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The 24th of March also saw the start of the Badminton Marathon in aid of "Shelter." Mobbs, Isaac, Norman, Marshall, McKenna, Key, Edmondson, Rawlinson and Postlethwaite of the Lower Sixth established a new world record by playing non-stop for one week.

We offer congratulations to D. P. Walters, who attended the England Schools' Under 19 cricket trial at King Edward VI College, Birmingham, on the 21st and 22nd April.

The Under 15 soccer team shared the Hawkrigge Shield with Risdale County Secondary School after a 2—2 draw on the 22nd April.

From 23rd to 25th May, our boys formed part of the massed choirs at the Schools Music Festival in the Civic Hall. The combined Grammar Schools' orchestra performed on the first evening.

The Scout Camps began on the 27th of May, the Third camping at Eskdale until the 30th, the Eighteenth at Wray Castle until 1st June.

P. S. Williamson (4c) is to be congratulated on being invited to attend a Lancashire Under 15 cricket trial at Preston.

At the end of this term we are losing the services of Mr. T. J. Brophy, Mr. I. C. Culley and Mr. E. J. Murphy. Mr. Brophy has been appointed Senior Chemistry Master at St. Mary's College, Wallasey, Mr. Culley is returning to teach in Zambia, while Mr. Murphy is moving into the field of Further Education. Appreciations of their work here appear elsewhere in this issue.

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MR. T. J. BROPHY

Mr. Brophy is leaving us as a result of his promotion to Head of the Chemistry Department at St. Mary's College, Wallasey.

Since joining the School in September, 1967, he has become a much liked and respected member of the Staff. His rare wit and sense of humour have enlightened many a dismal moment. He has taught Chemistry most capably here, never tolerating the idle but presenting all with opportunity for personal success. Other professional commitments have not prevented him from coaching the U.15 Rugby and Cricket teams.

As a colleague and friend, both in and out of the Common Room, Tom will be missed by all. His ability to sum up a situation and say a few words which turned even a commonplace event into one of considerable amusement will not be quickly forgotten, nor will the pre- and post match analyses conducted with our own R.L. critic!

Our very best wishes go with Tom, his wife and two daughters for a continuing happy and successful life in Wallasey.



MR. I. CULLEY

Mr. Culley joined us in September, 1970, having spent three years teaching in Zambia. His work has been mainly in the Physics

Department, with some Geometrical and Engineering Drawing, together with General Studies.

His practical aptitude has been especially valuable in designing physics experiments with Sixth Form Students. This aspect of his work was no doubt developed by teaching science in Zambia, where most apparatus was built, by the teaching staff, from raw materials instead of having ready-made equipment available.

As a teacher, Mr. Culley has a natural gift for controlling and inspiring his pupils. In fact, his manner has associated with it a "charisma" which is rare in so young a man. His interest in out-of-school activities has led to the resurrection of the Fencing Club, where each week we have seen hooded pupils parading the corridors brandishing sabres and foils.

Mr. Culley has made an excellent contribution to staff relationship and always tries to bring a measure of realism to discussions involving racialism and South Africa.

When Mr. Culley came to us he was a single man and arrived at school in a high-powered sports car. Since his marriage his car status has reverted to that of a "mini"! No comment!

Mr. Culley is returning to Zambia on a three year contract and all at Barrow Grammar School wish Mr. and Mrs. Culley every success and happiness in the future.



MR. E. J. MURPHY

Mr. Murphy is leaving us at the end of term to become an assistant lecturer at Nelson and Colne College of Further Education. He came to us last September, after a short spell of teaching in Manchester, to teach Geography, Economics, General Studies and Games.

Although he has only been with us for a short time, he will be missed both in the classroom and on the games field. Mr. Murphy settled into life at Barrow Grammar School very quickly and soon earned the respect and friendship of the boys whom he taught.

Outside the classroom Mr. Murphy gave up much of his time in coaching the Under 12 Soccer XI. He and his "co-manager" were to be seen almost every night during the season teaching the first formers the skills of the game. It seems, however, that all great management partnerships are coming to an end. First there was the split at Manchester City, and now with the B.G.S. Under 12 XI! (Who was the Mercer and who the Allison of Barrow G.S. is still very much in doubt).

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As Mr. Murphy leaves his "country retreat" and gives up his "agricultural pursuits," we wish him every success in his future career at Nelson, and we thank him sincerely for the work he has done while on the staff here.



SPEECH DAY

Several issues ago one of the editors of the School Magazine, a senior boy who had seen seven Speech Days and was already looking forward to the next stage in his career, attacked the institution of Speech Day as an occasion of boredom and torment.

He may have exaggerated his own views and the extent to which they are shared by his fellows. Certainly many people, some of them Old Boys, who have later renewed their experience of Speech Day as parents or in other capacities, have continued to find pleasure in attending and each year the demand for tickets exceeds the number available. Speech Day is a demonstration of the corporate nature of a school as a co-operative of governors, staff, pupils and parents and to this extent can offer inspiration and encouragement.

The institution is, however, losing favour in Barrow as elsewhere, and analysing its purpose and profitability, one can conceive better substitutes for the parts. Perennially, visiting speakers face the problem whether to address the little boys, the big boys, the parents or the authorities. A speaker might come more willingly and speak more effectively if invited to address a more limited audience on a subject in which he was experienced and which was of truly mutual interest.

Parents, Old Boys and other interested persons are entitled to a report on the year's events and progress, but the headmaster's report and the reports of House and Society officials and other people with interesting experiences could more fully and durably appear in the school magazine.

Occasion must be found for the distribution of prizes and certificates, but since every boy entering a grammar school is of G.C.E. calibre and expected to gain a good certificate, and since the winning of a subject or form prize is incidental to good work rather than the reason for it, a less formal occasion for their presentation may be desirable.

Beginning in the next school year, we do intend to experiment on these lines, no longer presenting the traditional Speech Day ceremony in the town's public hall, but developing in different ways those of its parts which are interesting and valuable. As we do so, we shall look forward to hearing the views of parents, friends and present and past members of the School.

CRISP SALES

During the year the sale of crisps to the School has begun as an extension of the coffee service which continues to provide drinks for the Sixth Formers. Since the sales began a total of 9,600 packets have been sold, and by the end of term the total should exceed 200 boxes. The price of all this comes to £288 and the weight of crisps consumed slightly exceeds one ton! Cheese and Onion and Salt and Vinegar flavours are the most popular, with Chicken Fry selling less than any of the eight flavours that have been available. A more recent idea has been the sale of Penguin chocolate biscuits; 3,178 of these have been bought!



BADMINTON MARATHON

Having discussed various ways of raising money for the Shelter campaign, it was decided to stage a Badminton Marathon, with the secondary purpose of beating the existing world record for doubles badminton, which was six days and nights. The Guinness Book of Records was notified of the event, and eventually all the arrangements were made. These included using the headmaster's study to sleep in, arranging for at least two witnesses to be present at all times, for a member of staff to be on the premises throughout the event, and for the use of the School hall during the first week of the Easter holidays. Nine players were to take part: Robert Postlethwaite, Tim Isaac, Steven Rawlinson, Tony Mobbs, Roger Key, Philip Norman, Len Marshall, Barry McKenna and Peter Edmondson. Four players were on court at a time, playing continuously for four hours, after which another four players took over. Each player had two twelve hour rest periods in the week, and the ninth player played when these rests were being taken. Each game was recorded, and at the end of the week it was found that we had played over six hundred.

The marathon began on the Friday evening at 4 p.m., and the first hour was played with great enthusiasm. After three hours, previously unused arm, shoulder, leg and back muscles began to ache and enthusiasm for the game waned somewhat. The first two days were probably the worst as far as the physical effects were concerned. However, tiredness in the form of weariness, irritation and sometimes bursts of frivolity became more apparent, but none of these were great and the team got on very well together, remarkably well considering the circumstances. Four hours is a tremendously long time to play badminton, especially from midnight to four o'clock in the morning, but no-one ever considered packing up. Besides, there were "fringe" benefits such as the antics of some of the witnesses, keeping the players amused, and girls from next door coming in to do the cooking.

The week passed very satisfactorily with the final game finishing at 4 p.m. the following Friday. About £300 was raised for the Shelter campaign and thanks must be extended to all concerned, especially to David Copeland and his band of helpers. This was not a nine-man effort, but a combined operation involving a great number of people.

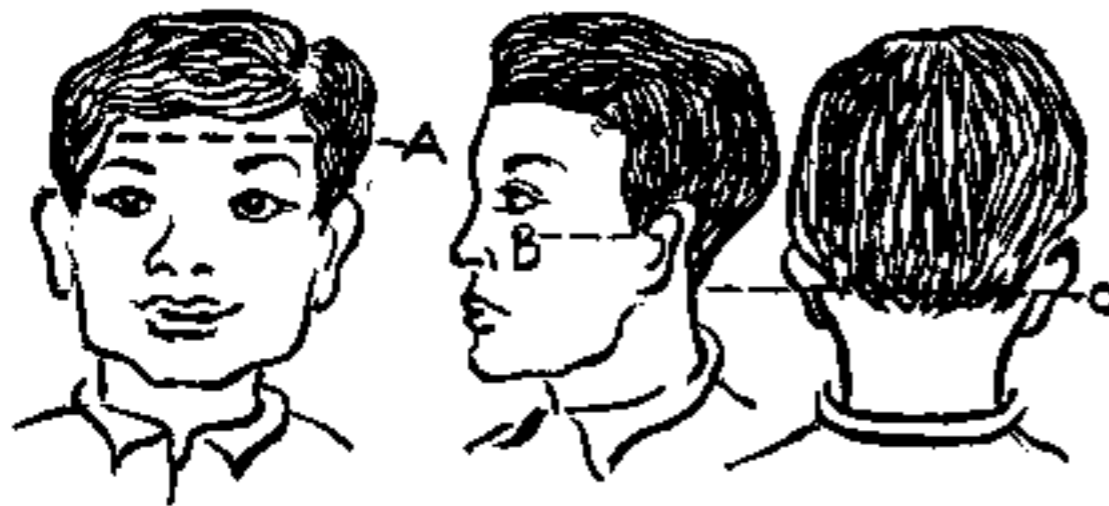


HAIR-CUT REGULATIONS

The School has received a letter from the Chief Education Officer regarding hair-cuts. The following is an extract from the letter:

There are still students who have hair styles which are not pleasing to the eyes. Once again I stress that male students should always have short hair, without sideburns and not like the Beatles' style.

Below are diagrams for reference showing a suitable hair style.



Students of this School are particularly warned that if they do not obey this order severe measures will be taken against them.

There will be constant checking on my part and prefects are being instructed to pick out boys who disobey the order regarding hair-cuts.

Signed HEADMASTER.

[FOOTNOTE: Do not worry, the Chief Education Officer referred to is the Chief Education Officer for Selangor and the notice printed above was found in every classroom in the Malaysian school in which Mr. Sharpe was working at Easter].

JUNIOR DRAMA COMPETITION, 1971

Eleven forms took part in this year's Junior Drama Competition, which was judged, in the first round, by members of the staff; the winning play from each year going into the final. It was decided this time to combine the public performance and the final adjudication and we were pleased to welcome as judges, the Rev. R. H. Brown of Abbey Road Methodist Church, and Miss Barrett, the headmistress of Alfred Barrow Girls' School, who awarded the trophy to 4G, placing 1K second, 3H third and 2K fourth. The finals night was very well attended and we were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress. A brief report of each play appears below.

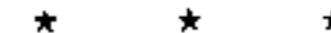
1k. "A Night at the Waxworks"

The winning First Form play owed its success chiefly to the splendid costumes and make-up of the wide selection of historical waxworks which came to life. Unfortunately the fine appearance of the actors was not always matched by the acting, though this is more a criticism of the play which was over static for self-conscious first-formers. The words were clearly recited and on such a crowded stage the actors did well not to get in each other's way. Another testament to good rehearsal was a well-managed and vigorous sword fight, the pity was that this was the only real action throughout.



1c. "The Unexpected"

1c made a competent job of presenting the sort of trite thriller that litters junior school play books. Although the complicated twist in the tail was explained in a lengthy soliloquy which was hopelessly contrived, the plot had some substance and made rather greater demands on acting than 1k's. The knowledge of lines became a little uncertain in the later stages and the missing of vital cues played havoc with the sound effects. On the other hand, the dress and set were simple, yet effective, though there was an unfortunate inconsistency in the way some characters opened an imaginary door while others took the more logical course of walking straight off stage.



2b. "Five Green Bottles"

The success of 1K (38 pts.) over 1c (34 pts.) and 1B (32 pts.) surely shows that it is better to do a simple play well than to take on a more ambitious project which proves a little beyond you. 1B's was not a bad production by any means, but the play called for a high degree of characterisation and the irascible mother, the insubordinate schoolboy and other members of this kitchen sink drama found that sustaining their performances without making them artificial was rather difficult and the quick-fire exchanges flagged. The producers deserve credit for inserting topical references to up-date the play.

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The Annual Swimming Gala was held at the Public Baths on 24th March. Fell House won the competition ahead of Butler, Ramsden and Barrow.

The 24th of March also saw the start of the Badminton Marathon in aid of "Shelter." Mobbs, Isaac, Norman, Marshall, McKenna, Key, Edmondson, Rawlinson and Postlethwaite of the Lower Sixth established a new world record by playing non-stop for one week.

We offer congratulations to D. P. Walters, who attended the England Schools' Under 19 cricket trial at King Edward VI College, Birmingham, on the 21st and 22nd April.

2k. "Missing—Reward Offered"

Another "thriller" with the inevitable sinister stranger who is, of course, completely innocent. Considering the predictability of this melodrama, 2k managed a great deal of enthusiasm for it. The various characters all produced lively performances and spirited recitation and even raised laughs for some rather weak jokes. The set was effective and the costumes rather more elaborately so, though a hopelessly over-sized policeman's helmet did not help the mood in what the author presumably intended to be a fairly serious play. The competent production assured a comfortable win in their year for 2k (41 pts.) over 2m (28 pts.) and 2s (20 pts.).

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2m. "The Chinese Mask"

"The Chinese Mask" was struggling from the word go because someone did not open the curtain far enough—a serious handicap in view of the complicated comings and goings. It is to 2a's credit that the play was produced in such a way that the identity of the villain was not given away by making it possible to recognise the actor. On the other hand the use of ordinary school uniform for a public school showed too great a preparedness to take the easy way out. The lines were well learned but rather woodenly repeated and on the whole it was a reasonable play, the possibilities of which were largely unrealised.

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2s. "Jennings and Darbyshire"

This play suffered from the absence on the day of its producer, who also adapted it from Anthony Buckeridge's book. It is doubtful, though, if he could have redeemed a play that was a remarkable mixture of good and bad. The use of short trousers and the addition of red trim to school blazers gave a better idea of schoolboys than 2m achieved, and the selection of Dacre and Brockbank for the parts ensured that the masters looked large enough to be convincing, while Beckett joined a long line of admirable female impersonators seen during the plays. So much for the good; the bad, regrettably, cancelled it out. There were far too many scenes and more to the point the prop. removals required in between, made some intervals longer than the short scenes they bracketed. The lines were not always well learned; some scenes went well but others descended into muttered ad libbing.

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3h. "The Man who Thought for Himself"

This was what is known as a play with a message, a very trite predictable one which was shouted out from the title to the curtain.

That said 3h made a very good job of winning their year with it. Myers stole the show dashing around with abandon in the chief role but he was well supported by the rest. The set created a courtroom with imaginative use of school furniture and the lines were well learned. The treatment of the play was good and all went off smoothly in what was evidently a well rehearsed effort.

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3p. "Make Your Play"

3p's play was certainly different. They provided a spoof western which they tackled with inventiveness and rather forced American accents. The latter was the main fault of the production, followed by the lighting which was not equal to the considerable demands put on it by such things as an action replay showdown. Background music was provided regularly, with many of the standard western themes being squeezed in. It was another instance of a more ambitious project falling behind less adventurous plays which were better done.

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3j. "Badger's Green"

The choice of the closing stages of "Badger's Green" by 3j presented them with the problems of setting the scene. This was achieved by a brief narration but did have the drawback of dropping the audience right into the middle of a climax which could have benefitted from a longer build-up. The problems of staging a cricket match were ingeniously met by siting the square at the back of the hall so that batsmen went to meet their fate down the centre aisle. A considerable air of excitement was achieved by cross shouts and Farish dominated, giving one of the best individual performances of the plays. A little more attention could have been given to providing more complete cricket gear for the players and it was regrettable that having surmounted so many difficulties, 3j should slip up on a relatively simple point. They came second, one point ahead of 3p and one behind 3h.

