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## EDITORIAL

THE SCHOOL is indebted for this issue of the magazine to its highly efficient Sub-Editors, as the Editor was absent for the last few weeks of term and is in the most peculiar position, surely unique in the Peveril's history, of knowing little of the following pages.

The various Secretaries of the school organisations have, as usual, reported on their activities, but few other pupils have taken the trouble to contribute to their magazine. Other editorials during recent years have complained of the dearth of general contributions and the ranks of the lethargic are multiplying so rapidly, that we feel it is our unpleasant duty again to mention it. We notice that it is usually the ones who would not dream of trying to write an article who are loudest in their criticism.

It would be interesting to discover how many of our readers know that a copy of the Peveril is sent to the Eastleigh Library and the magazines of many years ago can be read in the Reference Room. We felt sure that the number of our readers to do this would be small and we were tempted to re-use a few phrases and sentences from editorials which were particularly good, but virtue, alas, triumphed. However, if any of you have an odd half-hour one evening, we recommend that you go there.

We feel rather awed at the thought that we are writing a page in the history of the School, and that in years to come, our efforts will be perused by the general public ; or maybe some future Editor will read this editorial, hoping to find a source of inspiration. Dear Sir or Madam, we fear you will find none here. Pass on or back a few years.

So we now take our place in the ever-lengthening list of past Editors, not one of the greatest certainly ; just one of the many who loved the School and did their utmost for it. We extend a warm welcome to the newcomers who will take the place of those of us who have left, and ask them to carry on where, owing to old age, we had to leave off. Make people respect our School. Do your best, and even if in a few years, all will be forgotten, and to future pupils you will be just a name, it will have been worth while. A.J.T.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

As is usual during the Summer term, numerous excursions have been organised to various places of interest. The Geographical Excursion this year visited the West Country, passing through Salisbury, the Vale of Wylie, the Somerset Coalfield and the Mendips. An outstanding feature of the day was a walk through Cheddar Gorge and Wookey Hole Caves, while Stonehenge was visited on the way home. A History Outing was arranged to Porchester Castle and Portsmouth, including a tour of Nelson's flagship, the "Victory." The Natural History Society also organised an expedition to explore the flora of the New Forest. All these outings were much enjoyed and blessed with fine weather—how envious all those happy faces at the coach windows made us feel, at the beginning of the sort of day when "it's too hot to work"!

Besides these, one or two other outings took place. The Lower Fifth and the junior forms, not to be outdone through their exclusion from the Geographical Excursion, persuaded Mr. Sansbury to arrange a special outing for them, to—what more suitable during the weather we've been having;—the Swimming Baths at Lymington. Amongst other Biology Outings, a group from VI Science and some of the Upper Fifth attended a showing of a film on "Atomic Physics" at Southampton University, and a small party visited the Festival Ballet at Portsmouth.

The exhibitions held at the School on Parents' Day, July 25th, were very successful, and we must thank all who put in so much hard work towards them. Speech Day will probably be held during next February.

An event to be looked forward to in the Autumn Term, as reported elsewhere, is the coming production of "Let's Make An Opera" at the Town Hall on November 26th, 27th and 28th.

Congratulations to two members of the Young Farmers' Club, J. Churcher and Marion Abraham, who hold the proud honour, this year of being the official representatives of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs to the International Nature Study Camp organised by the Scientific Club of Liege. As they are the sole representatives of the British Isles, they reflect a great honour on the School and on their Club.

After a year's patient collecting of waste-paper, and with a special drive at the end of the Summer term, especially by means of a Competition Room on Parents' Day, enough money has now been raised to buy a recording machine. This proved an attraction when put into use on Parents' Day, and will now be used regularly in French lessons and for other purposes.

During the last weeks of term our noses and ears have been assailed with strange smells and noises, linked with the sight of a weird contraption, direct from H. G. Wells, set up outside the School, slowly but inexorably making its way past each successive classroom. The answer to this seeming nightmare, of course, is that the exterior of the school is receiving a well-deserved fresh coat of paint. Our statisticians closely associate the phenomenal rise in the sale of "ice lollies," during the heat-wave, with the efforts of the workmen engaged in this task. B.R.H.

## THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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\* Chairman

Since the last issue of "The Peveril," the Council has approved a scheme for supplying Old Bartonians with copies of the magazine. If this scheme receives sufficient support, "Peveril" may be obtained by Old Bartonians at 2/6 per calendar year, provided it is paid not later than 31st March. The Acting Entertainments Secretary has been active, arranging the School Leavers' Party under the direction of the Entertainments Committee but the end-of-term Film Show was cancelled on account of the work entailed in the exhibitions for Parents' Day.

In accordance with the amendment of the constitution relating to School Societies, the Country Dancing Club has become affiliated to the Council.

We wish to thank for their services all those members and officers of the Council who left the School at the end of the Summer Term. They take with them our best wishes for their future careers.

