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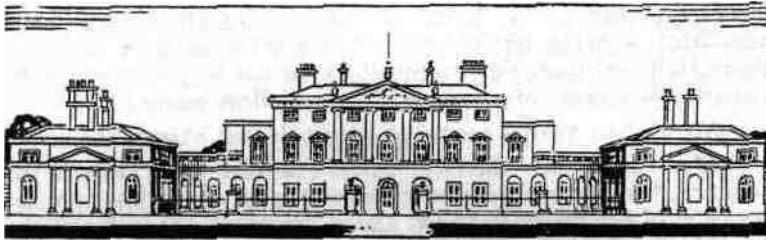
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School Notes

The school year just past was notable for the amount of discussion which took place. Eventually this upsurge of feeling of independence crystallized in the formation of a School Council, consisting of elected boys and staff. About the same time the old system of Tutorials, which had a mainly social basis, was replaced by a new system of tutors more closely identified with a Senior's subjects of study. In the Summer Term, the Sixth Form centre opened in the courtyard with Mr. Thornbery keeping a fatherly eye on things from his distant study in Orwell. Staff Notes

Mr. Christopher Underwood left at Christmas, to take up a teaching post in London where he would have professional lessons in singing within easier reach. Thus we lost one who under a jaunty manner concealed a love of English Literature and a good ability in teaching it.

We had no replacements for the French and German Assistants. Perhaps in these days of audio-lingual courses they represent an expensive luxury but a revolving tape seems to the present writer a poor substitute for a real live Frenchman or German.

In the Sick Bay Miss Jill Liverton served until March. We now welcome Mrs. Harrold who arrived in September.

At the end of the Summer Term Mr. Derek Thornbery laid down the post of Housemaster of Orwell, on becoming Master in charge of the Sixth Form Courtyard Group. When Mr. Thornbery took over Orwell he had the task of virtually creating a new house as under Mr. Mudd it was one of two Junior Houses. Mr. Thornbery rapidly built up a new house, so remarkably successful on the sportsfield and in music that one feels when his portrait comes to be painted that he should be depicted with a flute in one hand and a rugby ball under the other arm!

On the subject of Rugby, we may mention that last year was Mr. Evans' final session as coach of the 1st XV. He retains the

position of Master in charge of Rugby Football. He has been associated with the 1st XV right from the founding of Woolverstone Hall and must be recognised as mainly responsible for the remarkable success of a succession of excellent teams.

Mr. Robert Skailes has taken over as House Master of Orwell.

Miss Judy Green, the Headmaster's Secretary, left early in the summer, taking with her the good wishes of the School on the occasion of her marriage to Dr. David Meldrum. We welcome the new Headmaster's Secretary, Miss Rosemary Peacock.

Two new full-time members of Staff who have joined us since the last issue of Janus was published are Mr. John Taylor and Mr. John Cox. Mr. Taylor came to teach Mathematics at Woolverstone in the Spring Term, 1971. A graduate of Newcastle University, he taught at Gosforth Grammar School in Northumberland. At home on the Rugby and Cricket fields, he is a keen climber and fell-walker. The other newcomer whom we welcome is Mr. John Cox, a Cambridge graduate in English who has come to teach English here.

Mr. Scott, the Head Gardener, retired during the holiday, after many years of loyal and conscientious service. Mr. Mayes is now Head Gardener.

Our good wishes go with Miss Alma Ferrier, who is leaving. Mr. Drane is now the Catering Officer and Miss Gibson is the new Deputy Catering Officer. We wish them success in their difficult task of catering for our various tastes.

Our congratulations go to Mr. Paddy Kennedy and Miss Freda Rayner who were recently married.

Appointments:

L. Trimingham is Head Boy and Head of Hanson's. The following are the Heads of the other houses and prefects: M. Humphries (Halls'), S. Joly (Johnston's and Captain of Rugby), J. Martin (Berners), P. Oxlade (Corner's), M. Vidler (Orwell). Other prefects are C. Edwards and R. Fishwick.

This year's terms are:

September 13th—December 15th; January 10th—March 25th;
April 17th—July 11th.

The Autumn Term, 1972 will run from September 11th to December 16th.

Speech Day:

The annual prize giving took place on September 25th, 1971. The chairman was Mrs. Irene Chaplin, B.A., J.P., Chairman of Governors. The Headmaster gave the customary report and the prizes were given away by Sir Thomas Monnington, President of

the Royal Academy. We were pleased to see on the platform Sir William Houghton, Education Officer of the I.L.E.A., who in a short speech described the affectionate interest with which he had followed the development of our school over twenty years.

HEAD BOY'S NOTES

Many people at Woolverstone are concerned nowadays about apathy. Those who feel that the people here are idle point to our tangible "non-achievements"—for instance they point out that societies and sport aren't given nearly enough support. This is indeed true, however one must not forget our tangible achievements which are epitomised by sporting prowess and academic success.

However a less tangible activity, which occurs in Woolverstone, proves to be far from apathetic. That is the volume of discussion which takes place in Woolverstone. There is, I think, very little lack of communication here. Much conversation takes place between the staff and the boys—on a formal level (e.g. at Council and Prefects' meetings) but informally too. I also think that the masters converse a lot more than most people think on matters concerning the school.

However I feel that the conversation which takes place between the boys themselves is the most important aspect of the communication boom in Woolverstone. Here at Woolverstone we have the rare opportunity of knowing a lot of people well. Although this has drawbacks, there are also advantages which we make use of—by talking. By talking many boys make a real attempt to find out what makes them and others "tick". So I think that late nights of talking over endless cups of coffee aren't wasted nights—and I think it is far from apathetic. However if people could extend this concern beyond their immediate group and try to encompass the larger community as a whole, then I think that the school would be a better place to live and work in.

LOCH TRIMINGHAM

Academic Notes

'A' LEVEL RESULTS, 1971

Arts:

M. Baldry:	English, History.
P. Cooper:	French.
C. Cornish:	English, French.
M. Dempsey:	English, History.
C. Edwards:	English, History, French.
C. Graham:	English, History.
S. Hodgson:	English, History, French.
S. Joly:	English, History, Geography.
M. O'Rourke:	History, French, German.
M. Pearson:	English, Geography, Biology.
Peter Routley:	English, History.
E. Saul:	English, History.
P. Segal:	English, Art.

Science:

H. Angel:	Maths, Physics, Music.
R. Anstee:	Maths, Physics.
C. Archer:	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
D. Blease:	Geography, Maths, Physics.
R. Coote:	Biology.
J. Dawlings:	Applied Maths, Pure Maths, Physics.
R. Fishwick:	Applied Maths., Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
D. Franklin:	Maths, Physics, Art.
S. Halliwell:	Geography.
S. James:	English, Music.
H. Macpherson:	Physics, Biology.
D. Miller:	German, Maths., Physics.
J. Norbury:	Maths., Physics.
P. Owen:	Maths., Physics, Biology.
C. Redpath:	Physics, Biology.
I. Redway:	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Philip Routley:	Maths., Pure Maths., Chemistry.
J. Shallow:	Applied Maths., Pure Maths., Physics.
G. Syrett:	Maths., Physics.
C. Trimmingham:	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
N. Walker:	Physics.
G. Wheeler:	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
K. Winter:	Physics.
W. Withers:	Geography, Maths., Physics.
J. Young:	Physics, Chemistry, Biology.

From Form VI 3

M. Lynch:	Applied Maths., Pure Maths., Chemistry.
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NOTES ON SCHOOL LIFE 1970/71

Academic:

P. Rayner won an Open Scholarship to St. Andrews University.

"A" Level. 41 candidates had 94 passes.

"O" Level. 52 candidates had 338 passes, 46 passing in 4 or more subjects. Of those who took "A" Level, 10 are known to be going to University in 1971, 8 are known to be going to Colleges of Technology; some 12, including 4 Oxbridge candidates, are expecting to go to University in 1972, and some 10 "1970" leavers are starting University courses this year.

Some Old Boys' Results:

The School welcomes news of Old Boys. We heard of the following academic achievements:

N. Cloake (Cambridge)—Music, Class 2.1. Honours.

P. Daish (Cambridge)—Medical Sciences. Honours.

P. A. Davies (Imperial College, London)—Geology (Illing Award) 2.1.

Honours.

K. Danek (Manchester) Town Planning. Class 3.

J. Dracass (University College Hospital)—M.B., B.S.c (*Distinguished in Applied Pharmacology and Therapeutics*).

C. J. Durham—Prize for Military Law. Sandhurst.

P. Finch (Cambridge)—History Class 2.2. (Editor of Varsity).

D. Harris (Leeds)—Zoology. Class 2.

S. Harris (Newcastle)—Agricultural Economy. M.Sc.

O. Hotz de Baar (Cambridge)—Natural Sciences. Class 2.1.

D. Howard (Oxford)—History. Class 2.

A. McGill (London)—Physiology. Class 2.2.

B. P. Templeton (Essex)—Social Sciences Class 2.1.

G.H.B.

POEMS FROM 'POETIC LICENCE'

JUST MYSELF AND ME

I had a little tea-party, This afternoon at three. 'Twas very small, three in all, Just I myself and me. Myself ate all the sandwiches, While I ate all the tea. 'Twas also I who ate the pie, And passed the cakes to me.

R. L. THOMAS (2nd Form)

SOMETHING

Something retorted
Something flamed
Something whirred
Someone screamed
Something had crippled.
Something had hurt
Something had retorted and ejected death.
Someone was screaming
Someone was writhing
Someone was dying.
The pain was terrible
But no-one would help him
No-one would help him.
The voice was plaintive
The voice was appealing
The voice reached a comrade
Cowering in his hole
The voice puzzled him
It amazed him
It shocked him
It scared him
In a hole very close to him a man called
"Go to help him, go to save him"
But the voices of war restrained him
And the voices went on calling
And the voice was plaintive,
The voice was appealing
He couldn't stand it
He clambered out to the rescue
Something retorted
Something flamed
Something whirred
He screamed.

