton was a very reliable runner. Mitchell and Stott were chosen as reserves for the Halifax Senior and Intermediate Schools' Teams respectively. Colours were re-affirmed for Rutter and awarded to Mitchell, Eastwood, Sayer and Briggs.

The House Cross-Country Championship was won for the fifth year in succession by Queen's, who had all their eight counters in the first 14 runners home. The individual winner was J. R. Mitchell of School. R. I. Sutcliffe, of the Fourth Form, acquitted himself very well in being placed fourth.

Though nothing outstanding has been accomplished this year, the Cross-Country Club has kept its head well above water, and with considerable enthusiasm and ability remaining in the school, the new season can justly be awaited with an air of quiet confidence.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Lumb for his unremitting efforts in conducting the Club's affairs.

R.J.F.

## FIVES 1965-66

The Fives team this year has enjoyed a more successful season than it did last year. Only 12 games were played, thanks largely to bad weather, and of these six were won and six lost. Narrow defeats, away to Leeds University and Nottingham High School, and at home to Liverpool University, brought down what would otherwise have been a very creditable tally. Only one competition was entered, the Heath O.B. competition, in which J. D. Lister and G. Stott reached the semi-final and D. C. Hughes and J. M. Carter were unlucky with a bad draw in the first round. The House matches finally resulted in a win for School House, as is traditional, with Heath, King's and Queen's second, third and fourth in that order.

Finally, the services of several members of the school must be acknowledged: P. N. Hughes, C. S. Raistrick, A. Chislett and J. S. Bradley all of whom deputised competently with little notice. Colours were awarded to J. M. Carter, re-affirmed for J. D. Lister (Capt.), G. Stott (Hon. Sec.) and D. C. Hughes.

J. D. LISTER

## SWIMMING REPORT

As at the School's swimming galas in recent years, King's won the gala with a final burst in the relays. Their talent, although perhaps not individually outstanding, was collectively far superior to that of the other Houses. Queen's who at one stage with a 10 point lead had looked unassailable, only managed to make second place, finishing like a damp squib. Heath caused perhaps the biggest surprise by managing not to be last for the first time since the secretary came (i.e. over seven years).

Individual honours were shared by I. R. Dalzell, who won the Victor Ludorum, R. W. Brearley, who broke two Under 15 records, and M. Crowther, a First Former, who provided a great shock in winning the Open Plunge.

Unfortunately, as seems to be the general case, interest in the swimming gala seems to have waned somewhat.

The record breakers were:

R. W. Brearley (K) Under 15 50 yds. Free Style 29.4 secs. (30.3).

R. W. Brearley (K) Under 15 25 yds. Back Stroke 15.5 secs. (16.4).

King's Junior Relay (4 x 25 yds.) 67.4 secs. (70.2).

House Points: King's, 70½; Queen's, 64½; Heath, 57; School, 48.

D. RUTTER

## CHESS CLUB

This year a team was entered in the newly formed Halifax Schools Chess League, playing against a severe handicap, succeeded in winning the competition after a play-off against the Technical High School. Against more distant schools the team won two of the four matches played. The team was chosen from: T. Roper (Captain), R. MacLeod, G. Rowntree, P. Helliwell, D. G. Bolton, D. Northrop and J. R. Priestley, with S. G. Ellis, M. L. Armitage and R. Bottomley as reserves.

Great interest was shown in the Chess Ladder, the top positions being hotly contested. The House Chess Championship was again won by Queen's, who beat Heath by five points.

D. NORTHROP,  
Secretary.

## BADMINTON CLUB 1965-66

The Club entered its third season this year and successfully arranged six fixtures. Three were against Hanson Boys' G.S., Bradford, and were lost by a wide margin, two against Elland G.S. were only narrowly lost, the highlight of the season being a 9-0 victory over a team from Crossley's. The Captain, P. J. Brearley, was the team's best player with D. J. Crabtree and D. C. Peel showing great promise for the future.

Support came almost entirely from the Lower Sixth and Fifth Forms. We can hope for a bright future for the club next year with the prospect of more fixtures and an improved team. The finances for the game are now in a healthy state thanks to collection of members' fees. Our thanks go mainly to Mr. Hand for his organisation of the club but also to Mr. Lumb for help in travelling arrangements.

S.G.C.

## CAESAR AND CLEOPATRA

Bernard Shaw tells us, in his own perverse manner, that he wrote *Caesar and Cleopatra* during a period of mental and physical exhaustion. This was the result of four years as a critic in the London theatre, where he was obliged to watch plays nauseating in their romantic sentimentality. "*Caesar and Cleopatra*", we are to understand, is written in reaction against such excesses; sentiment is therefore out.

The Dramatic Society production of the play, presented in the School Hall on the 11th, 12th and 13th May, faced two major difficulties. The first difficulty was that of characterisation. Shaw, it is true, did not believe that personal and national characteristics had altered radically over the centuries. "Ye shall marvel", says the Egyptian God, Ra, (in a prologue not included in this production) "that men twenty centuries ago were already just such as you, and spoke and lived as ye speak and live, no worse and no better, no wiser and no sillier". The character of Britannus is further evidence that Shaw held this view. It is, nonetheless, a lot to ask an English schoolboy that he play the part of Cleopatra, even the kittenish, adolescent Cleopatra of Shaw's play; and it is to P. J. Hartley that the greatest credit must therefore be given for the play's success. Though a little husky in voice, he interpreted most intelligently the strange blend of naiveté and shrewdness, of timorousness and confidence, that characterise Shaw's queen.

Equally impressive was R. J. Firth's Caesar. Here was no vain glorious conqueror, but a wise and experienced ruler, cynical yet generous, more than a little aware of the vanity of earthly glory. As Lucius Septimius, played with a convincing arrogance by C. W. F. Mitchell, points out, life has forced Caesar to many a compromise, but he does not pretend to glory in them. Firth's Caesar was as free from conventional goodness or badness as Shaw could have wished.

Part of the strength of Shaw's Caesar lies in his ability to use men of a different stamp, conscious though he is of their deficiencies. This was well brought out. J. D. Lister's Rufio exuded soldierly commonsense, and Britannus (M. F. Titchmarsh), prudish but devoted, offered a pleasing reflection of Shaw's basic affection for the British.

Set half way between prosaic west and exotic east stands Apollodorus, the Sicilian, elegant of dress, quick of tongue and of sword; this was a part that D. Rutter played with great panache and obvious relish. Of the Egyptians, none did better than the formidable Ftataeta (S. Hartley), with whose "vulpine intensity" not even Shaw could have quarrelled. Ptolemy, too, was played with a pleasingly pouting pathos by N. J. Cunliffe, clearly terrified of his vindictive sister (or wife? Pace, Britannus), and D. J. Holdsworth's Pothinus was impressively treacherous. The role of court jester fell to the scholarly Theodotus (S. G. Cox), who, though close to caricature, served well his function as a target for Shaw's anti-literary propaganda.

