

# THE ELIZABETHAN



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In a sense, we are entering a great new world — the world which praises freedom of expression, which holds the rebel in high esteem, which frequently defies the concepts of order and establishment, and whose mark of identification is impersonality. Whether or not this society is preferable to that inhabited by our forefathers, only future generations will be able to assess; for us, the task must be to move in our own chosen direction, always looking to the future.

So in this School, with all its unrest and apprehension for what the next ten years will bring: the comprehensive issue has provoked mild comment and furious protestation, both from those who know all that it entails, and from those who act upon hearsay. But whether we suspect that this issue presupposes all the characteristics of the "new world", or whether we believe that "all men are equal", one fact remains dominant: the present. And providing we work together — staff, parents and boys — we can increasingly widen the scope of our learning, perception and humanity and achieve things beyond even the wildest of our dreams.

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## Common Room Changes

At the end of this term we experience the sad loss of Mr. E. J. Crofts, Senior Science Master and Head of Biology, who has been with us since 1949. He is taking up a post as Projects Officer with the National Trust, a position in which his organisational experience, drive, and appreciation of the dangers threatening Britain's wild-life and scenic beauty will ensure his success.

He joined us on coming down from Oriel College, Oxford, his time there being broken by the war, during which he commanded an Infantry Support Company, and since then, has, by his own estimation, taught some 20,000 periods of Biology! In addition to this he has stage-managed no less than nineteen major school productions; he introduced sailing in the mid-'fifties, up to which time he had been in charge of swimming, and has organised many Biology field-study courses for school, and a number of International School Camps for Hertfordshire. In his work for the Schools' Travel Service he visited Europe regularly, and has been to North America and the Soviet Union several times, while without his generous help in so many ways the school Hostel would have remained a dream. We thank him for all this and much more: for his unflagging energy and enthusiasm in promoting the good of the School, for his urbane company, and for opening so many windows to so many pupils in his numerous capacities.

Mr. P. Bowden, who joined us eighteen months ago to teach Physics, leaves us for Southaw School, Southgate; we thank him for all his work for the school, including his propagation of lengthy anecdotes most of them concerning the fortunes of out-back farmers "back home" and their talking dogs.

To take their places we welcome Mr. A. F. Boote, B.Sc., to teach Biology, and Mr. J. H. Gibbons, to teach Science, and hope that they enjoy their work with us.

## School Committees

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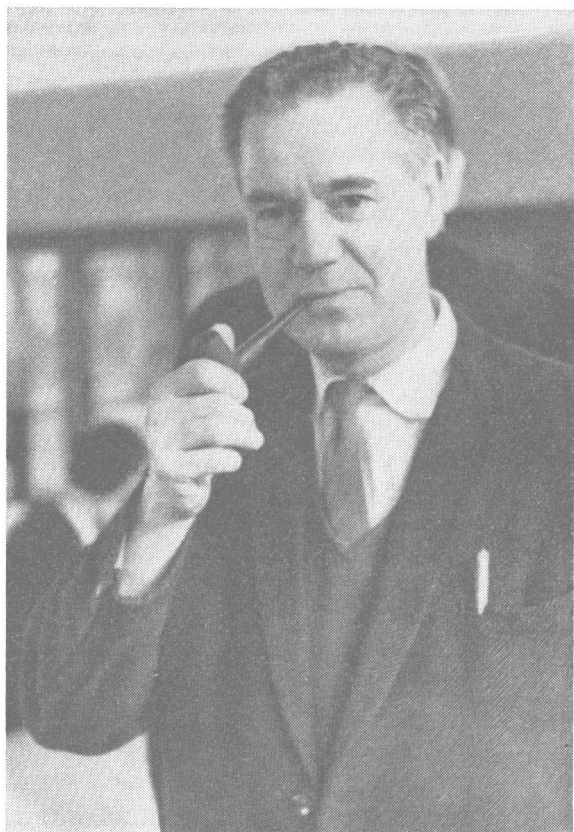
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## School Calendar

<b>Spring Term begins</b>	Thursday January 9th
<b>Half-Term</b>	Monday and Tuesday February 24th and 25th
<b>School Play: A Man for All Seasons</b>	March 13th, 14th, 15th
<b>E.U. Dinner-Debate</b>	Tickets: 6/6d., 5s., 3/6d.
<b>Spring Term ends</b>	March 28th
<b>Summer Term begins</b>	Tuesday April 1st
<b>Half-Term</b>	Tuesday April 22nd
	Monday May 26th to Friday May 30th inclusive
<b>Occasional Day</b>	Monday June 23rd
<b>Founder's Day</b>	Saturday June 21st
<b>Summer Term ends</b>	Thursday July 24th
<b>Autumn Term begins</b>	Tuesday September 9th
<b>Half-Term</b>	Thursday and Friday October 30th and 31st
<b>Autumn Term ends</b>	Friday December 19th

