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SCHOOL NOTES

The Annual Sports were held on Thursday, 11th July. The trophies and certificates were presented by the Chairman of the Governors, C. W. Ward, Esq.

On 18th July, the annual cricket fixture against the Old Boys was played. The game ended in a win for the Old Boys by 164 runs.

"The Certain Sounds" pop group from Van Nuys Baptist Church, California, U.S.A., paid a return visit to Barrow on 16th July. Members of the School attended a concert given by the group in the Girls' School.

On 17th July, "An Evening of Contemporary and Traditional Folk Music" was held in the School Hall. This was presented by S. Hutchinson, P. Taylor, R. Battersby and P. J. Bond, Esq.

During the summer holidays, the Third Scout Troop camped in Eskdale, and the Eighteenth Troop at Blair Atholl.

Congratulations to R. Banks (last year's Upper Sixth) and D. Southworth (U.6 Butler) who beat their own record for climbing the ten Lakeand Peaks. Last year, their time was 7 hours 57 minutes, but this year, in cold, misty conditions, they completed the course in 7 hours 20 minutes—no less than 37 minutes off their previous best. Readers may be interested to know that the route started from Wasdale Head and included Great Gable, Scafell, Scafell Pike, Broad Crag, Ill Crag, Great End, Bowfell, Helvellyn, Helvellyn Lower Man, and Skiddaw.

This term the Schools Meal Service has begun to offer a choice of menu for the mid-day meal, diners now being able to choose from three main and three second courses. Numbers taking school meals have in consequence risen from 180 to nearly 270.

We have been pleased to welcome Mr. C. W. Ward as Chairman of the new panel of School Governors, constituted after the incorporation of Barrow into the County of Cumbria. The Governors now include a representation of the teaching staff, two parent representatives and two observers from amongst the boys of the School. The staff representative is Mr. F. T. Bispham, the parent representatives Mrs. K. Wildgoose and Mr. R. C. W. Henderson, and the boy representatives are the Head Boy and the Chairman of the Sixth Form Council.

Notable team successes of 1974 not previously reported :

Athletics : Barrow Schools' Athletics Association Championship, 6th July : School won all the trophies available to boys.

Scouts : The Third Troop won the Pearson Trophy and were joint winners of the Barrow and District Ambulance Competition.

Basketball : The School U.16 team were second in the Cumbria Schools' Tournament held at Whitehaven.

Individual Successes :

C. E. Wheeler (Third Scout Troop) has received the Chief Scouts' Award and has been selected to represent the town in the World Jamboree in Norway next summer.

S. J. Berridge represented Lancashire in the English Schools' Cross-Country Championships in March.

A. B. Clark swam in the 12-14 year old competition at the English Schools' Northern Division Swimming Gala at Tynemouth in July.

D. N. Rooke has been awarded his Cumbria Badge for association football at U.15 level.

K. Brockbank has received the same award at U.19 level.

A. Chapman (Under 19) and K. Brockbank (Under 16) were selected for the final trials of the Cumbria Schools' Rugby teams.

A. Chapman, M. Read and J. Satterthwaite (Under 19), together with D. Rooke, G. Hinchley and I. Robinson (Under 16) were selected to play for the South Lakeland Rugby XV against Dumfries and Galloway Schools.

D. N. Rooke played in the Cumbria Schools U.15 Soccer XI against Lancashire.

Two concerts have been held in School this term. On 1st November, Joy Hyman, a folk guitarist, entertained the School, and on 25th November, the School enjoyed a visit from the Van Walsum Ensemble.

This term members of the School have visited St. Martin's College, Lancaster (Sixth Form Geography Conference), The Duke's Playhouse, Lancaster (*Antony and Cleopatra*) and Liverpool (Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra).

Prizes were presented on Friday, 13th December, at an extended morning assembly, to which Governors, Old Boys and parents of prize-winners were invited.

This term we welcomed three new members of staff : Mrs. D. J. Maddrick (B.A., London), to teach English ; Mrs. S. Burr (City College, Sheffield) to teach French, and Mr. P. J. Hogarth (B.Sc., University of Wales) to teach Mathematics.



SCHOOL PRIZES, 1974

<i>Dux of the Science Side</i>	R. N. Banks
<i>Dux of the Modern Side</i>	J. D. Patterson
<i>Street Memorial Prize for English</i>	J. D. Patterson
<i>Dux of the Modern Side</i>	G. B. K. Rocks
<i>Childs Memorial Prize for French</i>	G. B. K. Rocks
<i>Elocution Prize</i>	G. B. K. Rocks
<i>Keddie Memorial Prize for English & History</i>	M. G. Morris
<i>Ellwood Memorial Prize for Chemistry</i>	M. A. Kendall
<i>Lonsdale Memorial Prize for History</i>	D. R. Keiller
<i>Robert Wood Prize</i>	P. A. Rigg
<i>McAdam Prize for Progress</i>	N. J. Bland
	D. Cole
	A. Lund
<i>Headmaster's Prize for the Head Boy</i>	R. D. Ainsbury

Upper Sixth Form Prizes

<i>Science Studies</i>	M. Fisher
<i>Modern Studies</i>	K. Kells
<i>Mathematics</i>	R. A. Whitaker
<i>Mechanics</i>	A. L. Bannin
<i>Physics</i>	B. D. Banahan
<i>Geography</i>	P. N. Wynn
<i>General Studies</i>	A. Lund
<i>Economics</i>	N. Myers
<i>Art</i>	F. W. Gibson
<i>Lower Sixth Science Studies</i>	C. M. Paice
<i>Lower Sixth General Studies</i>	C. M. Paice
<i>Lower Sixth Modern Studies</i>	R. Norman
<i>Fell Essay Prize</i>	R. Norman
<i>John Lomas Prize</i>	C. E. Wheeler

Fifth Form Prizes

<i>English (Presented by the Royal Society of St. George, Barrow Branch)</i>	S. Burton
<i>History (Presented by A. E. Booth, Esq., M.P.)</i>	N. W. Mitchell
<i>Geography</i>	D. J. Pennington
<i>French</i>	D. E. Pettingale
<i>Russian</i>	A. J. Simpson

Mathematics (Presented by E. G. Hodgkinson, J. P. Drummond)

Physics	M. Spana
Chemistry	J. M. Wilson
Biology	A. S. Coutts
Art	S. D. Dickinson
Woodwork	D. J. Myers
Music	M. H. Benson
	E. J. Gribben

Form Prizes

5J, J. Grainger ; 5M, N. Rayner ; 5P, D. King ; 4s, E. Whitton ; 4B, J. W. Fletcher ; 4W, G. T. Wimble ; 3M, G. S. Melville ; 3K, J. H. Wilson ; 3P, G. W. Hinchley ; 2s, S. J. Clampton ; 2K, D. N. Pickthall ; 2W, M. G. Walker ; 1Ba, P. U. Rothnie ; 1Bu, T. L. Cogan ; 1Fe, D. D. Smith ; 1Ra, T. G. Littlehales.

SUMMER EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1974
(1973 figures in brackets)

G.C.E.	No. of boys entered	Total No. of subjects offered	Total No. of passes	Pass percentage	Average No. of passes per boy	% of 'A' level passes which were at Grade C or better
'A' level	62 (56)	248 (218)	219 (171)	88 (78)	3.5 (3.1)	68 (58)
'O' level (5th Forms)	93 (84)	621 (634)	411 (505)	66 (80)	see below	—

C.S.E. : taken by 16 5th Form boys in English Literature and by 13 in Mathematics ; 8 of the passes were at grade 1, which counts as a G.C.E. 'O' level pass.

Notes on the G.C.E. results

'A' level : No boy failed in all subjects ; 3 gained one pass ; 4 gained two passes ; 12 gained three and 43 passed in all 4 subjects attempted.
 'O' level : The figures include entries for the Common 16+ Examinations in French and Art. This is an experimental examination designed for the whole of the "O" level and C.S.E. ability range. Results in it are awarded in terms of both "O" level and C.S.E. grades.
 The total number of subjects offered per boy this year is lower than that of previous years because this year's 5th forms had taken English Language in 1973.
 Counting C.S.E. grade 1 as an "O" level pass, and including English Language passes gained last year, 22 Fifth Form boys gained 3 passes or fewer ; 1 failed in both the subjects he offered ; the average number of passes per boy was 5.4 (6.0 last year). 94 Fourth Form boys took "O" level English Language this year and 72 passed.

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Sixth Form 'O' level results :

Lower Sixth : All the boys took the General Paper ; 48 passed. Geology : 21 entries, 13 passes ; Geometrical and Engineering Drawing : 4 entries, all passed.

Upper Sixth : Latin : 2 entries, both passed.

DESTINATION OF LEAVERS

UPPER SIXTH : 62 LEFT

Degree course at University of Polytechnic	53*
College of Education	4
Banking	4
Accountancy articles	1

* This is a School record : the previous highest was 51 in 1968

FIFTH FORMS : 32 LEFT

Full time courses at Central College of Further Education	5
Drawing Office apprenticeships, Vickers Ltd.	5
Other apprenticeships	14
One each to banking, Merchant Navy, Army Catering Corps, shop work, hotel porter, factory work	6
Left Barrow, hoping to enter Sixth Forms near their new homes	2

SCHOOL FUND

Despite the reasonable state of the School finances shown in the 1973-74 accounts, the School Fund has been coming under increased stress, particularly since September this year. Without the income from sales of games kit and Christmas cards, there would have been a large deficit. There is no expectation of similar amounts this year and already the balance has disappeared with some bills outstanding.

Each time a School team travels away, the coach costs between £25 and £30, and the School magazine costs have almost doubled, so that the copy you are reading cost 30p to produce—one term's Sports subscription !

Increasing the nominal payment of 10p, made by members of School teams travelling away, places a burden on boys selected by the School who already give up their time, although, we hope, enthusiastically. Increasing the Sports Subscription to 50p a term would solve the problem until the next increase in expenses, but many boys and parents would ask what they get, apart from the two magazines, for their contribution.

There are other solutions. We could reduce the number of School fixtures—but why have first XI's and XV's without a full fixture list, and the distance they travel is the penalty of geographical isolation. We could use money from School capitation, but this is at a time when books and equipment are inflating faster than the money available. We could hold raffles, dances and sponsored runs, or sell pens—a familiar method for Societies, but very demanding of time and energy, perhaps better spent by both Staff and boys.

In any event, it seems unlikely that next year's books will balance without additional income.