The second difficulty was the scale of the production. The very size of the cast makes *Caesar and Cleopatra*, in terms of the straight theatre, "spectacular". The nature of the parts involved, moreover, varying from Roman soldiers to Egyptian ladies, makes heavy demands upon a necessarily limited store of dramatic ability and experience. Here, indeed, lay the possibility of disaster: the chief characters, however well acted, needed a convincing setting, visual, aural and personal. Fortunately, all these were provided. The settings and lighting were as admirable as we now expect: especially memorable were the Sphinx scene in the desert and the radiance of the blue over the harbour. The music blended sweetly with the theme, and the sound effects were highly competent. The lesser characters, too, were well played. On the Roman side, R. G. Barrett was an effectively surly Sentinel of a kind still familiar in modern armies and P. R. Rayner an authentically brusque Centurion. One remembers, too, the suavity of the Egyptian, Bel Affris (A. Holden) and the ecstatic beam of the Nubian



Sentinal (M. D. Cunliffe) invited to perform an execution; whilst Iras (J. P. Mitchell) and Charmian (S. J. Fearnley) were statuesquely handsome, even if their junior ladies in waiting were perhaps a little shrill in their terror. Altogether, the whole supporting cast, whether on the quayside or at the court, is to be congratulated on maintaining an excellent standard.

Shaw was not universally acclaimed in his own lifetime; nor, for different reasons, is he today. Attitudes change, and the heresy of one generation becomes the orthodoxy of the next. Much of what seemed new, or even shocking, to Shaw's generation is commonplace in an age that rejects, at least in serious drama, not only the sentimentality that he found so loathsome but also the realism with which he sought to replace it. We have developed our own conventions. To those, however, who like their theatre "straight", the best of Shaw's plays remain gripping entertainment; and this was what this production gave us. Shaw disliked past reputations, which he condemned as "weeds in the soil of ignorance". On this occasion, however, we saw his own carefully tended.

## FAVOR-ITES

It became apparent soon after the start of the Favor-ites' season that the year's members had a basically serious turn of mind. Consequently, most of the motions were formulated with this in view and the result has been a year of fruitful and enjoyable debating – despite the fact that the intelligentsia tend to condemn serious debates as being only fit for the House of Commons. Whatever one's opinion about such debates may be, one undeniable asset which they do possess is that they prevent the proceedings from becoming one long series of "in-jokes", which may be understood only by a small minority of those present and consequently lead to diminished attendances. Thus, with an average of over 30 people attending the debates this year, there has seldom been a lack of diverse opinions.

The year started with the well-tryed *Queen and Country* debate in which, despite (or because of?) the fact that Mr. Habergham (for the motion) persisted in quoting George Bernard Shaw's opinions from a mighty tome containing the maestro's Prefaces, the motion was defeated. Mr. Habergham's action started something of a trend, for Shaw's hoary visage has made its presence felt both in the Favor-ites and in other spheres of school life this year. Next was a debate on the motion *That this house has no confidence in the present Government* which, after animated discussion, was passed, giving some indication of the political colouring of the society. Third came a frivolous debate about the merits of Guy Fawkes' Day which witnessed not only Mr. Vickers visualising the arrest of a well-known authoress of childrens' books in the Tuck Shop cellar with half a pound of weedkiller in her possession but also Mr. Roper's touching recollections of his childhood "plotting" days. The next debate, on the motion, *That an Arts Sixth Form education is no sort of preparation for Life*, did not develop into the fracas which is possible on such occasions and the Scientists, though outnumbered, presented a very good case, but were unfortunate in that, as transpired during the course of the debate, the motion had been accidentally (sic) phrased so as to put them at a disadvantage. The Autumn Term was completed in a suitably light-hearted manner with the motion *That a democratic form of Government should be established at Heath Grammar School*. With Messrs. Evans and Hardill seconding the main speeches by Messrs. Rayner and Rutter respectively, an attendance of 40 people enjoyed an entertaining and amusing debate, a particularly memorable feature of which was Mr. Hardill's dissertation on the art of disguise. Mr. Owen was kind enough to deputise for Mr. Evans as chairman for this meeting.

In the first debate after Christmas, in which a motion deploring the Americans' presence in Vietnam was defeated, everyone benefitted from an excellent factual speech by Mr. M. I. Priestley which presented a clear and revealing picture of the situation. This meeting was of course the one in which Mr. Rutter made his

by-now-famous reference to a *chink in the armour of the West*, perpetrating a *double entendre* which he insisted was entirely unintentional. Next was a debate on Censorship which, though poorly attended, was stimulating and enjoyable, the house deciding that Censorship does indeed have a place in a democratic society.

Finally, the highlight of the year, made possible only by the perfect timing of Mr. Wilson: the Election Debate, with the Headmaster presiding, in which Mr. Whitworth, the Conservative candidate, retained the Heath Grammar School constituency for his party, though there was a swing to Labour which the shaky mathematics of the secretary calculate (?) to have been of the order of 19%. However, the solid, unthinking mass of his supporters, all sporting rosettes in such an exquisite shade of pale blue, never left the issue in much doubt. No less sycophantic was the increased Labour vote, which went to Mr. Rutter. The percentage of Liberal votes in the poll, for Mr. Sharples, was down on last year's, and was defeated by the Independent vote which was surprisingly large in view of the number of insults which Mr. Firth lavished on the other parties and the United Nations Organisation!

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Holden for the frequent sacrifice of his invaluable Thursday morning double Private Study period for the purpose of producing a variety of attractive notices. Our sincere thanks are also due to the chairman, Mr. Evans, for his perennial enthusiasm and encouragement and for breaking the silence of infertile meditation at not a few committee meetings; under his auspices it is unlikely that the fortunes of the Favor-ites will falter for many years to come.

R.J.F.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY REPORT

Following the departure of some of the more affluent members of the Society, a random check at the beginning of the year showed the Society to be considerably impoverished in the way of summoning a fleet of private cars. After turning down the possibility of carrying more than six persons in a "fully sprung, pneumatic tyred" Austin 7, it seemed necessary to employ another means of transport on our proposed visits. This arrived – or did not arrive in our case – in the form of a private coach on hire from a local reputable firm which, on account of the editor's policy of no advertising, must remain anonymous. Thus while our first visit party stood waiting at the stated hour, last October, our coach stood in C . . . . . T's garage scheduled to take us seven days later. A telephone call soon corrected the firm's clerical error and summoned the sleek monster to our sides to whisk us away to the picturesque serenity of Thornhill (near Dewsbury). Once there, after donning borrowed boiler suits, N.C.B. helmets, and signing a "die at your own risk" form we descended to the murky depths of Hades. Despite artistic attempts to bring the roof of a coal seam down, no noticeable losses in personnel were observed.

After this rather doubtful start to the year's activities, the Society has flourished and a total of twelve visits has been made to establishments of diverse scientific interest.

The visit of a party to the *Courier* offices late last year brought us full "back page coverage" the following week. Just before Christmas, the "annual treat" was held at Mackintosh's works, where as usual a profitable time was had by all concerned. The New Year was heralded by a visit to the production line of David Brown's tractors at Meltham near Huddersfield. Samples, however, were not as forthcoming. On a fashion note, we learnt that this year's "in-colour" for tractors is cream with black lining. The scheme is all the rage in America and on the Continent where the firm export most of their stock.