M. CORNISH (3rd Form)

THE FOXHUNT

'Cross sodden soil and mangled rye
Come huntsmen's hounds to huntsmen' cry.
Through thicket wood with bursting heart,
The red fox shot, with jaws apart.
His eyes are hurt, his throat is pale,
His coat is matt with broken kale
And as he turns, to fight at bay,
Trapped and hemmed by bales of hay,
His eyes are gouged, his throat is torn,
And the redded hounds reply,
To the hunting horn of men,
The devil's own puppets of sport.

K. SHARP (4th Form)

POEM

Fingertip rain
Taps a seal on my security,
The sun explodes
The myth of my validity
A twisting path
Reveals nothing in front of me,
The interminable highway
Shatters any complacency.

I. REDWAY (Sixth form)

ABDICATION

I am pleased to announce that Emotion has ceased to exist.
This news may come as a shock, but he won't be missed
After a few days. In the future you will be content
When you experience no disillusionment:
For it is no longer possible to become involved
With personal problems that cannot be solved.
If you feel slight pangs of regret, ignore them;
They will soon disappear, and boredom
Will fill your life with a warming glow.
Remain blissfully ignorant—you need never know
Where Emotion has been persuaded to run.
He sits sipping cocktails under a merciless sun
On a remote island—its name I will not disclose
But I will say it's somewhere mankind never goes.

P. COOPER (Sixth Form)

Expeditions

THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SOUTH GERMANY

The journey was organised by Mr. Shakeshaft mainly for those boys who were doing German as a subject. Our second master was Mr. Morris and along with a group of boys, 17 in all, we set off from Victoria station three days after the end of term. We travelled down to Dover and then travelled by ferry to Ostend, which took four hours. There was a coach waiting for us at the port to take us to Brugge which was our first night stop.

We arrived at Brugge to find a large modern Youth Hostel, Youth Hostels were to be our accommodation for the Holiday, not very far from the town centre. As this was the first stop, we had our first chance to try out our German.

Next morning we walked to the station and travelled by train to Boppard on the Rhine, our next stop. This time the Youth Hostel was an old house converted for the use of the Youth Hostel Association.

The third day we sailed forty miles down the Rhine to Bingen, passing the famous cliff of the Lorelei. Then we went by train to Ulm, which is famous for its cathedral because it has the highest spire in the world. After the next morning, which we had free to have a look around the city, we took a train to Garmisch Partenkirchen, which is just north of the German-Austrian border, our main destination.

The Youth Hostel was very modern, set in the Alps. We used it as our base for various outings to places around us. There was a trip to Innsbruck, Oberammergau and other places in the vicinity of Garmisch Partenkirchen.

A small party of us went up the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in the German part of the Alps.

After staying at the Garmisch Youth Hostel for six nights we left to travel back overnight across Germany to Ostend. The journey was a smooth one except at Munich where the coach we had reserved wasn't there but eventually we arrived at Dover and got back to London in the late afternoon after a very enjoyable ten days in Germany.

J. ROOTS

CLIMBING CLUB 1971

On the 28th May, 1971, a short convoy of two cars, carrying the Woolverstone Hall climbing team to tame the distant pinnacles of Snowdonia, sped across the undulating face of the English countryside. After a short warm-up earlier in the year at Harrisons Rocks we were on our way to gain a little more experience before

our major expedition to Snowdonia in the summer holidays. We had a very pleasant weekend that was somewhat marred by persistent Welsh rain.

In striking contrast to this, we had exceptionally good weather for our main expedition in the summer. Under inspired leadership the climbing club attained new heights of expertise. There can now be few Welsh peaks safe from the intrepid, red-helmeted Woolverstonian trios. Amongst climbs members of the group successfully negotiated were Crackstone Rib (S), Amphitheatre Buttress (D), Orang-outang (VS), Home and Away (VD) and the Milestone Buttress (VD). We were also able to muster sufficient energy to walk around the entire Snowdon Horseshoe and the Carneddts. Highlights of our trip were several abnormally rapid descents, an attempt by Zip Nolan to pioneer a new descent route over a previously unsealed precipice and a first ascent of the north face of the climbers' hut.

We would like to give a big thank-you to the school fund which unknowingly provided our new equipment and to everyone concerned for the encouragement, patience and shandy they so enthusiastically gave us.

B.F.; M.P.; M.S.; R.K.; G.N.

Music

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

We have come to expect a high standard of musical performance from Woolverstone, and the concert put on by Barry Salmon on 6th and 7th March proved to be no exception. There were two works. Bach's St. Luke Passion and the first movement of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

The St. Luke Passion is probably not by Bach at all having little of Bach's complexities, it is, however, well suited to performance by schools being a brief work, not too contrapuntal, and having a number of short choruses separated by recitative. The singers in the Chorus, which included a well trained group of girls from the Convent, did a vigorous and workmanlike job, being particularly effective in the crowd passages at Jesus' trial. The orchestra performed well, and it was creditable to see so many singers and instrumentalists from a not very large school performing at once. Chris Underwood, returning from Upton House for the occasion, ably took the part of the Evangelist. Other soloists were Marcus Lynch, Peter Carlisle, David Hudson, Susanne Brown and Marsha Lingard. Hester Agate played the continue on a rather unreliable electronic organ with Stephen James on the 'cello.

The danger in listening to a school orchestra playing anything so well known as Schubert's Symphony No. 8 is that one tends to make comparisons with a professional performance, whereas the really remarkable thing about this performance is that it could be put on at all by a school orchestra with help only from one or two members of staff. The performance did, in fact, hang well together, one or two crisis points being more apparent to the orchestra than the audience.

Altogether the programme proved well suited to the musical talent in the school and provided an agreeable evening's entertainment.

BRENDA HUDSON

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

The Editors of 'Janus',
Woolverstone Hall School.

27, Harley St.,
London W.1.

Dear Sirs,

Some time ago it was decided to abolish the "Original Contributions" section of Janus as it then stood, and to replace it with a series of "best articles" from other, smaller and more frequently published magazines which Woolverstone has produced under various imaginative titles; the most notable recently being "Splashdown". At the time there were those who suspected that this was due to the rapidly diminishing number of contributions offered for publication, but the reason given by the then editors was that Janus, as an official School Magazine, had a duty to report the progress of all aspects of school life during the period between issues. It was not intended, they said, to rival the other literary publications—although part of its function would be to give some official indication of their progress by displaying extracts from them.

In view of this professed aim—a commendable one, be it said that Janus should provide a full and accurate report of what is happening at Woolverstone, I was surprised, and a little disappointed, to notice the omission of the customary Music Notes in the last (1970) issue. Music has always been a major feature of Woolverstonian activity, and in this respect ranks equally with the various sporting activities (to which over twenty pages were devoted in the last Janus). Indeed, it could even be said that as far as the two can be compared, music is a "better" occupation at Woolverstone than is sport, as the latter is compulsory to a far greater degree. Extra-curricular music, which includes the learning of any instrument, is entirely voluntary, and its achievements are therefore equally, if not more, worthy, of report. So where, for instance, is there any mention of the Haydn/Mozart concert of last summer's Festival, which was the culmination of nearly a year's work by the orchestra, not to mention the choir and no less than five instru-

mental and three vocal soloists? Why does the unprecedentedly high standard of orchestral playing at this concert and on Speech Day (sorry. Annual Prizegiving) go unrecorded? These are serious omissions, not only because those who deserve public mention do not receive it—a comparatively minor point in the long run—but more so because they indicate that the Editors of Janus are failing in their appointed duty as reporters on Woolverstone. It is not enough to suppose that everyone knows about such events as those I have mentioned: the people for whom a School Magazine is (or should be) designed, that is the parents of its present pupils and its ex-pupils, were not there at the time and therefore do not know about them.

So it is not only as a musician that I write this. My departure from the Woolverstone environment is still recent enough for me to be concerned with it; and I, and others in my position, must rely on Janus to provide an account which I hope will, in future issues, be complete.

Sincerely

Colin J. Ferris

MUSIC REPORT

I would like to apologize to Mr. Ferris and all other musicians who became frustrated looking for the music notes in the last edition of this magazine—the truth is that they were not written.

Since the last issue of this respected pamphlet we have had the pleasure of putting on (or listening to) three concerts—one in each term. The Autumn Term concert had, for its main work, selections from Tchaikowsky's Swan Lake Suite. The Schubert and Bach concert is reported elsewhere. The most recent concert, in the Summer Term, not only included sections of Handel's Water Music played by the Second Orchestra, Mendelssohn's Wedding March and two pieces by Faure rendered by the First Orchestra, but also three unaccompanied choral pieces (of which the best known was Old Abr'am Brown Is Dead And Gone).

In addition to learning these three pieces the choir also sang at Miss Green's wedding. The standard of this recital was even higher than usual someone ventured to tell me.

The number of house concerts this year was the same as last year—3 in Orwell (the last one to commemorate the departure of Mr. Thornberry from the house) and 1 in Corners. We all hope the concerts in Orwell will continue.

The number of Music lessons being given rose from 120 last term to 150 at the beginning of this term. (An increase of 25%).

Of the 27 people who took practical exams 22 passed (3 with merit and Shallow with a distinction at Grade VIII). 7 people took 'O' level music (all passed) and 3 took 'A' level (1 passed).

Looking to the future, I am expecting the Sunday Services to contain more music now that Mr. Thornberry has taken over the organization thereof.

R. DAWLINGS

House Notes

BERNERS

Last year was not exactly eventful for Berners, but was undoubtedly very important. It represented the first year of Mr. Sadler's housemastership and was, as can only be expected, a year of reorganisation and reorientation for the whole house, particularly those at the top who had preconceived ideas on running and general tone of the house. That there were differences of opinion at nearly all levels is beyond dispute but they were generally solved without too much fuss. It is to everyone's credit, and especially Mr. Sadler's, that they have adapted so well to the change in style of leadership.