HOUSE NOTES

BARROW

Last year was one of mixed successes with the House eventually finishing third in the Cock House Competition. The Cricket Cup, so long the undisputed property of the House, was finally relinquished to Fell, but as a compensation the Sports provided a second place for the second successive year. This is an encouraging improvement in what used to be a weak event. It was also pleasing to note an improved spirit within the House which, happily to say, has continued to manifest itself this year.

So far only the Soccer has been played and, despite the failure of the 1st XI (who gained only one point from three games), the 2nd XI gave a fine display, culminating in a 10-0 thrashing of Butler and

collecting five points. The junior teams showed considerable enthusiasm and, hopefully, their contribution will help the House off to a good start this year.

The next competitions will be Basketball, which promises to be a close-fought series in which we have a good chance of success, followed by the Rugby. In this the lower School's performance could again be important.

It only remains for me to conclude by asking that this renewed effort be maintained, as I am sure it shall be, and with luck we will soon move from the third place spot in the Cock House that has so long been our domain, and hopefully that move will be upwards.

House officials elected recently for the year 1974-75 are: Captain, S. Clarke; Secretary, D. Pettingale; Sports Captains, Clarke (Soccer), Scott (Rugby), Thompson (Basketball), Read (Athletics), Coogrove (Table Tennis) and Keleher (Swimming).

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BUTLER

Last term saw the end of another disappointing year for Butler House as we again finished fourth in the Cock House Competition.

In spite of several excellent individual performances we finished last on Sports Evening.

However, one encouraging feature of this term's activities has been the performance of the Junior team in the Inter-House Soccer Competition. The First and Second Year teams both won their sections with two wins and one draw each. Unfortunately, the First and Second teams could only manage one draw between them.

At the moment we are looking forward to the forthcoming Rugby, Basketball and Table Tennis Competitions, which should provide us with some good results to improve our position in this year's Cock House stakes.

It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm shown in the first three years can be emulated by the Seniors in these forthcoming events.

The House officials elected for this year were House Captain, Basketball Captain, Rugby Captain and Secretary, A. J. Glasgow; Athletics, G. O'Connor; Soccer, K. Richards; Cross-Country and Swimming, D. Southworth; Table Tennis and Cricket, M. Waite.

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FELL

It is now two years since we last held the coveted Cock House Trophy, our rivals in Ramsden having temporarily usurped the position. We had come to regard the trophy as our own, but perhaps our recent failures (by our standards) were a reward for undue complacency. We shall need an all-out effort in the coming months if we are to retain or improve our second position of last year.

The first two years in the School are now forfeited in their Houses, and this should lead to an increased "House consciousness," at least in the lower and middle School. This year, House Captain Dave Ashurst, has the unenviable job of trying to stir the House into activity, but he can expect assistance from many able House officials appointed this year.

Last year finished on the high note we expected. After a desperate struggle with Barrow, we managed to emerge as victors in the Athletics Championship, although this was by the very slender margin of seven points. We wish to congratulate Helm (Javelin U.14½), Melville (Discus U.14½), Berridge (800m, 1,500m, U.16), Beckett (80m Hurdles and High Jump, U.16), Dacre (Javelin U.16), and Hinchley (Triple Jump, U.16) on gaining first place in the events indicated. We congratulate, also, S. Berridge on winning the Intermediate Championship.

At the time of writing, we only have the Soccer Competition as a precursor of future fortunes, and although the 1st XI fared quite well, being unlucky to lose to Ramsden 2-1 in what was the crucial match, the 2nd XI were rather less successful, winning one but losing two of their fixtures. The first year team, also, scored only one victory, against Ramsden. The second year XI lost all its games, scoring 5 goals but conceding 14.

We now look forward with optimism to competitions in the near future: the Rugby Competition (our team captained by John Satterthwaite); the Cross-Country Competition, with our wealth of middle-school talent in Steve Berridge and Keith Palmer; and the Basketball and Table Tennis. Thanks to all who have helped and will help to make this year a successful one for Fell House.

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RAMSDEN

Once again the school year ended with the House defeating all its rivals to retain the Cock House Championship. Though the interest of many members of the House may not have been as great as in the previous year, victories in the various competitions, especially Proficiency Points, made sure of victory for the House in the championship, even before the Sports.

Despite this, there was no attitude of "resting on one's laurels" and, as a result, the House finished third in the Sports, keeping well in contention with Fell and Barrow to the end.

Several notable performances were to be seen, none more so than that by P. Heslin, who gained first place in the O.16 Triple Jump, Long Jump, 100m and 200m. Nigel Mitchell's efforts to take victories in the 400m and 800m (O.16) were also worthy of note.

One disappointing feature, however, was the poor performance of the Ramsden relay team, compared with that of recent years.

In the present year there has been a reasonable start for the House in the Soccer competition. The House First XI was by far the strongest in their age group, despite the disconcerting loss of Russ Pettifer, who missed two matches with being in hospital. However, results lower down the School have not been so encouraging, especially with the House first year team.

Let us hope that for the rest of the coming year Ramsden House will have the success of the last two years in approaching competitions, and enable us to retain the Cock House Trophy for yet another year.



MIDDLE SCHOOL RAMBLING CLUB

On the last hike of the summer term, only a comparatively small party visited the little-known region "Back o' Skidda". Starting from Mosedale, a mile north of Mungcrisdale, the party had first to tackle the steep and rough ascent of Carrock Fell, quite an exhausting task on this warm, sunny and almost windless day. This fell is unique in having the remains of the wall of an ancient British hill-fort encircling its summit plateau. The next summit, High Pike, also has its peculiarity—a stone memorial seat by the triangulation point; but the following two "tops" were more typical of the area in being completely undistinguishable: flat tops, so grassy that one wonders where the few stones came from that make the tiny summit cairns. These were Knott and Great Sea Fell—surely the most inaptly named hill in the Lake District. Finally came the hard trudge up to Great Calva, a mountain frequently seen but seldom climbed. Unfortunately, the views from it, as from the other tops during the day, were severely restricted by the blue heat haze. The day ended with the long but easy walk along the Caldew valley back to Mosedale.

The first hike of the Autumn term held some surprises: surprise that quite thick snow could be lying above 2,200 feet as early as the last weekend in September; and surprise that, apart from two brief hail-showers, the day was sunny and quite warm, for the forecast had been appalling. The party first climbed Great Gable from Wasdale Head, via the South Traverse and Sphinx Ridge, a scrambling route which can be made as easy or difficult as the individual wishes . . . and some individuals made it very difficult! The wintery view from the summit was quite outstanding. Then, after descending to Sty Head by the badly eroded "tourist route," the main party used the "corridor route" to Lingmell, though a few stalwarts added Great End and Scafell Pike to their conquests. The very steep descent to Wasdale from Lingmell was thought by many to be the hardest part of the day's walking.

The hike early in November first looked like being one of those days the Club would rather forget, as the cars swirled through six-inch deep floods on the Great Langdale road, and still the rain poured down. However, only a few minutes after the party set off walking,

the rain stopped, and although the clouds remained on the tops all day, it was possible to carry out the scheduled route. This took the party past Whorneyside Force, a real spectacle in spate, alongside Hell Gill and then via the Climbers' Traverse and Great Slab to the summit of Bow Fell. After the descent to Three Tarns (in fact about fifty-three on this particular day!) the traverse of the long ridge of Crinkle Crag was begun, and here the wind became the chief problem, especially as it howled across the cols between the various summits. At times it was necessary to get down on all fours and cling to the nearest rock until the worst of a violent gust was over, but this part of the hike, including "Bad Step," was eventually completed without mishap. Distant views appeared for the first time that day as the party descended towards Red Tarn, and the energetic were inspired to add Cold Pike and Pike o' Blisco to their conquests, while the remainder descended to Great Langdale via Browney Gill.

We have been gratified to see the large number of sixth formers who have continued to go out with the Club this year, but rather disappointed at the small number of third form recruits, and by a strange coincidence, the majority of them are "off-comers" from the South of England. Come on, you native Barrovians, let's see a few more of you pitting yourselves against the mountains and the weather! You'll experience a sense of achievement that will make the effort well worthwhile.



JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

The first debate of the term took place on Thursday, 17th October, on the motion that "This House would abolish the Monarchy." Proposing the motion were B. Johnston (4M) and K. Johnson (4F), opposed by M. Daniel (4M) and S. Livesey (4K). The debate was an enjoyable one, with interesting ideas submitted by the speakers and the floor. The attendance was over 30, including some who left before the voting. The final result was that the motion was passed by 15 votes to 11, with 3 abstentions. We would like to thank M. G. Thomson of the Lower Sixth for chairing the debate.

Further debates are planned to take place before the end of term, including what is now almost an annual event, an "Any Questions" debate, with members of the staff taking part.



MUSIC NOTES

We hope to hold our annual carol service in St. Mark's Church this year. Next term, in the Spring, it is hoped that the School will be participating in the Barrow Festival of Music and Drama. We should be well represented by our junior choir which is progressing well so far.

The brass and woodwind group, which meets on Wednesdays, is now a flourishing institution and it is hoped that more players of brass and woodwind instruments will come to take part in it.

The school was visited by two groups of concert musicians during the Autumn term, who gave performances which were much enjoyed by those who attended them. They were Miss Joy Hyman, a folk singer, who has travelled all over the world collecting folk songs and performing them, and the Van Walsum Ensemble, a brass and woodwind quintet, who gave a most enjoyable and amusing concert of various types of music. It is a real pleasure to have these visiting professional players, and valuable to students to see and hear them in action.



SCOUT NOTES

THIRD TROOP

Once again there was a good intake of first year boys at the beginning of the School year, and this increased our numbers sufficiently to enable the re-opening of a fourth Patrol. Two new Patrol Leaders, P. Thompson and I. Wharton, have been appointed and they will lead the Troop, together with I. Walker and A. Turner, who will continue as Patrol Leaders for another year.

The activities of the Troop have attracted Mr. A. Faulkner and his valuable help is very much appreciated. The Troop extends its thanks to him, to Mr. W. Shepherd, Mr. J. L. Winder, Mr. J. Barker and to the former Scouts who give so much of their valuable time to organise its activities.

Our congratulations go to Colin Wheeler on being chosen, as one of the nine representatives of the County of Cumbria, to attend the World Scout Jamboree, which is to be held in Norway in 1975.

Summer Camp was held in the Well Field, near Boot in Eskdale. A detailed account follows this report.

At half-term, a Youth Hostelling expedition was held in the Lake District. We stayed in the Hostels at Keswick and High Close and walks included Blencathra, Causey Pike, Eel Crag, Grizedale Pike, Pavey Ark via Jack's Rake, and a walk round Derwentwater.