As we say good-bye to the old officials we say good luck to the new, and hope they will have a successful term of office.

P.M.M.T.

## ATHLETICS

*Secretary:* N. Hart.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY, held on July 9th, proved a great success, being attended by a goodly number of parents and being graced by fine, warm weather. Three records were broken, namely, the Senior Girls' Relay, the Junior Boys' Relay and the Junior Girls' Long Jump, and if anything, the general standard of ability was higher than that of last year.

Perhaps the most outstanding event of the day was Foxwell's magnificent mile. He breasted the tape two hundred yards in front of his nearest rival in the time of 4 mins. 52 secs. and it was generally felt that had Foxwell had more competition, he might have beaten the existing record of 4 mins. 46.5 seconds.

For yet another year, Peak proved all-powerful, for both the Senior and the Junior House Cups were won by Peak—the former for the fifth consecutive year. The Victrix and Victor Ludorum were J. Edwards and J. Foxwell (both Peak), the latter retaining the Mile and the Cross-Country Cup. The Junior Girl and Junior Boy, who also came from Peak, were A. Willis and R. Evans. The trophies were presented at the end of the meeting by the Mayor (Councillor F. Whitlocke, M.B.E.).

On behalf of all concerned, I proffer sincere thanks to Miss E. Webb and Mr. J. Barry for the hard work which they undertook, and to Mr. Dixon (groundsman) for his very creditable preparation of the field.

N.J.R.H.

### RESULTS

#### SENIOR BOYS

100 Yards	WORKMAN	<i>Barton</i>	114 sec.
220 Yards	WORKMAN	<i>Barton</i>	25i. sec.
440 Yards	FOXWELL	<i>Peak</i>	56 sec.
880 Yards	ARNOLD	<i>Peel</i>	2 min. 25i- sec.
Mile ...	FOXWELL	<i>Peak</i>	4 min. 52 sec.
Long Jump	/WORKMAN	<i>Barton</i>	17ft. 2in.
High Jump	FRANCIS	<i>Peel</i>	4ft. 9iin.
Discus ...	FRANCIS	<i>Peel</i>	82ft. 21in.
Cross-Country	SCRIVENS	<i>Barton</i>	31 min. 20 sec.
Relay ...	FOXWELL	<i>Peak</i>	1 min. 22 sec.



We should like to thank R. Burrige for scoring for the team and Mr. Dixon for preparing the pitches.

The Under 15 XI have not had a very successful season, However, although most of the matches were lost, it must be remembered that in many cases they lost by the narrowest of margins. A. Veck, P. Salkeld and C. Pearce proved to be useful batsmen, while A. Ames, V. Bull, R. Gibson, and D. Stratton had quite good bowling seasons. The team consisted of P. Salkeld, R. Gibson, A. Ames, D. Stratton, A. Veck, V. Bull, D. Tennent, C. Pearce, C. Arnold, D. Kirby, and P. Hockey.

Peel House retained the Cricket Cup, winning both their matches by a very large margin. Peak were placed second and Barton third.

#### R ESU LTS

- May 10-1st XI 119 for 8 wkts dec. (Witt 43\*, Taylor 33) v. Basingstoke 56 for 6 wkts. *Drawn.*  
May 17-1st XI 53 (East 21) v. Brockenhurst 54 for 3 wkts. *Lost by 7 wickets.*  
May 24-1st XI 73 (Taylor 21) v. St. Mary's 74 for 3 wkts. *Lost by 7 wickets.*  
June 7-1st XI 91 for 7 wkts (dec.) (Witt 44, East 22) v. Andover 22 for 4 wkts (Bunday 4 for 9). *Drawn.*  
June 18—King Alfred's College 89 for 9 wkts (dec.) (Arnold 4 for 18) v. 1st XI 38 for 8 wkts. *Drawn.*  
June 29-1st XI 83 (Workman 27, Veck 22) v. Gosport 76 (Hart 5 for 22, Bunday 5 for 23). *Won by 7 runs.*  
July 17-1st XI 61 (Taylor 25) v. Price's 45 (Hart 6 for 12). *Won by 16 runs.*  
July 23-1st XI 146 for 7 wkts. (dec.) (Taylor 66, East 31) v. The Staff 71 for 9 wkts. (Hart 5 for 21). *Drawn.*  
July 24-1st XI 78 for 9 wkts (dec.) (Veck 24\*) v. Price's 25 (Hart 7 for 11). *Won by 53 runs.*  
July 25-1st XI 87 for 6 wkts. (dec.) v. Parents 88 for 8 wkts. *Lost by 2 wickets.*

#### RESULTS OF HOUSE MATCHES

- July 4—Barton 31 (Arnold 7 for 14) v. Peel 35 for 1 wkt. *Peel won by 9 wickets.*  
July 11—Peak 33 (Arnold 7 for 11) v. Peel 37 for 0 wkts. *Peel won by 10 wickets.*  
July 18—Peake 106 for 7 wkts. (dec.) (Veck 43) v. Barton 51. *Peak won by 55 runs.*

B.D.B.