One murky afternoon in February in the luxury of a C . . . . . T's coach, a party made an assault of the steep sides of 1750 ft. high Holme Moss. Once there we were glad to rest and view *Grandstand*, before, during and after the actual transmission of the programme. We also learnt of the greater financial reward to be had in working for "the other lot".

In March the Society had a distinguished visitor in Mr. J. C. Allingham, B.Sc., a former member of the Society, who spoke to members on the problems associated with "Catalytic Combustion". Any layman in doubt of its meaning should consult their *Highroads* - where still accessible.

Easter visits included a trip to Manchester Airport where the guides seemed to attract greater interest than their subject. An interesting evening was had by all at A.B.C.'s Manchester television studios during the telerecording of a programme in the Jimmy Clitheroe series. It was noted that the famed "laugh now" signs have now been superseded by a studio floor manager who found his task rather difficult with a somewhat frigid studio audience. Afterwards we were allowed a special visit "round the back".

Other places visited range from an offshore radio station to steel and glass works.

An innovation this year has been the inclusion of 5 Sc. members on a few of our previously exclusive sixth form visits. After consultation between the secretary, chairman Mr. W. Skok and the committee, this break with tradition was agreed upon on the grounds of lightening the burden of the pockets of sixth form members and giving the fifth formers who may be leaving an opportunity of seeing industry at work.

A number of films have been shown during the year to audiences of varying sizes.

Thanks must go to members of the staff who agreed to accompany the party on several occasions. The main thanks however must go to the members of the upper sixth who provided loyal support throughout the year to all the Society's activities. The Society is not run solely in the interests of the Science Sixth and Arts Sixth members are welcome at all the Society's activities. Providing interest in next year's upper sixth form is as forthcoming as this year, I am sure the Society can look forward to another successful year.

DAVID G. EVANS

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The annual general meeting was held in October and attended by well over twenty boys.

During the year the usual developing and enlarging courses were held but unfortunately the price of the enlarging course had to be raised to cover the increased cost of materials, which resulted in a poor response from the lower school. Three film strips have been shown and all have been extremely well attended.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. Morris for the time and effort which he gives to running the Society.

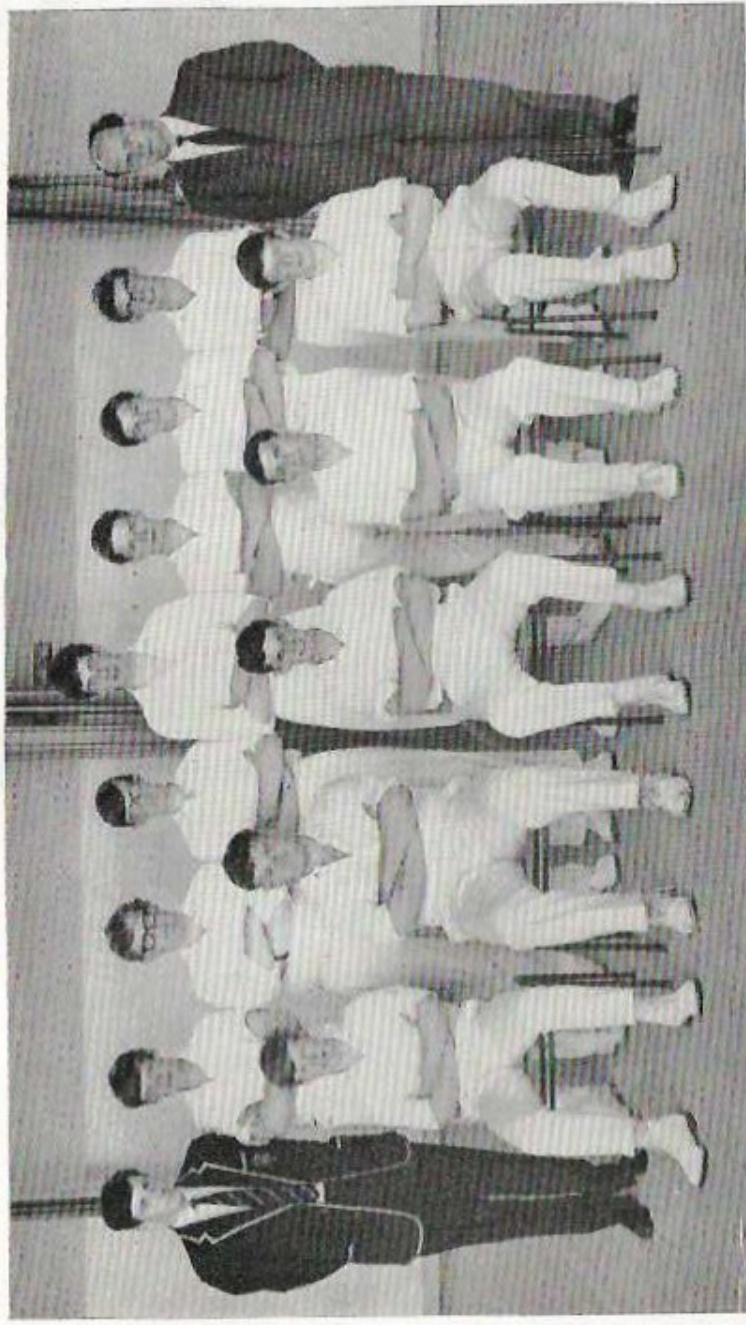
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PREFECTS, 1965-66

D. G. Evans, M. I. Priestley, W. Skok, D. Rutter, T. Roper, A. Chisslett  
 K. A. Sutcliffe, R. J. Firth, P. G. Highley, Mr. W. R. Swale, T.D., M.A., A. R. Eastwood, M. S. Whitworth, P. J. Brearley  
 (Senior Prefect) (Headmaster) (Second Prefect)

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FIRST XI, 1966

R. J. Firth (Scorer), J. S. Bradley, R. W. Sharples, R. C. Woodhead, M. F. Titchmarsh, R. G. Barrett, R. W. Brearley, D. C. Peel, Mr. B. I. Evans, M.A.  
 C. P. Hill, P. G. Highley, M. I. Priestley, M. L. Armitage, P. A. Smith  
 (V-Capt.) (Secretary)

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## SIXTH FORM PLAYREADING GROUP

The purpose of the Society is to give sixth formers an opportunity to read modern plays in a group, which is so necessary in the dramatic backwater of Halifax. We wish to extend an invitation to all members of the sixth form to come along to our meetings held in the School House.

We have had an interesting, exciting, and varied year, which started with a recording of the first performance of Dylan Thomas' *Under Milk Wood*. However, after that we turned to drama.

*Time and the Conways* was our first choice, J. B. Priestley's play dealing with the time theories of Dunne and Ouspensky.

Three historical plays were next read at successive meetings - *Tiger at the Gates* by Girandoux; *Caligula* by Albert Camus; and lastly Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* - a play about mass hysteria and the resulting witch-hunt in Salem.

However, Friedrich Dürrenmatt provided us with our most entertaining play - *The Visit*, which exposed smalltown politics, and the fact that "money talks" is, still too prevalent in modern morality and society.