During November we held our annual Parents' Evening. Mr. J. Winder showed slides of the year's activities and the highlight of the meeting was a cine-film, made by Mr. W. Shepherd, also about Troop events. During the evening Mr. F. Armer, the District Commissioner for Barrow South, presented Thanks Badges to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Waite in recognition of their work for the Troop.

Forthcoming events will include an expedition to St. Andrew's Youth Centre, Coniston, a training weekend for first year Scouts at Great Towers, and Youth Hostelling in Wales next Easter.

It was very gratifying to have almost our full complement of first year Scouts in camp. Unfortunately for them, we experienced one of the wettest camps we have ever had. We had some rain on every day of the camp, sometimes intermittent, more often continuous. Each day we believed that such weather couldn't continue . . . but it *did*!

Under such conditions, simply to camp and keep dry would be quite a triumph, but the Scouters were pleased to find that the high standard of camping we expect at Third Troop camps was fully maintained. The first year Scouts, in particular, are to be congratulated on the way they faced up to the adverse weather conditions. It is only to be expected that several of them felt homesick and rather fed-up at times, but they all managed to stick it out and appear remarkably cheerful. We believe that this is what learning to be independent is all about, and who knows, perhaps a fortnight of cooking their own food and even washing their own socks will enable these boys to take their own mothers' labours not quite so much for granted in the future.

Obviously, the weather curtailed our programme, but looking back, it's quite surprising what we managed to achieve. The major project of the camp was an expedition which took each Patrol in turn to camp for the night at the head of Mitredale. The camp site was in a little green cove not far from the bleakness of Burmoor, and with the mass of Scafell towering above. Normally a small waterfall trickles into the cove, but during our stay there were three mini Niagars! The next day, the boys returned to camp by noon to be welcomed with a hot "bath" and chips for dinner. On such an expedition as this, the responsibility of the Patrol Leaders is considerable. We were pleased that they all did a very creditable job in leading and organising their patrols.

Our night exercise commenced at 10.0 p.m. For a few hours our camp became Colditz Castle; the boys, escaping prisoners. After dodging patrolling guards, our intrepid escapers contacted members of the Resistance, gave passwords, were escorted over rough countryside, forded streams, crossed rivers in dinghies, and were eventually recaptured and returned to camp just in time to be in bed and asleep by midnight.

A new feature of the camp was a challenge issued to all the Scouts. This involved the completion during the camp of seven different tasks ranging from climbing a mountain 2,000 ft. high to swimming in a tarn at a height of at least 800 ft. Three Scouts, Leonard Mason, John Montague and Ian Brown, managed to complete all the tasks and are to be congratulated on their achievement.

Apart from the major organised activities, all sorts of other projects were taking place: scones and cakes were baked in biscuit-tin ovens (and eaten); bathing took place in the River Esk and various tarns; a commando bridge was built across Whillan Beck; John Adams and

Len Mason won the tenniquoit knock-out competition ; various outdoor Scout tests were passed ; several sing-songs and campfires were held ; a bivouac was built and slept in.

On both Sundays all the Scouts were able to attend Church. The Roman Catholics went to Mass at Seascale by mini-bus ; the Anglicans and Free Church members went to Holy Communion and/or Eyensong at St. Catherine's Church. This tiny fell church stands in a most picturesque position by the side of the River Esk. The vicar is the Rev. J. M. Pedder, on whose land we were camping. Mr. Pedder is an Old Boy of the School who for over fifteen years has welcomed us to camp on his land whenever we have asked. It is with regret that we find that this period must now come to an end as Mr. Pedder will retire to Beckermest in November. Whilst we were in camp we were approached by the village postmistress, who is organising a retirement presentation. It was well known that we had often camped at the vicarage and we were invited to make some contribution. This we were delighted to do. We greatly appreciate the chance of joining with the villagers in wishing the Rev. Pedder a very happy retirement, and we would add our own thanks for the friendship and hospitality he has extended to the Third Troop over so many years.

Visitors' Day was bleak and rainy but we were pleased to welcome many parents and friends to camp. Some learned to play tenniquoits and, much to the delight of their sons, some fathers (and even one mother) tried out the commando bridge. We are relieved to report that no-one fell in !

We may, perhaps, be excused for mentioning a very small incident that gave the Scouters considerable pleasure. On the last day of camp we had arranged, as a surprise, for the Scouts to have a meal in a cafe at Boot, instead of the usual sandwiches. Obviously everyone appreciated this, but one first year Scout did something more he came and said " Thank you " !

We were fortunate in having a fine day for striking camp. By 5-30 p.m. all the kit was stored away again back at school, and the vicarage field was quiet once more. Already plans are being made for next year's activities. We look forward to seeing many of the Scouts who camped at Eskdale. After all, the weather can't possibly be worse !



EIGHTEENTH TROOP

The 8th of August found one coach of the Edinburgh-bound train full of red neckerchieves, bulging rucksacs, smiling Scouts with playing cards, magazines and pocket games, and the Scouters, aware that a mountain of paper-work was now behind them, enjoying a few hours of relaxation before the train pulled into Blair Atholl in Perthshire.

Summer Camp was upon us once again : this year, a return to what we knew from experience to be a glorious campsite in the grounds of the Duke of Atholl's castle.

The older Scouts, working for their Chief Scout's Awards, were not permitted to reach Blair Atholl, but, having changed into activity clothing, were evicted at Pitlochry to begin a three day lightweight camping expedition. The other Scouts had less than 24 hours in which to establish base camp before embarking on their expeditions (of two days' duration) the following morning. The Scouters were kept busy as usual servicing the expedition, especially as the weather steadily worsened. Our green mini-bus soon earned the nickname of " Thunderbird II " for its rescue missions. One mercy mission resulted in Peter and Henry, with an extra tent for one group, discovering near midnight what appeared to be a beautiful campsite until the torch beam fell on a small plaque which read " 6th Tee " ! Eventually everyone returned safely, if somewhat wet.

This, in fact, was our first " wet " camp for some years, but the weather failed to dampen our enthusiasm. The fully-packed action programme included several visits to the putting green, the fish ladder and dam, the Festival Theatre at Pitlochry, an evening walk (and for some, a dip at 600 feet) to the Bruar Falls, a deer-watching trip, and a tour of Blair Castle. Our fifth-formers conquered Schichallion, under the supervision of Robert, whilst the Chief Scout's Award party settled for Ben-Y-Vrackie.

" In-camp " activities included the construction of camp-showers (this year the water trough remained unmolested, inviolated and unwanted—for a change !) and gateways (the Seagulls winning the competition by producing a revolving gateway), rafting (Thunderbird 2, Mark I and Mark II) and swimming in the nearby River Garry, camp-golf and the inevitable tenniquoits competitions.

One day was set aside for *Operation Blockbuster* (Escape from Colditz), a day-long wide game involving the Gestapo, headed by Herr (Henry) Laquer, the French Resistance, and the escaping British Commandoes. Open war was declared at 9 a.m., with the rival groups finalizing plans and routes ; meanwhile, the Gestapo's semaphore flags somehow caught fire ; their maps mysteriously disappeared. At the end of the day the Commandoes were to discover they had been carrying around diluted plum jam in their paraffin bottle ! The Commandoes were taken to a point south of the only bridge across the River Tummel and were given thirty minutes in which to escape before the search parties set out. Their brief was to reach our main campsite, six miles away as the crow flies, without being captured, having made three rendezvous with the French resistance and set off several smoke signals on the way. The Commandoes, in fact, decided to risk travelling through the narrow Pass of Killiecrankie, acutely aware of the fate that had befallen an English army which had made the same decision nearly three hundred years pre-

viously. There were to be no "Soldiers' Leaps" this time, although several rivers had to be crossed, with difficulty. For some, the "home run" ended within sight of the "border," but others were to taste the fresh air of freedom!

The remainder of the camp was occupied by the major visits and outings: a geology field trip to the Ben Lawers Centre near Loch Tay; several Pony Trekking days; go-karting, crazy golf, and ice-skating at Aviemore; the Cairngorms chair-lift; boating on Loch Faskally; the visitors' centre at Carrbridge; and the battlefield of Culloden.

Our thanks go to Tony for all the hard work involved in organising the camp; my own thanks go to the boys who helped to make this the best party we've had at camp in recent years.



The Autumn term got off to a promising start. Although we have not solved our shortage of leaders, we have received very welcome help from our four sixth-formers, an enthusiastic nucleus of older Scouts, and a sizeable contingent of new members. At long last our new patrol system seems to be finding its feet and is revealing the fruits of the hard labour that has been put into establishing it both by Spouters and Patrol Leaders. Apart from the Friday night Troop meetings, several successful individual Patrol meetings have been run this term. The Patrol Leaders are now actively sharing in the running of the Troop's weekly programmes.

The one sad thing about this term is that our usually extensive programme has had to be severely curtailed due to the rising cost of hired transport. In consequence, several weekend trips have had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, our activities to date include a spectacular hike to Pillar following the Mosedale Horseshoe, a hike to the Langdale Pikes, a day's orienteering on the Lower Coniston Fells, and several canoeing trips. Our newly completed plywood canoe very nearly turned into a second *Titanic* (on Ulverston Canal!) but was rescued in time and managed to complete a more successful voyage a few days later. Again we are indebted to Mr. Lewis for running a First Aid course for our younger members. Many of these activities were reviewed at our Parents' Evening, which again proved to be a highly enjoyable occasion.

We are now looking forward to the Christmas vacation, when the Osprey and Kingfisher Patrols are going to Great Tower, and when there will be a Troop expedition to the Bothy in Grizedale Forest. Plans are also under way for an expedition to Les Marecottes in Switzerland, and for summer camp on the West Coast of Scotland.

SPORT



SPORTS DAY

In choosing 11th July for this year's Sports we were less fortunate than last year. The strong breeze and showers made the evening uncomfortable for both spectators and competitors but, despite the weather, the full programme was completed.

Our guests included C. W. Ward, Esq., Chairman of the Governors, who presented the cups and certificates, and many parents, friends and Old Boys.

At the start of the evening Fell House (91 pts.) held a four point lead over Barrow (87 pts.). Ramsden (73 pts.) were in third position with Butler (57 pts.) fourth.

At the end of the third event of the evening, Barrow had overtaken Fell and from that point held the lead until near the end of the programme. Fell regained the lead in the Over 16 Javelin and, by the start of the relays, had increased their advantage to 22 pts.

Fine performances in the first three relays saw Barrow improve their score to within 5 points of the leaders, but in the final event, the Over 16 Relay, Fell held off Barrow to finish overall winners with 276 points. Barrow finished in second place (269 pts.) with Ramsden third (206 pts.) and Butler fourth (149 pts.).