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## ROUNDERS

*Captain:* Margaret Greaves.     *Secretary:* Mary Day.

THE FIRST TEAM, consisting of Edna Williams, Shirley Cooper, Marilyn Morrell, Pamela Williams, Marion Abraham, Margaret Greaves, Sylvia Butler, Jill Edwards and Janet Greaves, were unfortunate in having four matches cancelled, but of those that were played they won three, drew one and lost two. This was very creditable, since the team scored a total of twenty-

five rounders in six matches, while only eight were scored against them.

This latter low number was due mainly to the fearsome bowling of Edna Williams, ably supported by Shirley Cooper and Marilyn Morrell as backstop and first base respectively. Jill Edwards made a very reliable second deep.

The team suffered a heavy loss when their Captain,- Betty Pearce, had to resign after the first two games.

The Under 15 team consisted of J. Philp, A. Turner, B. Bunday, A. Willis, P. Reed, G. Grant, A. Mintram, P. Cooper and B. Southon, who were also fairly successful, winning three matches and losing two.

Joan Philp always bowled well, while Anne Turner was not only an excellent backstop, but scored many rounders, as did Brenda Bunday.

Colours were awarded to Edna Williams only, as Jill Edwards received hers last year.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES

#### First Team

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
May 10—	Brockenhurst	Home	Lost 0-1
May 17—	Andover ...	Away	Won 7-31 dec.
May 24—	Romsey Convent ...	Away	Won 10-0 dec.
June 7--	St. Anne's ...	Home	Lost 1-2
June 14—	Southampton University...	Away	Won 5-1
June 21—	Itch en	Home	Drawn 1-1

#### Under 15 Team

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
May 10—	Brockenhurst	Home	Lost 0-2
May 17—	Andover ...	Away	Won 5-3
May 24—	Romsey Convent	Away	Won 10-11 and an inn-ings, dec.
June 7—	St. Anne's ...	Home	Won 7-2
June 21—	Itchen	Home	Lost 1-3

### HOUSE MATCHES

Peak	15 points	
Barton	10 points	
Peel	0 points	M.G.

### TENNIS

*Captain:* Averil Thomas. *Vice-Captain:* Irene Frith.

*Secretary:* Mary Day.

THE TENNIS TEAM had a quite successful 1952 season, winning four matches and losing two. Towards the end of term, several matches were cancelled, due to misunderstandings over fixtures. The team consisted of Averil Thomas, Irene Frith,

Joan Snelling, Daphne Jefcott, Janet Delia and Joan Folland, with Barbara du Feu as reserve.

The first couple, Averil Thomas and Irene Frith, played consistently throughout the season and Irene Frith and Joan Snelling were awarded their colours, Averil Thomas having won them the previous season.

The Tennis Rose Bowl was won this season by Irene Frith, who beat Joan Snelling 6-2, 6-4, after a well-fought final.

We wish to thank Miss Webb for her help and also the ballboys and scorers.

#### RESULTS

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Venue Result</i>		<i>Score</i>
Brockenhurst	Home	Won	5-4 sets
Andover ...	Away	Lost	46-35 games
La Sagesse	Away	Won	49-14 games
St. Anne's	Home	Lost	46-35 games
Petersfield	Away	Won	6-3 sets
Itchen ...	Home	Won	5-4 sets

#### HOUSE MATCHES

##### SENIOR DOUBLES

1, Peel (28 points); 2, Barton (17 points); 3, Peake (3 points).

##### SENIOR SINGLES

1, Peel (23 points); 2, Barton (16 points); 3, Peak (9 points).

##### JUNIOR DOUBLES

1, Peak (22 points); 2, Peel (17 points); 3, Barton (9 points).

##### JUNIOR SINGLES

1, Peak (24 points); 2, Peel (8 points); 3, Barton (0 points).

**I.F.**

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#### MUSIC

STRING CLASSES have now been established for some time under the able direction of Mrs. Chinchin, and tuition can be obtained in violin, viola and 'cello. We were also fortunate some time ago in securing the services of Mr. W. T. Jackson, who visits the school to teach woodwind and other orchestral instruments. These activities are now getting fully established and new pupils will be warmly welcomed at any time. It is hoped to form a school orchestra next term to which all players will be invited. The rehearsals for the forthcoming production of " Let's Make An Opera " are now in full swing. This is being given at the Eastleigh Town Hall on November 26th, 27th, and 28th, when it is hoped we shall have the hall filled to capacity. Please make a note of the date ! Further details will be issued later.

The School Choir still needs new members—particularly basses and tenors. Trebles are also invited. Practices are held on Thursdays immediately after school. M.B.

## **CERCLE FRANCAIS**

*Chairman:* P. Nicholls.      *Secretary:* Mary Day.