## Speech Day

To enable more parents, particularly fathers, to attend, Speech Day took place for the first time at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th October. Councillor P. G. Woodruff presided, and the prizes were distributed by Dr. E. W. H. Briault, deputy Education Officer of the Inner London Education Authority and a former master at the School. In his report, the Headmaster gave a comprehensive summary of the school year, and reviewed both the School's sporting and academic success. Dr. Briault, addressing the gathering, recalled many fond memories of his time spent at the school, and, when talking more specifically about his present work, discussed the emphasis that is placed upon examinations by education authorities. The evening was concluded by a vote of thanks proposed by the School Captain.

## Hostel Notes

From its official opening in May 1968, the Hostel has become fully operational and credit must go to more than sixty boys, old boys and masters who completed the structural changes needed to convert an old granary into a furnished building, and to many parents and friends for giving us furniture and equipment.

During the summer of 1968 visits were made by various small groups from the school, and in September Mr. Thomas and Mr. Williams took the rugby XV for a short period of intensive training. This is a use for the hostel which no-one had foreseen, but we are more than delighted that the premises, and even more so the surrounding countryside, can be utilised in this way. In the Autumn Term several further week-end visits have been made, notably a party led by Mr. Kobish and Mr. Jordan which assisted the Warden of Dunwich Heath in the task of clearing and improving the roads and paths at the top of the cliff — a popular spot with visitors. Much work remains to be done on the heath since its recent acquisition by the National Trust, and it is hoped that this one may be the first of a series of conservation schemes at Dunwich in which members of the school may actively participate.

As these notes are being written it is time to drain the pipes and to wish the spiders, bats and our many other friends a safe, snug winter. All those who have been involved in this project hope that next season will be a good one. Many masters already have ideas for courses and study sessions that fit in with school work in some way or other. The opportunities are manifold — whether for educational, recreational or purely vocational purposes. It cannot be too strongly stressed that the facilities are freely available for any properly organised school group — though not of course for individual bookings. Any boys feeling they would like to form a party are urged to band themselves together

and persuade a master to make the necessary arrangements. It is **your hostel**, and we want you to make the maximum use of its facilities, and get the maximum enjoyment from it.

## The Limbourne Chamber Orchestra

The Limbourne Chamber Orchestra generously gave its services in a concert organised in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund. The programme, ranging from Vivaldi to Lehar, was a varied one to appeal to many tastes. There were two outside soloists. Juliet Clutterbuck (soprano) sang to us from Lehar, Sullivan and Mozart, with a very pleasant voice which needed however more sustaining power. No praise can be too great for the 'cellist, Caroline Gates, who gave an expert and moving rendering of a Vivaldi concerto. Saint-Saen's "Carnival of Animals" gave Messrs. Patrick and Fry a chance to show their skill, while Mr. Bowden read Ogden Nash's verses. The orchestra, conducted by Kerry Woodward, gave pleasing performances in the other works although some sections were occasionally weak. Included among these works was the Fantasia on Christmas Carols by the late David Taylor which was overdue for a revival.

## An Evening's Entertainment

The Summer term's Evening's Entertainment continued the policy of combined Music and Dramatic Society productions with programmes to suit all tastes. The evening began with the "Golden Vanity" by Benjamin Britten, a vaudeville for boys' voices and piano, based to some extent on traditional sea-shanties. This work, written so recently that this must have been one of the first performances, proved to be attractive and well suited to the medium. The plot involved two ships and their crews, the Golden Vanity and a Turkish Galilee, which in Mr. Evans' production circled round each other on the stage. R. C. Pearce, as the English captain who offered his daughter's hand to anyone who would sink the Galilee, sang with an appropriately solemn tone. M. N. Curtis as the cabin boy took up the challenge which involved some difficult solo singing and the major acting part, and managed very well. After sinking the Galilee, under the command of M. R. Willis and R. J. Horley — which incidentally went down with some interesting effects — he was refused entry on board and died in the sea. This simple story involved some attractive solos, ensembles and choruses, which were on the whole carried off extremely well. Mr. Patrick conducted, while Mr. Hayes admirably sustained the difficult piano part. The first half ended with a few pieces by the school orchestra, all in romantic vein and distinctive rhythms, which the audience so enjoyed that the march from "Carmen" was encored.