In the finals of the events held before Sports Night, one record was broken. The Over 16 1,500 metres was a closely contested race between I. Nairn (Ba) and N. Mitchell (Ra), with Nairn the eventual winner in a new record time of 4 mins. 22.4 secs. Other records were broken in the preliminary heats held on 2nd July. Beckett (Fe) set a new record in the Under 16 80 metres Hurdles. He won in a time of 11.5 secs., beating the existing record by 1.2 secs. McArthur and Heslin (Over 16 100 metres) and Hutton (Under 13 100 metres) also set new best times.

On Sports Night itself only two records were broken, possibly due to the unpleasant weather conditions. These were in the Under 13 200 metres (Hutton) and the Under 13 Relay (Barrow).

Individual champions this year were :

Senior Champion : P. Heslin (Ra)
 Intermediate Champion : S. Berridge (Fe)
 Junior Champion : M. Gregson (Ba)
 Freshman's Champion : P. Hutton (Ba)

RESULTS

	WINNER	TIME/HT./DISTANCE
U.13		
100m	Hutton (Ba)	13.6s.
200m	Hutton (Ba)	28.0s.
Relay	Barrow	57.8s.
High Jump	Miles (Ra)	1.32m
Long Jump	Hutton (Ba)	4.37m
70m Hurdles	Bushell (Ba)	12.6s.
U.14½		
100m	Stevens (Ra)	13.0s.
200m	Gregson (Ba)	27.9s.
800m	Gregson (Ba)	2m, 29.6s.
Relay	Barrow	55.4s.
75m Hurdles	Bull (Ba)	12.6s.
Javelin	Hehn (Fe)	32.46m
Shot	Bull (Ba)	10.34m
Discus	Melville (Fe)	26.85m
High Jump	Gregson (Ba)	1.37m
Long Jump	Gregson (Ba)	4.57m
U.16		
100m	Jackson (Ba)	11.9s.
200m	Jackson (Ba)	24.3s.
400m	Berridge (Fe)	57.4s.
800m	Berridge (Fe)	2m, 12.8s.
1,500m	Berridge (Fe)	4m, 41.0s.
Relay	Barrow	49.0s.
80m Hurdles	Beckett (Fe)	11.7s.
Javelin	Dacre (Fe)	42.98m
Shot	Brockbank (Ra)	12.42m
Discus	Else (Ra)	32.7m
Triple Jump	Hinchley (Fe)	11.08m
High Jump	Beckett (Fe)	1.50m
Long Jump	Rooke (Ba)	5.30m
O.16		
100m	Heslin (Ra)	11.3s.
200m	Heslin (Ra)	23.9s.
400m	Mitchell (Ra)	54.7s.
800m	Mitchell (Ra)	2m, 5.7s.
1,500m	Nairn (Ba)	4m, 22.2s.
Relay	Ramsden	49.0

O.16—continued	WINNER	TIME/HT./DISTANCE
100m Hurdles	Johns (Ba)	15.36s.
Javelin	O'Connor (Bu)	45.65m
Shot	Mallinson (Ra)	10.45m
Discus	Banks (Ra)	29.23m
Triple Jump	Heslin (Ra)	11.67m
High Jump	O'Connor (Bu)	1.51m
Long Jump	Heslin (Ra)	5.92m



LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fourteen boys from the School were selected to compete in the Lancashire Schools' Championships, held at Wigan on 8th June. Owing to the change in the county boundaries, this was to be the last time Barrow participated in a Lancashire Championship and it was fitting that the town produced its best ever overall result.

Despite the long journey, cold, blustery weather and a poor track, seven School athletes managed to reach the final of their events, including a first place : G. Hinchley in the Junior Triple Jump. Hinchley's performance was particularly worthy of praise in that he had travelled under the impression he was entered for the Hurdles and had trained solely for that event. However, his jump of 11.30m gave him a winner's certificate.

S. Berridge ran intelligently in his heat of the Junior 800m to qualify for the final, in which he ran very strongly to finish second, in 2 min. 11 secs.

P. McArthur moved through heat and semi-final of the Intermediate 100m and finished with a good third place in the final, in a time of 11.5 secs.

S. Beckett had similar success in the Intermediate 100m Hurdles and was third in the final in 14.9 secs., despite a poor start. D. Rooke was the 7th fastest qualifier from the heats of the Junior 400m and in the final ran with determination to finish 6th in 59.7 secs.

P. Heslin was 5th in the Senior Long Jump with a respectable but slightly disappointing effort of 5.70m and I. Nairn finished 5th in the Senior 5,000m final.

N. Mitchell was impressive in winning his heat of the Intermediate 800m but showed a lack of race practice in the final and came 8th.

Other School athletes who performed well, but failed to reach the final of their event, were Wolf (Junior 200m), Gregson (Junior 800m), Reid (Intermediate Long Jump), Richards (Intermediate Triple Jump), Dean (Senior Discus) and Jackson (Intermediate 200m).

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual Inter-School Sports were held on 6th July, at West Shore School. Once again conditions were far from ideal, the weather being cold and damp and there was a strong wind blowing into the faces of the athletes in the finishing straight. This restricted the times of all track events and the only track record fell to Berridge in the Third Year 1,500 metres, when he beat the existing record by three-tenths of a second.

However, the conditions did not hinder the School from achieving a notable victory, which included winning each individual age group (including the First Year Trophy for the first time) and retaining both the Relay Trophy and the Overall Championship. This success was made possible by a fine all-round team effort in which the School qualified for the final in every event except two, and each athlete should be congratulated for his part in this success.

The individual results are as follows :

1ST YEAR

Hutton	100m	1st
Dawson	200m	2nd
Bushell	75m Hurdles	1st
Miles	High Jump	2nd
Hutton	Long Jump	2nd
Hutton, Dawson, Plant, Ducie	Relay	1st

2ND YEAR

Eccles	100m	4th
Jardine	200m	4th
O'Brien	75m Hurdles	1st
O'Brien	High Jump	1st
Eccles	Long Jump	4th
Shaw, Eccles, Jardine, Drummond	Relay	2nd

3RD YEAR

Rooke	200m	1st
Gregson, McKeever	800m	2nd, 3rd
Berridge	1,500m	1st
Hinchley	80m Hurdles	1st
Bull	High Jump	6th
Rooke	Long Jump	2nd
Helm	Javelin	3rd

4TH/5TH YEAR

McArthur	100m	1st
Murray	200m	3rd
Hanson	400m	4th
Mitchell, Gardner	800m	1st, 4th

4TH/5TH YEAR—continued

Coutts, Pridmore	1,500m	2nd, 5th
Beckett	100m Hurdles	1st
McArthur	Long Jump	3rd
Beckett	High Jump	3rd
Prescott	Triple Jump	2nd
Hanson	Shot	5th
Banks	Discus	2nd
Dacre	Javelin	1st
McArthur, Jackson, Murray, Hanson	Relay	1st



CRICKET

FIRST XI

Captain and Secretary : N. MYERS Vice-Captain : B. WILLIAMS

Results

P.	W.	L.	D.	Abd.
10	3	1	5	1

In comparison with the successes of recent seasons, the above results may seem rather disappointing, but it must be remembered that five fixtures were lost through rain and cancellation. These included the two games against Millom and the two against Ulverston which, hopefully, would have provided a set of figures more indicative of the team's potential.

The Kirkham Six-a-Side Competition, in which the School excelled last year, also succumbed to the elements.

The season was notable for an extended fixture list of fifteen games, with three new matches. This was the largest number for some years, but unfortunately only ten were actually played, and one of these was not finished. Once again the only defeat during the summer came in the match against the Old Boys and so the 1st XI retained its three-season-long unbeaten run in School games.

It is a testament to the strength of the squad that three of its members (Myers, Satterthwaite and Pettingale) were selected to play for the newly formed Cumbria Schools Under 19 XI, while Banahan and Williams also attended trials.

School colours were awarded to N. Myers, B. Banahan, B. Williams and J. Satterthwaite (who topped the batting averages in his first full season of First XI cricket), while team colours were presented to D. Ashurst, A. Cousins, M. Waite, M. Spanna, D. Pettingale, R. Burns, and K. Miller.

The President's Award went to the captain, N. Myers.

Matches played :

v. ST. BEES (H.) Match Drawn

The game started half an hour late because of the late arrival of the opposition and this could well have been a deciding factor in the result. School batted first and returned a good performance, despite lack of match practice caused by two early match cancellations. They made 116 for 5 dec., after a minor collapse in the middle order, and much of the credit for this must go to Cousins and Spann, who gave a fine display of aggressive batting, making 37 and 20 n.o. respectively.

In the time remaining St. Bees reached 77 for 6 and achieved, what had obviously been their objective from the start, a drawn game.

v. Q.E.G.S., PENRITH (A.) Won

In this new fixture an 82 run second wicket partnership saw the School amass a total of 169 for 6 dec. with little difficulty, most of the runs coming from Myers (55) and a fine, undefeated innings of 78 from Satterthwaite.

The bowlers found the going just as easy and Williams and Miller decimated the opposition batting, taking 6 for 11 and 4 for 11 respectively. Penrith collapsed to 22 all out and gave School a 147 run victory.

v. WORKINGTON G.S. (H.) Abandoned

In a match frequently interrupted by rain, Workington slumped to 41 for 6, Myers having taken 3 wickets for 2 runs, before the game was finally abandoned.

v. SEDBERGH 2ND XI. (A) Match Drawn

Sedbergh scored steadily to reach 150 all out, with Myers taking 4 for 30 and Cousins 5 for 19 in a fine spell at the end of the innings. It was only a somewhat fortuitous innings of 65 from Daniels that denied School greater success.

After a shower only 90 minutes were left, but in this time the School made a very good reply, coming close to victory. Satterthwaite led the way with a fine 50 in 45 minutes, well supported by Banahan with 21. Nevertheless the task was just too much and the School closed at 131 for 8 and the match was drawn.

v. WHITEHAVEN G.S. (A) Won

Batting first, Whitehaven made 56 all out with Williams (4—13) and Myers (6—14) sharing the wickets. This left the way open for a comfortable 9 wicket victory with Myers (20), Banahan (19) and Satterthwaite (18) the only batsmen called upon.

v. CARLISLE TRINITY (A) Won

This, the second new fixture, also provided a win. Carlisle were bowled out for 69, 30 of which came from Cumbria U.19 captain

Woods, while for the School Banahan took 4 wickets for 2 runs, including a hat-trick.