OWING ostensibly to the pressure of examinations, the support for our meetings this term has been chiefly from the Lower School. It is to be hoped that there will be a greater support for the Society during the Autumn term.

As a consequence, such meetings as we have held have been devoted to singing French songs and the playing of French games. Towards the beginning of the term we held a session of charades, presented by representatives of various Forms through the School.

We must also acknowledge here the most helpful and enthusiastic plays that have been presented by the " Old Spud Dramatic Company." The ebullient assistance in presenting programmes, given by these members of Form III, might with advantage and a certain modicum of moderation, be copied by members further up the school.

We hope, in the near future, to present a full-length French film one afternoon. We sincerely hope that it will obtain the support it deserves, and that such support will not vanish away " as the mists of the morning " in our usual meetings on Friday evening.      P.N. and M.J.D.

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## **CHESS CLUB**

*Chairman:* S. Nicholls.      *Secretary:* D. Carey.

VERY FEW meetings have been held during the last term, owing to the many other activities which are predominant at this time of the year.

The Chess Club is sorry to have lost its former Chairman, D. Frith, who had to leave early in the term.

It is hoped to resume regular meetings in the Autumn term, when anyone interested is warmly invited to come on Friday evenings. We would like to point out that Chess is quite easily learnt, and we are quite willing to teach any people who are interested.      D.C.C.

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## **THE COUNTRY DANCING CLUB**

*Committee:* Joy Simmons, Pauleen Cooper, Gloria Grant,  
Monica Gilbert, Cynthia Marsh and Audrey Knowles.

THE CLUB has been attended by quite a large number of pupils, most of them from the Lower School.

Owing to the large number of clubs in the school, we are unable to hold our meetings after school on any day.

However, when we were asked to perform some dances before parents and friends on Open Day, July 25th, we were compelled to practise during dinner-hours and sometimes even in lesson-time ; and we are successful in being able to perform seven dances from different countries. I am sure all members of the Club wish to thank Miss Webb for teaching us these dances so quickly.

We have also had a few more square dancing sessions, the call being from records. But unfortunately, owing to the great support of these sessions, only seniors have been allowed to attend.

We hope that anyone interested in country dancing will attend our meetings whenever possible. G.V.G.

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### L.D.D.S.

*Chairman:* B.. Hockey.     *Secretary:* Margaret Greaves.  
*Treasurer:* Averil Thomas.

As is USUAL in the Summer Term, a great many meetings could not be held owing to the examinations, but those which were held showed an even greater variety of subject-matter than previously.

In addition to holding the usual " Musical Evening " and play-readings, the Society presented two programmes based on popular radio programmes. Averil Thomas conducted an enjoyable " Top of the Form " Quiz, and N. Hart presided over a new venture, a session of " Any Questions ", which was surprisingly successful ; several of the questions asked were quite original, while the members of the team displayed a store of wisdom hitherto unperceived by their associates.

The Chairman revived an old custom of the Society by producing a play in which the parts were acted, and not read. With the encouragement and advice of Mr. Percival, the play—" Cream of Tartar," by Mabel Constanduros and Howard Agg—was performed at the end of term by a cast consisting of members of Lower Sixth Arts.

It is with deep regret that we say good-bye to Averil Thomas, who has not only performed very capably her duties as Treasurer, but has long taken an active and enthusiastic part in the meetings.

Next year we look forward to holding more debates than have been held this year and to training inexperienced speakers, so that we may be able to participate in debates with the Debating Societies of other schools.

Yet again we cordially invite newcomers, in the unflagging hope that one day someone in the Lower School will take some interest in the Society whose activities once attracted so many members of the Second and Third Forms.

M.G.

## LIBRARY

*Librarian:* Mary Day.

*Assistant Librarians:* A. Thomas, M. Greaves, L. Smith,  
C. Hurrell and T. Hurrell.

THIS TERM, because of the examinations and the exhibitions, there has not been much time for borrowing books, but we hope that after the summer holidays we will open the Library after school again, as well as every lunch-time.

We have had some more new books added to the Library and all the old ones have been dusted by some very energetic Sixth Formers.

We welcome all new pupils to the Library during the Autumn term. M.J.D.

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## MAGIC CLUB

*President:* Clive Weston.     *Vice-President:* John Benest.  
*Secretary:* John Sillence.

WE HAVE HAD a successful term, in which membership has nearly doubled. In one session, Mr. Wood, our patron, gave a particularly interesting talk on Mathematical Magic.

We hope to attempt some more advanced magic during the Autumn term, when we expect to welcome more new members. J.R.S.

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## MODEL CLUB

*Chairman:* T. Hurrell.     *Secretary-Treasurer:* R. East.

CONSTRUCTION of model aircraft has proceeded during the summer months although little flying has been done, this being mainly due to the summer examinations which inevitably hinder activities.