The second half consisted of an extract from "A Midsummer Night's Dream", Mr. Evans' last dramatic offering to the school, and from the point of view of audience reaction, his most successful. A production that can keep the audience continuously laughing deserves high praise and this play managed that admirably, through the sheer exuberance of the acting. The incompetent travelling players performing at the court of Theseus (M. A. Asscher) were put across magnificently. From the moment of T. G. Hersey's entry as Prologue, it was obvious that although not perhaps pure Shakespeare, it was a very funny and original production. I. D. Cook as Pyramus, the distraught lover of Thisbe (P. M. Evans), held the stage much of the time and had the audience completely on his side with his rantings. To compensate for the "appalling inadequacy" of the production we were regaled with a Can-Can from the main actors. In sudden contrast of mood the play ended with a speech by Puck (D. Heatherington) set in a magical fairy glade.

## Cricket: Retrospect 1st XI 1968

In the few remaining matches of the season unaffected by the weather, Milne showed consistently good bowling form and Webb confirmed his promise with a series of staunch innings and some fine catching at short-leg. Mackay, Taylor, Birtwistle and Fairbairn each played one memorable innings.

In the holidays Milne and Taylor represented the Middlesex Schools side in some of their county matches.

First Eleven colours were re-awarded to: A. E. Birtwistle (Captain) and R. I. Mackay (Vice-Captain) and were awarded to: J. D. Cook, A. H. Smith, R. C. Leece, C. L. G. Taylor, A. Milne and A. L. Webb.

### 1st XI CRICKET RESULTS (continued from summer edition)

opponents	Q.E.		opponents	result for Q.E.
Enfield	62 - 4		65 (Milne 5-23 Leece 3-12)	Drawn
St. Alban's Kingsbury	122 (Fairbairn 63 n.o.) 132 - 7 (Leece 40 Milne 46)		123 - 7 (Leece 4-46) 41 (Cook 4-15 Norris 2-4)	Lost Won
Gents of Herts. R.G.S.	56 - 7 (Taylor 29 n.o.) High Wycombe 180 (Mackay 65 Webb 36)		55 (Milne 6-22) 64 - 4	Won Drawn
Old Elizabethan's	118 - 8 (Birtwistle 43)		114 (R. D. Jones 45 Cook 4-40 Milne 5-43)	Won
Latymer	124 - 8 (Taylor 47 Mackay 28)		85 (Olley 3-27)	Won
Masters	90 (Webb 28 n.o.) (Mr. Thomas 4-29 Mr. Shearly 5-24)		91	Lost

### 1st XI AVERAGES (excluding Knock-Out matches)

#### BATTING

	innings	n.o.	runs	highest score	av.
R. I. Mackay ...	13	0	333	65	25.63
M. D. Fairbairn ...	12	4	179	63	22.38
C. L. G. Taylor ...	12	2	172	29	17.20
N. J. Olley ...	12	3	129	44	14.33
A. L. Webb ...	10	2	102	36	12.75

#### BOWLING

	O	M	runs	wkts	av.
R. I. Mackay ...	30	16	33	7	4.70
A. Milne ...	202.2	76	312	42	7.43
R. C. Leece ...	106.2	25	253	19	13.32

	P	W	D	L
1st XI ...	18	9	6	3
2nd XI ...	8	4	2	2
3rd XI ...	3	1	1	1
Colts XI ...	9	3	3	3

## CHESS

After a poor start to the season in which we lost our first three matches, we have now pulled ourselves together, and later results show a marked improvement. The senior team did well to beat Forest School 6-0 in the first round of the Sunday Times Chess Competition and the second team are also through to the second round of the competition, winning against Haverstock by default. In the Coronation Trophy we met a very strong St. Albans team and the result was much to be expected. Although our Association Clock team has not had much luck so far, we have high hopes of some of our younger players. With regard to the E. C. Davies competition, we are off to a good start and it is hoped that this year the competition will be finished on time.

A. SUNDAY TIMES	for	against	result
1st team v. Forest School	6	0	Won
2nd team v. Haverstock	Won by default		
B. HERTS. LEAGUES			
Coronation Trophy v. St. Albans	1½	4½	Lost
Intermediate Trophy (U.16) v. Cheshunt	3	3	Draw
Association Clock (U.14) v. Hatfield	2	4	Lost

### C. FINCHLEY LEAGUE

v. Christ's College 2 4 Lost

### D. FRIENDLY

v. Bedford Modern 3½ 2½ Won

	P	W	D	L
Seniors ...	15	8	0	7
Juniors ...	13	6	1	6

## SAILING

The weather this term has not been obliging, but it is encouraging to see a large number of newcomers to the group, some showing considerable abilities in sailing. We have taken part in one race this term, the "Tail End Charlie". The two fireflies were raced, "Harpic" helmed by D. A. Colman and crewed by S. R. Haygreen came 6th, while "Domestos" helmed by A. J. D. Furley and crewed by W. D. Furley came 7th out of eleven finishing; Harpic very nearly failed to finish when she nearly capsized and succeeded in shipping several gallons of water. We thank J. S. Senior, a former sailor, for letting us use his firefly "Domestos" during this season. It has certainly added some colour with its blue and orange hull! Congratulations go to A. J. D. Furley and A. J. Witchalls on being awarded sailing colours. D.A.C.