As I have said the year was generally uneventful but Berners did have its moments, mostly in a minor key. Its sporting achievements were unfortunately small, especially considering the effort put into the competitions whether it was Junior cricket or Senior rugby. We often had the misfortune to meet the eventual winners in the early stages of any competition but often performed better than other teams did. No doubt, though, last year's efforts will pay some dividends, for last year's "young" teams have often come through unscathed ready for this year.

On the academic side Berners seems to have performed well and has already started off this year on a good note, having only three minuses throughout the whole house's Tri-Weekly Effort Reports. Let us hope we can preserve or even better, this standard. Three prizes were won by Berners house boys, a number I would certainly like to see an improvement on. On the whole 'O' and 'A' level results were reasonable but it becomes clearer and clearer that personal frame of mind is the only thing that eventually creates a desire to work and that cajoling and scolding can only do so much towards this.

To conclude I would like to thank Mr. Sadler, for taking over with such assurance, Mrs. Mayes for occupying the Linen Room in such a pleasant and efficient manner, Mr. Morris, for providing a steady and linking influence which any house needs in a time like this (we also offer our congratulations on his engagement), and last but not least Mr. Robinson who has always managed to smile, no matter what the situation. I would also like to thank Kevin Rayment for going about his duties as my predecessor in such a quiet manner and a general "thanks" to all who contributed to Berners House throughout the whole year.

J. D. MARTIN

CORNER'S

As previous house captains have done, I too will first relate our achievements on the sports fields.

Our performance in the senior fifteens were rather disappointing. Having one of the strongest teams we managed only to finish fourth. In the Bombay Ball we were runners up—losing in extra time. Our juniors, however, were more successful. Under the leadership of Pickles they acquired both fifteens' and sevens' trophies with little bother.

House cricket was disappointing, but D. Waight had a fine season for the 1st XI scoring 505 runs (1 century, 4 fifties).

In sailing, we finished second. M. Shallow received his sailing colours and nearly inspired a young house team to great things.

In Fencing R. Anstee won the school championships. N. Lovell became the Eastern Section champion, went to the 'Nationals' and received his colours. D. Browne also represented the section at the 'Nationals'. Congratulations to G. Taylor on becoming the new fencing captain.

Perhaps our greatest achievement was winning the Athletics for the first time in our history. A great effort on behalf of the whole house. Notably Hughes created a new 100 metres record of 13.1 seconds.

Some things tend to go unnoticed during the year, so I would like to thank, especially, the Juniors for their terrific effort on Bonfire night and for their performances during the House Concert. Thanks too to P. Carlile and R. Withers for producing the concert.

I would like to thank Mr. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes and Mr. Newman-Sanders for their presence and encouragement in the house and to Mr. Gower for his work in the garden.

Finally, I would like to thank Rees Withers for the past year in which he served as Head of House. His influence was at all times inspiring and my fondest wishes and sincerest thanks go with him.

PHILLIP L. S. OXLADE

HALLS'

Overall, last year Halls' had a very successful year in many respects. On the sporting side the Rugby team, in the most open competition ever, exceeded all expectations and won the trophy beating both "finalists" on the way. Our success was mainly due to the determined and sometimes brilliant tackling from the backs and also our most enthusiastic coach Mr. Coulter. In the Crosscountry we were well beaten and on the river we couldn't emulate previous successes. On Sports Day the Juniors and Intermediates distinguished themselves with some very fine individual perform-

ances by L. Brown and E. White. Unfortunately the Seniors did not share the others' skill or enthusiasm at Athletics. The House came fourth.

Academically it is impossible to say how the house fared because of the lateness of Prize Giving Day, however, we expect a good collection of 'O' and 'A' level results from our respective candidates (143). Inside the house more activities than usual were undertaken. The house discotheque (the first of its kind) went off very well and was enjoyed by all who attended, and most expressed a wish for another to be arranged in the future.

A House Cultural Competition was arranged which was well supported and of a high artistic standard. Prizes were awarded to E. Kentish, N. Elumelu, and P. Thurgood. The House Bridge Club flourished and our team was narrowly defeated by Johnston's in a match where I'm told the standard was very high.

On the Cricket field the Senior team under the captaincy of G. Wheeler did well to reach the final but were narrowly defeated by Orwell in the final by a few runs or so, however, a very creditable performance.

Unfortunately in the House itself last year Halls' suffered from a slight lack of cohesion between its senior members owing to indifference on the part of a few individuals which made the job of Mark Baldry (an excellent head of house) very hard indeed. However this situation will not be repeated in the coming year.

Finally I would like to express my hearty thanks to the house staff namely Mr. and Mrs. Poole, and Mr. Coulter for their energy and enthusiasm in the house, and thanks also to Mr. Cromarty who donates his precious time to us once a week.

M. HUMPHRIES

HANSON'S

True to the customary form of House Reports here is a list of our sporting failures and achievements: under Staff's guidance we retained the Inter-House Cross Country Cup. The Juniors emerged as by far the most successful section of the house, reaching the final of the rugby and winning the cricket trophy thanks, very largely, to the expert coaching of M. J. Dempsey. The Seniors failed to make any great impression in either the rugby or cricket competitions, but this absence of material success was more than adequately compensated for by the atmosphere they created in the House. Generally people were affable and complied with requests, and this over-all co-operation enabled the house to run quite smoothly.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Taylor to the house and along with Mr. Goetzee and Miss Dobie thank them for their efforts and contributions throughout the year.

C. EDWARDS

JOHNSTON'S

At Woolverstone the mainspring in the functioning of a house is undoubtedly the housemaster, and in Johnston's once again Mr. Hyde, ably supported by Mr. Fowler and Mrs. MacLennon, endeavoured to encourage and inspire people into making last year another successful chapter in the house's history. Although we did not sweep the board, as concerns sporting trophies, there was always a surplus of energy and enthusiasm to carry us through. As it was, the Seniors carried off the Bombay Ball. Whereas the Juniors just failed in their attempt to clinch the Junior competition. Meanwhile in the academic sphere it was noticeable that the house had more than a fair cut of the prizes at this year's Speech Day. This leads me on to my main criticism of the inherent attitude to work in the Upper School, which is found both in the house and the school as a whole. Too often hard work is ostracized, under the pretence of jest, by one's contemporaries. It appears to me to be a very immature attitude—that of trying to discourage the worker. Success is achieved by those who try, but one can be made to feel guilty that one is working for an examination, by those whose monotonously irritating comment always takes the form that the worker concerned is either stupid or mentally deficient. This plainly is an unfortunate situation in an academic institution, and I feel that one should on the contrary encourage, or at least examine one's own motives closely, before taking such a destructive line.

S. G. JOLY

ORWELL

After ten years of housemanship Mr. Thornbery left Orwell at the end of last year. It is impossible to express our gratitude to him for the tremendous devotion he has shown to each individual member of the house over the past years. The nature of his concern for the welfare and happiness of every one of the 60 boys in the house over a period of 10 years is inconceivable. His versatility and boundless enthusiasm has left its mark on us all and we are most sincerely grateful.

We welcome Mr. Skaiels as housemaster and Mr. Cox as assistant housemaster and wish them all the best for the years to come.

MARK VIDLER

Rugby

Results 1st XV Season 1970-71

v. Gilberd	(H)	Won	65—3
v. Colchester R.G.S.	(A)	Won	32—0
V. Northgate	(H)	Won	48—0
v. R.M.S. Duke of York's	(H)	Won	26—0
v. Norwich	(H)	Won	38—5
v. R.H.S. Holbrook	(H)	Won	33—0
v. St. Joseph's	(A)	Won	69—0
v. Framlingham	(A)	Won	19—3
v. Woodbridge	(H)	Won	44—3
v. Wymondham	(A)	Won	13—3
v. Culford	(A)	Won	27—6
v. J. C. Morris XV	(H)	Drew	6—6

Played 12; won 11; Drew 1. Points: For 420: Against 29.

Players who represented team, season 1970-71: D. Blease, S. James, C. Cornish, Coote R, P. Carlile, S. Joly, J. Fuzzey, M. Vidler, J. Thomson, C. Coote, P. Redpath, D. Waight, R. Withers, P. Owen, N. Walker, J. Martin, J. Dawlings, C. Redpath, P. Cooper, M. Baldry, H. MacPherson.

Colours awarded to: D. Blease, S. Joly, C. Redpath, D. Waight, S. James, R. Coote, P. Carlile, J. Fuzzey, R. Withers, P. Owen, J. Dawlings.

2nd XV Report

In spite of some high scores and convincing wins, the 2nd XV never worked as team; King assures me that it was something to do with me but no-one takes any notice of him anyway. However it was all jolly good fun and I'm sure that many took off their blue stitched shirts for the last time with a feeling of sorrow.

Under my inspired leadership we routed Colchester but met defeat when faced by Felstead. There then followed a run of wins, marred only by a draw at Holbrook where I discovered my aversion for Fly-half. During this period, which the late and great Mr. Underwood ensured us was the intensive muscle forming, morale boosting build up to the Wymondham match. Michael Humphries demonstrated his peculiar ability to administer the 'disdainful hand-off', Paul Cooper, Paxton Vidler, and Red Lion Kit were informed of their hitherto concealed talent and were enlisted in dark Kent's super XV; meanwhile Graham King continued to insist that his Colin Meads pocket handbook of tactics was superior to the Edwards/Underwood cum Observer sports page strategem and proceeded to meander over the pitch, talking to linesman and taking throw-ins but invariably being out of position. It was partly a combination of this, his susceptibility to the side-step when faced by a large winger and the distraction of the 1st XV match that led

to our defeat by Wymondham. Anyway a splendid time was had by all save myself who received a multiple, hyper-painful fracture of the smaller digit. From this game on, under the furtive leadership of H. Macpherson the team never looked back and finished with a convincing win over Brentwood 1st XV.