The highlight of the past term has been an excursion to Saunders-Roe at Cowes, I.O.W. The party, consisting of Model Club members and other members of the Upper School, passed a very interesting morning in being shown round the plywood manufacturing works. The afternoon was spent in looking over the engineering section where the main items of interest were the three "Princess" flying boats in their various stages of construction. The day was most enjoyable and we were very privileged in being able to see the flying-boats.

Next term it is proposed to hire films which will make a pleasant change from the usual form of meeting. R.A.E.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

*Chairman:* Barbara Southon.    *Secretary:* P. Nicholls.

WHENEVER it has been possible, we have held outdoor meetings this term, arranging expeditions to local plant habitats of interest.

Such excursions have included one to the marsh ground at Swaythling, where several typical and interesting plants were found. Following a talk on "Collecting Moths and Butterflies," by B. Curl of VI Science, an expedition to find pupa was held.

An interesting ecological survey of the weeds growing on and around the school playground was unfortunately cut short by the vigilance of the caretaker, who regarded them rather as a nuisance than as botanical specimens.

Indoor events have included a talk on "Recording Bird Song" by Mr. Salter, illustrated by some records made by Ludwig Koch. Also, at long last, the promised Nature Parliament session took place, and some very interesting questions and answers were forthcoming (including "How does a giraffe get its neck washed?"). An increased interest in the business side of the meetings has also been noted.

The annual day excursion was held on the sixteenth of July, a coach party being taken first to Pepperbox Hill, near Salisbury, and then on to a marsh near Nomansland, the differences in living things due to differences in environment being noted. The Society returned in the evening after a somewhat eventful but undoubtedly enjoyable day's outing.  
P.N.

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## YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

*Chairman:* Averil Thomas.

*Secretary:* J. Veck.      *Treasurer:* B. Bunday

A VERY carefully planned programme of farm visits for the Summer term had unfortunately to be cancelled owing to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

As a result, the Club organised instead a series of rambles, cycle rides and coach excursions. These included a day in the New Forest, during which the members were able to see some deer at very close quarters, whilst the excursion to Lymington proved very popular in view of the opportunities given for a bathe in the open-air baths.  
J.V.

# EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1952

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, JULY, 1952

KEY TO SUBJECTS : a=Art, b=Botany, bc=British Constitution, by=Biography, c=Chemistry, d=Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing, ds=Domestic Subjects, ec=Economics, eh=English Economic History, el=English Literature, en=English Language, f=French, gy=Geography, h=History, hc=Handicraft (Woodwork), l=Latin, m=Pure Mathematics, map=Applied Mathematics, mu=Music, p=Physics, pam=Pure and Applied Mathematics, sp=Spanish, z=Zoology.

## ADVANCED LEVEL

M. ARNOLD (el, f), C. HURRELL (el, f, z), J. PHILLIPS (el, h, l), D. RAY (el, h), JOY SIMMONS (a), LOUENE SMITH (h, f), A. WORKMAN (el, f), AVERIL THOMAS (bc), PATRICIA THOMAS (be, ec), E. ERRINGTON (pam, p, c), J. FOXWELL (m, map, p), P. NICHOLLS (p, b, z), W. ROLES (m, c, b), P. RUTHEN (m, map, p).

## ORDINARY LEVEL

*Passed in eight subjects:* MARION ABRAHAM (en, el, gy, f, m, map, p, by), D. BULL (en, el, f, m, p, d, a, he), B. BUNDAY (en, el, gy, f, m, map, p, by), ANNE ERRINGTON (en, el, gy, h, ec, f, m, by), J. JORDAN (en, el, gy, h, ec, l, f, m), AUDREY MACNIN (en, el, gy, h, l, f, m, by), JOAN URRY (en, el, gy, h, l, f, m, by), ANNE WILLOUGHBY (en, el, gy, h, l, f, m, by).

*Passed in seven subjects:* J. CLARK (el, gy, h, f, m, p, by), B. DAY (en, el, gy, h, l, f, m), MARY SHARP (en, el, gy, h, l, f, by), J. WITT (en, el, gy, h, ec, f, m), W. CLARKE-JONES (en, el, f, m, p, d, he).

*Passed in six subjects:* R. BURRIDGE (en, el, gy, h, f, m), J. CHURCHER (en, el, h, f, m, by), B. FILCE (en, el, gy, h, f, m), HELEN FRIDAY (en, el, h, ec, l, f), MARIAN HATCHER (en, el, h, ec, l, f), JANET PETTY (en, el, h, l, f, m), P. WELCH (en, gy, m, p, d, he), K. FIELD (en, el, gy, f, m, map), N. HART (en, el, gy, h, f, by), J. BURTON (en, gy, m, p, d, he), P. SCRIVENS (el, gy, by, d, a, he).

*Passed in five subjects:* IRENE FRITH (en, el, h, f, a), EVELYN NICHOLS (en, el, h, f, m), SYLVIA BREW (en, el, m, by, ds), JUNE CAREY (en, el, gy, f, m), VALERIE DUNNINGS (en, el, f, a, mu), VALERIE FOSTER (en, el, gy, h, f), PATRICIA GIBBS (el, h, f, p, by), VERA KINGSWELL (en, el, f, by, ds), E. MARTIN (en, h, f, m, a), J. POYNTER (en, m, p, by, a), J. LIDBURY (m, p, d, a, he).