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4c. "Atoms with Salt"

This was an interesting play and quite an ambitious one to attempt as there were a number of difficulties to be overcome, none greater than the need for a number of different accents, which varied in quality from quite good Russian to rather forced American and Welsh, all of which had a tendency to lapse into Barrovian. The other difficulties were the dramatic effects of the dropped plate which created the desired suspense as everyone expected the bomb to explode, and the

bomb itself, which was very cleverly done. Percy Herbert was well cast for size, and the young lady of the play looked convincingly feminine.

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4g. "Arthur"

4c fully deserved their success with an unusual production containing many difficulties in staging which were overcome extremely well. The entire form was involved and there was often a high percentage of them on stage at once. The success of these scenes showed the amount of rehearsal that had been done. The pronunciation was clear and even the chorus speaking was almost always intelligible: certain characters also affected and maintained, creditable accents. The costumes were good and the presence of a very convincing squad of policewomen was a highlight of the play. 4g is fortunate in having a number of extroverts who are not afraid to project themselves into their parts, this was undoubtedly the key to the success of an unusual and most entertaining production.

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HOUSE NOTES

BARROW

1971-72 has not been a happy year for the House. We are currently languishing at the foot of the Cock House table with little chance of improving on that position. It is not easy to see why we have fared so badly; only in the Swimming Gala were we well and truly beaten; in the other events it has only been the closing stages that have seen us lose out on higher placings.

The House finally finished bottom in the Soccer Competition: two wins by the First Formers and two draws by the Second Year proving insufficient to make up for earlier failings, notably by the 2nd XI.

The Rugby 1st XV managed a clean sweep, which was as expected since the side included nine school players. The 2nd XV, by way of contrast, suffered from a lack of school Under 15's, and though they tried hard enough and scored 22 pts. against Butler, they lost all three games. An injury to star forward Roche was a major setback to our first form side. They played well to beat Butler, but this proved to be their only success.

There seems little point commenting on the cross-country as I can only repeat the note of the last few years. Once again the Over 16's won handsomely only to see the other team gain two third places and a fourth, so that we slipped back into third overall.

If the runners repeated last year's results the swimmers most certainly did not. There never seemed any likelihood of matching the second place won at the previous gala and we trailed badly from very early on to finish with a mere 21½ pts. Ramsden had 40½ and they were only third.

Proficiency points provided another instance of history repeating itself insofar as the House came a bad last. This year we were well in contention after the third night when only 15 pts. separated three of the four Houses. Unfortunately a poor last night turn-out lost the chance of a good position and we took the wooden spoon again.

At the time of writing the 2nd XI cricket have got the competition off to a favourable start, winning against Fell and tying with Butler, the third game, with Ramsden, being lost off the last ball. So we still have a chance of retaining the Cricket Cup, the only trophy Barrow hold. In view of other Houses' strength in the athletics, winning the cricket is the only real ambition left this year. It can only be hoped that next season the promise of some of the junior teams will be realised and that Barrow House can in future years achieve more success than of late.

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BUTLER

The results obtained so far this year have not fulfilled expectations, primarily because of a lack of consistent performance throughout the various competitions, and the different age-groups. There was a creditable last-ditch effort in the Swimming Gala, which resulted in the House gaining second place by half a point over Ramsden, but, on the other hand, there was a disappointing showing in the rugby competition, where only 4 points were obtained, all of these coming from the 2nd XV. This under-16 age group displayed an encouraging ability to organise its own teams and play competitively and has been the only section of the House to show any degree of consistency.

The first years have also displayed a willingness to organise their own teams and, although results have not reflected their effort, they are to be commended. Such effort can only produce better results in the future.

However, in contrast to this, the second years, perhaps too complacent after last year's successes, have not maintained the high standard of which they are capable.

The over 16 age group has been, despite poor results overall, generally enthusiastic, especially when one bears in mind the tendency towards apathy which is usually displayed by their age group.

The Under 15 soccer team shared the Hawkrigge Shield with Risdale County Secondary School after a 2—2 draw on the 22nd April.

From 23rd to 25th May, our boys formed part of the massed choirs at the Schools Music Festival in the Civic Hall. The combined Grammar Schools' orchestra performed on the first evening.

The Scout Camps began on the 27th of May, the Third camping at Eskdale until the 30th, the Eighteenth at Wray Castle until 1st June.

P. S. Williamson (4c) is to be congratulated on being invited to attend a Lancashire Under 15 cricket trial at Preston.

At the end of this term we are losing the services of Mr. T. J. Brophy, Mr. I. C. Culley and Mr. E. J. Murphy. Mr. Brophy has been appointed Senior Chemistry Master at St. Mary's College, Wallasey, Mr. Culley is returning to teach in Zambia, while Mr. Murphy is moving into the field of Further Education. Appreciations of their work here appear elsewhere in this issue.

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MR. T. J. BROPHY

Mr. Brophy is leaving us as a result of his promotion to Head of the Chemistry Department at St. Mary's College, Wallasey.

Since joining the School in September, 1967, he has become a much liked and respected member of the Staff. His rare wit and sense of humour have enlightened many a dismal moment. He has taught Chemistry most capably here, never tolerating the idle but presenting all with opportunity for personal success. Other professional commitments have not prevented him from coaching the U.15 Rugby and Cricket teams.

As a colleague and friend, both in and out of the Common Room, Tom will be missed by all. His ability to sum up a situation and say a few words which turned even a commonplace event into one of considerable amusement will not be quickly forgotten, nor will the pre- and post match analyses conducted with our own R.L. critic!

Our very best wishes go with Tom, his wife and two daughters for a continuing happy and successful life in Wallasey.



MR. I. CULLEY

Mr. Culley joined us in September, 1970, having spent three years teaching in Zambia. His work has been mainly in the Physics

Department, with some Geometrical and Engineering Drawing, together with General Studies.

His practical aptitude has been especially valuable in designing physics experiments with Sixth Form Students. This aspect of his work was no doubt developed by teaching science in Zambia, where most apparatus was built, by the teaching staff, from raw materials instead of having ready-made equipment available.

As a teacher, Mr. Culley has a natural gift for controlling and inspiring his pupils. In fact, his manner has associated with it a "charisma" which is rare in so young a man. His interest in out-of-school activities has led to the resurrection of the Fencing Club, where each week we have seen hooded pupils parading the corridors brandishing sabres and foils.

Mr. Culley has made an excellent contribution to staff relationship and always tries to bring a measure of realism to discussions involving racialism and South Africa.

When Mr. Culley came to us he was a single man and arrived at school in a high-powered sports car. Since his marriage his car status has reverted to that of a "mini"! No comment!

Mr. Culley is returning to Zambia on a three year contract and all at Barrow Grammar School wish Mr. and Mrs. Culley every success and happiness in the future.



MR. E. J. MURPHY

Mr. Murphy is leaving us at the end of term to become an assistant lecturer at Nelson and Colne College of Further Education. He came to us last September, after a short spell of teaching in Manchester, to teach Geography, Economics, General Studies and Games.

Although he has only been with us for a short time, he will be missed both in the classroom and on the games field. Mr. Murphy settled into life at Barrow Grammar School very quickly and soon earned the respect and friendship of the boys whom he taught.

Outside the classroom Mr. Murphy gave up much of his time in coaching the Under 12 Soccer XI. He and his "co-manager" were to be seen almost every night during the season teaching the first formers the skills of the game. It seems, however, that all great management partnerships are coming to an end. First there was the split at Manchester City, and now with the B.G.S. Under 12 XI! (Who was the Mercer and who the Allison of Barrow G.S. is still very much in doubt).

FELL

The House has built up a commanding lead in the Cock House Competition, winning four of the five competitions so far contested.

The expected win in the Rugby Competition materialised with only two games being lost out of twelve games played. The 1st XV, led with great determination and verve by Steve Baillie, only lost one game, to Barrow, winning the remainder quite easily. Good performances were shown by the other teams, the most outstanding being that of the second year, who won all three games, whilst only conceding 8 points.

The House won the Swimming Gala by a margin of 7 points from Butler. This was achieved by a small band of good swimmers, well led by captain Roland Moss, who himself competed in four events. The Cross Country competition was only won by virtue of having a lower total of positions than Ramsden, when the two Houses tied on points awarded for each race. The House provided the individual winner in each of the four age groups. These were Palmer, Pridmore and Henderson in the Under 13, under 14½ and under 16 respectively, with Geoff Cooper obtaining his usual victory in the Senior Race.

A heartening number of boys turned out for the Proficiency Points Competition and the House lead from the first night and gained a comfortable victory by a margin of 27 points. Congratulations to all boys who turned out irrespective of the number of points gained. The House should secure the Cock House Championship for the fifth year in succession with the Athletics—usually our strongest event, and the Cricket to come.

The House would like to wish Mr. Brophy, a member of Fell since 1967, every success in his future career at Wallasey.



RAMSDEN

In many ways Ramsden have had a good year, although never quite realising the members' full potential.

We started by winning the Soccer by sheer tenacity, but in Rugger the superior skill of Fell was too much to tackle and we had to be content with second place.

Cross Country found the House team weakened by influenza and plantar warts, but a valiant try by all resulted in a tie with Fell on race points but they were placed first when the position count had taken place.

Swimming gave us our worst result (third) and yet on the form book we should have fared better. Proficiency points gave us a second place, again to Fell, and the large turnout by House members is to be commended.

The Cock House stands now at F. 26, R. 20, Bu. 10, Ba. 4, and with Cricket and Athletics remaining it seems that the trophy has eluded us once more.

House officials this year are to be congratulated on their efforts, a model for next year.



School Societies

MIDDLE SCHOOL RAMBLING CLUB

Prospects for the December hike looked gloomy in the extreme as the coach set out from Barrow in quite thick fog, but conditions improved gradually as we travelled northwards, and from Dunmail Raise it was possible to see the whole of our main objective, Blencathra, quite clearly. The hike began at Scales, near Threlkeld, and after following the Mungrisdale track for some way, the party struck up onto the east ridge of Bannerdale Crag. The ascent is much more interesting than the summit, and little time was lost before we headed for the foot of Sharp Edge, where lunch was taken. The Edge proved quite a challenge, as the rock was damp and greasy, but with some verbal and physical encouragement from front and rear, most of the party overcame the problems, the others reaching Blencathra summit via Foule Crag. There followed much discussion on possible extensions of the route, but in fact all the party made the steep grass descent of Blease Fell to Threlkeld, where the coach was waiting to take us back into what that day was a very murky southern Lakeland.

For the February half-term expedition it was decided to use the new "Super Youth Hostel" at Patterdale as a base, and its full central heating, free hot showers, luxurious carpeted common room and excellent meals were very much appreciated. Fortunately the calls

on its extremely efficient drying room were not excessive! On the first day the party walked from Troutbeck via Scot Rake onto Thornthwaite Crag, and then on in semi-frozen snow to High Street, The Knott and Angletarn Pikes, before descending to Patterdale. The second day also started bright and sunny, and although Striding Edge was known to be iced up, it was hoped that the summit of Helvellyn might be reached via Swirral Edge. However, this was rejected when a high wind and icy surface was encountered on the slopes of Catstycam, though the whole party did reach that peak. After lunch near Red Tarn, a heavy snow shower forced the party down into Kepple Cove, and from there, while some went to watch the skiers on the slopes of Raise, others went onto Sheffield Pike before returning to the hostel.

The weather on the third day was clearer, and with less wind, a smaller party succeeded in climbing Swirral Edge, and went on from Helvellyn to Fairfield, St. Sunday Crag and Arncliffe Crag. Others less energetic were content with Beda Fell, Hallin Fell and Place Fell, from all of which the views were excellent. But it was too much to hope that such weather would hold for all four days, and on the final day all plans to return to Ambleside via John Bell's Banner and Wansfell were abandoned in the face of a vicious blizzard which made even the road-walk over Kirkstone Pass a considerable ordeal. Fortunately it was possible to change into dry clothes for the journey home, so that no cases of pneumonia were reported to take the shine off an otherwise very interesting expedition.

The March hike started from Cockley Beck—strangely, the first time any Rambling Club hike has started from the Duddon valley. The sun shone all day and snow lying above 2,000 feet made the views superb. The party first climbed Crinkle Crag via Stonesty Pike, but whilst the north east wind made the summit arctic, a sheltered cove a few hundred feet lower provided a really warm lunch-spot and also the opportunity for some exciting cape-sledging. After going over Cold Pike, the descent to Wrynose Pass was made, to be followed by the hard pull onto Wetside Edge, and Great Carrs. After reaching the final objective, Grey Friar, the party returned to the cars by a direct descent. Because of the height lost at Wrynose Pass, it had been quite a strenuous day—over 4,000 feet of climbing—but a most rewarding one.

The May hike began at Wasdale Head, from where it was somewhat surprising to see fresh snow lying on all the highest peaks, including our main objective, Great Gable. The route was via Sty Head and then along the exciting traverse, which involves a lot of quite strenuous scrambling, especially in the vicinity of Napes Needle and the "dress circle," where lunch was taken. The ascent towards the summit was made up the gulley and ridge above Sphinx Rock. Then came the rough descent to Beck Head, before the long climb to our second

objective, Kirk Fell. The descent from here to Black Sail Pass also needed care, but was followed by the long easy return to Wasdale Head. Although comparatively short in miles, this was quite an energetic day because of the scrambling involved; it was also very rewarding for the magnificent views obtained, especially of Wastwater and the Scafell.

We hope to conclude the year by doing the hike over the Howgill Fells north from Sedbergh, which had to be postponed last year.

The average number of boys going on Club hikes has declined somewhat this year. We hope that this trend will be reversed next year, and welcome on our expeditions all who are prepared to face the challenge of the mountains in all kinds of weather: we can assure them of good company and a rewarding sense of achievement.



SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

After Christmas there seemed to be renewed interest in the Society and over twenty members attended the first committee meeting. However a number of frustrating events soon dampened enthusiasm, especially when two meetings had to be cancelled owing to the power strike.

One debate did take place and the motion "That this house believes that mankind should have the power to control life," was carried. This debate was very well attended.

In the future, debates can be held in the Girls' School, as well as our own, and we thank Miss Stansfield for giving her permission. Thanks too, to all who have supported the Society during the year and we hope that those still at School will continue to give it their support during next winter.



MUSIC

During the Spring and Summer terms the Junior Choir and Orchestra were preparing for the Barrow Secondary Schools' Festival, which took place on the 23rd and 24th of May. About thirty-five of our boys took part in the choral items, which were very well received.

The orchestra prepared two works for the performance on the Tuesday. They were a suite for orchestra by William Boyce, in which the whole orchestra played (we even managed to borrow a small spinet for the performance—many thanks to Mr. S. Cooper) and a Clarinet Concerto in B flat by Karl Stannitz, a contemporary of Haydn. Robert Banks was the soloist in this work and played with a very

As Mr. Murphy leaves his "country retreat" and gives up his "agricultural pursuits," we wish him every success in his future career at Nelson, and we thank him sincerely for the work he has done while on the staff here.



SPEECH DAY

Several issues ago one of the editors of the School Magazine, a senior boy who had seen seven Speech Days and was already looking forward to the next stage in his career, attacked the institution of Speech Day as an occasion of boredom and torment.

He may have exaggerated his own views and the extent to which they are shared by his fellows. Certainly many people, some of them Old Boys, who have later renewed their experience of Speech Day as parents or in other capacities, have continued to find pleasure in attending and each year the demand for tickets exceeds the number available. Speech Day is a demonstration of the corporate nature of a school as a co-operative of governors, staff, pupils and parents and to this extent can offer inspiration and encouragement.

The institution is, however, losing favour in Barrow as elsewhere, and analysing its purpose and profitability, one can conceive better substitutes for the parts. Perennially, visiting speakers face the problem whether to address the little boys, the big boys, the parents or the authorities. A speaker might come more willingly and speak more effectively if invited to address a more limited audience on a subject in which he was experienced and which was of truly mutual interest.

Parents, Old Boys and other interested persons are entitled to a report on the year's events and progress, but the headmaster's report and the reports of House and Society officials and other people with interesting experiences could more fully and durably appear in the school magazine.

Occasion must be found for the distribution of prizes and certificates, but since every boy entering a grammar school is of G.C.E. calibre and expected to gain a good certificate, and since the winning of a subject or form prize is incidental to good work rather than the reason for it, a less formal occasion for their presentation may be desirable.

Beginning in the next school year, we do intend to experiment on these lines, no longer presenting the traditional Speech Day ceremony in the town's public hall, but developing in different ways those of its parts which are interesting and valuable. As we do so, we shall look forward to hearing the views of parents, friends and present and past members of the School.

CRISP SALES

During the year the sale of crisps to the School has begun as an extension of the coffee service which continues to provide drinks for the Sixth Formers. Since the sales began a total of 9,600 packets have been sold, and by the end of term the total should exceed 200 boxes. The price of all this comes to £288 and the weight of crisps consumed slightly exceeds one ton! Cheese and Onion and Salt and Vinegar flavours are the most popular, with Chicken Fry selling less than any of the eight flavours that have been available. A more recent idea has been the sale of Penguin chocolate biscuits; 3,178 of these have been bought!