Thanks and condolences to the following: King, Lovell, Hodgson, Baker, Martin, Hamish, Radford, Thomson, Mad Slap Baldry, Walker, Watt, Pullin, Humphries, Gilbert, Le lion Rouge, Jordan, Vidler, Cooper, dark.

Results:

v. Colchester	(A)	Won	24—0
v. Felsted	(H)	Lost	0—3
v. Northgate	(H)	Won	55—3
v. Norwich	(H)	Won	21—6
v. Holbrook	(A)	Drew	6—6
v. St. Joseph's	(H)	Won	38—6
v. Framlingham	(A)	Won	38—0
v. Wymondham	(A)	Lost	6—12
v. Felixstowe 1st XV	(H)	Won	28—0
v. Culford	(A)	Won	11—3
v. Brentwood	(H)	Won	17—6

C. EDWARDS

3rd XV

v. Ipswich	Won	19—13
v. Felsted	Lost	3—6
v. Bury Colts	Lost	0—40
v. R.H.S.	Lost	6—14
v. Eccleshall	Won	28—0
v. Woodbridge II	Won	22—11
v. Wymondham	Won	14—8
v. Culford	Won	33—0
v. Brentwood	Won	22—0

Colts XV

v. R.G.S. Colchester	(H)	Won	14—9
v. Northgate G.S.	(A)	Won	52—11
v. R.M.S. Dover	(H)	Won	8—6
v. Norwich School	(A)	Lost	19—21
v. R.H.S. Holbrook	(H)	Lost	0—34
v. Ipswich School	(A)	Lost	6—11
v. Framlingham	(H)	Lost	6—19
v. Woodbridge	(A)	Lost	3—25
v. Wymondham College	(H)	Lost	0—25
v. Felixstowe High School	(H)	Won	15—10
v. St. Joseph's College	(A)	Lost	3—49

Points for 126; Against 220.

Relatively unsuccessful in 1969 the team lacked the necessary confidence at the beginning of the 1970 season. However their

confidence, as a team and in each other, improved after the first two games reaching its peak with the narrow defeat of R.M.S. Dover in a hard fought and exciting game. This proved to be the best game of the season; the team rallied at the right moments and kept up continual pressure which resulted in the winning score in the last minute of time.

The following game against Norwich also resulted in a narrow score but proved to be the turning point of the season. Woolverstone were winning 13—0 at half time then poor handling and bad tackling allowed the opposition to score frequently and easily. With the score at 19—19 conversion of their last try gave Norwich the game in the final minute.

The confidence gained earlier disappeared and, in spite of individual ability and effort, the team did not again play as a cohesive unit. This resulted in a series of defeats and a further decline in confidence and morale.

However talent is not lacking in this age group and individuals who deserve mention were White and Haig in the three-quarters, Whaley and O'Byrne when playing in the full back position and Bowyer, Bundock and Silver in the forwards,

Team from: Franklin, Tsaperelli, Bowyer, Shannon, Skinner, Bundock, Gornall, Silver, Eng, Pook, Haig, Sibley, Boot, White, Whaley, O'Byrne, Fawcett, Brown, Collins, Quinn, Nolloth, Browne.

Ipswich Sevens

Two teams were entered, both meeting R.H.S. Holbrook in the first round, Woolverstone (I) beating R.H.S. (II) 9—5 and Woolverstone (II) losing to R.H.S. (I) 0—19.

The teams met R.H.S. again in the semi-finals of both Plate and Main competitions, Woolverstone (I) losing to R.H.S. (I) 5—15, a close game in which the school forwards surprisingly dominated their opposite numbers. Woolverstone (II) lost to R.H.S. (II) 0—23.

Woolverstone (I): Silver, Bowyer, Bundock, Pook, Haig (Capt), White, Shannon.

Woolverstone (II): Franklin, Eng, Boot, O'Byrne (Capt.). Whaley, Nolloth, Sibley.

C.J.H.

Under 14

v. Colchester	Won	13—9
v. Wymondham College	Lost	0—24
v. Ipswich School	Lost	3—8
v. Framlingham College	Drew	0—0
v. Woodbridge School	Lost	6—13
v. Felixstowe Middle School	Won	28—13
v. Culford School	Lost	0—3
v. St. Joseph's College	Lost	8—33

Points for 68; Against 103.

The following have played for the team: Coote, Chalmers, Ryan, Martin, Jones, Johnston, K. Maxton, Howell, J. Maxton, Chin, Holbrook, Millinship, Pickles, Harber, McGarian, Pullin, Rice, Poyntz, Pavlov.

The Under Fourteen team lost its matches owing to not practising the basics of Rugby, tackling, passing and running hard. The boys who played well throughout most of the season were Jones, Johnson, K. Maxton, Millinship, Harber and McGarian. They worked hard but were not always supported well by the rest of the team. Matches were lost to better teams although the high score did sometimes not do justice to the run of play.

J.F.C.F.

Under 13

1st XV:

Played 10; Won 10; Lost 0; Drawn 0; Points for 349; Against 9.

2nd XV: Played 2; Won 1; Lost 0; Drawn 1.

The results given above tell much of the story. This was an immensely strong team which played skilful, hard, and attacking rugby. We always had a greater number of big, fast, gifted players than any opposition that we came up against, and there were times, notably in the first match against Holbrook, when a remarkably high standard of rugby was reached.

The success of the team was based initially, as it always must be, on the ability of the forwards to gain a large amount of "good ball" both from set pieces and in the form of secondary possession. Fludgate with his flair and inventiveness, and Kelleher, a very strong and fast No. 8, were outstanding among the forwards, but all, without exception, played extremely well most of the time. Thomas, Harffey, and Davis all used their size and strength to advantage and got through a lot of work; Ruffle hooked well and kicked many conversions; Budden's attacking skills and the all-round play of Brown (whose tackling was one of the highlights of the season) made, along with Kelleher, a fine back-row trio.

From this strong basis the three-quarters were able to get plenty of possession which they usually managed to use effectively. Seecoomah, at scrum-half, gave a long, accurate pass to his captain McGarian, who looked more and more like an embryonic Barry John as the season progressed. As captain he was always alert to every opportunity, and with the ball in his hands he had skill, poise, and determination. Determination and courage were also characteristics of Parker's play in the centre and his strong running and hard tackling upset many an opposition's defence. Lewis, whether at full-back or centre, was fast, while Miller was developing into a useful full-back by the end of the season. The big try scorer in the three-quarters was Gardiner, whose strength and speed usually proved too much for his opposite number.

Several other boys played in the team and made valuable

contributions; namely Mills, Evans, O. James, Willows, Roife, Bhogal, Brooks, Hayter. Much of the success of the team must be attributed to the other member of 'A' group who improved the standard of the whole set by providing keen, courageous, and effective opposition during games days. As with this group last year, it was often on the normal games days that the best rugby was played and it was in these games that those qualities of courage and determination which in matches were hardly needed, were revealed. The 2nd team were rewarded for their efforts with several good games against the first year team and against other schools.

All in all it was a season which can be looked back upon with great pleasure and satisfaction by all.

Results:

v. Wymondham	(H)	Won	31—3
v. Northgate	(A)	Won	45—0
v. Norwich	(A)	Won	53—0
v. Ipswich	(H)	Won	19—3
v. Felixstowe	(A)	Won	19—0
v. St. Joseph's	(H)	Won	36—0
v. Culford	(A)	Won	28—0
v. Holbrook	(H)	Won	53—0
v. Ipswich	(A)	Won	27—3
v. Holbrook	(A)	Won	38—0

B XV:

v. Culford	(A)	Won	8—6
v. Ipswich	(A)	Drew	9—9

J.C.M.

Under 12 XV

The most notable feature of this year's Under 12's was not the existence of any outstanding players but rather the depth of talent throughout the A group, and indeed well down into the B Group. The second most notable feature was that unlike most of our first form teams they fulfilled expectations in their matches, in the second against Holbrook handling the ball very nicely in appalling wet conditions. There is strength and intelligence in the team and, with keen competition for places, it has a bright future ahead of it.

As with most Woolverstone teams, tackling was its weakness, and it was fortunate that both Redwood and Hughes on the wings —elusive and forceful runners respectively—were seldom tested in defence. In the centre Brooks and Evans—the former one of the outstanding tacklers of the team, Dixon and Mirza the others— both ran hard but tended to hold the ball too long or to misjudge the timing of their passes. In this respect, Pereira, who also played in the centre for one match, was more successful. English and Zeffert made a good pair of halves with Gibbons also taking the

scrum-half position quite competently. Zeffert quickly realised his responsibility as the pivot of the attack and the anchor of the defence and showed a mature appreciation of tactics and strategy which often enabled the team to escape from impending crises or capitalize on opportunities.

In the scrum, Dixon and O'Driscoll were the most consistent players, the rest playing with varying degrees of intensity. Abbot, Williams and Howell were all at times effective and destructive wing-forwards, but all liable to spasms of indifference and ineptitude. Likewise Davies and Hulme often played hard in the second row but did not always do their full share of the tackling and falling. Taylor and D. Thomas were promising props and at their best, excellent all round players.

At full back, Mirza, who in matches tended to get bored through unemployment, was outstanding for his modest courage and thoroughly sound defence. If he retains that position he will no doubt have more to do next year; and indeed the whole team will have to look to it when they come up against opposition which gains more of the ball than they do.