*Passed in four subjects:* DOREEN HOLDER (en, el, gy, by), B. ANGEL (f, m, d, he), MAUREEN BAILEY (en, el, f, m), CAROL CAPEWELL (el, f, by, ds), BERYL STEPHENS (en, el, h, f), NORMA WHITEHORN (en, el, h, f), EVELYN BROWN (en, el, f, ds), BARBARA DU FEU (el, h, f, by), PAMELA GEARY (el, gy, h, f), PAMELA HOLLOWAY (en, el, a, ds), L. FOLLAND (gy, m, d, he), D. TAYLOR (en, el, gy, m), ELSIE WILKINS (en, ec, m, ds).

*Passed in three subjects:* R. EAST (en, f, c), W. FRANCIS (el, f, by), THELMA BAKER (el, f, a), VALERIE CLARK (en, el, ec), SHIRLEY COOPER (el, f, a), D. FRITH (m, map, p), MARY SHORE (en, el, h), R. SIBLEY (m, map, p), EDNA WILLIAMS (en, el, ds), S. BROWN (gy, d, he), JOAN FOLLAND (en, m, ds), DOROTHY NEWTON (el, gy, ds), GILLIAN PETTYFER (en, el, ds).

*Passed in two subjects:* A. CAMPONE (en, d), JOAN SNELLING (en, f), JILL EDWARDS (el, ds), DAPHNE JEFcott (el, gy), J. PETTS (f, m), J. VECK (el, gy), ROSEMARY COBERN (el, ds), PATRICIA COOLEY (en, el), BERYL EAMES (en, el), SYLVIA HOWARD (gy, ds).

*Passed in one subject:* JOY SIMMONS (C), B. HOCKEY (eh), R. WILLIAMS (sp), MARGARET BAKER (el), P. FENN (en).



## **EXCURSION TO HOLLAND, Easter, 1952**

ABOUT THIRTY members of the School paid a week's visit to Amsterdam during the Easter holidays under the charge of Mr. Cox and Mrs. Porter.

The excursion started well with a very calm crossing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland.

During our stay in Amsterdam we visited several places of interest, including Vandel Park, the Zoological Gardens, and a tour by motor-launch of the canals and harbour.

We also had a motor-coach trip to the Avifauna, a bird sanctuary at Lejden-on-Rhein ; and Arnhem, where we saw the graves of the Paratroopers who landed in Holland during the last war.

The homeward journey was also uneventful and calm. We all arrived home very tired but happy, covered in souvenirs and feeling grateful towards Mr. Cox and Mrs. Porter for arranging such a wonderful trip for us.

BARBARA DU FEU.

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## **PARIS, 1952**

DURING the Easter holidays, Miss Grant and two members of the Sixth Form, Margaret Greaves and Brian Hockey, attended a VIth Form Cultural Holiday in Paris.

Staying in important " lycees " of the Latin Quarter, the 700 students comprising the party devoted their mornings to study under eminent professors of the Sorbonne, and to French reading and conversation.

Many afternoons were spent sightseeing, a very comprehensive programme having been arranged, including a tour of Paris and a visit to Versailles, whilst the party was also present at a reception at the Hotel de Ville for the English children staying in Paris for Easter, and attended a dance specially arranged for them at the Cite Universitaire.

This holiday proved most instructive and enjoyable for all concerned, and we hope that future Sixth Formers may have the chance to attend these courses in other years.

B.R.H.

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## **GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **THE OLD ABBEY**

Old grey walls  
Merging with twilight sky and misty wood,  
Up your dim stones the ivy, rustling, creeps ;  
Silent you are, the world around you sleeps ;  
What remains, where once a lofty stately abbey stood ?  
Nothing ; your world is gone, and gone for good.

Sunrise comes,  
Casting its rays upon the walls aslant.  
The ivy glistens in the clearer light,  
And the old abbot wakens to the sight,  
Rises from the green turf to pursue his daily haunt,  
Waiting to hear the early morning chant.

Morning now ;  
The abbot, once more in his earthy bed,  
Knows we are pitying his forgotten while ;  
" So we are dead ? " he murmurs with a smile ;  
Phantom bells ring close and bird songs mingle overhead,  
Sonorous vaults re-echo, " We are dead ? "

MARY P. PENNY, *L.V.A.* (15 yrs. 4 mths.)

### FUN WITH HISTORY

† TEN DAYS during the Summer term, while all my friends were slaving away at their desks, I was holidaying on the Sussex coast. This part of the country is chock-full of history, and as I am interested in this subject, I dragged my long-suffering family round all the historic remains.