In conclusion, all members would tender their most sincere thanks to Mr. Purdy and Mr. Hardill for their selection, supervision and direction of plays; and for steering us through a most enjoyable year.

## MUSICAL SOCIETY

This year has seen the beginning of the revival of the interest in music in the school, the lack of which my predecessor bemoaned so loudly last year. Most of the credit for this must surely go to our Music Master, Mr. Ward, for the tireless and dedicated way in which he has brought forth hitherto untapped veins of talent, from among the myriads of seemingly mischievous little boys in the lower school.

The first new group to be formed was the School Orchestra, which was quickly followed by the Woodwind Ensemble and the Chamber Orchestra. In all of these groups, the enthusiasm of the players has to be experienced to be believed and as a result, the standard of playing has risen from that of the first combined rehearsal - cacophonous is not the word for it! - to a very good standard at present. When we consider that few of the musicians had had more than six month's tuition before the commencement of the Autumn Term, it appears even more remarkable.

The Choir too has risen from the dubious position of rarely venturing forth from its usual repertoire of such things as *In Dulci Jubilo* and *Laudate Nomen*; and has this year covered itself with glory in the performance of Bach's *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* at the Secondary Schools' Concert in April. I have heard several very complimentary remarks from various people, about this item in particular.

Several concerts have been visited by Members of the Society during the year, the most notable being that given by the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra at the New Victoria in October. Two Piano Concertos by Mozart have been heard; the first, at the Northern Sinfonia Concert, was played by Moura Lympany, and the second by Bela Siki, at the third Bradford Subscription Concert in St. George's Hall, Bradford, in November.

The name "Heath Grammar School Music Study Group" is now rather a misnomer, as the number of members from the school (mainly 'O' level concertists) dwindles, leaving a surplus of ladies from that place on Francis Street, which is very sad!

The future of the Society is, I think, thus assured for several years to come; certainly there will be no lack of enthusiasm for any new project which is dreamed up by Mr. Ward; or our benevolent father at West House!

R.J.B.

### CHRISTIAN DISCUSSION SOCIETY

At a time when the worship of materialism must surely be reaching the frustrating apogee of its own presumptuous self-satisfaction, and the ever decreasing size of our planet seems to intimate an imminent confrontation of the tensions and opposing forces which have constantly defeated Man's struggle after Utopia, many people are sub-consciously striving to re-discover faith in the one great Truth which is monotheistic religion. And it is no less through this vacuum wanting to be filled, than through the intellectual curiosity born of the Space Age, that modern Man is stimulated to put religion on trial.

Grandiose and out of context as this may seem, the year by year increase in support for the Christian Discussion Society must certainly bear witness to its relevance. For this year the Society possessed a record twenty members consisting of a solid representative core of all denominations, and an equally solid but opposing core of agnostics, atheists and some who switched about at whim; the whole destined to produce the most controversial series of discussions in the Society's short history.

The programme opened under the diplomatic chairmanship of Mr. B. I. Evans, with *The Church in Politics*, speaker Mr. M. S. Whitworth and *The Church and Pacifism*, speaker Mr. D. Rutter, followed by the innovation of three connected topics: *Personal Conduct*, speaker Mr. K. A. Sutcliffe, *Relationships with Other People*, speaker Mr. J. D. Lister, and *The Purpose of Life*, speaker Mr. P. G. Highley, a successful experiment which future years might well repeat. *Does God Guide?*, speaker Mr. P. Rayner, and a further topic by Mr. Lister *Dishonest to God*, brought the programme to a close, apart from the open meeting.

This proved quite successful with the guest speaker Mr. C. M. Jones, M.A., M.Sc., Lecturer in Divinity at the Leeds Institute of Education, drawing a gratifying number of sixth and fifth formers from local grammar schools. His topic *Should We Scrap The Old Testament?* was thorough and interspersed with a natural wit.

After so versatile and successful a programme and with so many staunch members returning next year the Society must surely look forward to becoming the only serious rival to the Favor-ites for some time, and one wishes it all prosperity.

M. S. WHITWORTH

### SCOUT REPORT '66

This year has once again been a profitable one for the 2nd Heath Grammar School Troop with the census now standing at 35 and giving rise to a fourth patrol.

Beginning with a highly delightful summer camp at Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire last year, the scouting season progressed with separate patrol camps at Whit, followed by the Halifax Boy Scout Camping Competition on the 18th-19th of June. Last year's impressive outright win in the Beadon Cup has been upset again, with the Troop coming in third this year. Other matters due to arise between writing and publication are the Chief Scout's Advance Party Report, which the Troop welcomes with interest.

In 1966 the Troop has paid particular attention to Badgework and now boasts of ten Pioneer badges, several Firefighter badges (taken on a course held during the winter months) and four First Classes already gained, along with several almost completed.

Another cheerful aspect is that we have a third Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) in A. N. Connell (Oxford University) and one not so cheerful, in that we have lost our Group Scoutmaster, Bill Lofthouse, whom we thank for many years of faithful service.

G. R. K. WILSON, 3B

### SWISS TRIP -- 1965

The trip this year was to the small village of Finhaut, which consists of hotels, cafes, railway stations, churches and schools, with about three houses for variety. This village, which a school party visited last in 1962, lies in the French-speaking section of Switzerland, and, as its name suggests to the scholar, it is high up in the mountains.

The magnificent spectacles of Switzerland first begin to appear after Basle, which is the waking up point on the journey. To those of us previously unacquainted with the splendour of great mountains and deep valleys the sight of all the wonderful scenery was fascinating, not least on the mountain railway to Finhaut from Martigny, the nearest big town. The breathtaking drop from the track to the stream at the bottom of the valley drew gasps of awe and excitement from most of the party and smiles of previous experience from our two expert guides.

From Finhaut a most splendid view can be enjoyed. Across the valley to the Trient glacier which we visited later. Up the valley to Chatelard which we visited more than once, and up the mountain at the back to the Bel Oiseau, a mountain climbed by the hardier elements later.

As can be already observed, this account does by no means purport to be more than the vivid recollections of a Yorkshire lad on his first visit out of his motherland. It most certainly does not claim to be a diary of events beginning in Halifax station with Beacon hill staring down and ending in Halifax station with Beacon pimple doing likewise. If it can persuade some younger readers to go on this trip, it will fulfil one of its purposes.

However, some of the main trips merit recollection. In the "funiculaire" from Chatelard up the hill, then a stroll to a vast man-made lake 6,000 feet up in the mountains. This ranks among the most magnificent of the spectacles seen during our visit. On another trip, we visited the Col du Grand St. Bernard and went up the chairlift there. Not even the enjoyment of a snowball fight in the middle of August was passed by, to the amusement of other visitors. On this particular trip we were accompanied by the hotel staff, headed by M. L'Abbé someone or other, who is certainly the oddest character in Switzerland, and by some students resident at the hotel. We also visited France, Chamonix to be precise, and went up in a cable car system to the summit of a mountain opposite Mt. Blanc. The car crossed a vast gap between mountain tops on flimsy wires, and this again is an experience not to be scorned.