It was left to Myers, with 46 to lead the School to a reasonably comfortable 5 wicket win, Waite scoring the final runs with a six over the pavillion.

v. KENDAL G.S. (A) Match Drawn

The School scored quickly, making 128 for 4, before declaring (Spann 54 not out including four sixes and four fours). Support came from Waite (20) and Myers (21). However, despite returns of 4 for 6 and 3 for 11 from Cousins and Myers, the team was unable to bowl out the Kendal side, who were 45 for 9 at the close, thus denying the School victory by the narrowest of margins.

v. BLACKPOOL G.S. (H) Match Drawn

Blackpool made a modest 119 all out, batting first, with Myers returning the best bowling figures of 4 for 33. However, a School batting line-up, weakened by a clash with examinations, was unable to reach this total. In fact, after the loss of the early batsmen, the side had to resort to batting for a draw. In this respect it was successful, but only just, being 47 for 8 at the close.

v. HEVERSHAM (A) Match Drawn

Again a new fixture, in which Heversham progressed steadily to an all out total of 129, with Banahan taking 4 wickets at a cost of 38 runs.

In reply, the School upper order collapsed in the face of county opening bowler, Smith. However, the latter order batsmen made better progress and Spann and Waite led the resistance which saw the team to a close of play total of 68 for 8 and a drawn match.

v. OLD BARROVIANS (Hawcoat Park) (Lost)

Owing to a clash with a county fixture, the School was forced to field a weakened side, though captain Myers was excused from county duty and played in the game. Mr. Otto also joined the 1st XI, to fill the wicket-keeping vacancy left by the absence of Pettingale, and took two catches in the match.

The Old Boys followed tradition and batted first, making 224 all out, Bobby Knox being top scorer with 55. Other notable contributions in this fine display of consistent batting came from Walters (37), Goggin (29), M. Banahan (25) and Dunn (21). Myers returned the best figures for the School with 6 for 93, while Banahan took 3 for 59.

In reply the School collapsed to 60 all out and only Spann (18) was able to offer any real resistance, hence the Old Boys collected a 164 run victory and inflicted on the School side its heaviest defeat for over 7 years.

STATISTICS

Batting

	Inns.	N.O.	Runs	H/S	Ave.
Satterthwaite	8	3	208	78*	41.6
Spann	7	3	108	54*	27.0
Myers	9	0	180	55	20.0
Cousins	7	0	61	29	8.7

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Cousins	25.3	11	62	12
Myers	73.3	19	196	26
Williams	93.2	27	189	22
Banahan	34.2	4	116	12
Miller	45	9	127	12



CUMBRIA U.19 SCHOOLS XI

1974 was not a successful season for the first ever Cumbria U.19 Schools' side, which only recorded one victory in its eight games, that being in the trial game against Penrith C.C. Of the rest, two were drawn and five were defeats.

After the original trials, to which Myers, Satterthwaite, Banahan and Williams were sent from the School, three trial games were played by the County XI, and Myers and Satterthwaite were included in this team.

The first game was against St. Bees School and resulted in a five wicket defeat for the county. It was not exactly an auspicious start with Cumbria being bowled out for only 95.

In the second game, against Carlisle C.C., Satterthwaite returned figures of 5 for 35 and Carlisle amassed a total of 134 all out. The match ended in a draw with Cumbria unable to reach the required total before the close.

Pettingale joined the county squad, as wicket keeper, for the third game against Penrith C.C. This resulted in a 97 run victory for Cumbria, to which Satterthwaite contributed a brisk 27 and Myers 19 n.o. All three School players in this match were selected for the final County XI.

The results of the county games, in brief, were a 97 run defeat by a good Lancashire team, a draw with Durham, a six wicket defeat by Cheshire, a 57 run defeat by Northumberland and a 35 run defeat by South West Scotland (in which Satterthwaite again took five wickets). The other main contribution from the School representatives was the ten catches collected by Pettingale during his six games.

Hopefully, the side will meet more success next year and the youth of the team this season augurs well for the future. Also, if the proposed tours to the southern counties materialises, there will be good opportunities for an extension of the fixture list.



UNDER 15 XI

RESULTS

P.	W.	D.	L.
8	6	0	2

This year has been very successful. As can be deduced from the results, the fielding was of a very high standard, with accurate and consistent bowling from Mowat, Woodhouse and Else. Early in the season there was difficulty in finding a batsman to open with Thompson, but Roberts soon filled this position successfully, and the team settled down to play some fine cricket.

MILLOM (A) Lost by 79 runs

After losing the toss, School batted second chasing a large total of 109 for 6 reached by Millom. School had reached 30 for 9 when overs ran out (Thompson 14 n.o., and Woodhouse 2 for 25).

ULVERSTON (H) Won by 3 runs

School won the toss and batted first to reach a total of 70 for 3 wickets. Ulverston replied with 67 for 7 (Dacre 23 n.o., Gallagher 28 n.o., Woodhouse 3 for 23, Else 3 for 37).

ST. BEES (H) Lost by 5 wickets

School chose to bat after winning the toss and reached 67 in a time match. St. Bees replied with 68 for 5 ten minutes before time. (Else 29, Else 3 for 19).

WHITEHAVEN (H) Won by 4 wickets

School batted second and got 25 for 6 in pursuit of a low score of 24 by Whitehaven. (Woodhouse 4 for 8, Mowat 3 for 11, Dacre 2 for 1).

KENDAL (H) Won by 7 wickets

After winning the toss, School batted second. Kendal were restricted to 43 runs through good fielding. (Woodhouse 4 for 17, Mowat 4 for 14, Else 2 for 5). School replied with 44 for 3. (Else 17 n.o.).

BLACKPOOL (H) Won by 68 runs

School batted first to reach their highest score of the season, 126 for 9 declared, in a time match. (Brockbank 26, Gallagher 21, Else 19). Blackpool batted stubbornly, but were all out for 58 with fifteen minutes to go. (Else 6 for 4, Mowat 2 for 23, Woodhouse 2 for 24).

HEVERSHAM (H) Won by 27 runs

This was another time match and School chose to bat first. They reached 109 (Howie 29, Else 17, Mowat 17). Heversham were all out for 82 ten minutes before time. (Mowat 2 for 13, Else 4 for 42, McAllister 1 for 1, Roberts 1 for 0).

ULVERSTON (A) Won by 20 runs.

School lost the toss and were put in to bat on a wet wicket. They slumped to 58 for 9 when over 8 ran out with Brockbank batting stubbornly. Bowling from Mowat and Woodhouse restricted Ulverston to 38 all out. (Mowat 6 for 7, Woodhouse 3 for 16).



S O C C E R

1st XI

Capt. : R. PETTIFER

Vice-Capt. : A. CHAPMAN

Secretary : K. RICHARD;

The results of the games played in the early part of the season were disappointing but, with continued effort and training on four nights each week, the team's performance has begun to improve. The good run in the Cumbria Under 19 K.O. Cup shows this.

This year the squad has contained only a small number of sixth formers and so the experience gained by the younger members should stand them in good stead for next season, and we can look forward to a much more successful season.

The fixture list has been curtailed by the weather this year. Of the nine "friendly" games arranged, four had to be cancelled due to the unplayable state of the pitches.

The playing record so far is :

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
8	3	2	3	18	18

V. CLITHEROE R.G.S. (A) Lost 4—2 (Scorers : Murray, Dacre)

School allowed Clitheroe to score two early goals and this gave the team too much to do. Although we managed to draw level, Clitheroe scored twice more before the end of the game.

V. BAINES G.S. (H.) Lost 7—0

This was the second successive game in which Baines G.S. have beaten us by seven clear goals. It was a dreadful performance by the team, who showed lack of fighting spirit and virtually "gave up" long before the final whistle.

V. BURNLEY G.S. (A) Lost 1—0

Burnley scored an early goal while the School's defence was still suffering from the effects of the long journey and this was enough

to decide the outcome. The team fought back strongly and was unlucky not to score, on at least three occasions, but the hard tackling Burnley defence managed to hold out.

V. BLACKBURN ST. MARY'S (H) Won 4—2

(Scorers : Docker (2), Murray, Dacre)

Once more the team found itself two goals in arrears at an early stage in the game. However, playing with more determination, this two goal deficit was soon erased and, in fact, the School took the lead before half-time. A fourth goal was scored late in the second half to give the School a well-merited victory.

V. ST. JOSEPH'S, WORKINGTON (A) Won 5—0

(Scorers : Pettifer (2), Docker, Murray, Clarke)

In this, our first game in the Cumbria Under 19 K.O. Competition, we emerged victorious by five clear goals. Conditions were not ideal for good football and the muddy pitch caused the breakdown of several promising moves.

V. NETHERHALL, MARYPORT (H) Drew 2—2

(Scorers : Docker, Murray)

School took the lead from a penalty, awarded for "hands" against a Netherhall defender. Following this, some indifferent play by the School allowed our opponents to score twice and it was not until the closing stages that we were able to draw level. Two periods of extra time were played without addition to the score.

V. NETHERHALL, MARYPORT (A) Won 3—0

(Scorers : Docker, Macgregor)

In the replay at Maryport, School played with much more determination and were quicker onto the ball than Netherhall. The defence was fully in control and the forwards took the chances which came their way. At half-time there was still no score, but in the second half School scored three times without reply to earn a place in the semi-final of the competition.



UNDER 16 XI

To date we have enjoyed a restful season, interrupted only by the occasional football match! On the meagre evidence to date there has been encouraging progress in team-work and fitness, although there is still much more room for improvement in both these qualities. As a result of winning all three of our qualifying games in the Barrow District, we have qualified for the Cumbria Area Pepsi knock-out competition. In this, we have drawn a first round bye—a mixed blessing in view of the scarcity of match-practice, followed by two successive home ties, if all goes well, leading to the County Final and possible inter-county representative football.

There is, therefore, plenty of incentive to the team to establish ourselves as a force in Cumbria. Finally, we congratulate K. Brockbank, a fifth former who played as goalkeeper in the Cumbria U.19. XI which defeated Northumberland 3—2.

RESULTS

<i>Friendly</i>			
St. Aidan's, Carlisle	(A)	Drew	2—2
<i>Pepsi (Barrow District)</i>			
Risedale	(A)	Won	6—1
West Shore	(A)	Won	2—1
Alfred Barrow	(H)	Won	8—0

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UNDER 15 XI

In the three games played, the outstanding players have been Woodhouse and Gregson. Against Burnley and Blackburn St. Mary's, the School had little joy, losing by four clear goals to Burnley and five goals to one against Blackburn. However, against St. Aidan's, Carlisle, the side showed a much improved spirit and managed to win by four goals to three, after being 1—3 down with only ten minutes of the match remaining.