BADMINTON MARATHON

Having discussed various ways of raising money for the Shelter campaign, it was decided to stage a Badminton Marathon, with the secondary purpose of beating the existing world record for doubles badminton, which was six days and nights. The Guinness Book of Records was notified of the event, and eventually all the arrangements were made. These included using the headmaster's study to sleep in, arranging for at least two witnesses to be present at all times, for a member of staff to be on the premises throughout the event, and for the use of the School hall during the first week of the Easter holidays. Nine players were to take part: Robert Postlethwaite, Tim Isaac, Steven Rawlinson, Tony Mobbs, Roger Key, Philip Norman, Len Marshall, Barry McKenna and Peter Edmondson. Four players were on court at a time, playing continuously for four hours, after which another four players took over. Each player had two twelve hour rest periods in the week, and the ninth player played when these rests were being taken. Each game was recorded, and at the end of the week it was found that we had played over six hundred.

The marathon began on the Friday evening at 4 p.m., and the first hour was played with great enthusiasm. After three hours, previously unused arm, shoulder, leg and back muscles began to ache and enthusiasm for the game waned somewhat. The first two days were probably the worst as far as the physical effects were concerned. However, tiredness in the form of weariness, irritation and sometimes bursts of frivolity became more apparent, but none of these were great and the team got on very well together, remarkably well considering the circumstances. Four hours is a tremendously long time to play badminton, especially from midnight to four o'clock in the morning, but no-one ever considered packing up. Besides, there were "fringe" benefits such as the antics of some of the witnesses, keeping the players amused, and girls from next door coming in to do the cooking.

pleasing bright and precise style which exactly fitted the mood of this non-too-easy work. He is to be congratulated for his aplomb in facing a packed audience. My sincere thanks are due to the players from the Girls' Grammar School. Without their help the orchestra would be much the poorer.

I may add in passing that we really need more violins in the School Orchestra in spite of the fact that we have some very able players. It is to be hoped that the influx of new students next year will add to our present numbers, since there is now a good base on which to work. My thanks are due to Simon Hutchinson this year for his leadership of the orchestra, and to the other players for their time and patience.

We hope to provide an informal Music Concert on 11th July. This will have quite a number of varied items, including a folk group, some choir work and orchestral music.

Finally, my thanks to Mr. Kimber and Mr. Mayes for their help and interest shown throughout the year.



STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has not been meeting recently, but it is hoped that regular after-school meetings will start again in September, to which both old and new members will be welcome.

We are trying to accumulate a stock of "swops" and if any reader can help by sending unwanted foreign stamps to school we shall be most grateful.



SCOUT NOTES

THIRD TROOP

Friday night Troop meetings at school have been well attended throughout the year. We are grateful for the help of the Venture Scouts at these meetings and recently for the help of Messrs. D. McWilliams and K. Walsh, who have generously offered to take charge of the Troop next year. They have the full support of the headmaster, who is the Troop's sponsor, and of the Parents' Committee, and we wish them success.

Bill Shepherd and John Winder will continue to run the main outdoor activities. This year they have had welcome help from Stephen Bailey and John Adams. The first expedition was over the new year at High Hallgarth. The primitive simplicity of the place makes it a firm favourite with the Scouts, and as expected, it proved a good base

for exploring the usually neglected lower fells and the caves of Little Langdale, as well as Crinkle Crag. Few of us, however, thought of it as a base for high altitude winter bathing until "Postle" demonstrated the possibility!

The Youth Hostelling expedition at Easter was very well supported. Two nights were spent at Andgarten Hostel, from which the Cobbler was climbed, and two nights at Garth. Schiehallion was climbed in a gale; the other days were mainly wet. The party returned to the civilising influence of Roman Britain and stayed at Once Brewed for the final night. The expedition must have been successful as there is even more support for the next Youth Hostelling trip, which is arranged for the October half-term.

The Whit camp was held in the Duddon Valley. The site, a new one to the Troop, was half-way between Wallowbarrow and the petrol pump. The large, well-drained field was satisfactory—apart from evidence of recent occupation by cows—and wood was plentiful. It did *not* rain all the time, as some have implied. The sun shone before the hike over White Pike and Dow Crag, and the rain stopped when the hike was finished! There were also opportunities for a camp-fire, an evening "stroll," swimming and tennis. The final day was rather damp but the kit was dried and packed the following day.

A weekend camp for Patrol Leaders and Assistant P.L.'s was held at Great Tower. For this the weather was perfect. The possibilities (and some of the impossibilities!) of backwoods cooking were learned baked potatoes are easiest; eggs inside potatoes are possible, though timing is a problem; grilling requires infinite patience and the right kind of fire; baking in foil is successful (but is it really backwoods cooking?). The primitive theme was continued with deer tracking and the construction of a rope bridge and tree platform. Our main concession to civilisation was the use of soap for cleaning the outside of the billies.

Other Troop activities have included a visit to the frigate *H.M.S. Juno*, and a meeting at the baths. The large pool at Abbey Baths has been open for Scouts this year on Saturdays between 6 and 7 p.m. Michael Ward has obtained his Swimmer's Badge and Dave Newby won the diving and took second place in the breast stroke in the Scout Swimming Gala. In the Junior Ambulance League, Dave also won the individual event and led the team, which included Colin Wheeler, Peter Thomson, Alan Turner and Ian Walker, to first place in the league competition. The team also won the Scout Ambulance Competition. Once again we thank Mr. Lewis for teaching the first aid. Six members of the Troop acted as patients for an inter-town Senior Ambulance Competition. Most Scouts have made progress with badge work, although no-one has yet obtained the

Advanced Scout Standard. Ian Spencer and Stephen Turner have obtained the Fireman Badge.

Thanks are again due to parents for providing transport on several occasions and for running the Jumble Sale, which raised over £30 in spite of its postponement due to the power cuts earlier in the year.

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EIGHTEENTH TROOP

1972 started with an expedition to Grange-in-Borrowdale. The schoolroom we hired there proved an adequate base for our programme of walking, cooking, etc. A night hike on Grange Fell proved to be a real exercise in map-reading, especially as the expected full moon didn't appear. The "Individual Challenge Competition" was a successful novelty with items ranging from tossing a pancake to a race up Maiden Moor; from whittling a tent-peg to an icy January dip. The winner of this competition was a First Former, Keith Roberts, whom we heartily congratulate for his enthusiasm. Considering the small support, this expedition was quite successful.

Easter saw a training week in the schoolroom at Little Langdale. Despite persistent rain, Scouts managed a full programme of canoeing, aeroplane flying (and repairing!), fishing, hiking, Scout Progress Work (most first formers virtually completed their Scout Standard at Langdale) and cooking. A friend of the Seniors, Peter Hughes, came up several times. He organised a blindfold route-finding exercise and enlivened two very enjoyable wide games. Most Scouts had their first experience of canoeing on Little Langdale Tarn, although to me, we seemed to spend far more time carrying the thing to and from the tarn than actually paddling it!

Whit Camp, as usual, was at Wray Castle, but the customary glorious weather deserted us until the last day. The lack of senior help really affected the camp, but I was grateful for assistance from a former Scout (though not of our Troop), Declan McCusker.

Despite the rain we built a monkey-bridge (and a stream to flow under it), went orienteering, almost went swimming, as well as entertaining parents. We held a camp-fire in the rain with another Troop. They were so impressed with our singing that they invited us to their H.Q. next term for an evening with their parents and scouts. The older Scouts, for their Interest Visit and Journey, went on a "Wordsworth Expedition" to Hawkshead, Grasmere and Rydal.

Back at the hut the year has produced a truly astounding upsurge in the fund-raising activities of our Supporters' Association. These will have culminated when these notes are printed, with a barbecue, together with the Venture Folk Group. With this event we hope to

top £200 from the year's fund-raising. Chris has also spent a great deal of time and effort in this, his 'A' level year, organising hikes, camps, youth hostelling, canoeing, orienteering and sailing, as well as the weekly meetings. With the future of the Troop very much in the balance, at the moment, because of leadership problems, we are keenly appreciative of all such enthusiasm.

SPORT



RUGBY

1st XV

Played 14. Won 4. Lost 10. Points for 96. Against 282.

After a promising start to the season, the 1st XV again lapsed into a year of varied play and mediocre results. It must be remembered, however, that this year's 1st XV was an unusually young team, with only five boys from the Upper Sixth and the majority of the rest coming from the Fifth Form, particularly in the latter part of the season. This can only auger well for the coming year. What was also pleasing about last year was the increased number of boys who made up the squad and were willing to train and work hard providing competition for places. This could be seen in the fact that a 2nd XV played two different games on the same days as the 1st XV, and performed creditably. It is hoped there will be more 2nd XV games this coming season.

Although the first two games against the Technical School and Millom were won, neither were good team performances.

This lack of team unity was shown up in a very bad first half against Kendal G.S. when we found ourselves trailing by 24 points. The situation improved in the second half when more determination and co-operation began to appear.

This was followed by a slightly better start against Arnold G.S., but a lack of power in the forwards against a much bigger side unfortunately took its toll towards the end of the game.

The reputation of Cockermouth, and previous experiences, brought out the best in the forwards and they had an excellent day, winning much good possession. However, the threequarters lacked finishing

The week passed very satisfactorily with the final game finishing at 4 p.m. the following Friday. About £300 was raised for the Shelter campaign and thanks must be extended to all concerned, especially to David Copeland and his band of helpers. This was not a nine-man effort, but a combined operation involving a great number of people.

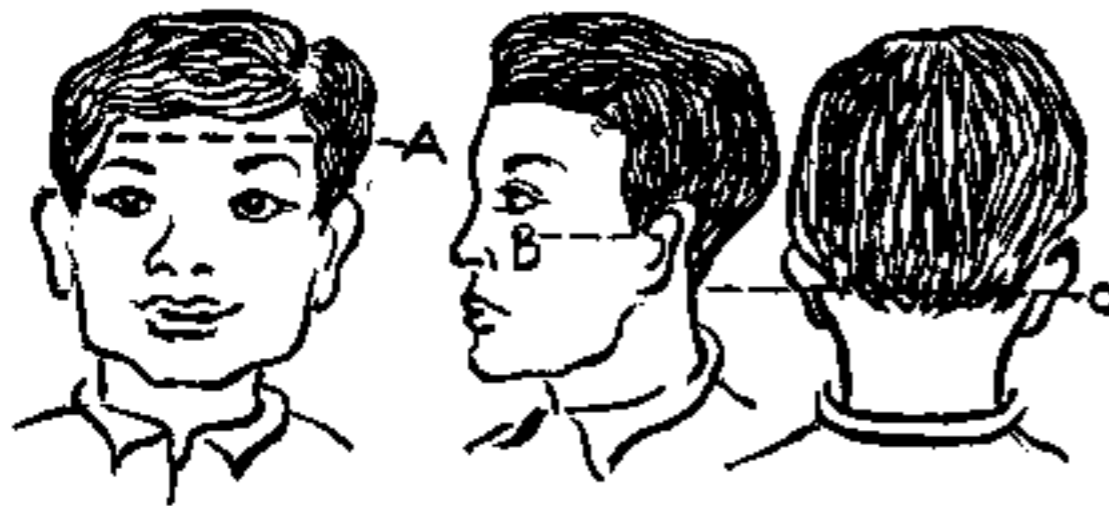


HAIR-CUT REGULATIONS

The School has received a letter from the Chief Education Officer regarding hair-cuts. The following is an extract from the letter:

There are still students who have hair styles which are not pleasing to the eyes. Once again I stress that male students should always have short hair, without sideburns and not like the Beatles' style.

Below are diagrams for reference showing a suitable hair style.



Students of this School are particularly warned that if they do not obey this order severe measures will be taken against them.

There will be constant checking on my part and prefects are being instructed to pick out boys who disobey the order regarding hair-cuts.

Signed HEADMASTER.

[FOOTNOTE: Do not worry, the Chief Education Officer referred to is the Chief Education Officer for Selangor and the notice printed above was found in every classroom in the Malaysian school in which Mr. Sharpe was working at Easter].

JUNIOR DRAMA COMPETITION, 1971

Eleven forms took part in this year's Junior Drama Competition, which was judged, in the first round, by members of the staff; the winning play from each year going into the final. It was decided this time to combine the public performance and the final adjudication and we were pleased to welcome as judges, the Rev. R. H. Brown of Abbey Road Methodist Church, and Miss Barrett, the headmistress of Alfred Barrow Girls' School, who awarded the trophy to 4G, placing 1K second, 3H third and 2K fourth. The finals night was very well attended and we were honoured by the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress. A brief report of each play appears below.

1k. "A Night at the Waxworks"

The winning First Form play owed its success chiefly to the splendid costumes and make-up of the wide selection of historical waxworks which came to life. Unfortunately the fine appearance of the actors was not always matched by the acting, though this is more a criticism of the play which was over static for self-conscious first-formers. The words were clearly recited and on such a crowded stage the actors did well not to get in each other's way. Another testament to good rehearsal was a well-managed and vigorous sword fight, the pity was that this was the only real action throughout.



1c. "The Unexpected"

1c made a competent job of presenting the sort of trite thriller that litters junior school play books. Although the complicated twist in the tail was explained in a lengthy soliloquy which was hopelessly contrived, the plot had some substance and made rather greater demands on acting than 1k's. The knowledge of lines became a little uncertain in the later stages and the missing of vital cues played havoc with the sound effects. On the other hand, the dress and set were simple, yet effective, though there was an unfortunate inconsistency in the way some characters opened an imaginary door while others took the more logical course of walking straight off stage.



2b. "Five Green Bottles"

The success of 1k (38 pts.) over 1c (34 pts.) and 1b (32 pts.) surely shows that it is better to do a simple play well than to take on a more ambitious project which proves a little beyond you. 1b's was not a bad production by any means, but the play called for a high degree of characterisation and the irascible mother, the insubordinate schoolboy and other members of this kitchen sink drama found that sustaining their performances without making them artificial was rather difficult and the quick-fire exchanges flagged. The producers deserve credit for inserting topical references to up-date the play.

power as they did for much of the season, and Cockermouth got the breaks and made them count. As a result the score of 22—0 flattered them slightly.

The match against Heversham turned out to be one of the closest and hardest of the season, with the first XV giving one of their best team performances against a well-drilled and unbeaten Heversham side. It was unfortunate that the score had to be decided on penalties and we lost 3—6.

This performance was not followed up, however, in either of the two following matches against the Technical School, which we won, or against a good Whitehaven team which outplayed us.

There followed two good home games against Kirkham and St. Bees, both of which, if the matches went on effort, we were unfortunate to lose. However, in the next two games we were soundly beaten by Hutton G.S. and a very fine Blackpool side. It is to be hoped that the younger members of the team learned a valuable lesson in team and individual rugby skills from the Blackpool players.

The season finished with a good performance and win against the Vale of Lune Colts and a very hard-fought but thoroughly enjoyable game against the Old Boys, which they won.

The Rugby Sevens proved as enjoyable as usual and although no honours were won, there were some good performances, particularly at Manchester University, where we reached the last eight in the plate competition.

Finally, thanks go to Phil Johnson, captain, and Malcolm Evans for their invaluable work over the past two years and to all other members of the team who are leaving, to whom we wish every success.

		F.	A.
v. Technical School	Won	16	8
v. Millom	Won	26	0
v. Kendal	Lost	4	29
v. Arnold	Lost	0	26
v. Cockermouth	Lost	0	22
v. Heversham	Lost	3	6
v. Technical S.	Won	10	0
v. Whitehaven	Lost	0	29
v. Kirkham	Lost	0	14
v. St. Bees	Lost	0	12
v. Hutton	Lost	0	26
v. Blackpool	Lost	3	66
v. Vale of Lune	Won	26	12
v. Old Boys	Lost	8	32

UNDER 15 XV

This was not a good season, although with the exception of two games, none of our defeats were particularly heavy.

The main weakness of the side was that our forwards were usually smaller than the opposition, and consequently we suffered from a lack of possession. This, of course, involved the backs in much more tackling than they would have liked and the opposition were able to capitalise on this.

However, despite adversity, the team remained cheerful throughout and their optimism was finally rewarded with good wins against St. Bees and Hutton.

RESULTS

			F.	A.
v. Millom	A.	Lost	4	12
v. Kendal	H.	Lost	13	56
v. Arnold	H.	Lost	18	35
v. Ulverston	H.	Lost	15	20
v. Cockermouth	A.	Lost	17	19
v. Heversham	A.	Lost	6	16
v. Stoneyhurst	A.	Lost	0	13
v. Kirkham	A.	Lost	6	20
v. St. Bees	A.	Won	30	4
v. Hutton	A.	Won	22	8
v. Blackpool	H.	Lost	4	41

Played 11. Won 2. Lost 9



UNDER 14 XV

The team this year was able to field a fair number of good individual players, but experienced the usual handicap of having to find their feet against teams which had already had two and a half months of match practice. The demoralising effects of this were to be seen against experienced teams such as Arnold.