Naturally, one of the main facets of a continental holiday is a different cuisine. In Finhaut the breakfasts were well liked, but the spinach, shunned at the beginning of the holiday, exacted its own horrible revenge. It revisited us in soup for the next nine dinners! Vinegar-covered lettuce and sausage meat, strong cheese and too many apricots are to be avoided at all costs.

## STRATFORD VISIT 1966

This holiday was made enjoyable, as all will testify who went on it, not only by the superb weather and Switzerland's attractions, but by the supreme efficiency of our aforementioned guides, Messrs. Morris and Haigh. Each new venture followed the previous activity at the right time, in the right place and with infallible accuracy. Without this we would all have been hopelessly lost, and all our gratitude is extended to these patient men; they are undoubtedly patient, because they put up with twenty-five Heathens morning, noon and night for a fortnight or more.

The tale, however, cannot end without reference to the "SUMMIT" party of legendary fame. This group set out on the day before our return and successfully overcame all obstacles, such as missing red arrows, to reach the summit of the 9,000 foot Luisin. They were rewarded for their efforts at the top by a clear view for many miles, giving Mr. Haigh his long awaited opportunity to name every inch of mountain between the Jungfrau and Mt. Blanc. A fitting end to an extremely fine holiday.

Once more, many thanks to our guides.

LARK

### "THE CARETAKER"

at the Nottingham Playhouse, 5th April, 1966

On a wet April afternoon a coach left Heath Grammar School containing about 30 sixth-form pupils, bound for the Nottingham Playhouse to sample their first (at any rate collective) taste of the Theatre of the Absurd. On arrival, the party could be seen scattering in several directions for three-quarters of an hours-worth of shelter(?) before the start of the play.

When one of the party, entering the theatre and surrendering his ticket, inquired of the attendant as to the whereabouts of programmes, he was told, "There is a free one on every seat; we're civilised here". The play itself led some people to doubt the validity of the last part of that statement. Opinions of the play varied from the intellectual, "a very interesting study in three characters" to the cynical, "confidence trick" and the facetious, "best thing since Steptoe". Not a few of those present would have welcomed an answer from Mr. Pinter to the question which happens to be posed by the leather-jacketed Mick in Act I of the play itself: "What's the game?" However, almost everyone, whatever his opinion of the play, found it undeniably entertaining and extremely well-acted.

The coach left Nottingham for the homeward journey at 10.20 p.m., its departure having been delayed somewhat by the fact that some members of the party inexplicably lost their way whilst travelling the 50 yards from the Playhouse to the place where the coach was parked.

The visit to Nottingham Playhouse, an enjoyable innovation this year, deserves, after the manner of the Stratford trip, to become an institution. Indeed, the enjoyment of it will be further increased in future if matters are so arranged that some members of the party, arriving back in Halifax at 1.30 a.m., are not faced with the daunting prospects of the House Cross-Country Championships at 10.15 the same morning.

The thanks of all the party are due to Messrs. Purdy and Hardill for the efficiency of their organisation and the time which they put into it, and to the Education Committee for the grant of three shillings per head.

R.J.F.

The trip to Stratford for sixth-formers seems to be turning into an integral part of the School year, and is now as much expected as the Ilkley trip and Sports Day. This is thanks to the insight of Messrs. Hardill and Purdy who organised this year's trip to Stratford to see *Hamlet*, with David Warner in the title role.

The bus left Halifax at 7.30 a.m. and we made good progress after one stop, to reach Coventry at 12.30 where we had lunch. As many of us had been to Coventry before, only a small number went to see the Cathedral and its surroundings, we arrived shortly after three o'clock at Stratford where we were able to wander round at our leisure, and whilst doing so had a glimpse of the famous Mr. Warner proving that actors are human after all.

At 7.15 we entered the theatre and the play began at half past. Peter Hall's production of *Hamlet* was magnificent and completely different from what was expected. The ghost in the play caused great speculation as it appeared seemingly from nowhere and was about ten feet tall, as was seen when it embraced Hamlet and revealed its awful secret at the beginning of the play.

The play lasted almost four hours, yet interest was not allowed to flag at any time. In the breaks between scenes, according to Memorial Theatre custom, there was no curtain and the action whilst servants moved the furniture and the actual set moved on tracks. We understand that all the shirts worn in the play were bought at Marks and Spencer's although they didn't give the appearance of modern dress. The first interval came at 9.45 and we were all glad to be able to stand up as the concentrated effort given to the play caused a feeling of cramp to set in.

The second half of the play was shorter than the first and the climax came when Hamlet took part in a duel, the outcome being the death of the king and queen of Denmark (after some marvellous acting), Laertes (Hamlet's opponent) and Hamlet himself.

Almost everyone seemed very pleased with David Warner as Hamlet and several discussions took place on the bus back to Halifax, which left Stratford at 11.30 p.m. Gradually this discussion gave way to the expected carousing and song which continued all the way back home, much to the regret of those trying to sleep. We arrived back in Halifax at 4.30 a.m. and after a trip round an Ilingworth housing estate were dropped off near our homes.

J. D. MOSELEY

## THREE DAYS IN LONDON

On Wednesday, 13th April, 1966, a party of about 20, mainly from the second and third forms, went to London accompanied by Mr. Bellerby and Mr. Ward. We stayed for two nights at the Leinster Hotel in Bayswater.

Our first visit, on Wednesday afternoon, was to the London Zoo. Once inside we were given free rein and each boy found something to interest him for the hour. In the evening we went to a concert at the Royal Festival Hall. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the B.B.C. Choral Society and the choir from Ealing Boys' Grammar School performed *St. Nicolas* by Britten and *Te Deum* by Berlioz. Antal Dorati was the conductor. The Royal Festival Hall, built in 1951, is renowned for its marvellous acoustics. It is a large spacious building situated on the South bank of the Thames.

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On Thursday we visited the Science Museum where we were again allowed to look round at our leisure. The Museum is so large that very few of us were able to see it all. We were given an interesting lecture about radio and television. We went to the Planetarium and Madame Tussaud's waxworks. At the Planetarium images of the stars and planets are cast on to the domed ceiling. Each constellation and planet was pointed out in turn and there was a running commentary. In the waxworks almost every famous person was represented. That evening we saw Ray Cooney's farce *Chase Me, Comrade* starring Brian Rix. Much of the action was highly unexpected and this added to our amusement.

The weather decided what we should do on Friday; because of the rain we stayed indoors as much as possible. We split up into three groups, one of which went to the Post Office Tower, another to St. Paul's Cathedral and the third to a model railway exhibition. The first group was disappointed because the Tower was not open; instead they went to the News Theatre. Those who went to St. Paul's also looked round Foyle's, the world's largest bookshop.

We left London at 3.20 and, after changing trains at Wakefield and Sowerby Bridge, arrived in Halifax at 9.15 p.m. Finally, we would like to thank Messrs. Bellerby and Ward for organising a very enjoyable visit.

D. R. MARSDEN, 2B

### THE LONG MARCH

Easter Sunday, 10th April, 1966

Imagine fifteen hundred people (mostly young) walking briskly in the direction of Highroad Well soon after midnight; imagine the streets in and around Halifax crowded with interested onlookers; imagine damp, cold, and misty weather: this was the setting of the Long March.