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UNDER 14 XI

After an excellent start to the season, at Clitheroe, the team faltered and never reproduced this form. Three matches were cancelled owing to unfit pitches, but we fought back well against Blackburn St. Mary's.

Against local teams, the season has followed much the same pattern and we hope for a return to form in the remaining fixtures after Christmas.

RESULTS

<i>Friendlies</i>			
Clitheroe	(A)	Won	5—3
Baines	(H)	Lost	1—3
Burnley	(A)	Lost	0—11
St. Aidan's	(A)	Lost	2—3
Blackburn S. Mary's	(H)	Won	6—5
<i>League</i>			
Victoria	(H)	Won	7—1
Ulverston	(A)	Lost	0—5
St. Aloysius	(H)	Drew	0—0
Technical	(A)	Lost	1—2
<i>Cup</i>			
Dowdales	(H)	Drew	4—4
Dowdales (replay)	(A)	Lost	0—1

UNDER 13 XI

Due to the cancellation of four matches, the team only played four games and, of these, two were won and two lost. The team had insufficient match experience to really test its potential. Very good defensive play was a feature of all the games. Unfortunately, although the forwards created chances, finishing was poor and most goals were scored by midfield players. Skivington captained the side well and contributed to most goals.

RESULTS

Clitheroe R.G.S.	(A)	Won	3—2
Baines G.S.	(H)	Lost	1—3
Carlisle St. Aidan's	(A)	Lost	1—3
Blackburn S. Mary's	(H)	Won	2—1

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UNDER 12 XI

So far, this season has been very successful. The team has won its 7 matches, scoring 52 goals and conceding only 3. The results speak for themselves.

Each member of the team has confidence, ability and flair; these attributes combined with a tremendous team spirit, should ensure continued success in the remainder of the season.

RESULTS

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
7	7	0	0	52	3

<i>Friendly</i>			
Baines G.S.	(H)	Won	7—2
<i>League</i>			
Ulverston	(A)	Won	5—1
Victoria	(H)	Won	8—0
Technical School	(A)	Won	2—0
St. Aloysius	(H)	Won	15—0
Alfred Barrow	(A)	Won	10—0
<i>Cup</i>			
Technical School	(H)	Won	5—0

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BASKETBALL

At the beginning of this season the local Schools' League was re-formed after a lapse of several years. This was a welcome development in that fourth and fifth year teams now have regular fixtures. Both are playing to a high standard: the fifths have yet to lose a game, the fourths have won twice and lost twice to older, more

experienced opposition. A combined team played in a Cumbria Schools' tournament at Whitehaven and did well to finish runners-up to Victoria School.

Two combined Staff-Pupil teams are again competing in the Furness Senior League. Both, at the time of writing, have the same record of won seven, lost two. This pleasing record is enhanced by the fact that in the majority of games both teams have scored, on average, at least sixty points.



TENNIS

Three matches were played late in the Summer term. The first, against Kendal Grammar School at Kendal, resulted in our heaviest defeat so far, by 53 games to 28, largely due to the excellent play of the Kendal top pair, who won their three sets 6-3, 9-0, 9-0.

The second match, against Ulverston, away, was a fifth form event, to give some of the keen players in that year a chance to play in serious competition. They acquitted themselves very well, winning by 56 games to 25.

Finally, we were able to arrange a match for two sixes against the Girls' School. The first six did well to lose by only one game, 41 to 40, and the second six, the majority of whom were fifth-formers, trounced the girls by 60 games to 21.

For their overall performances in inter-school games, team colours were awarded to T. H. Eales, M. McGuigan, P. Thompson and D. Gaydon.



CUMBRIA SCHOOLS' TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

For the first time the School entered competitors in a County Championship in Tennis. The matches were played on Saturday, 22nd June, at Workington, and the School was represented by T. H. Eales and M. McGuigan.

Ten schools were represented in the Over 16 age group; these split into two groups of five, with matches played in a league system, the top two in each league going into the semi-finals.

The School pair won their league easily, beating all their four opponents; but unfortunately they played the eventual winners, Sedbergh, in their semi-final, losing 6-2.

This was a good performance in our first competition at this level and, but for the luck of the draw in the semi-finals, we could have been runners-up as we had comfortably beaten the eventual losers in our league.

THE NESTLE'S SCHOOLS' TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The winner of this year's ladder competition was T. H. Eales and he then represented the School in the National Competition. For this purpose Britain is divided into 16 regions, Barrow being the North West region, stretching from Carlisle to Chester. The sixteen regional winners compete at Queen's Club, in London, in the Finals.

Following a good run in the competition, Trevor Eales lost in the regional final to the Cheshire Schools' Champion. He reached this final with successes in preceding rounds as follows:

Round 1	Bye		
Round 2	Carlisle	(A)	
Round 3	Preston	(H)	
Round 4	Wigan	(H)	Semi-final
Round 5	Chester	(A)	Final

We congratulate Trevor on carrying the reputation of the School so far in this competition, as "Bill" Fernandez did two years ago.

Next year the School has been invited by the Lawn Tennis Association to take part in the Glanville Cup competition for boys' schools throughout the country. This is a competition between teams of three pairs, so we hope that players will make an early start with practice sessions to give the School a good run in this new field.



SWIMMING CLUB

At a meeting of the committee of the Barrow Schools' Swimming Association, held in October, it was decided that the Senior Winter League be suspended because of lack of support from Barrow and District Schools. Instead of League competition coaching is to be offered to all who wish to swim at School level until Christmas, when the situation will be reviewed.

It was a disappointment as we had four teams eager and ready to compete. We can only hope that support for the League from other Schools will be forthcoming.



CYCLING

THE SCHOOLBOYS' TIME TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On Wednesday, 19th June, Barrow Central Wheelers Schoolboys' Time Trial Championship took place. Six schools entered, including Dowdales, Risedale and Alfred Barrow. Three boys, A. Watts, E. Lewin and S. Martin, represented our School. For A. Watts and E. Lewin it was the first time they had raced. A time trial is an event in which the cyclist has to ride as fast as possible for, in this case, 10 miles along the Coast Road. For this the rules of the road have to

be observed: one rider cannot shelter behind another and it is forbidden to ride with your head down.

Last year boys from this School entered the same event and won. This year it was a repeat performance with beautiful weather conditions suiting most riders. The three boys, E. Lewin, S. Martin and A. Watts, set off 11th, 13th and 18th respectively.

If there are any boys in the School interested in cycling, then please make use of the rollers which the School now possesses.

FINAL RESULT

A. Watts	3rd	27 mins. 46 secs.
S. Martin	4th	27 mins. 59 secs.
E. Lewin	6th	29 mins. 59 secs.
Total time		1 hr. 25 min. 46 secs.



CHESS NOTES

The club continues to be well attended, particularly by members of the lower and middle school. More members from the upper School would still be welcome.

The club now meets on Wednesday evenings. Members of the School who in the past have been unable to attend may now like to consider joining the club.

The School Chess Championship will be played next term and prospective competitors should watch for entry announcements early in the New Year.

In the past a number of players have entered the championship and then found themselves unable to give the time to play off their matches. This has considerably drawn out the championship in the past. All competitors will be expected to complete their games promptly so that, this year, the championship can be completed in a much shorter time.

The club hopes to obtain some new chess sets in the near future; the promotion of pawns before their reaching the eighth mark will be strictly taboo!



Individual Contributions

UNLUCKY FOR SOME!

The trouble with my brother Roger is two-fold, really: he's superstitious, and he's talkative. I had better add, in all fairness, that he could never be described as garrulous, a term which I tend to associate with the standard gossiping charlady in hair-curlers and spotted

nylon turban. But, as our own mother says, "Oh, he's *such* a talker!" One of those innately friendly types who can always be relied upon to strike up a conversation with the nearest available stranger.

Picture if you can, therefore, the scene on Preston station one bleak and showery April Thursday. It had been my idea to bring forward the date of our trip by a day to terminate an unceasing flow of protestations to which the entire household had been subjected since Roger discovered that our original choice was Friday that dreaded Friday the Thirteenth. My only reservation was that this would extend our weekend sojourn with a rather staid, prim great-aunt of seventy-five in the Home Counties, but much contemplation convinced me that this might be the lesser of the two evils. But as I waited anxiously on Platform Five I was alone, a solitary island of (at least outwardly) calm in a turbulent sea of pre-Easter hustle, as peaked British Rail caps jostled for precedence over innumerable army berets and assorted articles of feminine head-gear. (The railway staff were winning with the aid of those silent motorised trollies which generally send dozens scattering with a single "bleep" of the horn). So for me it was a question of surveying the nearby subway exits while sustaining as little injury as possible, since I was uncertain of the whereabouts of young Roger, last seen preparing to leave Platform Three's shabby refreshment room and exchanging a few words with an Austrian student travelling overland from Innesbrück to Inverness.

The tinny, amplified voice of the station announcer, its precise but muffled monotone scarcely audible above the general hubbub, informed those with a sufficiently acute sense of hearing that the departure of the 16.05 for London Euston was imminent. Venturing forth from the comparative safety of the space between a hot drinks machine and "I Speak Your Weight," I scanned the thirty or so yards between myself and the subway with increased anxiety. The regular, powerful throbbing of the diesel engine ahead of me had become almost commonplace in recent minutes, and as my search developed a still more acute sense of urgency when it suddenly spluttered into life, as if to add its own personal warning that latecomers would *not* be tolerated.

It was more desperation than anything else which caused me to divert my attention and glance over my shoulder. But there, sure enough, was Roger, descending the stairs of the overhead walkway at a pace which would have un-nerved Dave Bedford. Roger, being Roger, had apparently spent valuable minutes in showing an elderly lady from Swansea where she would find the Enquiry Office. But it was not the time for explanations until the more pressing task of actually boarding the train had been completed with literally seconds to spare.

It has always seemed to me that we British are a singularly taciturn race, I myself being a typical example and my brother, the exception to prove the rule. You must have noticed, after all, what seems to be a nation-wide pre-occupation among rail travellers; the lengthy trek along a draughty corridor in a vain attempt to find an empty compartment to call their own is deemed preferable to an infringement of the privacy of whatever individuals have already had the same idea and established themselves by the windows. As you might imagine, brother Roger's nature permits subscription to no such tradition. In his view, the more people in the compartment, the merrier, and I vividly recall that memorable first journey abroad, a couple of years earlier, when Roger travelled between Calais and Paris in a group of five and still found it necessary to attract a native into the compartment. (Unsuspecting passers-by were assailed with such befuddled gems as "*Il y a une place vick dans . . . there !*" during his quest for conversational French practice).