Any early success was too dependent on the strong running of Hanson and the covering and kicking of Reid, but towards the end of the season an increasing blend of aggression in the forwards and

fluency in the backs showed promise for the long fixture list of next year.

Won 5. Lost 3. Drawn, 1. Points for 139. Points against 130.

		F.	A.
v. St. Bees	Lost	4	12
v. Millom	Won	12	4
v. Kendal	Won	20	12
v. Arnold	Lost	6	44
v. Stoneyhurst	Lost	0	12
v. Kirkham	Drawn	24	24
v. St. Bees	Won	32	0
v. Hutton	Won	20	4
v. Blackpool	Won	21	18



SOCCKER

UNDER 15 XI

During a busy season (27 matches) the team achieved a high degree of success in the three competitions in which it was engaged, in spite of being deprived of the services of key players in vital games.

In the Lancashire Schools' Trophy we had a good run, falling to the eventual winners, Montgomery School, Blackpool, 0—5, a score which rather flattered the victors, although they were our superiors in size and skill.

Having reached the Hawcrige Shield final by excellent play, beating the Technical School in the semi-final, we failed to overcome rough tactics and a poor pitch but managed to draw and share the trophy.

The League title eluded us when we dropped two vital points, one against Holker, the other against Ulverston, but we remained unbeaten in this competition.

It was unfortunate that we lost the services of Kevin Edmondson for a time in mid-season and of Steve Lucas and Philip Docker for the Hawcrige Shield final. These three boys, together with Stephen Clarke, David Ronald, Russell Pettifer and Ian Jones, all played for Barrow Boys' U.15 team and Pritchard was their reserve goalkeeper. Edmondson also captained the side. Eight boys in the Barrow Boys' squad speaks for itself!

The remaining members of the team not so "honoured" played equally well. Alan Chapman was our most consistent player and Paul Williamson showed a high degree of ability. Kevin Procter, Philip Haughian and Ken Richards (drafted in from the U.14 side) all played well when called upon, as did Alfredo Karam, the "Brazilian Wizard," who had to leave before the season ended.

The biggest "Thank you" however, must be reserved for Gary Hogg, who was substitute-cum-linesman for practically every game and although very rarely getting a chance to play, he maintained his cheerful and enthusiastic outlook and never complained. Well done to him and the rest of the squad!

SEASON'S RESULTS

Played 27. Won 17. Drawn 4. Lost 6. Goals for 101. Goals against 60.

Leading Scorers: Docker 41; Jones 15; Pettifer 13.

Since last issue:

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS' TROPHY

Risedale	(Round 2)	A.	Won	7—1
Holker	(Round 3)	H.	Won	6—2
Technical	(Furness Final for the McIntosh Cup)	A.	Won	3—2

Greaves School, Lancs. Semi-Lancaster (North Lancs.

Montgomery School, Blackpool (N. Lancs. Final)	Semi-Final	H.	Won	4—2
		A.	Lost	0—5

HAWCRIDGE SHIELD

Alfred Barrow	(Round 1)	H.	Won	8—3
Technical	(Semi-Final)	A.	Won	2—0
Risedale	(Final)	N.	Drew	0—0
			(Share Trophy)	

LEAGUE

St. Aloysius	H.	Won	4—3
Holker	H.	Drew	1—1
Ulverston Comprehensive	A.	Drew	5—5
Dowdales	H.	Won	3—2



UNDER 13 XI

At the time of writing these notes, the School's final position in the local intermediate league is unknown, but with only three points dropped, we are unlikely to be in a lower position than equal second.

2k. "Missing—Reward Offered"

Another "thriller" with the inevitable sinister stranger who is, of course, completely innocent. Considering the predictability of this melodrama, 2k managed a great deal of enthusiasm for it. The various characters all produced lively performances and spirited recitation and even raised laughs for some rather weak jokes. The set was effective and the costumes rather more elaborately so, though a hopelessly over-sized policeman's helmet did not help the mood in what the author presumably intended to be a fairly serious play. The competent production assured a comfortable win in their year for 2k (41 pts.) over 2m (28 pts.) and 2s (20 pts.).

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2m. "The Chinese Mask"

"The Chinese Mask" was struggling from the word go because someone did not open the curtain far enough—a serious handicap in view of the complicated comings and goings. It is to 2a's credit that the play was produced in such a way that the identity of the villain was not given away by making it possible to recognise the actor. On the other hand the use of ordinary school uniform for a public school showed too great a preparedness to take the easy way out. The lines were well learned but rather woodenly repeated and on the whole it was a reasonable play, the possibilities of which were largely unrealised.

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2s. "Jennings and Darbyshire"

This play suffered from the absence on the day of its producer, who also adapted it from Anthony Buckeridge's book. It is doubtful, though, if he could have redeemed a play that was a remarkable mixture of good and bad. The use of short trousers and the addition of red trim to school blazers gave a better idea of schoolboys than 2m achieved, and the selection of Dacre and Brockbank for the parts ensured that the masters looked large enough to be convincing, while Beckett joined a long line of admirable female impersonators seen during the plays. So much for the good; the bad, regrettably, cancelled it out. There were far too many scenes and more to the point the prop. removals required in between, made some intervals longer than the short scenes they bracketed. The lines were not always well learned; some scenes went well but others descended into muttered ad libbing.

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3h. "The Man who Thought for Himself"

This was what is known as a play with a message, a very trite predictable one which was shouted out from the title to the curtain.

That said 3h made a very good job of winning their year with it. Myers stole the show dashing around with abandon in the chief role but he was well supported by the rest. The set created a courtroom with imaginative use of school furniture and the lines were well learned. The treatment of the play was good and all went off smoothly in what was evidently a well rehearsed effort.

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3p. "Make Your Play"

3p's play was certainly different. They provided a spoof western which they tackled with inventiveness and rather forced American accents. The latter was the main fault of the production, followed by the lighting which was not equal to the considerable demands put on it by such things as an action replay showdown. Background music was provided regularly, with many of the standard western themes being squeezed in. It was another instance of a more ambitious project falling behind less adventurous plays which were better done.

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3j. "Badger's Green"

The choice of the closing stages of "Badger's Green" by 3j presented them with the problems of setting the scene. This was achieved by a brief narration but did have the drawback of dropping the audience right into the middle of a climax which could have benefitted from a longer build-up. The problems of staging a cricket match were ingeniously met by siting the square at the back of the hall so that batsmen went to meet their fate down the centre aisle. A considerable air of excitement was achieved by cross shouts and Farish dominated, giving one of the best individual performances of the plays. A little more attention could have been given to providing more complete cricket gear for the players and it was regrettable that having surmounted so many difficulties, 3j should slip up on a relatively simple point. They came second, one point ahead of 3p and one behind 3h.

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4c. "Atoms with Salt"

This was an interesting play and quite an ambitious one to attempt as there were a number of difficulties to be overcome, none greater than the need for a number of different accents, which varied in quality from quite good Russian to rather forced American and Welsh, all of which had a tendency to lapse into Barrovian. The other difficulties were the dramatic effects of the dropped plate which created the desired suspense as everyone expected the bomb to explode, and the

In the second half of this season, our defence has played with much greater assurance, while the team as a whole has turned in some capable performances in spite of poor ground conditions. Particularly noteworthy was the defeat of Holker County Secondary School in torrential rain, on a waterlogged pitch laid out along the crest of a ridge (!) and the annihilation of the then League leaders, Ulverston, under similarly grim conditions.

Unfortunately Ulverston obtained ample revenge in eliminating us from the Intermediate Cup competition in a dour match, where Ulverston contained our forwards in a manner which left no doubt that they had learned their lesson from the league defeat!

In conclusion, thanks are due to the many boys who trained diligently and who refused to be disheartened by only the occasional appearance in the side.

v. St. Aloysius	Away	Won	4	2
v. Holker Co. Sec.	Away	Won	2	1
v. Montgomery (Blackpool)	Away	Lost	0	1
v. Ulverston Comp.	Home	Won	6	3
v. Ulverston Comp	Home	Lost	0	1
	(Cup S.F.)			
v. Holker Co. Sec.	Home	Won	6	3



UNDER 12 XI

The second half of the season was one of mixed fortunes for the Under 12 soccer team. After two closely contested games against St. Aloysius and Ulverston, the Under 12's had a fine run of four victories in which they scored fifteen goals and conceded none. Despite this, a mediocre performance against an opportunist side from the Technical School in conditions ill-suited to the abilities of the side, lead to the School's early and expensive exit from the local Cup competition. The memory of this demoralising defeat was, however, quickly erased when, on the following day, the team travelled to Blackpool and held a strong and determined team from Montgomery School to a draw. Two victories (against Holker Street and Walney) restored the team's self-confidence, but injuries and absences from the side resulted in two weak performances against Ulverston and Holker Street.

The team was invited to participate in a seven-a-side tournament at Ormsgill Boys' Club. Two convincing wins over Ormsgill Boys and St. Aidan's Boys assured the School of victory. Our thanks go to the organisers of the tournament and it is hoped the invitation will be extended next year.

The team is to be congratulated on showing outstanding enthusiasm, perseverance and courage (including the second and third teams involved in the Ulverston fixtures) throughout the season.

St. Aloysius	A.	Lost	2	4
Ulverston	A.	Lost	1	3
St. Aloysius	H.	Won	1	0
Walney	H.	Won	4	0
Lancaster	H.	Won	7	0
Risedale	H.	Won	3	0
Technical School	H.	Lost	1	9
Blackpool	A.	Drew	1	1
Holker Street	H.	Won	5	1
Walney	H.	Won	4	0
Ulverston	H.	Lost	4	6
Holker Street	H.	Won	5	4

For whole season :

P	W	D	L	F	A
31	16	5	10	110	69



BASKETBALL

The senior 'A' team contrived to play well but were unlucky to lose several important games by very narrow margins; consequently their final position in the Furness Basketball League was fifth, but with the second best scoring record. Some consolation was also provided by finishing runners-up in the competition for the Centenary Cup. Sidebottom was top scorer of the season and was awarded his colours. Waple and Newsham played consistently well and received merit awards.

The Senior 'B' team never fulfilled their early promise; they played quite well but lacked the finishing touches needed to win. It is hoped that they will build on experience gained this year and be more successful next season.

We hope to keep two teams in the local league next season, providing we have sufficient support. Interested boys above Form 3 are welcome on a Thursday evening as players, officials and supporters!



BADMINTON NOTES

The Junior Badminton club met on Tuesday evenings throughout the Winter term. The initial enthusiasm shown by many pupils tapered off somewhat because of clashes with house matches, although a small nucleus of pupils continued to attend regularly.

In the Barrow Schools' Tournament we entered competitors in the Senior Boys' Doubles. In this event Fryer and Hubbard lost in the final after an exciting contest. In the Junior competition B. Banahan and partner lost in the final of the Mixed Doubles.

Pupils are introduced to badminton in physical education lessons and when their playing ability has reached a reasonable standard they are encouraged to join local clubs, where the facilities and opportunity for playing the game are rather better catered for than at School.

Once again next year we hope the Junior Club attracts new members especially from the lower forms.



CROSS-COUNTRY

The main achievement of the season was winning the Barrow Schools' championship for the first time in ten years. Preparation for this event had included several friendly matches against local schools, training runs during the Christmas holidays, and some very hard work at the start of the Spring term. Although we won only one age group—the third year, where Rothwell and Mitchell ran very well—in the other races we were second by a slight enough margin to ensure overall victory. Nairn in the senior race was our only individual winner, though Palmer was a close second in the first year race.

In our friendly matches we did well, winning five matches and losing one. In March we took part in the Northern Counties Schools Championships, where the high standard and a field of over five hundred runners were a new experience to our teams. Earlier in the season an inexperienced and somewhat apprehensive team entered the round Derwentwater road relay. G. Cooper got the team off to a good start and we finished seventh of twenty teams.

It has been, then, a satisfactory season. Now we know there are keen and competent runners in the School we can look forward to more interesting fixtures and, we hope, greater success.



TABLE TENNIS

The School first team again competed in the third division of the Barrow League, M. Lunnion, T. Eales, F. Baker and D. Fryer representing the School. The team finished third in the division behind the two experienced sides from Barrow Golf Club. The highlight of the season was the defeat of the Golf Club's first team, which had

previously been unbeaten in all league competitions. Had this form been present throughout the season the team might have secured promotion to the second division.

The School second team, having been relegated last season, played in the fourth division and in the main was selected from A. Craig, P. Norman, C. Kemp, R. Key, M. Waite and W. Mulaney. The team's early season form was somewhat erratic, but they began to settle and managed to avoid relegation, finishing in ninth position.

In January, T. Eales was successful in being selected for the Barrow Junior Team which played against the Lancaster and Morecambe League at Kendal and was the only Barrow representative to win a game.

The Barrow Tournament was played in February and M. Lunnion, who was a finalist in the Handicap Event last year, went one step better this time and won the competition. As usual, he played very steadily and beat Ken Kinley of Furness C.C. in the final.

Our own School Tournament, played in March, attracted 69 entries from boys at all levels in the school. M. Lunnion was again successful in winning both the Open Event, beating T. Eales 15—21, 21—14, 21—17 in the final, and the Handicap Event, beating D. Fryer 21—7, 21—15 in the final.



TENNIS

During the past few years more and more boys have shown an interest in playing tennis at School, with this year being the most active to date.

Matches have taken place against Kendal Grammar School and Ulverston Comprehensive School. In the first match against Ulverston at home, the school won 43-38. We then suffered two extremely close defeats: at Kendal 48—51 and at Ulverston 31—32. The doubles pairs who have represented the school to date are G. Fernandez and F. Baker, who at the time of writing are undefeated, D. Fryer and E. Navarro, T. Isaac and S. Rowlinson, and M. Spurling and D. Fay. It is hoped that two more matches will have taken place before the end of the term, a "decider" against Ulverston and a friendly against the Girls' School.

The School entered the Nestles' Tournament which involved twenty-four boys playing competitive tennis over a six week period, in a ladder competition. At the end of the six weeks the ladder was headed by G. Fernandez, who will now go forward to represent the school in the knock-out stage of the tournament.

bomb itself, which was very cleverly done. Percy Herbert was well cast for size, and the young lady of the play looked convincingly feminine.

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4g. "Arthur"

4c fully deserved their success with an unusual production containing many difficulties in staging which were overcome extremely well. The entire form was involved and there was often a high percentage of them on stage at once. The success of these scenes showed the amount of rehearsal that had been done. The pronunciation was clear and even the chorus speaking was almost always intelligible: certain characters also affected and maintained, creditable accents. The costumes were good and the presence of a very convincing squad of policewomen was a highlight of the play. 4g is fortunate in having a number of extroverts who are not afraid to project themselves into their parts, this was undoubtedly the key to the success of an unusual and most entertaining production.

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HOUSE NOTES

BARROW

1971-72 has not been a happy year for the House. We are currently languishing at the foot of the Cock House table with little chance of improving on that position. It is not easy to see why we have fared so badly; only in the Swimming Gala were we well and truly beaten; in the other events it has only been the closing stages that have seen us lose out on higher placings.

The House finally finished bottom in the Soccer Competition: two wins by the First Formers and two draws by the Second Year proving insufficient to make up for earlier failings, notably by the 2nd XI.

The Rugby 1st XV managed a clean sweep, which was as expected since the side included nine school players. The 2nd XV, by way of contrast, suffered from a lack of school Under 15's, and though they tried hard enough and scored 22 pts. against Butler, they lost all three games. An injury to star forward Roche was a major setback to our first form side. They played well to beat Butler, but this proved to be their only success.

There seems little point commenting on the cross-country as I can only repeat the note of the last few years. Once again the Over 16's won handsomely only to see the other team gain two third places and a fourth, so that we slipped back into third overall.

If the runners repeated last year's results the swimmers most certainly did not. There never seemed any likelihood of matching the second place won at the previous gala and we trailed badly from very early on to finish with a mere 21½ pts. Ramsden had 40½ and they were only third.

Proficiency points provided another instance of history repeating itself insofar as the House came a bad last. This year we were well in contention after the third night when only 15 pts. separated three of the four Houses. Unfortunately a poor last night turn-out lost the chance of a good position and we took the wooden spoon again.

At the time of writing the 2nd XI cricket have got the competition off to a favourable start, winning against Fell and tying with Butler, the third game, with Ramsden, being lost off the last ball. So we still have a chance of retaining the Cricket Cup, the only trophy Barrow hold. In view of other Houses' strength in the athletics, winning the cricket is the only real ambition left this year. It can only be hoped that next season the promise of some of the junior teams will be realised and that Barrow House can in future years achieve more success than of late.