D.T. Results:

v. St. Joseph's		Won
v. Holbrook	(H)	Won
v. Holbrook	(A)	Won

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES 1971

1. Orwell/Halls' 8 pts.
3. Johnston's 7 pts.
4. Corners 5 pts.
5. Berners 2 pts.
6. Hansons 0 pts.

This year's competition, apart from producing some very entertaining rugby, also produced the closest finish for several years, with the first four houses separated by a mere three points. At the onset, it seemed as though there were going to be two houses mainly in contention for the trophy, but Orwell's defeat at the hands of Halls' House meant that the final result was to be left open until in fact the final game. This 8—6 win by Halls' House was remarkable, not only because both Halls' tries came from intercepted passes, which Orwell could easily have avoided, but also because of the "last ditch" defence that just kept Orwell out for most of the game. Seldom has such an enthralling and hard fought rugby match been played on Church Field by a first team, never mind two house teams.

In the dying seconds of the Johnston's/Corner's game, Stephen Joly snatched an opportunist's try for Johnston, to bring the two teams level, and then later, led his team to a creditable victory over Halls'. Corner's seemed to lose heart slightly after victory

against Johnston's had eluded them, and had a rather undistinguished game against Halls'. This, Corner's lost, more through their own mistakes than through want of effort, or because they were an unskilled team.

Bemers and Hanson's contended for the dubious privilege of possession of the wooden spoon, with the former eventually winning the match 5—3. Although these two teams knew from the beginning that there wasn't likely to be a trophy for them at the end of the tournament, they can be commended for the excellent spirit in which they played all their matches and the determination not to give up.

The final match was between Orwell and Corner's, with everything still undecided even at this stage. If Orwell lost, they would come fourth, if they won, they would share the trophy with Halls'. Orwell eventually did win this tense, but enjoyable match, although it was not until the last five minutes that anything was conceded. Chris Redpath kicked a penalty goal and four minutes later initiated the scoring move which settled the issue.

D.H.B.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

1. Corner's 10 pts.
2. Hanson's 8 pts.
3. Johnston's 5 pts.
4. Orwell 3 pts.
5. Berners/Halls' 2 pts.

So many J.H.M. competitions are won by the team with the largest and strongest players, but no one can deny, that this year's victors. Corner's, had their fair share of skilful players as well. Although suffering from a string of injuries, they succeeded in playing entertaining rugby in all their matches, with the one notable exception of the game against Halls'. It was here that they had to rely upon the strength of G. Harber to bulldoze his way through the opposition pack for the only try of the match.

Hanson's also had a very useful side which was adept at scoring through the centre position, where Gardner seemed virtually unstoppable. It was only against Corner's, when some excellent cover tackling by K. Martin, stemmed his try-scoring runs. This Corner's/Hanson's match was, in my estimation, the game of the competition, not only because of the high degree of skill, open play, and intelligent thinking shown, but because of the fact that Corner's only managed to come out on top and score the necessary points at the very end.

Johnston's played themselves into third position by using the pather primitive skills of M. Bilek, who was continually fed the ball, while most of the team then hoped for the best. Thanks to his determination and power, Johnston's did finish in a higher

position than Orwell who on paper had a far stronger and sounder team. Despite the fact that they tried hard and played, on the whole, open rugby, Orwell failed to capitalise on their opponents mistakes and weaknesses. This ultimately led to their downfall with only one victory against Berners to their credit.

Halls' started off remarkably well, with an impressive and hard earned victory against Orwell by 5 points to 3. Unfortunately, in later matches, there did not seem to be a concerted, and sustained team effort, which resulted in them losing the remaining four games. In last position with Halls' came Berners, who although they had the nucleus of a good team, lacked the "backing power" to fill certain vital positions that some houses (notably Orwell) always seem to find. Their one victory came against Hall's House, when they dominated the scrum and then kept the game tight. Perhaps if they had done more of this against other teams, they would have won more of their matches.

D.H.B.

Cricket

1st XI

This was by far the most successful season the 1st XI has had in recent years—it may have been the most successful season since the School began. Under the astute captaincy of C. Redpath the side maintained a sound standard in fielding but its main strength lay in two things—firstly, the fact that almost invariably one of the first six batsmen produced a major innings, and secondly, the spin bowling of Redpath and Waight was too much for most opposing batsmen. Once again we lacked pace and penetration with the new ball although James, King and Wills showed they had the ability to bowl well occasionally. But the onus was usually on the spin bowlers to bowl opposing sides out. Except for the match against St. Joseph's, they always had an ample total to bowl at. The team's record of eight wins and five draws, four of which were very much in our favour, speaks for itself.

Some individual matches stand out. As usual, the game against Wymondham was one, when at 96 for 6 it seemed as if the game was lost, but the depth of the batting showed itself when James and Rice put on 89 for the seventh wicket enabling us to reach a total of 202 which turned out to be more than enough. Against the Old Boys a superb century by Joly enabled us to declare at 204 for 5 wickets, leaving the Old Boys to score the runs in 145 minutes or four runs per over. Mysteriously, they made no attempt to go for the runs allowing us to get well on top by the end of the day. The following week another century, this time by Waight, led to a thrilling finish against the Duke of York's. Against Northgate a

record-breaking total of 262—6 was reached (off 54 overs), but we failed to bowl the opposition out.

Individual players who deserve special praise are Redpath who in his second season as captain, bowled with great accuracy and guile to finish up with 43 wickets and a total of over 100 wickets in his 1st XI career. His batting, particularly against the Old Boys and Northgate, was impressive too. Joly was once again a model of concentration and application. He scored 400 runs for the second time and set a fine example to younger players, wicket-keeper Dawlings helped enormously in the spinners' success with 14 stumpings and 14 catches, and rarely made mistakes. Thompson improved enormously both as an opening batsman and a fielder. He is now an accomplished player. James' innings at Wymondham was memorable. Wheeler held some excellent catches—the one at Wymondham was both first-class and crucial—although it was King who held the catch of the season against the Old Boys. Anstee became a skilled slip-fielder. We shall not forget the keenness and good nature of those who did not bat or bowl much but always played willingly and fielded well.

A great season then, in which there was a marked improvement in the entire team. This can only be put down to the enthusiastic and valuable coaching of Mr. Mayes and Mr. Sadler. Our thanks also go to Bates who was scorer throughout the season.

D. WAIGHT

An enormous amount of the success of this team was a result of the individual performances of Waight, Redpath and Joly. Redpath showed considerable ability as captain and the achievements of Waight with bat and ball are made clear by his figures for the season. He was an outstandingly good player in an outstandingly good team. His total of 521 runs for the season is a school record. Redpath did a great deal for Woolverstone cricket and will be missed. Waight did well to be selected for Suffolk Colts in all their matches and for the Kent Club and Ground side in three games.

A.P.S.

Results: Played 13; Won 8; Drawn 5.

v. University of Essex (H)	Univ. of Essex 72 (Joly 5—22)
Won by 8 wickets	School 74—2 (Joly 45 n.o.)
v. Felixstowe H.S. (A)	School 151—7 dec.
Won by 53 runs	(Waight 49, James 32) Felixstowe 98
	(Redpath 6—34, Waight 4—34)
v. St. Joseph's (H)	School 97 (Redpath 35)
Won by 24 runs	St. Joseph's 73
	(Waight 6—21)
v. Woolverstone Park (H)	Park 149 (Redpath 4—49)
Won by 5 wickets	School 150—5 (Waight 53)

v. Woodbridge. (H) Won by 6 wickets	Woodbridge 104 (Redpath 4—6) School 106—4 (Waight 48 n.o., Thompson 35)
v. R.G.S. Colchester (H) Drawn	School 201—4 dec. (Joly 84 n.o., Waight 62) R.G.S. 90—8
v. R.H.S. Holbrook (H) Drawn	School 197—5 dec. (Waight 69, Thompson 30) R.H.S. 101—7
v. Norwich (A) Won by 5 wickets	Norwich 106 (Waight 6—27, Redpath 4—19) School 110—5 (Waight 56 n.o.)
v. Wymondham (A) Won by 73 runs	School 202 (James 61, Rice 43) Wymondham 129 (Redpath 4—24, Waight 4—39)
v. Old Boys (H) Drawn	School 204—5 dec. (Joly 100 n.o.) Redpath 33, Thompson 32) Old Boys 145—6
v. Duke of York's R.M.S. (H) Drawn	D.Y.R.M.S. 169 (Redpath 5-47) School 165—9 (Waight 100) (Redpath 73 n.o., Thompson 70,
v. Northgate G.S. (A) Drawn	School 262—6 dec. Waight 42, Joly 35) Northgate 86—8
v. Staff (H) Won by 57 runs	(Redpath 4—24) School 141 (Dawlings 68) Staff 84 (Redpath 3—9)

Averages

Batting

	Innings	Not out	H.S.	Total	Average
Waight	12	3	100	521	57.9
Joly	13	3	100*	400	40.0
Redpath	13	2	73*	249	22.6
Rice	5	2	43	64	21.3
Thompson	13	-	257	70	19.8
James	12	1	181	32	16.5

(N.B. Also batted Dawlings 68, 6*, 3*, 2*).

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Averages
Redpath	161.5	41	339	43	7.9
Waight	162.1	44	380	38	10.0
King	36	10	84	6	14.0
Joly	106	29	215	15	14.3
James	80	22	220	9	23.2

Catches:

Dawlings 14, Wheeler 7, Anstee 6, Waight 5, Redpath 5.

Stumpings

Dawlings 14.

Overall average

Woolverstone Hall 25.12 runs per wicket.

Opponents 11.1 runs per wicket.

Colours

Old colours were C. Redpath, D. Waight, S. Joly.

Colours were awarded to J. Dawlings, J. Thompson, S. James, R. Anstee.

The following played: C. Redpath, B. Waight, S. Joly, J. Thompson, J. Dawlings, R. Anstee, S. James, N. Rice, G. Wheeler G. Wills, P. Carlile, G. Hindle, G. King, J. Adams, M. Haig.