## ATHLETICS

The school's senior team had a good season but just how much this was due to a few individual performances is questionable. N. P. Rogers continued to break his shot record with every appearance, retiring finally with a massive 51 ft. 8 in. S. P. Chance, after his victory in the London Athletic Club's Schools' Challenge Cup Walk, represented Middlesex in the English Schools' Championships, but found 5 miles a little beyond his capacity. M. G. Robeson won nearly every mile in sight but a 4½-minute mile still eludes him, as does a 150-ft. javelin throw from J. Rowland. In the Alleyne's Relay Meeting in May the team was narrowly defeated. The Herts. A.A.A. Championships were rather ignored due to a clash with the Middlesex Schools' Championships. Some, however, competed in both. No performances were exceptional in the latter, although the Borough of Barnet won the senior event, with a third of the team being supplied by the school. The relay match versus the Old Elizabethans proved closer than in previous years, but the exceptional fitness of a few carried them to victory once again. At Aldenham the seniors were well and truly thrashed, the captain and vice-captain being the only competitors to win events. The junior team's defeat was closer, due to R. W. E. Duncombe's double in the 100 and 220 yds., M. Robinson's victory in the 440, and a very strong and promising W. D. B. Dick winning the half mile. A "second" team again easily beat Hounslow College, the school conceding only four events. Competing on the new "sunshine only" Third Field track for the first time the school was host to Orange Hill and Mill Hill, this being the toughest match of the season. Surprisingly the senior team found themselves and won convincingly; not so, however, for the junior team. For the second time this term the school narrowly lost to Alleyne's, the last two events deciding the match for both senior and junior teams. Athletics colours were re-awarded to N. P. Rogers (Captain) and M. G. Robeson (Vice-Captain), and J. D. Tabraham; and awarded to S. P. Chance.

The result of the House Athletics competition was: Harrisons 104½ pts.; Underne 78½ pts.; Broughton 68 pts.; Stapylton 65 pts.; Leicester 58 pts.

The individual trophies were awarded to: 220 yds., R. Anthistle; 440 yds., A. Britten; 880 yds., M. G. Robeson; Mile, M. G. Robeson; Walk, S. P. Chance; High Jump, J. R. Brady; Long Jump, J. C. Webster; Shot, N. P. Rogers; Discus, N. P. Rogers; Javelin, J. Rowland; 120 yds. Hurdles, M. A. Crivelli and S. R. Smith.

In the Junior House Athletics Finals, concluding the season, five records were broken and one equalled, quite a promising sign for the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Messrs. K. Carter and D. Lowe for the many hours spent on the track helping the team.

Final Results:

	P	W	D	L
Senior ...	11	7	0	4
Junior ...	8	1	0	7

## CROSS COUNTRY

With six fixtures this term, three requiring teams of 16, the school is hard pushed to find a "respectable" team from the few taking the sport seriously. This is a rather sad situation, for although cross-country is not an easy sport at the best of times, one can achieve great satisfaction and do well from just a little hard work. The results after two fixtures, Watford G.S. and St. Nicholas G.S., were a convincing win against the former but a defeat versus the latter. We supplied the individual winner in both matches in M. G. Robeson, having not yet lost a home match for nearly two years. He was well supported in both by the "keen few", including



*Maybe the new President*

*will change things . . .*

W. D. B. Dick, R. B. Harbord, D. S. Aubrey and S. P. Chance. Amongst the newcomers to the sport, A. I. Sharp, not yet fifteen, has finished regularly as our sixth man home, and first-former G. D. McCallum surprised everyone to be our eighth man home versus Watford.