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BUTLER

The results obtained so far this year have not fulfilled expectations, primarily because of a lack of consistent performance throughout the various competitions, and the different age-groups. There was a creditable last-ditch effort in the Swimming Gala, which resulted in the House gaining second place by half a point over Ramsden, but, on the other hand, there was a disappointing showing in the rugby competition, where only 4 points were obtained, all of these coming from the 2nd XV. This under-16 age group displayed an encouraging ability to organise its own teams and play competitively and has been the only section of the House to show any degree of consistency.

The first years have also displayed a willingness to organise their own teams and, although results have not reflected their effort, they are to be commended. Such effort can only produce better results in the future.

However, in contrast to this, the second years, perhaps too complacent after last year's successes, have not maintained the high standard of which they are capable.

The over 16 age group has been, despite poor results overall, generally enthusiastic, especially when one bears in mind the tendency towards apathy which is usually displayed by their age group.

SWIMMING CLUB

The 1971-72 season saw a repeat of the previous year's success due to the quality of the limited number of enthusiasts who give of their time and energy to represent the school.

T. Brockbank, I. Downward, N. Pritchard, D. York and I. Rothwell beat all the opposition provided by the eight other competing senior teams to gain maximum points and win the Senior Winter League Trophy.

I. Clark, M. Garner, I. Robinson and N. Rothwell won all their races against the nine other competing schools in the Intermediate League. A technical fault lost the team two points so that they finished in second place in the Intermediate Winter League. The intermediate 'B' team of K. Brockbank, K. Dodd, P. Donnelly, G. Hinchley and R. Thomson did very well to take fifth place.

The Barrow Schools Annual Championship Gala was held on the 24th June. The school entrants pretty well swept the board, winning six of the eight trophies presented. W. Simmons, chased every foot of the way by R. Moss, won the Wilf Diamond Trophy in a new record time of 57.8 seconds. It was the same story for the Hannah Trophy. The senior team, T. Brockbank, G. O'Connor, I. Downward, N. Pritchard and D. York gained enough points in the individual events to comfortably win the Senior Championship Trophy. The intermediate team, I. Clark, M. Garner and I. Robinson followed suit to win the Intermediate Championship Trophy. I. Downward and I. Clark did particularly well. The pace of I. Downward, G. O'Connor and I. Clark proved too much for the opposition competing for the Harold Kerr Trophy. All in all a most successful and enjoyable evening.

As the Barrow Senior Schools Swimming Champions the School has been invited to participate in Vickers' Swimming Gala. A report on this will appear in the next issue.

It is hoped that success will attract more support next year. In particular the club needs style swimming and diving talent.



SIXTH FORM v. GIRLS' SCHOOL 1st XI HOCKEY TEAM

In the annual hockey match the Sixth Form team of Shields, Baillie, Isaac, Spurling, Evans, Fay, Ashton, McClean, Johnson, Rule and Fairlamb beat the Girls' School 1st XI by two goals to nil. This was the first defeat for the girls for several seasons.

From the bully-off the girls went into the attack but they were stopped by Steve Baillie, who sent a great pass to John Ashton. Ashton

raced the length of the field before crossing the ball, only to see it scrambled away by a somewhat shaky defence. The boys kept up the pressure and obtained two short-corners in quick succession. The girls' team was struggling even though Lynn Parkes, Lorna Burley and Jennifer Mitchells tried hard to steady their team-mates. With Taffy Evans and Mike Spurling in good form, the girls could make no impression at all and eventually the boys took the lead just before half-time.

In the second half the girls forced John Shields to make some fine saves but still they could not score. Eventually Mike Spurling scored a second goal for the boys. Having started the move himself in his own half and played a neat one-two with Phil Johnson, he ran right through the girls' defence to hit the ball out of reach of the helpless Alison Ainsbury.

Towards the end of the game the girls threw everything into the attack but a sound defence kept them from scoring and the boys' team eventually won by 2-0.



6x v. GIRLS' SCHOOL ALL-STAR XI

On the 17th March, a gallant 6x team played the Girls' School All Star XI in the first mixed soccer match to be staged between the two schools. The match was played on "the Swamp," and was watched by a capacity crowd.

6x : Ashton, Baker, Kendall, Fryer, Lunnon, Stevenson, Pettingale, Rule, Hubbard, Fairlamb, Hall.

All Star XI : Allison Ainsbury, Pat Moore, Delya Randall, Francis Rudd, Lorna Burley, Sheila Huddart, Jennifer Mitchell, Allison Whitton, Lynn Parkes, Gill Tweedley, Jean Sadler.

Referee : R. F. Sharpe, Esq.

Things were against 6x right from the start as the Head Boy lost the toss. Lynn Parkes chose to kick-off and the All Stars were quickly into the attack. A good pass to the right sent Jennifer Mitchell streaking down the wing, leaving a trail of defenders in her wake. However, John Ashton was quickly out of his goal to cover a low shot from the winger. 6x found it hard going in the first quarter of an hour due to the dominance of Lorna Burley in the middle of the park, and due to the referee everywhere else. It was the All Stars who took the lead after ten minutes. John Kendall was penalised (for breathing too heavily on the edge of the penalty area) and an Allison Whitton free kick was neatly tucked away by the dangerous Lynn Parkes. From the re-start Stevenson went away down the left only to be stopped by the defiant Pat Moore. However he later had the first shot for 6x but it was brilliantly taken by Alison Ainsbury in the All Star goal.

Four minutes later the All Stars went further ahead. The elusive Gill Tweedley sent John Ashton the wrong way to make the score 2—0. Despite shots from Pettingale, Rule and Fairlamb, 6x found it impossible to beat the infallible Alison Ainsbury, who made Gordon Banks look like a novice. A fine ball from Alison Whitton found Jennifer Mitchell on the right and this time she made no mistake with a fine shot. The All Stars were piling on the pressure when Lynn Parkes crashed one shot against the cross-bar and John Ashton had to make some fine saves from the other forwards. Just before half-time Pettingale found the net to make the score 3—1. Despite the "decisions" given by the referee during the first half, 6x struggled on and made the score 3—2 with a goal by Stevenson. The All Stars were soon attacking again and went further into the lead from the penalty spot after Fairlamb had made an immaculate rugby tackle on Gill Tweedley. Then disaster struck 6x when Frank Baker was sent off after the ball had accidentally (?) left his foot and hit Delya Randall in the face. Delya (who does drama at School) fell to the ground in agony. 6x then went further behind through a very dubious goal. As the ball came into the penalty area, Gill Tweedley appeared to pick the ball up and throw it into the net, the referee claiming he was unsighted! After 15 minutes of the second half, Paddy Fairlamb picked up a loose ball and went over in the corner for a fine try. That made it 5—3 and later 6x pulled another one back through Ged Rule. His shot from the edge of the box hit a spectator who had fallen onto the pitch and went past the stranded 'keeper.

Then, with the best move of the match, the All Stars scored from the re-start without a 6x player touching the ball. Alison Whitton was the scorer. With only two minutes remaining Lynn Parkes put the final nail in the coffin with a rocket shot that had everybody diving for cover.



Individual Contributions

SIR ISAAC NEWTON

Sir Isaac Newton, out one day,
In the merry month of May,
Into his orchard—a pleasant spot,
Especially when the day is hot,
An apple fell upon his head,
The result of which Sir Isaac said
"Core! That hurt!"

C. REID, 2M.

DANGER LION!

A boy ran across the arid, sandy soil. All around him were the sounds of Africa—the twittering of birds, the sudden thundering of hooves as a group of startled antelope fled in one direction, while two or three zebras escaped in another, or the distant trumpeting of an elephant.

His shirt clung to his body like glue but he struggled on. He was too hot and tired now to be grateful for the temporary relief from the relentless sun afforded by a group of trees. He was scarcely aware of anything except the hot sticky sweat covering his body and the knowledge that he must keep moving. His world revolved around these two things. He was acutely uncomfortable but, not even considering slowing his pace, unquestioningly obeyed the feeling pushing him forward, as an animal does an instinct. He barely even knew why he was running now, for his mind was concerned with nothing more than regulating the pounding of his feet and the panting of his lungs, maintaining the rhythm that alone could keep him moving, and without which he would collapse exhausted on the ground. The screaming of baboons reached his mind only as a background, something which he accepted with a deadened awareness and ignored.

Suddenly the deep-throated roar of a lion broke through these barriers, for some deep instinct, recognising its importance, routed it through to his conscious mind. It crashed through the steadily rotating wheels of rhythm like a shot from a cannon. Before, there had been only breathing and motion; now he was opened to the outside world. But the many sounds of this world did not flood in on him for in it there was one factor which completely dominated all else—the roar of the lion. It was repeated, much closer now, and he redoubled his speed. Then his foot hit something. His legs carried him forward two or three more paces, but he was no longer their master. His centre of gravity shifted and he fell onto the dusty ground. The lion roared again, only a few yards away. The boy picked himself up and stared in fascination through the wire at the king of the beasts. All thoughts of hastening to the sea-lion pool for feeding time were forgotten, for Whipsnade Zoo had offered him a new and greater attraction.

R. HALEY, 3J.



HIDE-AND-SEEK

Hide-and-peek was always young Tommy's favourite game. His two companions were chasing him and getting very close. He would have to hide soon, lest they should find him. Then Tommy's keen eyes spotted what seemed to be a small hill. Perhaps he would find

FELL

The House has built up a commanding lead in the Cock House Competition, winning four of the five competitions so far contested.

The expected win in the Rugby Competition materialised with only two games being lost out of twelve games played. The 1st XV, led with great determination and verve by Steve Baillie, only lost one game, to Barrow, winning the remainder quite easily. Good performances were shown by the other teams, the most outstanding being that of the second year, who won all three games, whilst only conceding 8 points.

The House won the Swimming Gala by a margin of 7 points from Butler. This was achieved by a small band of good swimmers, well led by captain Roland Moss, who himself competed in four events. The Cross Country competition was only won by virtue of having a lower total of positions than Ramsden, when the two Houses tied on points awarded for each race. The House provided the individual winner in each of the four age groups. These were Palmer, Pridmore and Henderson in the Under 13, under 14½ and under 16 respectively, with Geoff Cooper obtaining his usual victory in the Senior Race.

A heartening number of boys turned out for the Proficiency Points Competition and the House lead from the first night and gained a comfortable victory by a margin of 27 points. Congratulations to all boys who turned out irrespective of the number of points gained. The House should secure the Cock House Championship for the fifth year in succession with the Athletics—usually our strongest event, and the Cricket to come.

The House would like to wish Mr. Brophy, a member of Fell since 1967, every success in his future career at Wallasey.



RAMSDEN

In many ways Ramsden have had a good year, although never quite realising the members' full potential.

We started by winning the Soccer by sheer tenacity, but in Rugger the superior skill of Fell was too much to tackle and we had to be content with second place.

Cross Country found the House team weakened by influenza and plantar warts, but a valiant try by all resulted in a tie with Fell on race points but they were placed first when the position count had taken place.

Swimming gave us our worst result (third) and yet on the form book we should have fared better. Proficiency points gave us a second place, again to Fell, and the large turnout by House members is to be commended.

The Cock House stands now at F. 26, R. 20, Bu. 10, Ba. 4, and with Cricket and Athletics remaining it seems that the trophy has eluded us once more.

House officials this year are to be congratulated on their efforts, a model for next year.



School Societies

MIDDLE SCHOOL RAMBLING CLUB

Prospects for the December hike looked gloomy in the extreme as the coach set out from Barrow in quite thick fog, but conditions improved gradually as we travelled northwards, and from Dunmail Raise it was possible to see the whole of our main objective, Blencathra, quite clearly. The hike began at Scales, near Threlkeld, and after following the Mungrisdale track for some way, the party struck up onto the east ridge of Bannerdale Crag. The ascent is much more interesting than the summit, and little time was lost before we headed for the foot of Sharp Edge, where lunch was taken. The Edge proved quite a challenge, as the rock was damp and greasy, but with some verbal and physical encouragement from front and rear, most of the party overcame the problems, the others reaching Blencathra summit via Foule Crag. There followed much discussion on possible extensions of the route, but in fact all the party made the steep grass descent of Blease Fell to Threlkeld, where the coach was waiting to take us back into what that day was a very murky southern Lakeland.

For the February half-term expedition it was decided to use the new "Super Youth Hostel" at Patterdale as a base, and its full central heating, free hot showers, luxurious carpeted common room and excellent meals were very much appreciated. Fortunately the calls

a hiding place on the other side of it. He ran up to it and clambered over the top. Half-way down the other side his foot struck a rock and he was sent sprawling. The ground rushed up to him and he instinctively closed his eyes. He felt a sharp rock strike his knee and then he realised he was sliding down the slope.

He lay at the bottom of the hill for what seemed to him to be hours. When he finally scrambled to his feet, he looked to see where he was. He was in a large hollow which, although he knew the woods like the back of his hand, he had never seen before. There were metal drums about ten yards away. The top of the hollow was ringed by trees.

Tommy felt a bit nervous. His nervousness turned to terror and he found himself scrambling wildly up the slope. Suddenly he stopped. Tommy looked back down the slope. What was there to be scared about? He walked slowly back down the slope towards the drums. It was very gloomy and his nervousness came back suddenly. He stopped, gulped and continued to walk towards the drums. He rolled one over with his foot and a large red sign came into view. It said :

“ DANGER—CYANIDE ”

To Tommy this was a jumble of red. He crouched down beside a pool of sparkling liquid. He reached out towards it, his finger getting closer, closer . . . Suddenly he heard his friends calling for him. He drew his finger back, but his curiosity was very great and he rolled the drum over again. Then he saw a gaping hole in the side of the drum. He put his hand inside it. Then disaster struck ! He caught his thumb on a piece of jagged metal. He cried out and then, typical of a small child, sat down and sucked his thumb.

That was the last thing he ever did.

S. LISTER, 1F.



WEATHER, 1972

Summer has come,
And with it, the rain.
I don't think it will ever
Be sunny again.
The winter was mild,
The days cool but dry.
There wasn't a drop
Of rain in the sky.
It's a funny old world,
With the seasons all mixed ;
I think that we should have weather
That's permanently fixed.

T. MALLINSON, 3H.

LIMERICKS

There was a young lady from Reading,
Who was dying to go to a wedding,
So she got a big hat,
With a veil and all that,
But she couldn't see where she was heading.

There was a composer called Strauss,
Who lived with a rat and a mouse,
Said Johann one day,
“ I am glad they can stay, ”
So they all did a waltz round the house.

D. PLANT, 3H.

There was a young fellow from York
Who kept a refined sparrow hawk ;
What was really absurd
About this fierce bird
Was it ate with a knife and a fork !

I. WHARTON, 2M.



BONFIRE NIGHT

Bonfires crackle,
A smell of burnt rubber,
A devilish howl,
A rocket
Soars into the blackness,
And peters out
With a crackle.
A fire erupts
With a blinding flash,
Then a banger
Pops
In a weak imitation.
Suddenly,
Thunder,
And a rush for shelter
As the rain,
In a rushing torrent,
Quenches the flames.
No bonfire this night
Would cause
Disaster.

B. SEWARD, 4C.

TO A REDWOOD (JUST FALLEN)

It stood, tall, majestic, and great,
King of the forest.
It stood, too high for any creature to climb,
Too huge for anything to deny.
The right of the title King.
Even time could not conquer it,
But with each year increase it,
And make it greater still.
For hundreds of years all the elements
Have tried again and again.
Wind, flood and storm
Have failed again and again
To uproot the growth of years.

Now, an unfamiliar sound is heard,
Not of Nature's creation,
But of man's.
The mechanical insect's jaws spare none.
Steel has no pity or respect
For the redwood, the King.
The teeth bite deep,
An industrial sign, carving nature
Into sawdust.
Timber !
Death !
The king is chained, dead
And the funeral was the sawmill
And his epitaph the box of matches
In your pocket.

K. WILDGOOSE, 4G.



A "BOW" IN ENGLISH

A bow is a knot which is tied in ribbon,
Found on a present that has just been given ;
A bow is a sharp end of a vessel or ship,
Which sails away on a long, long trip.
A bow is the weapon of bold Robin Hood,
It can pierce an apple or shed a man's blood.
A bow is a courtesy that is seldom seen,
Except when meeting a King or a Queen.
A bow is an implement used in the trend,
A curve in the road or just a bend.
This three letter word has endless meanings,
No wonder I have no English leanings.

E. WILLIAMS, 2M.

VERUIMUS, VIDIMUS, VICIMUS

They came skulking in their longships,
Pushing the water aside and snapping the reeds.
The heathens, clad in horned helmets and
Coarse clothing, wielding their weapons, working their
Minds into a frenzy with alcohol. They came
They saw green grass and peasantry in the
Pastures (already aware of death in their midst) and
The castle, grey, gaunt, full of riches, grain and
Pious priests, kneeling, praying, chanting for
Peace and love to reign supreme. They saw,
They conquered the castle and shattered the
Tranquility with horn, axe and sword ;
Smashing skulls and breaking bones over
Altar, bench and cross. The floor a bloody
Sea for Odin. They came, they saw, they conquered.