Rye, the town in which I was staying, made a good centre for all these excursions. This town was a famous port once, but as the sea receded, the town's importance faded. Frequently during the fourteenth century the French would cross the Channel, burn the town, and steal the church bells. Each time the people of Rye staged a counter-attack and brought them back again (the forerunner of the Ashes, I wonder ?).

Prisoners were often put in the Ypres Tower, which now looks over the marshes. French prisoners, in the thirteenth century, feeling bored, played noughts and crosses with their knives, on the floor. How strange that we still use the same method of amusing ourselves when we are bored (usually in class).

An abbey was built on the site of the Battle of Hastings. Although this was largely ruined by Henry VIII, parts of it are still standing. The guide described the scene of the battle, with the French shouting their battle cry of " Dieur Aide," and the English answering with " Urta," meaning, " get out " (the origin of " gertcha " ?). The guide remarked that when the abbey was built a sheep was worth 6d., a man's life 2d., and a woman's was not recorded.

St. Augustine's Church at Brooklands has its spire on the ground beside the church door. Some ingenious person has decided that the architect's paper was not big enough for him to draw the spire on top of the church, so he placed it beside the door. The builders being ignorant men, followed this drawing just as it was.

The present town of Winchelsea, near Rye, is quite modern, as it was built in 1290, the old town having been covered by the sea. It prides itself on being one of the few towns where Queen Elizabeth did *not* sleep. At Easter the Look-Out is still paid 22/6 to go out at 8.30 in the morning and make sure that there are no French raiders or pirates on the horizon.

A visit to St. Clement's Caves is a good way of spending a hot summer afternoon. Quite near the entrance is an eight-sided cavern known as the Ballroom for the slightly surprising reason that it was at one time used for dancing. In one small cavern there is a peculiar hollow in the rock known as the "Roman Bath." Apart from the fact that it probably isn't a bath, and it is doubtful that it is Roman, the description is completely satisfying. If you like you can crawl through a hole that was crawled through by the late King Edward VII when he was Prince of Wales. On some of the walls are quaintly carved British inscriptions such as "Tom loves Ada."

I know that had you been in my place you would have chosen to stay at school and study (like good little boys and girls) but I think that this was the most enjoyable holiday I have ever spent.

ROBIN SIMMONS, *ILY*. (12 years 9 months).

### " ARBORICIDE "

The silence was broken by a noise  
Which echoed through the glade—  
A humming sound that filled the air,  
Insistent, slow ; it made  
The party listen, wondering.

There by the path two workmen were  
Intent upon their task  
Of hewing down a mighty beech.  
The day had come at last ;  
Its life was being sawn away.

The ruthless saw was laid aside.  
A chain, which clasped the tree,  
Was tightened by some hidden hand.  
How pitiful to see  
This tree, in all its glory, die.

It crashed through branches, twigs and leaves,  
Then lifeless, still it lay—  
Two hundred years of life were gone  
Cut off in but one day.  
The wood lay mourning, silently.

SHIRLEY A. WELLSTEAD, *L.V.A.* (15 yrs. 5 mths.)

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JUST AN ORDINARY SIXTH FORMER**

8.55 a.m.

I opened the library door without the usual earthquake sound effects—result, immediate chaos—they thought it was a member of the staff. My studious, innocent, young companions quickly stubbed out their cigarette ends, stowed away their gin and whisky bottles, and straightened themselves into their usual decorous appearance. Now let me describe the scene to you—a series of holes around the bookcases denoted where the prefects had been having their usual target practice before draagooning the pupils into assembly. They would be given the option—go or be shot. Emily, the headless school dress-making dummy, had suddenly been surmounted by the photograph of a glamorous film star, topped with a beret. In one corner all the Six Form's lovelorn maidens were comparing their closely-written diaries. A little ray of sunshine filtered in through the door.

9.0 a.m.

The sound of pistol shots and whip lashes rung through the school (accompanied by the bell), as the pupils were herded into assembly. Only a little gentle persuasion is needed.

9.10 a.m.

Lessons. I do not know what happened, but afterwards the teacher was carried out on a stretcher.

10.30 a.m.

After lessons I went with the prefects to arrange our special morning treat for the school. Each bottle of milk was specially doctored with our favourite flavours—arsenic, cyanide, strychnine and other such poignant flavours. Snails, frogs' legs, worms, slugs and mice, carefully prepared with dressings of mud and slime, were on sale in the hall for those who wished to buy. There was a large cauldron of boiling oil prepared to roast those who did not. I always think we have an astonishing amount of profit from our sales. Far more than our predecessors who sold such indigestible things as cream cakes, chocolate biscuits, fruit pies and crisps. Such unhealthy things to eat—and so upsetting to the stomach!

10.45 a.m.

Free periods. The library was invaded by the scientists who had been wondering whether it would be possible to start (and win) a war by letting off a few atom and hydrogen bombs. They considered the library to be a good battleground. The artists returned battle by throwing books. The scientists,

however, retired defeated, for the artists were armed with a superior weapon ; the dust on the library books was overpowering.  
12.35 p.m.