A.P.S.

2nd XI Report 1971

Played 8; Won 5; Lost 2; Drawn 1.

The 2nd XI had a successful season, but more to the point, it was a very enjoyable season. The captain, Peter Carlile was a very determined skipper, often thinking, or so it appeared, that he could take on the opposition single-handed. The remainder of the team seriously considered letting him actually do so, while they stayed in their respective houses drinking coffee and listening to records or suchlike. He managed quite well by it said knocking up a couple of 50's and on several occasions getting 5 or more wickets. He was ably supported by G. King who hit a notable 66 not out against Norwich.

The side was a fairly strong all round one, J. Dynevor was like a Bill Lawry, and generally our batting talent lasted well down the list. The bowling was varied with several bowlers: P. Carlile, R. Hayter, J. Page, G. King and G. Taylor. It was a season to remember, especially with Mark Dempsey and Philip "George Laz" Routley making their debut towards the end of the season.

The following played for the 2nd's: P. Carlile, G. King, J. Page, J. Dynevor, J. Adams, G. Towells, R. Hayter, P. Redpath, T. Coote, G. Jankowski, G. Taylor, N. Rice, G. Routley, M. Dempsey, G. Hindle.

Our thanks go to Mr. Sadler for his expert tuition in the art of cricket and also to Mr. Mayes, who spends so much time helping out with us (not to mention all the other school cricket teams) and, of course, for his endless and tireless work on the cricket squares. Our thanks are extended to Mr. B. Salmon for giving up so much time to umpire our matches.

J. E.PAGE

UNDER 14

v. St. Joseph's College	Lost by 112 runs.
v. Woodbridge School	Lost by 27 runs.
v. R.G.S. Colchester	Lost by 8 wickets.
v. Royal Hospital School	Won by 2 wickets.
v. Framlingham College	Lost by 7 wickets.
v. Royal Hospital School	Lost by 110 runs.
v. Culford School	Lost by 30 runs.
v. Wymondham College	Lost by 60 runs.
v. Norwich	Won by 70 runs.

The following have played for the team: Chalmers, Crees, Evans, Harber, Howell, Martin, J. Maxton, Millinship, McGarian, Norgrove, Pavlou, Pickles, Poyntz, Rice, Jones.

All too often the team started a match well bowling out the opposition's best batsmen for a low score only to let the tail-enders off the hook to make the total respectable and high enough to win the match.

Poyntz and McGarian bowled steadily, Crees and Pickles bowled well at times. Harber was a shrewd captain and deserved more luck than he got. Praise must go to Pickles for his 96 against Norwich and to Crees for his unbeaten 50 in the same-match.

J.F.C.F.

UNDER 13

This was a good season in which the success of the team was based upon good batting in depth, hostile and accurate opening bowlers, and, most important, the keenness of several of the better players to practise hard and so improve considerably throughout the season. The fielding was also an important factor in several of the victories, although our inability to hold slip catches at times tried the patience of the fast bowlers.

There were several very close finishes, the most notable being the last match of the season against Northgate, when only a magnificent last-wicket stand between A. Parker and S. Ireland gave us enough runs to win by a very narrow margin. In most of the matches enough of the batsmen succeeded to give us a reasonable score, the exception being the inept batting performance against St. Joseph's, which produced the only real disaster of the season. Outstanding amongst the batsmen were Harffey and Seecoomar—both showed signs of real class—but there were several good innings from others including O. James, P. McGarian, M. Ruffle and A. Parker. T. Gardner and R. Thomas nearly always bowled well and took most of the wickets, but they were well supported by James. In cricket a heavy responsibility falls upon the captain *and* R. Harffey managed his team with great skill and maturity.

An enjoyable and satisfying season, then, and encouraging too as the depth of talent in this age group was revealed towards the

end of the season when Watson, Parker, and others suddenly started challenging for places in the team.

The following played for the team: Harffey (Capt.), O. James, P. McGarian, R. Seecoomar, M. Ruffle, C. Fludgate, R. Thomas, S. Ireland, A. Parker, S. Wright, N. Watson, J. Budden, G. Miller.

Results:

v. Holbrook (H)	School 94 for 9 (dec.)
Drawn	Holbrook 90 for 9 (James 5 for 15)
v. St. Joseph's (H)	School 29
Lost by 9 wkts.	St. Joseph's 30 for 1
v. Woodbridge (A)	Woodbridge 45
Won by 7 wickets	(Thomas 5 for 13) School 48 for 3
v. Holbrook (A)	Holbrook 100 for 7 (dec.)
Drawn	(Gardner 4 for 40) School 56 for 5
v. Ipswich (H)	School 8 for 1 (Rain)
Drawn	
v. Norwich (A)	School 143
Won by 76 runs	(Seecoomar 50 n.o.) (Harffey 30) Norwich 67 (Thomas 6 for 23)
v. Culford (A)	Culford 36 for 9
Drawn	(Thomas 5 for 14) (Gardner 4 for 16)
v. Ipswich (A)	School 111 for 8 (dec.)
Won by 46 runs	(Harffey 48) Ipswich 65 (Gardner 5 for 20)
v. Northgate (A)	School 61 (Parker 21 n.o.)
Won by 10 runs	Northgate 51 (Gardner 5 for 25) (Thomas 5 for 16)

Played 9; Won 4; Drawn 4; Lost 1.

J.C.M.

UNDER 12

Although the team had a mixed season, they showed a keenness and enthusiasm which promises well for the future. The results are as follows.

v. St. Joseph's (A)	Woolverstone 72 all out
Won by 52 runs	St. Joseph's 20 all out Stace 5 for 8; Thomas 5 for 11
v. Northgate (A)	Woolverstone 65 all out
Lost by 1 wicket	Northgate 69 for 9 Thomas 32 n.o.
v. R.H.S. (H)	Woolverstone 63 all out
Lost by 6 wickets	R.H.S. 64 for 4
v. Ipswich	Ipswich 21—1
Drawn	Match Abandoned

V. R.H.S. (A) Won by 38 runs	Woolverstone 72 all out R.H.S. 34 all out Stace 5 for 8
v. Culford (A) Drawn	Woolverstone 39 all out Culford 15 for(3 Match Abandoned
v. Ipswich (A) Lost by 49 runs	Ipswich 83 all out Woolverstone 34 all out Mirza 6 for 14
v. Northgate Lost by 9 wkts. Won 2; Drawn 3; Lost 3.	Woolverstone 19 all out Northgate 21 for 1

Sailing

SAILING CLUB

Autumn Term

Results:

- v. Greshams. Home. Won 19¾: 23¾.
- v. Brightlingsea. Away. Lost 24¾: 18.
- v. Old Boys. Home. Won 18¾: 23¾.

A good nucleus of last year's team got down to some hard work and produced good performances. Particularly pleasing was the win against a strong Old Boy's side.

Summer Term

1st VI Results:

- v. Norwich. Away. Won 20 : 21½.
- v. Felsted. Away. Tie 15¾: 15¾.
- v. Ipswich. Away. Lost 24 : 17½.
- v. Gresham's. Home. Won 15½: 29.
- v. Gresham's. Away. Won 17½: 24.
- v. Duke of York's. Away. Won 41½: 43½.
- v. Brightlingsea. Home. Won 18¾: 22¾.
- v. Old Boys. Home. Won 64½: 69½.

The results speak for themselves. Under the very able captaincy of J. Young the team gave of its best and particularly they were keen throughout the season. Shallow, Warne and Young could always be relied upon to lead the race, leaving the handling of the opposition to Winter K. and Gibbons. The 6th place in the team was not satisfactorily filled for some time. Payment and Kennedy were tried, but for various reasons were unsuccessful, and it was only when Winter D. joined Gibbons that the team reached it full potential. Despite their inexperience and many tactical errors they were able to cope with all opposition except for Ipswich, where conditions were particularly difficult and the

opposition of a very high standard. Colours were awarded to Winter K., Young and Shallow.

2nd VI Results:

v. Norwich. Away Lost 20 : 10½.

v. Gresham's. Home. Won 18½: 23½.

v. Framlingham. Home. Won 17½: 24

v. Framlingham. Away. Race Abandoned.

Under the captaincy of Boynton, the 2nd team were very inexperienced and started off the season with a disastrous loss away at Norwich, where conditions were as difficult as ever. Their second difficult afternoon was the return match with Framlingham where the strong winds proved too difficult for the usually reliable Mirror dinghies and competitors littered the river at Orford. Good performances were the races against Gresham's and Framlingham at home.

Team members were Boynton, Nolan, Kennedy, Taylor, Dawlings, McPherson and J. Shallow.

The house championship produced a good final between Hanson's and Corner's, with Corner's proving worthy winners. The Enterprise Cup was won by Shallow as was the P. G. Cannon. Ireland convincingly won the Novices Plank.

In all this racing activity, it is easy to neglect those who helped to make it possible. Dan Archer did sterling work as Race Officer, keeping records meticulously and reminding the Officer of the Day of his short-comings. Philion was ever present in the rescue boat, fortunately doing more conducted tours for visiting masters than fishing out wet racing crews. Finally Terry Everitt, an addition to the expert tuition given to novice helmsmen, kept the boats in a condition which was envied by all our visitors.

Finally the school fleet was increased by the addition of a brand new Wayfarer dinghy which will be very useful for instruction purposes as well as providing additional accommodation for seniors. The Firefly 942 was given Mark 2 treatment which rejuvenated it to such an extent that it finished 9th in the Public School Firefly Championship in the hands of the Winter brothers.

I think we can be justifiably satisfied with a good season of results, keenness and progress.

M.A.R.P.

Athletics

Athletics at Woolverstone is in a dilemma. It is certainly rated up to County level, yet struggles within the school to reach recognition.