J. HILL, 4H.



THE DEATH OF THE SEA

In the sea long ago,
The ripples used to come and go,
Shells like jewels, glisten in the water deep,
The dolphins at play, the crabs in sleep ;
The shining water, bitter with salt,
In ages to come all will halt.

In the sea not long ago
Tankers used to come and go,
Like a snail, leaving an oily trail.
The fish tried to adapt, but, of course, failed.
Then wrecks glistened in the deep.
Death is common, life is cheap.
We must positively stop,
Leave the job to the natural mop,
Let it clean up the mess.
Although we made it, we must confess
The thing might happen we all dread—
Too late, nothing done, all is dead.

P. WATSON, 1B.

on its extremely efficient drying room were not excessive! On the first day the party walked from Troutbeck via Scot Rake onto Thornthwaite Crag, and then on in semi-frozen snow to High Street, The Knott and Angletarn Pikes, before descending to Patterdale. The second day also started bright and sunny, and although Striding Edge was known to be iced up, it was hoped that the summit of Helvellyn might be reached via Swirral Edge. However, this was rejected when a high wind and icy surface was encountered on the slopes of Catstycam, though the whole party did reach that peak. After lunch near Red Tarn, a heavy snow shower forced the party down into Kepple Cove, and from there, while some went to watch the skiers on the slopes of Raise, others went onto Sheffield Pike before returning to the hostel.

The weather on the third day was clearer, and with less wind, a smaller party succeeded in climbing Swirral Edge, and went on from Helvellyn to Fairfield, St. Sunday Crag and Arnison Crag. Others less energetic were content with Beda Fell, Hallin Fell and Place Fell, from all of which the views were excellent. But it was too much to hope that such weather would hold for all four days, and on the final day all plans to return to Ambleside via John Bell's Banner and Wansfell were abandoned in the face of a vicious blizzard which made even the road-walk over Kirkstone Pass a considerable ordeal. Fortunately it was possible to change into dry clothes for the journey home, so that no cases of pneumonia were reported to take the shine off an otherwise very interesting expedition.

The March hike started from Cockley Beck—strangely, the first time any Rambling Club hike has started from the Duddon valley. The sun shone all day and snow lying above 2,000 feet made the views superb. The party first climbed Crinkle Crag via Stonesty Pike, but whilst the north east wind made the summit arctic, a sheltered cove a few hundred feet lower provided a really warm lunch-spot and also the opportunity for some exciting cape-sledging. After going over Cold Pike, the descent to Wrynose Pass was made, to be followed by the hard pull onto Wetside Edge, and Great Carrs. After reaching the final objective, Grey Friar, the party returned to the cars by a direct descent. Because of the height lost at Wrynose Pass, it had been quite a strenuous day—over 4,000 feet of climbing—but a most rewarding one.

The May hike began at Wasdale Head, from where it was somewhat surprising to see fresh snow lying on all the highest peaks, including our main objective, Great Gable. The route was via Sty Head and then along the exciting traverse, which involves a lot of quite strenuous scrambling, especially in the vicinity of Napes Needle and the "dress circle," where lunch was taken. The ascent towards the summit was made up the gulley and ridge above Sphinx Rock. Then came the rough descent to Beck Head, before the long climb to our second

objective, Kirk Fell. The descent from here to Black Sail Pass also needed care, but was followed by the long easy return to Wasdale Head. Although comparatively short in miles, this was quite an energetic day because of the scrambling involved; it was also very rewarding for the magnificent views obtained, especially of Wastwater and the Scafell.

We hope to conclude the year by doing the hike over the Howgill Fells north from Sedbergh, which had to be postponed last year.

The average number of boys going on Club hikes has declined somewhat this year. We hope that this trend will be reversed next year, and welcome on our expeditions all who are prepared to face the challenge of the mountains in all kinds of weather: we can assure them of good company and a rewarding sense of achievement.



SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

After Christmas there seemed to be renewed interest in the Society and over twenty members attended the first committee meeting. However a number of frustrating events soon dampened enthusiasm, especially when two meetings had to be cancelled owing to the power strike.

One debate did take place and the motion "That this house believes that mankind should have the power to control life," was carried. This debate was very well attended.

In the future, debates can be held in the Girls' School, as well as our own, and we thank Miss Stansfield for giving her permission. Thanks too, to all who have supported the Society during the year and we hope that those still at School will continue to give it their support during next winter.



MUSIC

During the Spring and Summer terms the Junior Choir and Orchestra were preparing for the Barrow Secondary Schools' Festival, which took place on the 23rd and 24th of May. About thirty-five of our boys took part in the choral items, which were very well received.

The orchestra prepared two works for the performance on the Tuesday. They were a suite for orchestra by William Boyce, in which the whole orchestra played (we even managed to borrow a small spinet for the performance—many thanks to Mr. S. Cooper) and a Clarinet Concerto in B flat by Karl Stannitz, a contemporary of Haydn. Robert Banks was the soloist in this work and played with a very

POLLUTION

Man and pollution go together,
He creates a world and then destroys it.
Sulphur dioxide makes acidic weather,
Which falls on buildings and corrodes them.
Plastic bags and eternal substance,
Litter the fields and will do so for years.
Man's own course can be found in the distance
Of time, to be one of total destruction.
Tin cans can cut and induce tetanus,
Gash grazing cattle and make them die.
Most of our rubbish can turn and threaten us,
Change our life, our way, our home.
So, people, your rubbish could soon be your end,
There's one thing can be done and one alone.
Destroy your rubbish and complete the drive,
Clean the environment and sue for *survival* ?

M. WILLIAMS, 4G.



LIFE ?

Life ! What is life ?
A bore ? A drag ? An illusion ?
The bomb, the weed, sex and perversion—
They take control of the mind and soul.
But, in the words of a long-haired " drop-out "
" I can't get no satisfaction."
So—what *is* life ?
A search for satisfaction ?
Man, I mean, really, How ?
Meditation is deviation.
The illusion of life is complete.
Life's drug has taken control.
But, how to prick the bubble.
Of everything that man has tried
The solution is One,
Omnipotence, God, Christ.
He lives. We live, Man lives.
Life, Death, With God there is no death.
In the words of a long-haired Saviour,
" Come unto me."
So come . . . find
Live.

J. SMART, 4G.

DOWN IN THE FOREST

All is silent,
All but the stream that endlessly
Trickles its way through the fresh forest glade.
And maybe a light morning breeze,
Rustling the leaves in an old oak tree
But that is all.

Now,
Between the age-old pines,
The first golden rays of sunlight find their way,
Waking the dormant forest,
A sharp freshness cutting through the trees.

The birds awaken,
Their music sounding shrill and clear.
A stag rustles and sniffs suspiciously
At the dew-filled morning air.

Now the sun is in full body over the stately pines,
Rising, steadily, higher in the sky,
A great glowing victorious ball of fire
Dawn has broken.

N. MOORE, 1K.



SAFTEY LAST

Sir Isaac Newton told us how
To settle tiffs without a row,
The method being climb up high
And drop large objects from the sky.
A rivet, girder, plank and cup
Invariably fall down—not up !
If you aim well and use your eyes,
You'll get the foreman for first prize.
Whereupon the union lot
Will bombard you with all they've got.
They'll pinch some metal and a crane
And shower girders down like rain,
But fear not, as you will learn,
That red-hot screws make people burn,
And when they're dropped from medium height,
They set the victims' lunch alight.
The builders' motto is very plain :
" When you handle tools, take aim,
It's better to be high and dry,
Than down below, about to die."

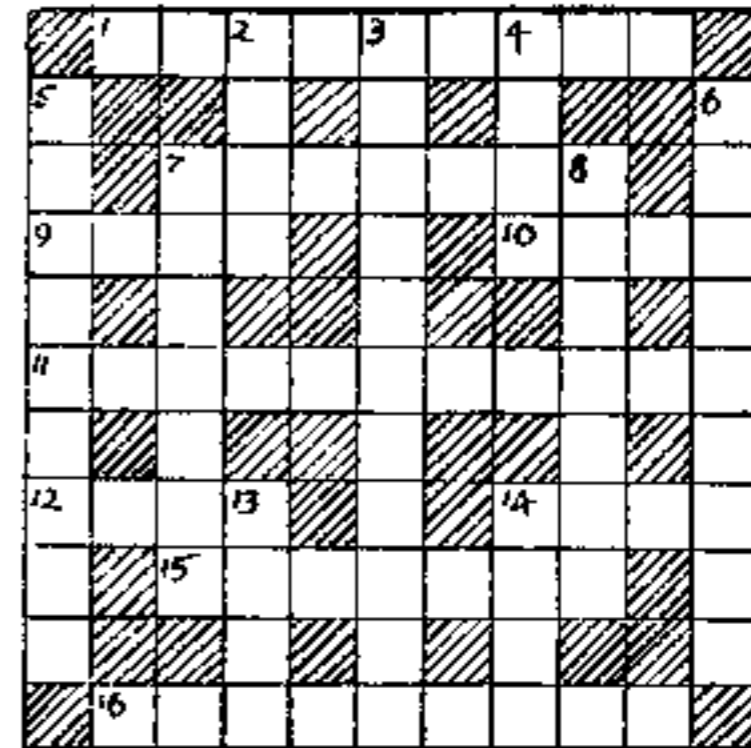
M. BURROW, 4H.

THE CAT

Eyes of green,
 Coat of fur,
 Loud miow,
 And a gentle purr.
 He'll stay in
 When it's wet ;
 When it's fine
 Out he'll get.
 He'll chase birds,
 Climb the trees,
 Chew the flowers,
 And challenge the bees.
 He eats his fish,
 Drinks his cream,
 Washes his fur,
 Then curls up to dream.

P. GIBSON, 2K.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. In battle or square, Nelson is there (9).
7. Drugs or Jackets (7)
9. Marsh plant (4)
10. Brass, Military or Jazz (4)
11. The same as Old Boys ? (3, 8)
12. Electrically charged atoms (4)
14. Enter (4)
15. Striped (7)
16. Christian names (9)

DOWN

2. Very old (4)
3. Forthright Declation (11)
4. Clothing (4)
5. Local inhabitant (9)
6. To make unfit (9)
7. Blushes (7)
8. Tinned fish (7)
13. Light in the sky (4)
14. An Article (4)

A. FULLARD, 1C.

pleasing bright and precise style which exactly fitted the mood of this non-too-easy work. He is to be congratulated for his aplomb in facing a packed audience. My sincere thanks are due to the players from the Girls' Grammar School. Without their help the orchestra would be much the poorer.

I may add in passing that we really need more violins in the School Orchestra in spite of the fact that we have some very able players. It is to be hoped that the influx of new students next year will add to our present numbers, since there is now a good base on which to work. My thanks are due to Simon Hutchinson this year for his leadership of the orchestra, and to the other players for their time and patience.

We hope to provide an informal Music Concert on 11th July. This will have quite a number of varied items, including a folk group, some choir work and orchestral music.

Finally, my thanks to Mr. Kimber and Mr. Mayes for their help and interest shown throughout the year.



STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has not been meeting recently, but it is hoped that regular after-school meetings will start again in September, to which both old and new members will be welcome.

We are trying to accumulate a stock of "swops" and if any reader can help by sending unwanted foreign stamps to school we shall be most grateful.



SCOUT NOTES

THIRD TROOP

Friday night Troop meetings at school have been well attended throughout the year. We are grateful for the help of the Venture Scouts at these meetings and recently for the help of Messrs. D. McWilliams and K. Walsh, who have generously offered to take charge of the Troop next year. They have the full support of the headmaster, who is the Troop's sponsor, and of the Parents' Committee, and we wish them success.

Bill Shepherd and John Winder will continue to run the main outdoor activities. This year they have had welcome help from Stephen Bailey and John Adams. The first expedition was over the new year at High Hallgarth. The primitive simplicity of the place makes it a firm favourite with the Scouts, and as expected, it proved a good base

for exploring the usually neglected lower fells and the caves of Little Langdale, as well as Crinkle Crag. Few of us, however, thought of it as a base for high altitude winter bathing until "Postle" demonstrated the possibility!

The Youth Hostelling expedition at Easter was very well supported. Two nights were spent at Andgarten Hostel, from which the Cobbler was climbed, and two nights at Garth. Schiehallion was climbed in a gale; the other days were mainly wet. The party returned to the civilising influence of Roman Britain and stayed at Once Brewed for the final night. The expedition must have been successful as there is even more support for the next Youth Hostelling trip, which is arranged for the October half-term.

The Whit camp was held in the Duddon Valley. The site, a new one to the Troop, was half-way between Wallowbarrow and the petrol pump. The large, well-drained field was satisfactory—apart from evidence of recent occupation by cows—and wood was plentiful. It did *not* rain all the time, as some have implied. The sun shone before the hike over White Pike and Dow Crag, and the rain stopped when the hike was finished! There were also opportunities for a camp-fire, an evening "stroll," swimming and tennis. The final day was rather damp but the kit was dried and packed the following day.

A weekend camp for Patrol Leaders and Assistant P.L.'s was held at Great Tower. For this the weather was perfect. The possibilities (and some of the impossibilities!) of backwoods cooking were learned baked potatoes are easiest; eggs inside potatoes are possible, though timing is a problem; grilling requires infinite patience and the right kind of fire; baking in foil is successful (but is it really backwoods cooking?). The primitive theme was continued with deer tracking and the construction of a rope bridge and tree platform. Our main concession to civilisation was the use of soap for cleaning the outside of the billies.

Other Troop activities have included a visit to the frigate *H.M.S. Juno*, and a meeting at the baths. The large pool at Abbey Baths has been open for Scouts this year on Saturdays between 6 and 7 p.m. Michael Ward has obtained his Swimmer's Badge and Dave Newby won the diving and took second place in the breast stroke in the Scout Swimming Gala. In the Junior Ambulance League, Dave also won the individual event and led the team, which included Colin Wheeler, Peter Thomson, Alan Turner and Ian Walker, to first place in the league competition. The team also won the Scout Ambulance Competition. Once again we thank Mr. Lewis for teaching the first aid. Six members of the Troop acted as patients for an inter-town Senior Ambulance Competition. Most Scouts have made progress with badge work, although no-one has yet obtained the

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Advanced Scout Standard. Ian Spencer and Stephen Turner have obtained the Fireman Badge.

Thanks are again due to parents for providing transport on several occasions and for running the Jumble Sale, which raised over £30 in spite of its postponement due to the power cuts earlier in the year.

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EIGHTEENTH TROOP

1972 started with an expedition to Grange-in-Borrowdale. The schoolroom we hired there proved an adequate base for our programme of walking, cooking, etc. A night hike on Grange Fell proved to be a real exercise in map-reading, especially as the expected full moon didn't appear. The "Individual Challenge Competition" was a successful novelty with items ranging from tossing a pancake to a race up Maiden Moor; from whittling a tent-peg to an icy January dip. The winner of this competition was a First Former, Keith Roberts, whom we heartily congratulate for his enthusiasm. Considering the small support, this expedition was quite successful.

Easter saw a training week in the schoolroom at Little Langdale. Despite persistent rain, Scouts managed a full programme of canoeing, aeroplane flying (and repairing!), fishing, hiking, Scout Progress Work (most first formers virtually completed their Scout Standard at Langdale) and cooking. A friend of the Seniors, Peter Hughes, came up several times. He organised a blindfold route-finding exercise and enlivened two very enjoyable wide games. Most Scouts had their first experience of canoeing on Little Langdale Tarn, although to me, we seemed to spend far more time carrying the thing to and from the tarn than actually paddling it!

Whit Camp, as usual, was at Wray Castle, but the customary glorious weather deserted us until the last day. The lack of senior help really affected the camp, but I was grateful for assistance from a former Scout (though not of our Troop), Declan McCusker.

Despite the rain we built a monkey-bridge (and a stream to flow under it), went orienteering, almost went swimming, as well as entertaining parents. We held a camp-fire in the rain with another Troop. They were so impressed with our singing that they invited us to their H.Q. next term for an evening with their parents and scouts. The older Scouts, for their Interest Visit and Journey, went on a "Wordsworth Expedition" to Hawkshead, Grasmere and Rydal.

Back at the hut the year has produced a truly astounding upsurge in the fund-raising activities of our Supporters' Association. These will have culminated when these notes are printed, with a barbecue, together with the Venture Folk Group. With this event we hope to

top £200 from the year's fund-raising. Chris has also spent a great deal of time and effort in this, his 'A' level year, organising hikes, camps, youth hostelling, canoeing, orienteering and sailing, as well as the weekly meetings. With the future of the Troop very much in the balance, at the moment, because of leadership problems, we are keenly appreciative of all such enthusiasm.

SPORT



RUGBY

1st XV

Played 14. Won 4. Lost 10. Points for 96. Against 282.