Lunch hour and afterwards a prefect's meeting. It took quite a quarter of an hour to prepare the dungeon for our "leisure hour." It is a pleasant, charming room, beautifully furnished and decorated. When you enter you see a thick, gory red substance swirling round your ankles. The walls are decorated with the skulls and bones of those who have received former kind attention. The first victim enters shivering, overpowered by the refreshing atmosphere. The offence, talking on the stairs, so the punishment is half-an-hour of the thumbscrews ; the second dared to be late—an hour's stretch on the rack ; the third trod on a prefect's toe so the punishment (fitting the crime) was heavy weights placed on the prostrate victim. "The History of Hampshire" (five volumes) is useful in this case. For minor punishments the stocks are used and set in the middle of the tennis court in place of nets—the number of balls hitting them being thought sufficient punishment.

2.0 p.m.

After such an exhausting time, we were unable to do anything but fire our favourite plaything, a cannon, on the pupils. I wonder whether we shall not soon run out of cannon fodder.  
3.45 p.m.

Here ends a day in the life of just an (extra-) ordinary Sixth Former.

CORAL SANDERSON, *VI Arts* (17 years).

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## ON FIRST LOOKING INTO COMPTON'S CRICKET

Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold  
And many goodly games and players seen ;  
Round many county pitches have I been  
Which teams in fealty to Lord Cricket hold.  
Oft of one great batsman had I been told,  
Trim Denis Compton, batting on the green ;  
Yet never did I judge his style serene  
Till I heard Arlott speak out loud and bold.

Then I felt like a watcher who spies  
When a new bound'ry swims into the ken ;  
Or like stout Bedser, when with eagle eyes  
He stared at the umpire—and all his men  
Looked at each other with a wild surmise—  
Shouting aloud : " How was he, umpire, then ? "

DAVID LOWTON, *V.I.A.* (15 yrs. 7 mths.).

## PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF

IT WAS very annoying. Everything was ready ; he had forgotten nothing. And now the telephone was ringing. He looked irritably at the clock, which registered half-past midnight. Who had the impertinence to ring up at that time of night ? For a few moments he thought of ignoring it, but its strident metallic insistence could not be ignored, and would not cease.

He picked up the receiver and spoke. " Richards here. Who's speaking, please ? "

In return there was a pause, a pause that started as a rest in the intricate workings of the world and lengthened out until it merged with the infinite. Richards was tempted to put the receiver down, but the pause was tired rather than empty, as though the caller were carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of replying.

The answer, when it came, was worth waiting for. " My name does not really matter. In, half-an-hour you would forget it. In half-an-hour it will be only a label for which there is no parcel."

Richards was puzzled. At first he thought it must be a drunkard, but the voice went on : " I only wanted to get things straight. I could, I suppose, have written it down, but I think more clearly talking aloud. So I rang the first number I thought of."

Richards realised what he was talking about, and was immediately in control of the situation. He had to play on the man's feeling of importance, turn it into elation.

He began talking. " Do you really think this is the best way ? It may be the simplest, the one that would occur to any fool, but aren't there better ways ?

He went on talking. He spoke of right and wrong, of truth, of all kinds of things. When the man at the other end began to argue, Richards knew he almost had him. Then he opened the window, cautiously.

Across the road he could see the moonlight reflected in the windows of the house opposite. He picked up his small, heavy ash-tray.

Still talking, he threw it across the road at the curtained bedroom window. A crash—silence—and then the light went on.

Richards went on talking mechanically. An elderly man in a dressing-gown, holding a poker in his hand, opened the front door and looked round apprehensively. Richards leaned out of the window and gesticulated.

The man on the other end of the line pitied Richards' naïve opinions ; they certainly ought to be corrected. The elderly man came across and picked up the pad Richards had thrown from the window.

He read it, and scurried back into the house in a fluster of activity. But Richards could have gone on talking for hours.

After another twenty minutes the 'phone went dead. Then another voice " Thank you very much, sir. You calmed him down quite a bit. When we came in he turned round and asked the poor old Sergeant his opinion of Nietzsche's theory of good and evil, or something. But he gave no trouble at all."

" Don't mention it," mumbled Richards, " anything to oblige." Then he wondered whether his effort had achieved anything.

Of course, the man at the other end of the line had rather an unfair advantage. His problems were general problems, which could be assimilated without difficulty back into the unhappiness borne by the world as a whole. Problems like Molly—Molly and her charming young man—were different. They belonged to him alone.

He went quietly into the kitchen and closed the door behind him. He sealed the envelope and placed it on the cupboard. Everything was ready; he had forgotten nothing. The clock registered twenty-three minutes past one.

The oven door creaked as he opened it, and he remembered Molly had always complained about it. He wondered, irrelevantly, how soon they would think it " proper " to get married.

P. NICHOLLS, *VI Science* (17 years).



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