As a result of the Area Trials 10 of the school went forward to the County Trials at Northgate G.S. where two of the team earned distinction, Nigel Walker and Peter Seidel in the 100 m. and 200 m. respectively. Both have been selected to represent the county at Crystal Palace—certainly all our best wishes go with them.

Results: County Trials (Northgate G.S.), Saturday, 12th June.

Lovell: 200 m. 24.3 secs. 1st.

Seidel: High Jump. 1.69 m. 1st,

Walker: 100 m. 11.5 secs. 1st

Withers: Long Jump 5.95 m. 1st.

Coote: Hurdles. 15.7 secs. 2nd.

Baker: Weight. 11.85 m. 3rd.

Brown: 400 m. 56.4 secs. 3rd.

Yianni: Long Jump. 5.40 m. 3rd.

Marshall: 100 m. 12.4 secs. 4th.

Legg: 1500 m. 4.41 secs. 7th.

Elumelu and White travelled as reserves.

On the Sunday prior to the 'County' a group of us were fortunate enough to go to an athletics 'teach-in' at Chantry School during which we benefited from the coaching methods and techniques demonstrated by experienced coaches. I hope that this will become an annual occasion and that boys who partake realise the value of the opportunity.

Our thanks go to D. Skinner, captain of the Old Boys' Athletics team for providing such an entertaining afternoon's athletics. Chris Webb's attempted decathlon was enjoyed by a large flock of people (whose presence was much appreciated) who followed him round the field as he notched up valuable points for the Old Boys. Result: Woolverstone 61 pts.; Old Boys 55 pts.

Many thanks to those Old Boys who participated and once again to D. Skinner for taking the trouble to rejuvenate an old occasion.

Sports day was once again welcomed with sunny skies!

Results:

Junior:

100 m.: Hughes (C), Gardner (HA), Davis (J). 13.1 secs.

200 m.: Gardner (HA), Fludgate (C), Kelleher (HA). 27.8 secs.

400 m.: Fludgate (C), Kentish (H), Parker (B). 64.2 secs.

Long Jump: Fludgate (C), Kelleher (HA), Parker (B). 4.82 m.

High Jump: Hayter (C), Kelleher (HA), Howell (H). 1.35 m.

Cricket Ball: Parker (B), Thomas (H), Gardner (HA). 58.53 m.

Relay: Hansons. 56.8 secs.

Intermediate:

100 m. White (H), Haig (J), Boot (O). 12.1 secs.
200 m. White (H), Shannon (O), Johnson (C). 25.8 secs.
400 m. Brown (H), Pook (O), Elumelu (H). 58.6 secs.
800 m. Brown (H), Boot (O), Browne (C). 2 mins. 16 secs.
1500 m.: Elliott (C), Franklin (HA), Sibley (H). 5 mins. 3 secs.
Hurdles, 80 m.: Haig, =Bryan, Brook. 12.8 secs.
Weight: Bundock (C), Mitchell (B), Tsaperelli (O). 9.90 in.
Javelin: Pook (O), Harber (C), Silver (C). 32.17 m.
Discus: White (H), Gornall (C), Cutler (HA). 32.25 m.
Long Jump: Haig (J), Pook (O), Brook (O). 5.63 m.
High Jump: Boot (O), Harber (C), Fawcett (J). 1.50 m.
Relay: Orwell. 52 secs.

Senior:

100 m.: Walker (J), Lovell (C), Coote (J). 11.2 secs.
200 m.: Walker (J), Lovell (C), Marshall (C). 23.6 secs.
400 m.: Staff (HA), Withers (C), Oxlade (C). 55.2 secs.
800 m.: Staff (HA), Seidel (J), Trimmingham (HA). 2 min. 10.2 secs.
1500 m.: Legg (O), Joly (J), Trimmingham (HA). 4 min. 40.8 secs.
Long Jump: Martin (B), Baker (HA), Wheeler (H). 5.77 m.
High Jump: Adams (H), Vidler (O), Seidel (J). 1.69 m.
Hurdles: Redpath, = Coote, Waight. 15 secs.
Weight: Coote (J), Humphries (H), Joly. 11.03 m.
Javelin: Baker (HA), Vidler (O), Owen (H). 36.05 m.
Discus: Walker (J), Pullin (HA), Cornish (H). 32.57 m.
Relay: Corners. 48.2 secs.
Points: Corner's 215.5; Orwell 200; Johnston's 185.5; Halls' 145; Hanson's 142.5, Berners 94.5.

Thanks to the encouragement given by house-captains due to the term, this Sports Day was of a high standard.

This would have been impossible to achieve without the constant effort of Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Coulter during games days throughout the year and of course to Mr. Evans to whom such a large portion of credit for these successful athletic functions must go.

W. R. WITHERS

Fencing

FENCING CLUB NOTES

This season has again been successful for all teams There are not as many results this season because the Suffolk team event, which we won last year, was not held.

Individually the Eastern Section schoolboys event had five out of six finalists from the school, with W. Lovell winning overall for the second year running. Senior fencers took part in the Eastern section men's tournament held in Cambridge, where in tough competition two members of the school reached the semi-final rounds. Brooke House Fencing Club provided tough competition in a sabre match, but the school did beat them at foil.

Mr. Joyce helped the school by running an excellent coaching weekend, where he taught us methods of instruction for training purposes. The club would like to thank him for all his help.

The captain of the Fencing Club last year was Roger Anstee who organised matches and practices for the benefit of the club. The club would like to thank him for his work in making a success of the club.

Finally our thanks go to Mr. Ramsay who has devoted so much time to coaching and organisation of the club.

Teams: A

'A' R. Anstee, C. Edwards, W. Lovell.

'B' P. Redpath, G. Taylor, P. Seidal.

'C' G. Wills, M. Beardsall, C. Coote.

Results:

Eastern Section Schoolboys Championship

Senior: 1st W. Lovell, 2nd P. Redpath, 3rd P. Seidal, 5th R. Anstee, 6th C. Edwards.

Junior: 3rd P. Browne, 5th R. Bryant.

Woolverstone Championships

Senior: R. Anstee.

Junior: E. White.

G. TAYLOR

Societies and Activities

ANIMAL CLUB

Last year saw some major changes in Animal Club. At Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Elmsett taking Timothy, their goats, covies and rabbits with them and the club moved its premises from the old guard house to what was the hay store.

We shall continue to miss the familiar sight of the Cox's out with their animals—a procession once described by Mr. Watts as looking like 'the exodus out of Egypt'. Fortunately, however, we are still able to call on Mr. Cox's expertise.

Although reduced in size the club continues to flourish. At present there are 15 members. Guinea pigs are still popular but there are now also hamsters and gerbils. The latter have several advantages over mice, rats and other small mammals. They have more interesting habits, virtually no smell and are very clean. Also they rarely, if ever, bite!

Once again members visited the Suffolk Show and several boys won prizes with their covies. They are to be congratulated on their management.

Finally members past and present would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Cox for all the hard work they put into Animal Club since its commencement in September, 1965.

C.J.H.

CANOE CLUB

Work during the winter terms included maintenance and the building of two school and two private fibre-glass canoes. This brought the club fleet up to a total of fourteen boats. In the Summer Term some thirty members became quite efficient in negotiating the white waters of the Orwell. It so happened that this years club members were mostly beginners, which prevented any of the longer expeditions taking place. On one occasion, however, we were able to enter the Gipping at The Weir, and paddle home through the docks. We look forward to more of these trips next year—building on this year's experience.

B.R.T.

CHESS NOTES 1970-1971

Results:

Sir Henry Warner Shield:

Round 1 v. St. Josephs—Won 4—1.

Round 2 v. Culford—Won 5—0.

Semi-Final v. Woodbridge—Won 4.5—0.5.

Final v. Northgate—Lost 2—3.

Last year the school entered only one competition, the Sir Henry Warner Shield; owing to an oversight we did not enter in time for the National Sunday Times tournament.

The school, playing no games of chess other than school matches massacred three other fairly strong school teams in the early rounds of the tournament.

Unfortunately, in the final against Northgate, (a strong team who take Chess very seriously), the school only managed to win two games. This match was a very close one. Only a draw was needed from one of the boards playing White (which is counted as a definite advantage) but the player was unable to obtain this, and so Northgate won by three games to two.

There was no Chess Club last year, and consequently there was no junior team. This year, however, there will be a school Chess Club (no details as yet), also I am informed by next year's captain that at least three of the Sunday Times team will be elected from Forms 1—3, as the tournament is run on an age handicap basis.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. Skailes for looking after us, to Mr. Robinson (who very recently passed his bus-driving test) and to all those who played.

The team for the Sir Henry Warner Shield was: D. P. Miller, J. E. D. Dawlings, R. A. Rolfe, R. J. H. Dawlings, D. P. Franklin.

E. D. V. SAUL

DEBATING SOCIETY

The main officers for the year were P. J. Owen and S. Hodgson, the former being Chairman, the latter Secretary. There were a few successful debates but one felt that the society was not getting the support it should from a school with quite a large Sixth Form.

One highlight of the year was the annual trip to the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition held in Stowmarket Grammar School. Our team did quite well but did not get a place in the second round. Could we not prepare more carefully another year? It is after all a team competition. No Woolverstone sports team would ever compete without a practice, why should a public-speaking team not have a rehearsal?

The other highlight was the School Public-speaking Competition, won by Christopher Edwards. As usual there were quite a number of contenders but one asked oneself "Is the Public-speaking Competition really useful if it brings out a large field while the Committee are often at their wit's end to find Proposers and Seconders for regular debates?"

R.J.K.C.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

July 1971: Participants for:

Gold Award 4; Silver Award 4; Bronze Award 60 approx. New Entrants:

Bronze Award 12.

It is pleasing to note that the number of boys in the Scheme has increased and now stands at about 80. However it is sad to record that no Awards were gained last year. This was certainly not due to lack of ability or enthusiasm, but rather a lack of determination to see the thing through to the end. I hope there will be more 'drive' next year.