After a promising start to the season, the 1st XV again lapsed into a year of varied play and mediocre results. It must be remembered, however, that this year's 1st XV was an unusually young team, with only five boys from the Upper Sixth and the majority of the rest coming from the Fifth Form, particularly in the latter part of the season. This can only auger well for the coming year. What was also pleasing about last year was the increased number of boys who made up the squad and were willing to train and work hard providing competition for places. This could be seen in the fact that a 2nd XV played two different games on the same days as the 1st XV, and performed creditably. It is hoped there will be more 2nd XV games this coming season.

Although the first two games against the Technical School and Millom were won, neither were good team performances.

This lack of team unity was shown up in a very bad first half against Kendal G.S. when we found ourselves trailing by 24 points. The situation improved in the second half when more determination and co-operation began to appear.

This was followed by a slightly better start against Arnold G.S., but a lack of power in the forwards against a much bigger side unfortunately took its toll towards the end of the game.

The reputation of Cockermouth, and previous experiences, brought out the best in the forwards and they had an excellent day, winning much good possession. However, the threequarters lacked finishing

power as they did for much of the season, and Cockermouth got the breaks and made them count. As a result the score of 22—0 flattered them slightly.

The match against Heversham turned out to be one of the closest and hardest of the season, with the first XV giving one of their best team performances against a well-drilled and unbeaten Heversham side. It was unfortunate that the score had to be decided on penalties and we lost 3—6.

This performance was not followed up, however, in either of the two following matches against the Technical School, which we won, or against a good Whitehaven team which outplayed us.

There followed two good home games against Kirkham and St. Bees, both of which, if the matches went on effort, we were unfortunate to lose. However, in the next two games we were soundly beaten by Hutton G.S. and a very fine Blackpool side. It is to be hoped that the younger members of the team learned a valuable lesson in team and individual rugby skills from the Blackpool players.

The season finished with a good performance and win against the Vale of Lune Colts and a very hard-fought but thoroughly enjoyable game against the Old Boys, which they won.

The Rugby Sevens proved as enjoyable as usual and although no honours were won, there were some good performances, particularly at Manchester University, where we reached the last eight in the plate competition.

Finally, thanks go to Phil Johnson, captain, and Malcolm Evans for their invaluable work over the past two years and to all other members of the team who are leaving, to whom we wish every success.

		F.	A.
v. Technical School	Won	16	8
v. Millom	Won	26	0
v. Kendal	Lost	4	29
v. Arnold	Lost	0	26
v. Cockermouth	Lost	0	22
v. Heversham	Lost	3	6
v. Technical S.	Won	10	0
v. Whitehaven	Lost	0	29
v. Kirkham	Lost	0	14
v. St. Bees	Lost	0	12
v. Hutton	Lost	0	26
v. Blackpool	Lost	3	66
v. Vale of Lune	Won	26	12
v. Old Boys	Lost	8	32

UNDER 15 XV

This was not a good season, although with the exception of two games, none of our defeats were particularly heavy.

The main weakness of the side was that our forwards were usually smaller than the opposition, and consequently we suffered from a lack of possession. This, of course, involved the backs in much more tackling than they would have liked and the opposition were able to capitalise on this.

However, despite adversity, the team remained cheerful throughout and their optimism was finally rewarded with good wins against St. Bees and Hutton.

RESULTS

			F.	A.
v. Millom	A.	Lost	4	12
v. Kendal	H.	Lost	13	56
v. Arnold	H.	Lost	18	35
v. Ulverston	H.	Lost	15	20
v. Cockermouth	A.	Lost	17	19
v. Heversham	A.	Lost	6	16
v. Stoneyhurst	A.	Lost	0	13
v. Kirkham	A.	Lost	6	20
v. St. Bees	A.	Won	30	4
v. Hutton	A.	Won	22	8
v. Blackpool	H.	Lost	4	41

Played 11. Won 2. Lost 9



UNDER 14 XV

The team this year was able to field a fair number of good individual players, but experienced the usual handicap of having to find their feet against teams which had already had two and a half months of match practice. The demoralising effects of this were to be seen against experienced teams such as Arnold.

Any early success was too dependent on the strong running of Hanson and the covering and kicking of Reid, but towards the end of the season an increasing blend of aggression in the forwards and

fluency in the backs showed promise for the long fixture list of next year.

Won 5. Lost 3. Drawn, 1. Points for 139. Points against 130.

		F.	A.
v. St. Bees	Lost	4	12
v. Millom	Won	12	4
v. Kendal	Won	20	12
v. Arnold	Lost	6	44
v. Stoneyhurst	Lost	0	12
v. Kirkham	Drawn	24	24
v. St. Bees	Won	32	0
v. Hutton	Won	20	4
v. Blackpool	Won	21	18



SOCCKER

UNDER 15 XI

During a busy season (27 matches) the team achieved a high degree of success in the three competitions in which it was engaged, in spite of being deprived of the services of key players in vital games.

In the Lancashire Schools' Trophy we had a good run, falling to the eventual winners, Montgomery School, Blackpool, 0—5, a score which rather flattered the victors, although they were our superiors in size and skill.

Having reached the Hawcrige Shield final by excellent play, beating the Technical School in the semi-final, we failed to overcome rough tactics and a poor pitch but managed to draw and share the trophy.

The League title eluded us when we dropped two vital points, one against Holker, the other against Ulverston, but we remained unbeaten in this competition.

It was unfortunate that we lost the services of Kevin Edmondson for a time in mid-season and of Steve Lucas and Philip Docker for the Hawcrige Shield final. These three boys, together with Stephen Clarke, David Ronald, Russell Pettifer and Ian Jones, all played for Barrow Boys' U.15 team and Pritchard was their reserve goalkeeper. Edmondson also captained the side. Eight boys in the Barrow Boys' squad speaks for itself!

The remaining members of the team not so "honoured" played equally well. Alan Chapman was our most consistent player and Paul Williamson showed a high degree of ability. Kevin Procter, Philip Haughian and Ken Richards (drafted in from the U.14 side) all played well when called upon, as did Alfredo Karam, the "Brazilian Wizard," who had to leave before the season ended.

The biggest "Thank you" however, must be reserved for Gary Hogg, who was substitute-cum-linesman for practically every game and although very rarely getting a chance to play, he maintained his cheerful and enthusiastic outlook and never complained. Well done to him and the rest of the squad!

SEASON'S RESULTS

Played 27. Won 17. Drawn 4. Lost 6. Goals for 101. Goals against 60.

Leading Scorers: Docker 41; Jones 15; Pettifer 13.

Since last issue:

LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS' TROPHY

Risedale	(Round 2)	A.	Won	7—1
Holker	(Round 3)	H.	Won	6—2
Technical	(Furness Final for the McIntosh Cup)	A.	Won	3—2

Greaves School, Lancs. Semi-Lancaster (North Lancs.

Montgomery School, Blackpool (N. Lancs. Final)	Semi-Final	H.	Won	4—2
		A.	Lost	0—5

HAWCRIDGE SHIELD

Alfred Barrow	(Round 1)	H.	Won	8—3
Technical	(Semi-Final)	A.	Won	2—0
Risedale	(Final)	N.	Drew	0—0
			(Share Trophy)	

LEAGUE

St. Aloysius	H.	Won	4—3
Holker	H.	Drew	1—1
Ulverston Comprehensive	A.	Drew	5—5
Dowdales	H.	Won	3—2



UNDER 13 XI

At the time of writing these notes, the School's final position in the local intermediate league is unknown, but with only three points dropped, we are unlikely to be in a lower position than equal second.

In the second half of this season, our defence has played with much greater assurance, while the team as a whole has turned in some capable performances in spite of poor ground conditions. Particularly noteworthy was the defeat of Holker County Secondary School in torrential rain, on a waterlogged pitch laid out along the crest of a ridge (!) and the annihilation of the then League leaders, Ulverston, under similarly grim conditions.

Unfortunately Ulverston obtained ample revenge in eliminating us from the Intermediate Cup competition in a dour match, where Ulverston contained our forwards in a manner which left no doubt that they had learned their lesson from the league defeat!

In conclusion, thanks are due to the many boys who trained diligently and who refused to be disheartened by only the occasional appearance in the side.

v. St. Aloysius	Away	Won	4	2
v. Holker Co. Sec.	Away	Won	2	1
v. Montgomery (Blackpool)	Away	Lost	0	1
v. Ulverston Comp.	Home	Won	6	3
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	(Cup S.F.)			
v. Holker Co. Sec.	Home	Won	6	3



UNDER 12 XI

The second half of the season was one of mixed fortunes for the Under 12 soccer team. After two closely contested games against St. Aloysius and Ulverston, the Under 12's had a fine run of four victories in which they scored fifteen goals and conceded none. Despite this, a mediocre performance against an opportunist side from the Technical School in conditions ill-suited to the abilities of the side, led to the School's early and expensive exit from the local Cup competition. The memory of this demoralising defeat was, however, quickly erased when, on the following day, the team travelled to Blackpool and held a strong and determined team from Montgomery School to a draw. Two victories (against Holker Street and Walney) restored the team's self-confidence, but injuries and absences from the side resulted in two weak performances against Ulverston and Holker Street.

The team was invited to participate in a seven-a-side tournament at Ormsgill Boys' Club. Two convincing wins over Ormsgill Boys and St. Aidan's Boys assured the School of victory. Our thanks go to the organisers of the tournament and it is hoped the invitation will be extended next year.

The team is to be congratulated on showing outstanding enthusiasm, perseverance and courage (including the second and third teams involved in the Ulverston fixtures) throughout the season.

St. Aloysius	A.	Lost	2	4
Ulverston	A.	Lost	1	3
St. Aloysius	H.	Won	1	0
Walney	H.	Won	4	0
Lancaster	H.	Won	7	0
Risedale	H.	Won	3	0
Technical School	H.	Lost	1	9
Blackpool	A.	Drew	1	1
Holker Street	H.	Won	5	1
Walney	H.	Won	4	0
Ulverston	H.	Lost	4	6
Holker Street	H.	Won	5	4

For whole season :

P	W	D	L	F	A
31	16	5	10	110	69



BASKETBALL

The senior 'A' team contrived to play well but were unlucky to lose several important games by very narrow margins; consequently their final position in the Furness Basketball League was fifth, but with the second best scoring record. Some consolation was also provided by finishing runners-up in the competition for the Centenary Cup. Sidebottom was top scorer of the season and was awarded his colours. Waple and Newsham played consistently well and received merit awards.

The Senior 'B' team never fulfilled their early promise; they played quite well but lacked the finishing touches needed to win. It is hoped that they will build on experience gained this year and be more successful next season.

We hope to keep two teams in the local league next season, providing we have sufficient support. Interested boys above Form 3 are welcome on a Thursday evening as players, officials and supporters!



BADMINTON NOTES

The Junior Badminton club met on Tuesday evenings throughout the Winter term. The initial enthusiasm shown by many pupils tapered off somewhat because of clashes with house matches, although a small nucleus of pupils continued to attend regularly.

In the Barrow Schools' Tournament we entered competitors in the Senior Boys' Doubles. In this event Fryer and Hubbard lost in the final after an exciting contest. In the Junior competition B. Banahan and partner lost in the final of the Mixed Doubles.

Pupils are introduced to badminton in physical education lessons and when their playing ability has reached a reasonable standard they are encouraged to join local clubs, where the facilities and opportunity for playing the game are rather better catered for than at School.

Once again next year we hope the Junior Club attracts new members especially from the lower forms.



CROSS-COUNTRY

The main achievement of the season was winning the Barrow Schools' championship for the first time in ten years. Preparation for this event had included several friendly matches against local schools, training runs during the Christmas holidays, and some very hard work at the start of the Spring term. Although we won only one age group—the third year, where Rothwell and Mitchell ran very well—in the other races we were second by a slight enough margin to ensure overall victory. Nairn in the senior race was our only individual winner, though Palmer was a close second in the first year race.

In our friendly matches we did well, winning five matches and losing one. In March we took part in the Northern Counties Schools Championships, where the high standard and a field of over five hundred runners were a new experience to our teams. Earlier in the season an inexperienced and somewhat apprehensive team entered the round Derwentwater road relay. G. Cooper got the team off to a good start and we finished seventh of twenty teams.

It has been, then, a satisfactory season. Now we know there are keen and competent runners in the School we can look forward to more interesting fixtures and, we hope, greater success.



TABLE TENNIS

The School first team again competed in the third division of the Barrow League, M. Lunnion, T. Eales, F. Baker and D. Fryer representing the School. The team finished third in the division behind the two experienced sides from Barrow Golf Club. The highlight of the season was the defeat of the Golf Club's first team, which had

previously been unbeaten in all league competitions. Had this form been present throughout the season the team might have secured promotion to the second division.

The School second team, having been relegated last season, played in the fourth division and in the main was selected from A. Craig, P. Norman, C. Kemp, R. Key, M. Waite and W. Mulaney. The team's early season form was somewhat erratic, but they began to settle and managed to avoid relegation, finishing in ninth position.

In January, T. Eales was successful in being selected for the Barrow Junior Team which played against the Lancaster and Morecambe League at Kendal and was the only Barrow representative to win a game.

The Barrow Tournament was played in February and M. Lunnion, who was a finalist in the Handicap Event last year, went one step better this time and won the competition. As usual, he played very steadily and beat Ken Kinley of Furness C.C. in the final.

Our own School Tournament, played in March, attracted 69 entries from boys at all levels in the school. M. Lunnion was again successful in winning both the Open Event, beating T. Eales 15—21, 21—14, 21—17 in the final, and the Handicap Event, beating D. Fryer 21—7, 21—15 in the final.



TENNIS

During the past few years more and more boys have shown an interest in playing tennis at School, with this year being the most active to date.

Matches have taken place against Kendal Grammar School and Ulverston Comprehensive School. In the first match against Ulverston at home, the school won 43-38. We then suffered two extremely close defeats: at Kendal 48—51 and at Ulverston 31—32. The doubles pairs who have represented the school to date are G. Fernandez and F. Baker, who at the time of writing are undefeated, D. Fryer and E. Navarro, T. Isaac and S. Rowlinson, and M. Spurling and D. Fay. It is hoped that two more matches will have taken place before the end of the term, a "decider" against Ulverston and a friendly against the Girls' School.

The School entered the Nestles' Tournament which involved twenty-four boys playing competitive tennis over a six week period, in a ladder competition. At the end of the six weeks the ladder was headed by G. Fernandez, who will now go forward to represent the school in the knock-out stage of the tournament.

SWIMMING CLUB

The 1971-72 season saw a repeat of the previous year's success due to the quality of the limited number of enthusiasts who give of their time and energy to represent the school.

T. Brockbank, I. Downward, N. Pritchard, D. York and I. Rothwell beat all the opposition provided by the eight other competing senior teams to gain maximum points and win the Senior Winter League Trophy.

I. Clark, M. Garner, I. Robinson and N. Rothwell won all their races against the nine other competing schools in the Intermediate League. A technical fault lost the team two points so that they finished in second place in the Intermediate Winter League. The intermediate 'B' team of K. Brockbank, K. Dodd, P. Donnelly, G. Hinchley and R. Thomson did very well to take fifth place.

The Barrow Schools Annual Championship Gala was held on the 24th June. The school entrants pretty well swept the board, winning six of the eight trophies presented. W. Simmons, chased every foot of the way by R. Moss, won the Wilf Diamond Trophy in a new record time of 57.8 seconds. It was the same story for the Hannah Trophy. The senior team, T. Brockbank, G. O'Connor, I. Downward, N. Pritchard and D. York gained enough points in the individual events to comfortably win the Senior Championship Trophy. The intermediate team, I. Clark, M. Garner and I. Robinson followed suit to win the Intermediate Championship Trophy. I. Downward and I. Clark did particularly well. The pace of I. Downward, G. O'Connor and I. Clark proved too much for the opposition competing for the Harold Kerr Trophy. All in all a most successful and enjoyable evening.

As the Barrow Senior Schools Swimming Champions the School has been invited to participate in Vickers' Swimming Gala. A report on this will appear in the next issue.

It is hoped that success will attract more support next year. In particular the club needs style swimming and diving talent.



SIXTH FORM v. GIRLS' SCHOOL 1st XI HOCKEY TEAM

In the annual hockey match the Sixth Form team of Shields, Baillie, Isaac, Spurling, Evans, Fay, Ashton, McClean, Johnson, Rule and Fairlamb beat the Girls' School 1st XI by two goals to nil. This was the first defeat for the girls for several seasons.

From the bully-off the girls went into the attack but they were stopped by Steve Baillie, who sent a great pass to John Ashton. Ashton

raced the length of the field before crossing the ball, only to see it scrambled away by a somewhat shaky defence. The boys kept up the pressure and obtained two short-corners in quick succession. The girls' team was struggling even though Lynn Parkes, Lorna Burley and Jennifer Mitchells tried hard to steady their team-mates. With Taffy Evans and Mike Spurling in good form, the girls could make no impression at all and eventually the boys took the lead just before half-time.