In the present age there are few events in which a large part of a town's population is enthusiastically involved. The Long March, however, was such an event, for it embraced thousands of our people as competitors, organisers, sponsors, spectators, or as a combination of the four. A stranger to the town would wonder what prompted so many to undertake to march thirty miles around the borough boundaries during the middle of a dismal night. Some, undoubtedly, took part merely because their friends were taking part; others started, anxious not to be left out of an event which had not only received wide publicity in the local press, but had been talked about on every street corner, and in every youth club and coffee bar. But the majority, I am firmly convinced, accepted the challenge as a result of a genuine desire to raise money for the work of Christian Aid. Further, we were all encouraged to great things by the showing of the film *The Long March* in the Odeon cinema before our departure into the night. The film describes how Christians have rendered vital assistance in countries torn by the ravages of war. It also points out that Christian Aid consists mainly in long term projects, with an emphasis on "helping people to help themselves", though immediate supplies of blankets and food are sent to places stricken by natural disasters.

When a walker had fought his way through pitch darkness between Causeway Foot and Queensbury, and the remarks of various "helpful" people on the way, he felt that the blisters and exhaustion were a small price to pay for the money he had earned for Christian Aid.

One hopes that God's army will march again in years to come, and that it will be attended by even greater success.

P.G.H.

### WHO SAID?

I don't think Jumbo is trained very well.  
I'm not a proud man.  
Is that heating-block still hot after 17 hours.  
This is true 19 times out of 10.  
You know, I'm not a Tory at all.  
It's not as silly as it sounds at first sight.

### THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW ---

Who is the headmistress?  
What is an institutional cabbage?  
Whose wife is a potter?  
Who is the big organic man?  
In which event was Mr. Owen first?

### THE ENCHANTED ISLE

The ships their sails with wolves adorned,  
Sailed through the night till daylight dawned;  
They landed on the island dark  
And mounted to the cliff-top stark.

A wondrous building came in sight,  
With doors of gold and windows bright;  
They knocked and to the door came then,  
The Lady Circe: hater of men.

Dressed from head to toe in gold  
She bade come in the warriors bold  
"Come sup with me and break my bread,  
And find a place to rest," she said.

With soothing voice she to them sang,  
And round the hall her sweet voice rang,  
She gave them food she gave them wine  
And then she turned them into swine.

В. СМІТИ, 1А

## FREEDOM

The sun beat down with relentless ferocity, and the air quivered in the heat. Freedom burnt in my heart while the sweat poured off my face. I was a prisoner, serving nine years for a crime I did not commit. Nine years!! Escape!! Escape!! I thought.

I lifted up my spade and drove it savagely into the ground, for I was one of a working party outside the prison walls. Working in this heat. Escape to freedom! But how? Muddled thoughts rushed through my head. Oh!! the HEAT!!

The sound of a car caused me to look up. An open sports car pulled up about half a mile away. A couple got out and laughingly ran on to where a shimmering lake lay serene and calm. My only chance, I thought, for freedom. I must take it, I must. I looked about for the guards. One was just strolling between me and the car. My heart fell; then I heard a rasping voice behind me say, "Hey You! Get on with your work".

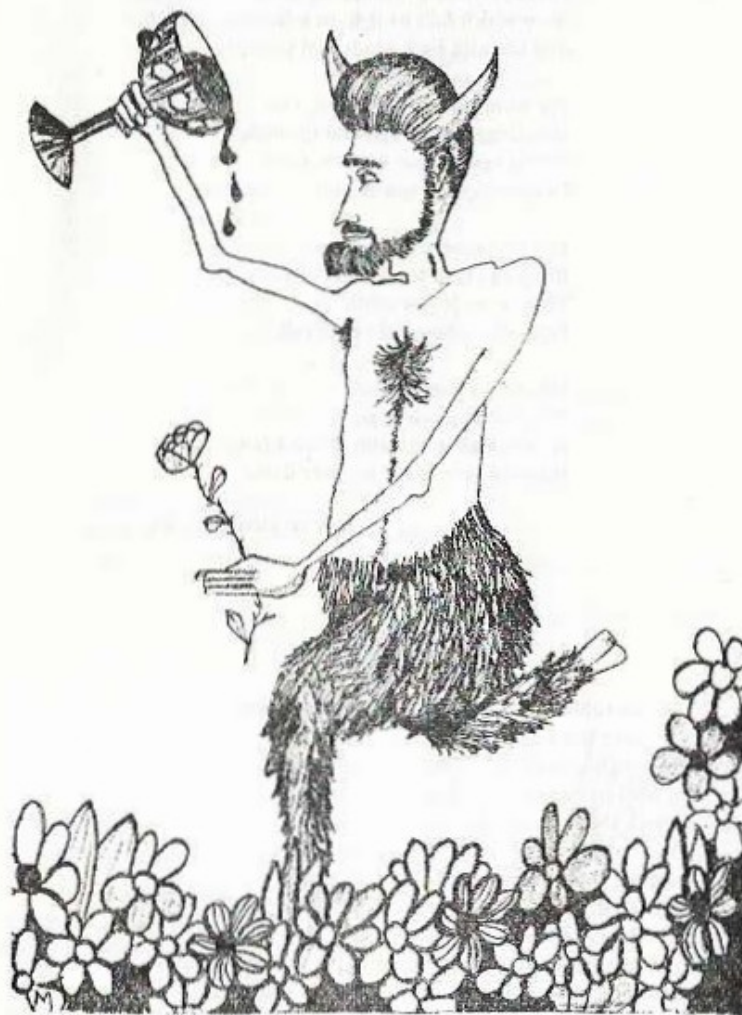
I spun round, shocked at finding that a guard was just behind me. It was "Hitler" - thus nicknamed by the prisoners. He was a brute of a man, six and a half feet tall, weighing twenty stones and notorious for his bullying. Hate burned in me, the sun made spots dance before my eyes and the sight of his leering face drove me to a frenzy. My spade flashed up, the leering smile changed to a look of fear, then the spade crashed down on his head and I was running, fast as my legs could carry me away from that "Hell" to freedom.

Then I remembered the second guard; where was he? I glanced up, praying that I wouldn't trip over the uneven ground and there, racing to cut me off, was the guard. I swerved away, but when I saw that the guard would catch me, I whirled around to face his challenge. He covered the ground in great strides, rushing straight up to me. He stopped, breathing heavily, as I was; then he laid a heavy hand on my shoulder and said, "O.K., come quietly".

Here he was at fault for I had no intention of "coming quietly". My left fist flicked forward like an atomic punch; the guard jack-knifed as it caught him in the pit of his stomach. I stepped back and hooked a right to his jaw. The guard went over backwards and took no more interest in the situation, and then I was running for the car less than 100 yards distant. The keys were still in the ignition, just as I hoped. I switched on, slammed in the gears, let in the clutch and stamped on the accelerator. The engine roared, the back wheels spat up the dust and gravel and then with a savage jerk the car shot forward, with the guards only yards away. I turned into the first main road I came to and, on seeing it nearly clear of traffic, stamped my foot on the accelerator.