Great interest was shown in the Police Service course, introduced last year for the first time. All aspects of police service were shown but a visit to the new Ipswich Divisional Headquarters, the police dog and 'Z Cars' demonstrations were especially well received. Thanks are due to Sgt. Alcock, Suffolk Police Training Officer, for organising the course.

It is hoped that a Fire Service course may be arranged as an alternative in the future and that this will prove to be equally as popular.

'Award News' (displayed on the notice board January, May and September) continues to give details of residential courses and expeditions which apply to Gold Award candidates.

We welcome the valuable help of Mr. Taylor who joined us a year ago. He has considerable experience of the Scheme, in particular of expedition work.

C.J.H.

FIELD CLUB (Recent Work)

The main event of the year was a visit, by six members, to study the Red Crag at a large disused pit close to Shottisham (TM 322352).

Red Crag is a shore deposit (laid down approximately a million years ago when most of East Anglia was partly submerged beneath a precursor of the present North Sea) consisting of current bedded sands in which are preserved numerous fossils. Most of these fossils are shells, which show a strong resemblance to present day forms, but the Red Crag includes remains of foraminifera, sponges, corals (the latter indicating the warmth of the overlying water at the time), polyzoa and sea urchins.

Our visit, lasting a few hours, enabled only a preliminary survey and time to collect material for later examination. This material formed the basis of our investigations for the rest of the year.

Work is still progressing and to date we have discovered no less than 40 different animal species. In addition to the types mentioned above we have recorded shark teeth, ray teeth, a single Wolf fish tooth and several crabs' claws.

Next year we hope to visit the pit again to complete our survey but in the meantime a brief article has been compiled to be published in the Ipswich Geological Group's Bulletin. It is worth noting that the club's project has been of interest to the geologist at the Ipswich Museum since the pit was unknown to him.

Thanks are due in particular to A. Warne and S. Joyce who did most of the sorting and to Mr. Markham, of the Ipswich Museum, who gave help with identifying some of the specimens .

C.J.H.

Old Boys' Notes

OLD WOOLVERSTONIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Season 1970-71

1st XV Results: Won 12; Lost 11; Drawn 1. 2nd XV

Results. Won 7; Lost 8; Cancelled 14.

Generally speaking this season has been rather inconsistent both in performance and results, with the 1st team managing to win one more game than they lost and the 2nd team losing one more than they won. The 2nd XV had fourteen games cancelled five of which were due to the weather (likewise with the 1st XV) or a mistake by the National Westminster 'administration'! The main reason for this number of cancellations is the lack of sufficient members available for selection. As the years go by the strength of the fixture list has increased and to keep pace with this the club needs strengthening both in discipline and in numbers.

I feel it must be mentioned as a reason and not as an excuse (because of the state of the Club's records are a direct result of this) that the 1st team in particular has suffered an unusual amount of injuries. A shoulder injury virtually ended Dave Dibben's illustrious rugby career before Xmas while Rich Waughman, Chris Webb, Alex Barren, Tony Titshall and myself were unable to play for a number of weeks. When the Captain and the Vice Captain have to spend Saturday afternoons on the touchline together cheer-in the team on it is inevitable that the cohesion of the team will suffer. The consequence of these injuries was that I had to draft a lot of players from the 2nd XV into the 1st's which left the 2nds short. It is easy enough to get replacements for the 1st XV at any time during the week (unfortunately for the 2nd XV captain!) but it isn't as easy to replace 2nd XV players with people who are not playing, or expect to play, regularly on the Thursday or Friday before the game. The very nature of this club with players living all over London, many of whom don't meet other players socially during the week, and some who can only be contacted through the post, presents a problem for any administration.

The style of play of the Old Woolverstonians is very good, mainly using the speed and agility of our three-quarter line to play fast, open rugby. It was shown at its best against Merton and Morden where the whole team was thoroughly involved for 80 minutes and really played as if they meant to win. This sustained effort produced the desired result and we won 14—5. On two other occasions, against London Scottish 'A' and Aylesford Paper Mills, I thought the team played very well, but on both occasions we were narrowly defeated. There were periods in the other matches when the performance was good but they were always overshadowed by the other periods when the sense of urgency and unity in both the 3's and -the scrum left a hell of a lot to be desired.

Individually the capabilities of the players are a known and proven quantity, but collectively as a team the potential just isn't being justified. The material is there, but for the team to prove itself both in results and in performance the emphasis must be placed on the basic skills of the game (tight and loose scrum play, line-out play, orthodox three-quarter movements, tactical kicking, sensible defence) on top of which the individual flair of players would really prove effective. We need to make the ball do a lot more of the work instead of expecting individuals to do it on their own all the time. The fact that we rely on individuals too much is borne out by the all too frequent sight of one player running with the ball and the majority of the other players virtually stationary watching, giving their moral (and vocal!) support but not the necessary physical support. No-one can tell a three's player when he should break, it is a split-second spontaneous decision consequent to the immediate situation, but we are expecting a flash of genius from one of them every time. All the threes are very good ball players and individual runners; we have two very fast wing three-quarters, but collectively we don't have the correct three-quarter line discipline to get the ball sufficiently economically in speed and distance to these wingers to make them fully effective. Similarly the scrum needs to be drilled so that the procedure in getting the ball to the scrum-half both in the loose and set pieces is considerably speeded up.

I don't want these criticisms I have made to be looked on as destructive (if anything they reflect my own inadequacy as Captain to correct them), I make them because I feel that the club and the players are not doing themselves justice when the ability is there. To improve things will require full co-operation of all the players, a lot of organised training in technique and discipline from the administration and self discipline of the players. I wish Rich Waughman and John Martin all the best with the help of the players trying both to improve the standard of our rugby and creating a unified spirit within the club.

Finally every effort must be made to ensure that the 2nd XV get a full complement of players so they can honour their fixture list. Although the 2nd XV must fulfil its role as a reserve for the 1st team, it has its own game each week and needs a team spirit and sense of unity as much as the 1st team. The club must get more players on their books, especially young players from the school. At the start of this season C. Curran, J. Morri, and S. Coduri joined the club with V. Beresford, R. Harber and Parperis joining during the season. They are all extremely promising players and if we can obtain this number and calibre each year it can only strengthen the club, leading to a more competitive and enthusiastic approach all round.

I think it is worth mentioning that a total of 29 players have represented the 1st team at some time during the season, 26 of

whom have had more than one game and I am grateful to all the members of the club for their efforts especially my Vice-Captain, Tony Titshall, the team Sec., Alan Mackay and the 2nds Captains, Bobby Gould and Jim Allgrove.

I wish everybody the best for next season.

P. JONES

RUGBY NETBALL

Imagine a hockey pitch; instead of goals substitute extra large netball nets. Add a rugby ball and ten players each side, stir in one strong referee; allow to simmer on a summer's evening for thirty-five minutes each side, before blowing out the candle. Watch carefully for kicking or tackling above the shoulders as this can produce a poor result and severe penalties.

Encourage tossing of the ball into the net as often as possible after the ingredients have been thoroughly shaken with rapid backward or forward passing. Lack of concentration during the boiling of the mixture can provide amusing asides such as the delightful Hospital Pass.

The Cordon Bleu dish can be enjoyed during the short summer season and is recommended as an aperitif to the Main Course of Rugby a la Woolvo!

Unfortunately, being a rich fare it is only available at such spots as Clapham Common. However, it is served every evening from seven onwards. There is a large staff that wear amusing colourful outfits and are known locally as spectators and supporters. The latter usually provide vocal entertainment that only improves the evening's nourishment.

A festival takes place each year (on 26th June this year) from 2.30 onwards, when enormous portions are served at shorter intervals than usual. The juices are finally satisfied after a long day and participants are suitably awarded with trophies and wedges of lemon.

If you feel that your culinary expertise is not being fully exploited, then why not bring your spatula along to Clapham and have a stir?

A. M. MEAGER

ATHLETICS MATCH: OLD BOYS v. SCHOOL

Sunday, 27th June, 1971

Result: O.B. 55; School 61.

This was the first O.B. Athletics Team to visit the school for some years, so our actual appearance was in itself an achievement. The manifold difficulties apparent in raising such a team have, till now, been too great to overcome. This year looked like being no exception, certainly as many likely athletes were rounding off their studies with exams. Apart from this, comparatively few O.B. were maintaining even basic fitness.

But, despite short notice, enough support was forthcoming to provide an adequate nucleus of competitors; if this could be padded out with others keen/willing/able enough to participate, then the fixture was a going concern. Thanks mainly due to the persuasive powers of Chris Webb, and the imploring of Dick Skinner (hitherto known as a pair of miserable pleaders . . .), the match took place on the second day of an enjoyable O.B. weekend.

The squad were by no means near proper fitness, but without their determination to laugh (wheeze?) in the face of the "post-Woolvo-easy-living-syndrome" (otherwise known as "middle-20's spread"), the resumption of this fixture would have been postponed yet again.

Fortunately, we managed to make it a fair tussle, losing only by 6 points. But whatever the outcome, those who turned out have hopefully, paved the way for a regular fixture. Plans are already under way for an O.B. victory in 1972.

Sincere thanks (in some cases, almost posthumous), for all their efforts, before and during the match, must go to all who took part:

R. McKay, D. Windle, V. Windle, T. Meager, P. Finch, M. Frise, A. Dodgson, C. Curran, R. Waughman, M. Clarke, R. Skinner, and the backbone (if not the skeleton) of the team, C. Webb.

(N.B. We are the original "Dirty Dozen", any others are just poor imitations).

Finally, I would like to thank those at the school for the warm reception, and the O.B. who turned up to watch. The support on Church field hasn't changed much; the interest is still the same as ever, only now there's a better class of jeering. See you in 1972.

R. A. SKINNER III