So it was that on this occasion I took advantage of my four years' seniority (and a free hand) to propel the budding linguist into an unoccupied compartment on which I'd had my eye. Thanks to a large party of khaki-clad soldiers, returning from Ulster on leave, no doubt, and what appeared to be a Darby and Joan Club outing, many passengers were, for once, travelling *en masse* and had left more empty compartments than might otherwise have been expected.

Wigan being our first stop, I was assured of at least thirty minutes of peace and quiet and determined to make the most of it. Firmly engrossed in the *Lancashire Evening Post*, I offered no reply to Roger's frequent remarks and leading questions, and he was soon forced to content himself with a football magazine.

It was too good to last, of course! Ironically, as a watery sun was beginning to throw some light onto the dismal rooftops of Wigan and my hopes were mounting higher upon our departure from Wigan North-Western, still alone, there appeared on the threshold a diminutive, rather plain woman of late middle-age, who seemed to have been hovering nervously in the corridor for some time. I instantly lost control of my spirits and, as they plummeted to an unfathomable nadir, I resorted to the coward's way out, assuming an air of blissful slumber as the new arrival sat sheepishly opposite. Roger was renowned in our family circle for his expertise in breaking the ice, and as soon as he was able to elicit from her the fact that George ("My sister's youngest in Leamington Spa") shared his interest in ornithology, an instant rapport was established. As a desperate (and uncharitable) protest, I let my newspaper slide noisily to the floor.

My only consolation was in the regular rhythm of wheels on rails, which gradually assumed a hypnotic quality: I was soon genuinely half-asleep, not entirely aware that my foot was instinctively swinging to and fro, keeping time. The blaring klaxon of a passing freight train brought me back to my senses with a start. Silence again

reigned in our compartment and Roger himself, presumably deserted by his conversation partner at Crewe, was dozing with his copy of *Football Monthly* covering his face. Outside, the two steeply-sloping sides of a cutting seemed intent on merging over our heads, looming inwards and receding with an irritating regularity which dazzled the eye. So I relaxed again with only the steady rhythm for company.

What was that?

My blissful reverie was stunningly interrupted by an ear-piercing explosion, from where I do not know. The events of the next few moments are even now muddled in my mind. I dimly recall a striking change in that rhythm, devoid of all regularity, and a cacophony of jarring rattles, thuds, screams and screeches. At the same time I was flung into the air. One jolt and I was beneath Roger. Two and I was somewhere near the ceiling. Three, and Roger was beneath me. And so it went on. When, at last, the movement stopped, I was left dazed and shattered.

Jumbled thoughts raced through my aching head . . . a train smash? Derailment or crash? Perhaps it's serious . . . deaths, maybe? Are we all dead? Oh, *think sense*, man! You're OK! But was I? Somehow my hand reached the back of my head and I tentatively extended my fingers, as if checking that it was still there. And all thoughts of dreaming were dispelled by a tepid trickle across my forehead. That blood was terrifyingly real!

And what about Roger?

As I lay, the view was limited to a small section of the carriage floor, and all above me. Of Roger there was no sign and, wincing, I tried raising my head and body a few inches before being pushed back with a jolt by a wrought iron luggage rack. I again attempted a movement of that lead block on my shoulders and caught sight of Roger's green-sleeved arm protruding from a pile of debris to one side. My strongest vocal effort was a hoarse whispering of his name, to which there was no reply. Our predicaments were similar and there was nothing to do but wait. And the waiting was the worst part of it. My position was far from comfortable: with only my arms free and my head hanging awkwardly backward at an alarming angle, I found myself for the first time in years, actually longing to hear that juvenile prattle which I had hitherto detested—anything to lift my mind from the harsh reality of the situation, to relieve the tension and the overwhelming sense of helplessness which swept over me in waves with the nausea. Every minute, every second, the strain on my neck increased and I realised that the gasping breaths were becoming harder to draw.

With no consolation inside, the cries and yells from outside now began to reach my ear and it occurred to me, somewhat belatedly, to open my mouth and yell! Not a sound materialised. It was

when someone pushed through the fragmented remains of the window and I heard with blessed relief a gruff "Anyone in 'ere?" that my resistance gave way, to be submerged in an inky blackness.

It was like watching a Hollywood 'B' film—until I realised that I was no impartial observer. There were seven or eight tiny lights swirling above me, like dimly defined marbles . . . then there were five, three, and one . . . one light, stationary above my bed—a hospital bed. I blinked. Rapidly acquainting myself with the extent of my injuries, I perceived an Elastoplast irritating my forehead, my right leg in plaster and a rather constrictive bandage tightly binding my rib cage.

The arrival of my parents came soon afterwards and I must confess to submitting them to a trying session of verbal gymnastics as they strove to answer my disorderly stream of anxious and excited questions. It was eventually established that Roger was evidently his normal self already, forced to chat up the nurses and cheer up the post-op. depressives from the confines of his bed. And the cause of all the trouble, it transpired, was a strategically positioned bomb, an attempt on the lives of those soldiers in the next carriage.

I had just solemnly sworn never again to criticise my brother's exuberant chatter when it occurred to me to enquire as to the nature of my parents' journey South from Preston. They had indeed, they told me, enjoyed a trouble-free trip that morning. And only then did the bitter irony of it all sink in! There we had lain, bedraggled and bewildered, while our parents enjoyed that "trouble-free trip" on Friday the Thirteenth!

G. ROCKS, U.6.



MONDAY MORNING

Outside my house the birds are singing,
Inside my room alarm bells ringing.
I stumble to the bathroom door,
And slip on the soap upon the floor.
I slide about like I'm on an ice rink,
And hit my head upon the sink.
Cold water comes from both the taps,
To add to this my toothbrush snaps.
When I get downstairs my toast is cold,
And the milk seems like it's a day old.
I think to myself as I am yawning,
"It's *always* like this on Monday morning!"

I. THOMPSON, 2RA.

THROUGH THE MIND'S EYE

Ragged moths faltered through a half-light,
Cream-brown flashed; dust, scaly, filtered
Towards the floor of a room.
The table creaked. His lungs pushed
The heavy air, a night,
Out over the moths, ethereal.

(Entelechy of soul, the underside—he grasped
At this, but what tremulous glimpses he got
Were masked by a reflex, delicately-filmed,
And mocking, yet hypnotic and enticing)

Through constricting space his heart muscled
Its beat. Still the page, a dull beacon hot
With concentration, bent a translucent
Rectangle around each cornea's gaze,
Whilst the table lamp lay latent,
Smooth walls tensed, suffocation gnawed,
And darkness fused a kinetic haze
Of whirling things.

Insensate patterns—he probed
The grotesque mobile
Till from its quivering core
Came one that shone more brightly
Than the rest. The apocalypse hovered.

His arm stabbed like uncoiling steel.
The lamp clicked. A vibrant white
Tower tore towards the ceiling.
The throng polarised, powderily
Imploding in the intense light.
And netted swiftly in black rippling
Across the page.
Inspiration shone into a corridor.

J. PATTERSON, U.6



MY FRIEND

My friend is small, with big brown eyes,
She never talks, so tells no lies;
She only asks that I be near,
And is to me so very dear.

Her simple needs are very few;
Affection is her rightful due;
And never once do I forget,
She is my dog, my faithful pet.

M. FIELDHOUSE, 1BU.

NOT QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

We were ready that Sunday, when the flare was sent ;
Standing on the duck-boards, all bent,
Smoking our " Caporal " cigarettes,
Behind the defensive barbed-wire nets.
Sitting on the rotten benches,
Wading in the flooded trenches,
Leaning against the trench-side planks,
Awaiting the orders of the higher ranks.

Then with bayonets fixed, like deadly swords,
Out of the trenches we charged in hordes.
Darting between the wire we went,
All torn and bloodstained, lowly, bent,
Clumsily running through " No man's land,"
Where our brave officers hide behind sand,
Dodging the explosive shells which came,
Killing and mutilating many a man.

All strewn over cratered landscape, lay
The remains of those who had died that day
From the deadly sharpnel which invisibly spread,
Being the devastating cause of all these dead.
But among that rusting barbing soon,
We knew would become our unheavenly tomb.
And like suicide raiders, advancing to death
We killed and got killed on that holy Sab-éth.

D. A. TATTERSALL, 3W.



SEASONS

Spring is here, you woodland folk,
Again it's time to rise ;
The morning dew, the melting snow
Just open your sleepy eyes.

Summer's here in full array,
The sun sets in the west ;
The bees a-buzzing at the break of day,
Working harder than the rest.

Autumn's here, a golden blaze,
The leaves fall from the trees ;
In the wood a stifling haze
Is carried on the breeze.

Winter's here in dazzling white ;
The snow lies on the ground ;
Everything that lies in sight
Is clad in fluffy down.

R. HILL, 3W.

" YOU'LL FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE, SIR, BUT "

The scene is a classroom where all the boys except one sit and stare, wide-eyed, at the two figures in front of them. Mr. Quelch, big, bulky and fearsome, is staring down at Philpott Minor, small, blue-eyed and angelic.

" Why are you late ? " bellowed the master.

" Well you see, sir, it was like this " explains Philpott.

Every boy at one time in his life is late for school. We recommend the following excuses, which have been tried and tested.

" Well, sir, as I was riding to school on my bike, I noticed I was late, so I pedalled as fast as I could and while I was riding down Roose Road, I got stopped by a police car and arrested for exceeding the speed limit."

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" I was walking to school, sir, and I was so busy studying my school books that I walked into a lamp post and knocked myself out."

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" You know that the bus drivers are complaining about being over-worked ; well, the conductor on the bus this morning had just taken our fares and he collapsed with exhaustion on the stairs, and we had to wait for a replacement."

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" Well, sir, our alarm clock was set for seven, and there are eight in our family, and I'm the eighth."

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" I broke my glasses this morning, and couldn't find the school, and I ended up in South Newbarns Infant School, and spent the morning playing mother in a Wendy House !"

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" I had a heavy breakfast this morning and couldn't get out of my chair."

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" I was taking my Great Dane for a walk, and whilst in the park, he spotted a cat and took off after it. Unluckily for me, I had my hand caught up in his lead, and he dragged me up to Pets' Corner, where I ended up surrounded by Guinea Pigs and a parrot on my head, saying " You won't half cop it ! "

FORM 2 RA.