The sun shone on and the day looked peaceful. I was FREE at last.

C. KENYON, 3A.





## WEATHER

Do you remember the weather,  
That's haunted us from long ago;  
Snow which falls as light as a feather  
And the wild East winds that blow;

The wind behind the driving rain  
Drenching us through and through,  
Pelting against our window pane,  
Dampening our spirits too;

Fog that covers the earth  
Bringing chaos to one and all?  
There is no joy or mirth  
Especially when night doth fall.

What joy to see the sun  
With all its glorious rays!  
All earth abounds with life and fun  
Bringing promise of summer days.

KEITH HORSFALL, 20.

## SONNET I

The sun-rubbed star-glass darkens to flame. Time out of mind.  
The nerve has kissed the daylight into being;  
The ganglion fuse has sparked the hollow bird-lime  
To pool its splendour with the sparkling summer.  
Unlock the bone that bristles in the dog,  
And gear the savage to a babbling flurry,  
Or mark the whiteness of the thunder's tone  
Like the droning wind in the hayrick's teeth  
Who dare one ice-moon clock the ticking,  
Transient glitter, half of the second-coils mannered glow?  
"Men and bits of paper, swirled by a cold wind\* . . ."  
Death's rap on the door; all  
That the glandular dynamo brooks to tempo,  
The sand-glass unburdens to needle the fragmentary eye.

\* T. S. Elliot

P. C. STOTT, 5L

Oh beautiful being, alive and warm  
You do not know of grief and care  
Your needs are fulfilled  
Your cares dispersed by dreams  
Each day the sun warms you  
Nourishing, making you share in happiness  
The familiarities of your surroundings please you  
Comfort you  
But you don't know they will not be there always

The year turns cold  
And you become afraid  
Grasping at thoughts and hopes and saying  
"There must be someone who cares"  
But there is no-one  
You must make the most of your meagre warmth  
And prepare for the eternal cold  
You want comfort but it is costly when your worth is gone  
And so you pass on almost unnoticed into the cold waste  
For no-one really wants to know about you now

The flowers of spring rot  
Proving that their warmth too turns cold  
And all you are able to leave the world is a richer earth

J. D. MOSELEY, U6ML

## ZUM ABSCHIED!

Ein herzliches Lebewohl allen Lehrern und Schülern der "Heath Grammar School" – Kaum kann ich beschreiben, wie schwer mir der Abschied von den verhauten Räumen, den interessierten, zuweilen auch intelligenten und fast immer gutwilligen Schülern und vor allem von den erfrischend natürlichen, kollegialen und hilfsbereiten Lehrern.

Ein ganz herzliches Dankeschön möchte ich besonders den Deutschlehrern der Schule sagen, weil sie mich schnell und gründlich in das Schulleben eingeführt haben.

Dafür, dass ich bereits auf dem besten Wege bin englische Gewohnheiten anzunehmen, spricht nichts deutlicher, als die Tatsache, dass Cricket anfängt, mich zu faszinieren.

Alles Gute und auf Wiedersehen!

N. WEBER.

## A MOMENT OF STILLNESS

Stillness is peace. A period of stillness is like an eternity of peace because the mind can drift, in a moment of stillness, to a forest of grass, where the grass is high above the head and one can feel a breeze gently wafting the grass one way, then another, like the dance of a nymph, so light, but so definite. And one's mind begins to sway with the grass, as the grass sways with the breeze. The mind is merely swaying, then it begins to wander, to explore this forest of stillness. Searching for the garden of sleep where the mind sleeps but the body is awake, searching for the Garden of Daydreams.

Once the mind finds this Garden of Daydreams it can shut out the outward, material aspects of life and become still. When the mind finds the garden there is a door in a wall which has ivy clinging to it. Even the ivy is swaying with the breeze. The ivy is the waker of the garden. For when the mind is in the Garden of Daydreams, sleeping in the flowers of peace, it cannot hear or sense the outward physical hubbub outside the walls of the garden, outside the borders of the forest of grass, in the world of material and putrid corruption. When the demands of the outside world attempt to break the confines of the sub-conscious, first the breeze catches the message and becomes a raging gale. Then the wind carries the message to the grass, which is turned into venomous serpents. The serpents converge on the walls of the garden and sink their yellow decaying fangs into the sweet green ivy. The venom rushes into the veins of the ivy, which becomes poison ivy, spreading over the walls of the garden, consuming the flowers and leaving behind it a mass of black writhing pulp. The ivy spreads until it reaches the mind, still sleeping in a bed of thornless roses. The mind awakens and feels the fingers of ivy clinging to it. It rushes from the garden but it cannot shake off the wisps of poison which are growing all the time. It runs, runs in the forest of serpents until it cannot bear the weight of the badness any longer and so it falls and is smothered by the corruption. It emerges from a nightmare into a nightmare, into the immediate aspects of life in a totally bad society. All this happens in a matter of seconds in the time of clocks, but in the time of the mind it is an eternity.

When the mind goes into the forest once more, a long time later, the grass is there, the walls and ivy are there, there is only one change: everything is a little older. The mind goes into the garden and goes to sleep in the garden as it has done so many times before. When the outside world makes its demand once more and the wind carries it to the grass, and the serpents carry it to the walls, the serpents try to sink their fangs into the ivy but the ivy is too old and flakes at the touch of the teeth. Then the garden is cut off and the mind cannot be wakened; then that is Death.

G. MARTIN, 3B

## AN EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY OF A VILLAIN

Alert!: the clock strikes ten p.m. and the killer stretches, momentarily pauses and then rises from his bed and prepares for the night air. A cool rush of cold air streaks down his back. He shivers discontentedly, before leaving the homely shadow of the tumbledown shack behind him, in the stillness of the evening.

Briskly he walks down the heather-strewn path, ignoring the insistent creak of the grasshoppers, not yet having retired to their beds. As he slowly descends the tricky mountain tracks, he is suddenly aware of a brilliant glow in his path – the lights of San Francisco and the magnificent reflection of the Golden Gate bridge on the placid ocean beyond.

The track merges into the road at this point. From now on it is running all the way. Keeping perfectly controlled breathing, he runs along the pavement at a near break-neck speed. The pavement – how he appreciates the smooth, even grain of California's chief port's pavements, so superior to a dirty mountain track.

Lights in front, he quickens instinctively, then almost in the same breath slows into a walk and sneaks into the shadow of one of the fine new buildings to his side. He hears his goal silently and surveys the terrain. The window is well lighted – and yes, there is his prey, leaning invitingly on the white marble counter.

Poised in the moonlight, his eyes gleam challengingly, his tail quivers and, in a pounce, the cod is his!

G. R. K. WILSON, 3B

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt since our last issue of the following contemporaries:-

Almondurian, Bradfordian, Brodlean (3), Carltonian, Cheadlian, Hill and Dale, Keighlian (2), Leodiensian (3), Morleian (2), New Franciscan, Rishworthian, Silcoatian, Templar, Wheel, Whitcliffian (2), and the magazines of Clare Hall and Princess Mary High School.

We apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

## HEATH OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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Overshadowed by a more serious matter, this Report is brief and factual and says that the Dinner Dance last Autumn was held at the Elizabeth Room, New Victoria and was for all practical purposes, a sell out and also a hit. The next will be held on the 26th October, 1966, and tickets are now available from Committee Members. The Annual Dinner held on Founder's Eve, proved that the impossible, i.e. improving upon last year, simply takes a little longer. It is here, that the Committee's unceasing work of bringing back into the fold the forgotten and forgetting Members, is most obvious.

In the same vein, the major part of the Report is to appeal to all its readers, to join or rejoin the Association, and to its Members to support the Association as actively as possible. The even more urgent need is to maintain and strengthen our bond with the School, and to show to the world, a solidarity of purpose, and perhaps resistance, which could make the difference between the survival of the School as we know it, and the unthinkable. We do not yet know what proposal will be made, but in anticipation the Association must make itself a strong and representative body, prepared to come down as heavily as may be in support of the School and all its interests, and the only way to do this is to attract many new Members to swell our ranks and coffers.

To meet a yet more immediate need, and to fulfil one of our main objects, to help the School, we must improve our financial position, and for this purpose the Committee are reluctantly to recommend the Annual General Meeting to increase new subscriptions, as mentioned in the accompanying Notice. It is hoped that Members will realise how inadequate are 1946 subscriptions to meet 1966 bills, and although Life Members will not be affected by the proposal the Committee trust that they will respond to the appeal (for money of course) in the letter also enclosed.

The Secretary of the Association is Mr. P. Graham Smith of 14 Rhodesia Avenue, Halifax (Hx 66879), of the Fives Club, Mr. J. D. Turner of 236 Warley Road, Halifax (Hx 61038) and of the Rugby Club, Mr. M. Hiller of 38 Savile Park Road, Halifax.

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

### CAMBRIDGE

D. J. BRITAIN	Natural Sciences Tripos, Part II	Class II ii
A. PEAKER	Mechanical Sciences Tripos, Part I (Awarded a College Scholarship as from 1965)	Class I
R. COATES	Natural Sciences Tripos, Part IA	Class II
R. DIXON	Natural Sciences Tripos, Part IA	Class II

### DURHAM

J. D. BATESON	Geography	Class II i
J. HELLIWELL	Geography	Class II i

### MANCHESTER

S. J. WHARTON	Civil Engineering	M.Sc.
A. DAWRANT	Mathematics	Class I
H. BLAKEBROUGH	Physics	Class II i

### NOTTINGHAM

R. P. BOND	Classics	Class II i
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### LEEDS

D. J. SWIFT	Mechanical Engineering	
B. MITCHELL	Medicine	2nd M.B.

### BRISTOL

R. BURBURY	Law	Hons.
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### ST. ANDREW'S

G. HIGHLEY	Mathematics	
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## NEWS OF OLD BOYS

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We hear that . . .

SIR CHARLES ILLINGWORTH has a three month appointment as co-ordinator of planning in a new Medical School in Kenya.

H. P. JACOBS has been awarded the O.B.E. for public services especially in literature and history.

Lt. Col. A. BEDDOE, who was on parade for the Queen's inspection at Antwerp during the state visit to Belgium, is retiring from the Army and is joining Barclay's Bank.

R. P. MURGATROYD has been commissioned Pilot Officer and was top of his class.

C. R. WILKINSON, who holds an O.E.C.D. Fellowship in human resources and development, has been appointed to the staff of the International Bureau for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank) in Washington, D.C.

J. HANSON has been appointed Chief Accountant to Small & Co. (Lowestoft), a firm which has interests in insurance, oil, shipping and fishing.

T. FEARNLEY on voluntary service overseas is teaching in the Government Secondary School at Mzuzu, Malawi. He teaches English and History, is a form-master and house-master, i/c games and athletics, looks after the dispensary and was co-producer of a performance of *Twelfth Night*. He was also the announcer on the radio for an inter-school quiz and had been invited to act on Malawi Broadcasting Corporation in a historical series including Gordon, Rhodes and Livingstone.

G. HESSELDEN, at the Royal Dental Hospital, came second in the London to Brighton walk.

We congratulate R. C. BROUGHTON on gaining his Blue in Rugby for Oxford.

We regret to report the death of L. W. HANSON, B.Litt., at the age of 58. He was Keeper of Printed Books at the Bodleian Library and Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford.

## HEATH OLD BOYS R.U.F.C.

### Report for Season 1965-66

At last the bright day so long expected has dawned and we can give an encouraging report on our activities. The actual results are as follows:-

First XV: Played 30; Won 20; Lost 7; Drawn 3; Pts. For 297; Pts. Against 156  
"A" XV: Played 26; Won 15; Lost 10; Drawn 1; Pts. For 225; Pts. Against 155

Clearly our playing record is improved beyond recognition and as foreshadowed last year, narrow defeats have been turned into good victories. This is due to the great efforts made by the members of both teams particularly in their keep fit operations but there is still a long way to go in this respect especially in dark winter months when the Club have the facilities of the School gym at their disposal, as yet, not appreciated and used to their limit by the players.

Attendances will no doubt improve if the success of the Club continues and team spirit goes from strength to strength. With regards to team spirit, the team began the season on the best note possible when they defeated Halifax Dukes 15-5 at Ovenden Park and this together with the defeat of the Vandals were the sweetest moments of the season and one savours them over and over again.

Next Season's captain is "Harry" Brearley, the Club's leading try scorer and one hopes that he will inspire everyone to greater heights.

Unfortunately we have lost two of our stalwarts in [Paul Mayes and David Bradley who have found themselves a wife and left the district. {We wish them well.

On the social scene, we have had several dances and a dinner, the latter in particular being a great success and we were greatly pleased to welcome many former players, whom we trust will continue their interest in the Club and give us their moral support on Saturday afternoons, or at least come to next year's dinner where we hope they will again renew old acquaintances. We also hope that the schoolboys will give us their support again both on and off the field of play for we feel sure we can promise them good sport in every respect for we have a splendid fixture list both playing and social.

Finally, we must thank the Ladies' Section whose fund raising schemes have greatly bolstered the Club's finances. Their efforts are most welcome and much appreciated. Incidentally, if you have any jumble please don't throw it away, please ring Halifax 67667 at any time and we will deal with it appropriately.

R. SMITH

P.S. We now have a grandstand at West Vale and you can support us without getting wet.

## FIVES REPORT 1965-66

As usual, Tuesday evenings saw several keen members appear for a game and an enjoyable and health-giving time was had by all.

In addition eight matches were played, five being won and three lost, two of these narrowly. The Seventh Open Tournament was held in October and once again was deservedly won by J. Slater (London) and P. Carlile (Leeds University) who beat J. Smith (Heath O.B.) and J. Whittenbury (London) in the final.

The Club was represented in all the regional championships and a notable success was the winning of the West of England Silver Spoons Championship by J. D. Turner and J. E. Hoyle.

A Third Random Doubles Tournament for Club members was held in March and was won by B. Capener and J. E. Hoyle.

Finally may we appeal to any Old Boys who are interested in Fives to join us on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. during the season which starts after the September Break.

J.D.T.