In the second half the girls forced John Shields to make some fine saves but still they could not score. Eventually Mike Spurling scored a second goal for the boys. Having started the move himself in his own half and played a neat one-two with Phil Johnson, he ran right through the girls' defence to hit the ball out of reach of the helpless Alison Ainsbury.

Towards the end of the game the girls threw everything into the attack but a sound defence kept them from scoring and the boys' team eventually won by 2-0.



6x v. GIRLS' SCHOOL ALL-STAR XI

On the 17th March, a gallant 6x team played the Girls' School All Star XI in the first mixed soccer match to be staged between the two schools. The match was played on "the Swamp," and was watched by a capacity crowd.

6x : Ashton, Baker, Kendall, Fryer, Lunnon, Stevenson, Pettingale, Rule, Hubbard, Fairlamb, Hall.

All Star XI : Allison Ainsbury, Pat Moore, Delya Randall, Francis Rudd, Lorna Burley, Sheila Huddart, Jennifer Mitchell, Allison Whitton, Lynn Parkes, Gill Tweedley, Jean Sadler.

Referee : R. F. Sharpe, Esq.

Things were against 6x right from the start as the Head Boy lost the toss. Lynn Parkes chose to kick-off and the All Stars were quickly into the attack. A good pass to the right sent Jennifer Mitchell streaking down the wing, leaving a trail of defenders in her wake. However, John Ashton was quickly out of his goal to cover a low shot from the winger. 6x found it hard going in the first quarter of an hour due to the dominance of Lorna Burley in the middle of the park, and due to the referee everywhere else. It was the All Stars who took the lead after ten minutes. John Kendall was penalised (for breathing too heavily on the edge of the penalty area) and an Allison Whitton free kick was neatly tucked away by the dangerous Lynn Parkes. From the re-start Stevenson went away down the left only to be stopped by the defiant Pat Moore. However he later had the first shot for 6x but it was brilliantly taken by Alison Ainsbury in the All Star goal.

Four minutes later the All Stars went further ahead. The elusive Gill Tweedley sent John Ashton the wrong way to make the score 2—0. Despite shots from Pettingale, Rule and Fairlamb, 6x found it impossible to beat the infallible Alison Ainsbury, who made Gordon Banks look like a novice. A fine ball from Alison Whitton found Jennifer Mitchell on the right and this time she made no mistake with a fine shot. The All Stars were piling on the pressure when Lynn Parkes crashed one shot against the cross-bar and John Ashton had to make some fine saves from the other forwards. Just before half-time Pettingale found the net to make the score 3—1. Despite the "decisions" given by the referee during the first half, 6x struggled on and made the score 3—2 with a goal by Stevenson. The All Stars were soon attacking again and went further into the lead from the penalty spot after Fairlamb had made an immaculate rugby tackle on Gill Tweedley. Then disaster struck 6x when Frank Baker was sent off after the ball had accidentally (?) left his foot and hit Delya Randall in the face. Delya (who does drama at School) fell to the ground in agony. 6x then went further behind through a very dubious goal. As the ball came into the penalty area, Gill Tweedley appeared to pick the ball up and throw it into the net, the referee claiming he was unsighted! After 15 minutes of the second half, Paddy Fairlamb picked up a loose ball and went over in the corner for a fine try. That made it 5—3 and later 6x pulled another one back through Ged Rule. His shot from the edge of the box hit a spectator who had fallen onto the pitch and went past the stranded 'keeper.

Then, with the best move of the match, the All Stars scored from the re-start without a 6x player touching the ball. Alison Whitton was the scorer. With only two minutes remaining Lynn Parkes put the final nail in the coffin with a rocket shot that had everybody diving for cover.



Individual Contributions

SIR ISAAC NEWTON

Sir Isaac Newton, out one day,
 In the merry month of May,
 Into his orchard—a pleasant spot,
 Especially when the day is hot,
 An apple fell upon his head,
 The result of which Sir Isaac said
 "Core! That hurt!"

C. REID, 2M.

DANGER LION!

A boy ran across the arid, sandy soil. All around him were the sounds of Africa—the twittering of birds, the sudden thundering of hooves as a group of startled antelope fled in one direction, while two or three zebras escaped in another, or the distant trumpeting of an elephant.

His shirt clung to his body like glue but he struggled on. He was too hot and tired now to be grateful for the temporary relief from the relentless sun afforded by a group of trees. He was scarcely aware of anything except the hot sticky sweat covering his body and the knowledge that he must keep moving. His world revolved around these two things. He was acutely uncomfortable but, not even considering slowing his pace, unquestioningly obeyed the feeling pushing him forward, as an animal does an instinct. He barely even knew why he was running now, for his mind was concerned with nothing more than regulating the pounding of his feet and the panting of his lungs, maintaining the rhythm that alone could keep him moving, and without which he would collapse exhausted on the ground. The screaming of baboons reached his mind only as a background, something which he accepted with a deadened awareness and ignored.

Suddenly the deep-throated roar of a lion broke through these barriers, for some deep instinct, recognising its importance, routed it through to his conscious mind. It crashed through the steadily rotating wheels of rhythm like a shot from a cannon. Before, there had been only breathing and motion; now he was opened to the outside world. But the many sounds of this world did not flood in on him for in it there was one factor which completely dominated all else—the roar of the lion. It was repeated, much closer now, and he redoubled his speed. Then his foot hit something. His legs carried him forward two or three more paces, but he was no longer their master. His centre of gravity shifted and he fell onto the dusty ground. The lion roared again, only a few yards away. The boy picked himself up and stared in fascination through the wire at the king of the beasts. All thoughts of hastening to the sea-lion pool for feeding time were forgotten, for Whipsnade Zoo had offered him a new and greater attraction.

R. HALEY, 3J.



HIDE-AND-SEEK

Hide-and-peek was always young Tommy's favourite game. His two companions were chasing him and getting very close. He would have to hide soon, lest they should find him. Then Tommy's keen eyes spotted what seemed to be a small hill. Perhaps he would find

a hiding place on the other side of it. He ran up to it and clambered over the top. Half-way down the other side his foot struck a rock and he was sent sprawling. The ground rushed up to him and he instinctively closed his eyes. He felt a sharp rock strike his knee and then he realised he was sliding down the slope.

He lay at the bottom of the hill for what seemed to him to be hours. When he finally scrambled to his feet, he looked to see where he was. He was in a large hollow which, although he knew the woods like the back of his hand, he had never seen before. There were metal drums about ten yards away. The top of the hollow was ringed by trees.

Tommy felt a bit nervous. His nervousness turned to terror and he found himself scrambling wildly up the slope. Suddenly he stopped. Tommy looked back down the slope. What was there to be scared about? He walked slowly back down the slope towards the drums. It was very gloomy and his nervousness came back suddenly. He stopped, gulped and continued to walk towards the drums. He rolled one over with his foot and a large red sign came into view. It said :

“ DANGER—CYANIDE ”

To Tommy this was a jumble of red. He crouched down beside a pool of sparkling liquid. He reached out towards it, his finger getting closer, closer . . . Suddenly he heard his friends calling for him. He drew his finger back, but his curiosity was very great and he rolled the drum over again. Then he saw a gaping hole in the side of the drum. He put his hand inside it. Then disaster struck ! He caught his thumb on a piece of jagged metal. He cried out and then, typical of a small child, sat down and sucked his thumb.

That was the last thing he ever did.

S. LISTER, 1F.



WEATHER, 1972

Summer has come,
And with it, the rain.
I don't think it will ever
Be sunny again.
The winter was mild,
The days cool but dry.
There wasn't a drop
Of rain in the sky.
It's a funny old world,
With the seasons all mixed ;
I think that we should have weather
That's permanently fixed.

T. MALLINSON, 3H.

LIMERICKS

There was a young lady from Reading,
Who was dying to go to a wedding,
So she got a big hat,
With a veil and all that,
But she couldn't see where she was heading.

There was a composer called Strauss,
Who lived with a rat and a mouse,
Said Johann one day,
“ I am glad they can stay, ”
So they all did a waltz round the house.

D. PLANT, 3H.

There was a young fellow from York
Who kept a refined sparrow hawk ;
What was really absurd
About this fierce bird
Was it ate with a knife and a fork !

I. WHARTON, 2M.



BONFIRE NIGHT

Bonfires crackle,
A smell of burnt rubber,
A devilish howl,
A rocket
Soars into the blackness,
And peters out
With a crackle.
A fire erupts
With a blinding flash,
Then a banger
Pops
In a weak imitation.
Suddenly,
Thunder,
And a rush for shelter
As the rain,
In a rushing torrent,
Quenches the flames.
No bonfire this night
Would cause
Disaster.

B. SEWARD, 4C.

TO A REDWOOD (JUST FALLEN)

It stood, tall, majestic, and great,
King of the forest.
It stood, too high for any creature to climb,
Too huge for anything to deny.
The right of the title King.
Even time could not conquer it,
But with each year increase it,
And make it greater still.
For hundreds of years all the elements
Have tried again and again.
Wind, flood and storm
Have failed again and again
To uproot the growth of years.

Now, an unfamiliar sound is heard,
Not of Nature's creation,
But of man's.
The mechanical insect's jaws spare none.
Steel has no pity or respect
For the redwood, the King.
The teeth bite deep,
An industrial sign, carving nature
Into sawdust.
Timber !
Death !
The king is chained, dead
And the funeral was the sawmill
And his epitaph the box of matches
In your pocket.

K. WILDGOOSE, 4G.



A "BOW" IN ENGLISH

A bow is a knot which is tied in ribbon,
Found on a present that has just been given ;
A bow is a sharp end of a vessel or ship,
Which sails away on a long, long trip.
A bow is the weapon of bold Robin Hood,
It can pierce an apple or shed a man's blood.
A bow is a courtesy that is seldom seen,
Except when meeting a King or a Queen.
A bow is an implement used in the trend,
A curve in the road or just a bend.
This three letter word has endless meanings,
No wonder I have no English leanings.

E. WILLIAMS, 2M.

VERUIMUS, VIDIMUS, VICIMUS

They came skulking in their longships,
Pushing the water aside and snapping the reeds.
The heathens, clad in horned helmets and
Coarse clothing, wielding their weapons, working their
Minds into a frenzy with alcohol. They came
They saw green grass and peasantry in the
Pastures (already aware of death in their midst) and
The castle, grey, gaunt, full of riches, grain and
Pious priests, kneeling, praying, chanting for
Peace and love to reign supreme. They saw,
They conquered the castle and shattered the
Tranquility with horn, axe and sword ;
Smashing skulls and breaking bones over
Altar, bench and cross. The floor a bloody
Sea for Odin. They came, they saw, they conquered.

J. HILL, 4H.



THE DEATH OF THE SEA

In the sea long ago,
The ripples used to come and go,
Shells like jewels, glisten in the water deep,
The dolphins at play, the crabs in sleep ;
The shining water, bitter with salt,
In ages to come all will halt.

In the sea not long ago
Tankers used to come and go,
Like a snail, leaving an oily trail.
The fish tried to adapt, but, of course, failed.
Then wrecks glistened in the deep.
Death is common, life is cheap.
We must positively stop,
Leave the job to the natural mop,
Let it clean up the mess.
Although we made it, we must confess
The thing might happen we all dread—
Too late, nothing done, all is dead.

P. WATSON, 1B.

POLLUTION

Man and pollution go together,
He creates a world and then destroys it.
Sulphur dioxide makes acidic weather,
Which falls on buildings and corrodes them.
Plastic bags and eternal substance,
Litter the fields and will do so for years.
Man's own course can be found in the distance
Of time, to be one of total destruction.
Tin cans can cut and induce tetanus,
Gash grazing cattle and make them die.
Most of our rubbish can turn and threaten us,
Change our life, our way, our home.
So, people, your rubbish could soon be your end,
There's one thing can be done and one alone.
Destroy your rubbish and complete the drive,
Clean the environment and sue for *survival?*

M. WILLIAMS, 4G.



LIFE?

Life ! What is life ?
A bore ? A drag ? An illusion ?
The bomb, the weed, sex and perversion—
They take control of the mind and soul.
But, in the words of a long-haired " drop-out "
" I can't get no satisfaction."
So—what *is* life ?
A search for satisfaction ?
Man, I mean, really, How ?
Meditation is deviation.
The illusion of life is complete.
Life's drug has taken control.
But, how to prick the bubble.
Of everything that man has tried
The solution is One,
Omnipotence, God, Christ.
He lives. We live, Man lives.
Life, Death, With God there is no death.
In the words of a long-haired Saviour,
" Come unto me."
So come . . . find
Live.

J. SMART, 4G.

DOWN IN THE FOREST

All is silent,
All but the stream that endlessly
Trickles its way through the fresh forest glade.
And maybe a light morning breeze,
Rustling the leaves in an old oak tree
But that is all.

Now,
Between the age-old pines,
The first golden rays of sunlight find their way,
Waking the dormant forest,
A sharp freshness cutting through the trees.

The birds awaken,
Their music sounding shrill and clear.
A stag rustles and sniffs suspiciously
At the dew-filled morning air.

Now the sun is in full body over the stately pines,
Rising, steadily, higher in the sky,
A great glowing victorious ball of fire
Dawn has broken.

N. MOORE, 1K.



SAFTEY LAST

Sir Isaac Newton told us how
To settle tiffs without a row,
The method being climb up high
And drop large objects from the sky.
A rivet, girder, plank and cup
Invariably fall down—not up !
If you aim well and use your eyes,
You'll get the foreman for first prize.
Whereupon the union lot
Will bombard you with all they've got.
They'll pinch some metal and a crane
And shower girders down like rain,
But fear not, as you will learn,
That red-hot screws make people burn,
And when they're dropped from medium height,
They set the victims' lunch alight.
The builders' motto is very plain :
" When you handle tools, take aim,
It's better to be high and dry,
Than down below, about to die."

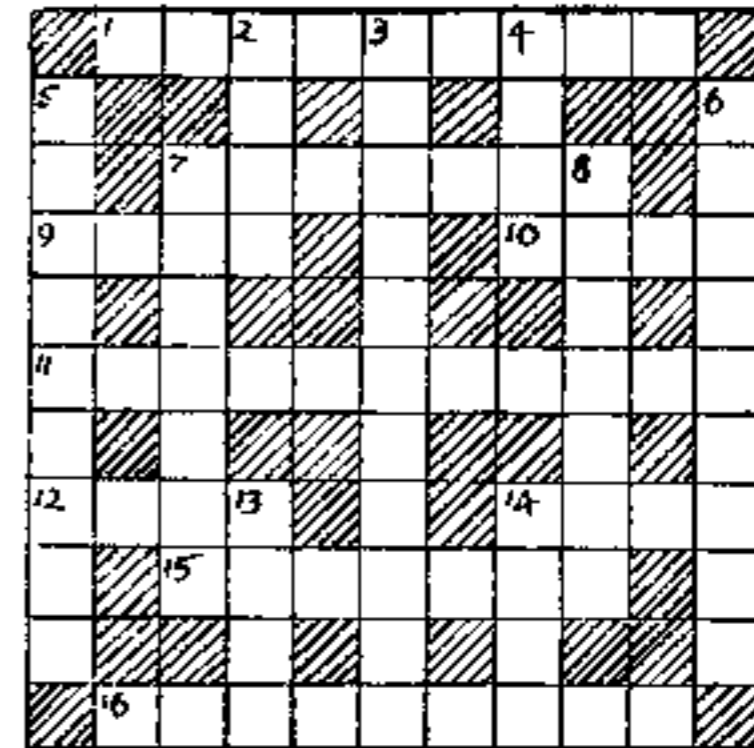
M. BURROW, 4H.

THE CAT

Eyes of green,
 Coat of fur,
 Loud miow,
 And a gentle purr.
 He'll stay in
 When it's wet ;
 When it's fine
 Out he'll get.
 He'll chase birds,
 Climb the trees,
 Chew the flowers,
 And challenge the bees.
 He eats his fish,
 Drinks his cream,
 Washes his fur,
 Then curls up to dream.

P. GIBSON, 2K.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. In battle or square, Nelson is there (9).
7. Drugs or Jackets (7)
9. Marsh plant (4)
10. Brass, Military or Jazz (4)
11. The same as Old Boys ? (3, 8)
12. Electrically charged atoms (4)
14. Enter (4)
15. Striped (7)
16. Christian names (9)

DOWN

2. Very old (4)
3. Forthright Declation (11)
4. Clothing (4)
5. Local inhabitant (9)
6. To make unfit (9)
7. Blushes (7)
8. Tinned fish (7)
13. Light in the sky (4)
14. An Article (4)

A. FULLARD, 1C.

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ACROSS

1. Trafalgar
7. Reefers
9. Reed
10. Band
11. Old Comrades
12. Ions
14. Into
15. Striate
16. Forenames

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