A BAD DREAM

Walking through the Chemi. Lab. at the dead of night,
"Someone switch the light off please, it's awfully bright."
Nitrogen gas bottles leap into sight,
Gnashing their gas-valves, ready to bite.

Now I'm in the Music Room ; "Is anyone there ?"
A family of semibreves troops out to stare,
A trumpet blares back from his well-hidden lair,
Making a noise that I hardly can bear.

A hysterical drawing-board falls down the stairs,
Disturbing the blackboards and waking the chairs ;
The hysterical drawing-board cries as hard as it dares,
Then gallops away, screaming "Apples and pears!"

A brown coloured cupboard turns green and then red,
The drawing boards come back, screaming "Oranges !" instead ;
A foolish protractor shouts "Off with his head !"
But now I'm awake and lying in bed.

R. BRAITHWAITE, 1 RA.



SAGA OF THE SINGING SWORD

Forged in the darkened eras now long past,
The singing sword of Hell was moulded, cast,
And on its tempered blade, as dark as night,
Master sculptors on its face did write
Intricate designs and ancient runes,
That played to the wise reader cosmic tunes,
Always to be used towards mystic goals,
Demanding as its price the conquered souls.

When a hero wielded all its might,
Foes, companions, they all felt its bite ;
And when was heard on armour strong its ring,
The people round it swore that it did sing ;
Many times it stopped a hero's grief,
Demanding then its dark and dreadful hief,
Through skin and armour both it quickly bored,
And none found peace, killed by the singing sword.

M. WILLIAMS, 4M.

DUNKIRK

Many hundred little ships
Came through the dawn in numbers,
Waking hordes of dreary men
From shell-shocked, nerve-torn slumbers.

These men, who many days before,
Had landed on the beach,
Who fought, and lost and then turned back
Towards their enemies they reach.

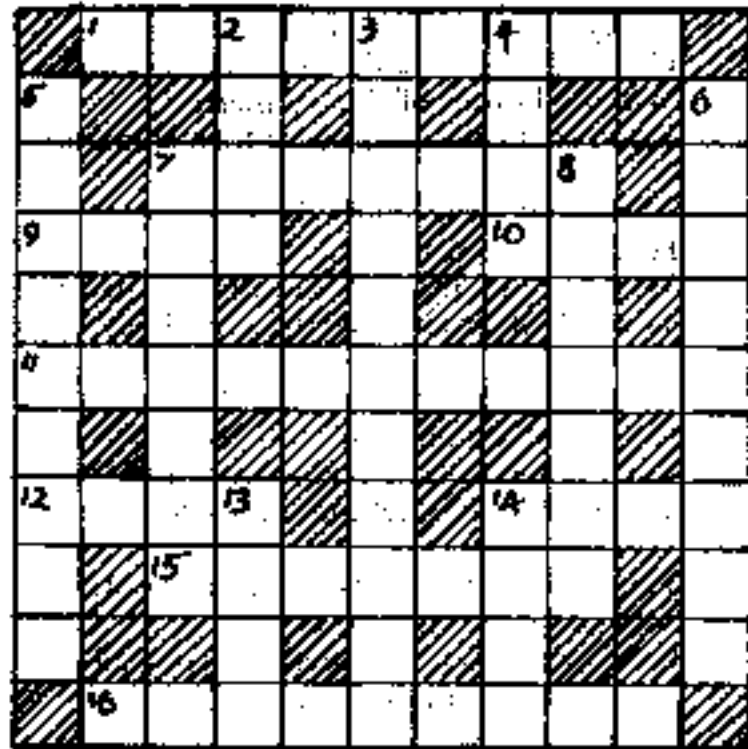
A bomb, a scream, a noise above,
An air force rained upon them,
Then home to base and then return,
To cause more grief among them.

The ships came in, the men went out,
And some returned to home,
But back in hell, the men still queued
Amongst the surging foam.

Dunkirk was just one incident
Which made all people sore ;
But among others like it,
Show the uselessness of war.

M. F. ASHWORTH, 3W.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Railway employee (9)
7. Bird (7)
9. You do this on a telephone (4)
10. Ebb and flow of the sea (4)
11. Designations (11)
12. Units of electrical resistance (4)
14. Volcano (4)
15. Obtain (7)
16. Milton wrote about two (9)

DOWN

2. Scottish celt (4)
3. Dog (6, 5)
4. Prepared from barley (4)
5. Appliance for warming a room (9)
6. Exaggerate (9)
7. Small, sweet orange (7)
8. Type of coal (7)
13. Blemish (4)
14. Greek god of Love (4)

D. I. WALMSLEY, 4M.

Old Barrovians' Association

CONCERNING OLD BOYS

Rev. J. Mills (1933-40), Senior Vice-President of the Association, has been appointed Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

Fred Wilkinson (1938-44) is Headmaster of Dame Allan's School, Newcastle.

J. G. Fleming (1961-68) obtained his Ph.D. this year and is now at the California Institute of Science and Technology undertaking research.

G. G. Cooper (1966-73) is spending a year at the University of Wisconsin "on exchange" from Edge Hill College of Education.

D. G. Chandler (1949-56) has been appointed Marketing Director of Needle Industries.

A. T. Pearson (1962-69) is now Manager of the Livestock Unit of Reading University.

G. J. B. Bedford (1962-68) has now completed his medical training, and has been awarded B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. of the University of St. Andrews and Dundee.

Geoff Tate (1958-65), former President of the London Branch, has taken up a position in Educational Administration with the County of Cornwall and is now living near Truro.

David Whitton (1959-65) has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree for research into the Modern French Theatre. He is now lecturing at the University of Lancaster.

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The Annual Cricket Match versus the School 1st XI was played on the 18th July, 1974, at Vickers Sports Club, resulting in a win for the Old Boys by 164 runs. Old Boys 224 all out (Knox 55, Walters 37, Goggin 29 and Myers 6 for 93); School 60 all out.

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The Old Barrovians' Golf Trophy was incorporated in the Barrow Golf Club Open Autumn Medal Competition on Sunday, 1st September, 1974. Frank Wilson retained the trophy with the very good score of 80-15-65.

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ANNUAL DINNER

The Dinner will be held in the Victoria Park Hotel on Friday, 27th December, 1974, at 7-30 p.m. The principal guest speaker will be Gordon S. Bessey, C.B.E., M.A., D.C.L., Director of Education for Cumbria, who will propose "The School."

Places may be reserved from D. F. Poate, Cavendish House, William Street, Barrow, by Friday, 20th December, 1974.

ANNUAL DANCE

The Dance will be held on Friday, 10th January, 1975, at the Victoria Park Hotel. The music will be provided by Danny Patterson and the Flamingoes. Tickets are obtainable from any committee member, the School or D. F. Poate, Cavendish House, William Street.

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TREASURER'S NOTES

Members paying an Annual Subscription are reminded that a payment of 50p is required on or before January 1st, 1975. A Bank Order form is enclosed, please complete and return it to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

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SUCSESSES OF FORMER PUPILS

We extend our good wishes to the following Old Boys who have taken up residence at University or College this term :—

R. D. Ainsbury	Manchester (Civil Engineering).
J. J. Atkinson	Padgate College of Education.
B. D. Banahan	Nottingham (Mechanical Engineering).
R. N. Banks	Trinity Cambridge (Zoology).
A. L. Bannin	Manchester (Mechanical Engineering).
R. Barrow	Preston Polytechnic (Accountancy).
R. C. Battersby	Southampton (Aeronautical Engineering).
I. K. W. Bell	Loughborough (Chemistry).
N. J. Bland	Warwick (History/Politics).
M. Brough	Trinity and All Saints College of Education.
K. F. Chan	Newcastle (Mechanical Engineering).
P. J. Cockin	Lancaster (Social Services).
D. Cole	Hull (Philosophy).
A. C. Cousins	Sunderland Polytechnic (Environmental Studies).
N. J. Dandy	St. Martin's College of Education.
T. H. Eales	East Anglia (History).
M. Fisher	Nottingham (Physics).
R. S. Galloway	Manchester (Economics).
F. W. Gibson	Newcastle (Naval Architecture).
J. T. Graham	Sheffield Polytechnic (Business/Economics).
E. G. Harrison	Liverpool (Biochemistry).
S. Hutchinson	Nottingham (Physics).

G. Johns	Manchester (History).
I. Johnston	Newcastle (Law).
D. R. Keiller	Fitzwilliam Cambridge (Biochemistry).
M. Kell	Lancaster (Psychology).
K. Kells	Manchester (English).
M. A. Kendall	Manchester (Biochemistry).
A. Lund	Hull (History).
J. F. McCusker	Liverpool (Mechanical Engineering).
M. G. McGuigan	Manchester (Mechanical Engineering).
J. H. Mallinson	Liverpool (Law).
D. H. Marshall	Bradford (Mechanical Engineering).
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J. A. Nairn	Liverpool (Engineering Science).
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G. B. K. Rocks	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (Modern Languages).
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R. Shaw	Newcastle (Naval Architecture).
W. J. Simmons	Leeds (Mechanical Engineering).
R. A. Southworth	Manchester (Civil Engineering).
P. J. S. Taylor	Liverpool (Dentistry).
A. Vaidya	Manchester Polytechnic (Applied Biology).
F. J. P. Webster	Reading (Agriculture).
R. A. Whitaker	Loughborough (Mathematics/Education).
M. J. White	Liverpool (Micro-Biology).
B. Williams	Manchester (Computer Science).
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P. N. Wynn	Sheffield (Economics/Geography).

SCHOOL FUND, 1/9/73 to 31/8/74

INCOME

	£
Balance, 1/9/73	128.76
School Subscriptions	540.00
Repayment of fares and fees	84.39
Part fares from School teams	51.43
Cumbria Committee Grant	10.00
Sales of Sports Kit and Christmas Cards	187.05
Sale of Colours Ties	14.85
Donation	5.00
Sports Programmes	3.80
Transfer from General Fund	100.00
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	£1125.31

EXPENDITURE

Magazines	166.00
Hadwins Coaches	310.00
Other travelling expenses	238.48
Catering	48.48
Games expenses and repairs	28.83
Subscriptions to Societies and Associations	63.61
Sports Day expenses	20.03
Course expenses and entry fees	64.18
Miscellaneous expenses	10.62
Printing of Sports Certificates	24.56
Engraving of Trophies	10.50
Purchase of games kit	66.65
Balance at 31/8/74	73.37
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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

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| 1. Signalman | 2. Gael |
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| 9. Dial | 4. Malt |
| 10. Tide | 5. Radiators |
| 11. Assignments | 6. Overstate |
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