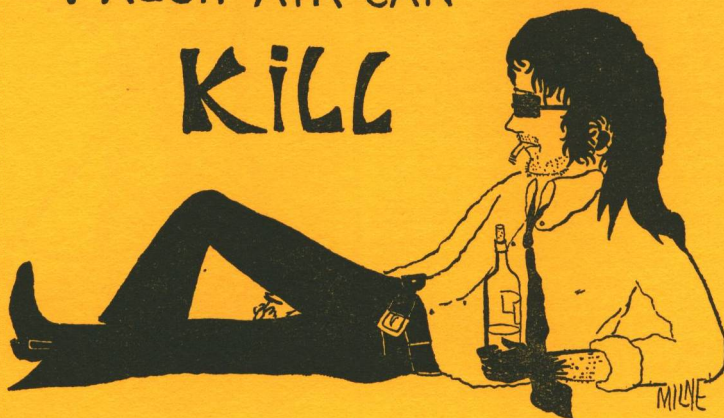
opponents	points	result for Q.E.
St. Nicholas G.S.	Q.E. 47	St. N 37 Lost
Watford G.S.	Q.E. 'A' 43	Wat 'A' 73 Won
	Q.E. 'B' 91	Wat 'B' 99 Won
Richard Hale	Q.E. 'A' 45	R.H. 'A' 43 Won
	Q.E. 'B' 43	R.H. 'B' 45 Lost



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### RUGBY RETROSPECT

At the beginning of the season it appeared that the strength of the School side would be in the back division, many of whom had already experienced 1st XV football. Lisney, the captain of this young side, was the only remaining survivor amongst the forwards, but as the season developed it became evident that what the forwards lacked in experience, they made up for by sheer determination and tenacity. Young, in particular, showed up very well in most matches. The backs, though a competent bunch in defence, lacked thrust in attack and the confidence of knowing where the outside partner was without having to look for him.

The benefit of a pre-season fitness weekend at the School Hostel was in evidence in our first fixture, where St. Dunstan's were defeated by early season fitness rather than extra skill. A draw followed — v. O.E.R.F.C. — a rather fortuitous result for the O.E.'s who were saved by a try from his own "25" by Golland. St. Alban's G.S. proved the strongest opposition of the season and we were beaten by the power play of their forwards; Mackay in his farewell game kicked our consolation penalty. Our defeat at Richard Hale was unnecessary, but it taught the side that more was to be lost than gained by being upset at certain decisions by referees — a valuable lesson however much we sympathise with the players' feelings. The School put on an impressive display v. Royal Masonic School — both forwards and backs attacked with power and the value of good support was demonstrated to the full. The pack and some ferocious tackling by Wilson were mainly responsible for victories v. Hitchin and Allyn's, and Young, celebrating his colours' award, scored all the School's points in the win against St. Nicholas with two good tries and a penalty. Another highlight of the season was the convincing defeat of Bedford Modern. Being 6-0 up in eight minutes and capitalising on some "favourable" decisions, the side gained in confidence. with Bleeze in particular playing his best game. True, Bedford were reduced to fourteen men, but our performance was first-class. Watford won an insipid game mainly because their fly-half was allowed too much room to move, but our worst display of the season was to follow. Against Gunnersbury everything went wrong — they won as our handling, passing and tackling were abysmal and lethargy was rife. Our usual hard, clean game with St. Albans resulted in a victory to them by the odd score, but neither side deserved to win or lose. Against Haberdashers the School won by a penalty goal, after a hard game in very difficult conditions.

So it was not a bad season at all, and, looking ahead, it is hoped to blood new players next term as an O.E. Colts XV to blend with the several members of the team who will be available next season. Our thanks to the Captain, S. J. W. Lisney, and the Vice-Captain, D. A. M. Wilson, for their services and also to "orange-boy" and touch judge, C. J. Perkins.

#### 1st XV AWARDS

Colours were re-awarded to: S. J. W. Lisney, D. A. M. Wilson; awarded to: B. G. Young, P. N. Hawkins, M. F. Bleeze. Badges were awarded to: A. Milne, G. R. Smith, J. S. Felgate, A. J. Witchalls, D. J. Huber, R. S. Senior, R. W. E. Duncombe, D. J. Perkins, R. W. Thompson, P. J. Walsh. Also played in 1st XV: G. M. Bennett, P. J. Rankin, R. C. Pearce, J. S. Steele, P. M. Kemp, R. I. Mackay.



## Second Fifteen

This year's Second Fifteen has been less successful than last year's. For the most part the games were all very close and at the end only a few points separated the sides; unfortunately it was usually the opposition who had the edge on us. The backs, although rarely of the same combination from game to game, lacked penetration despite some fine individual efforts. The forwards, whose main fault was lack of good play in the loose, strove hard for those elusive points. Two of the most memorable fixtures were against St. Columba's College and Bedford Modern School. The former was against their 1st XV and after a hard match where both sides gave very little to the other we found we had three points less than the opposition. The Bedford Modern match was the scene of some of the best play from all the team. The collective rugby produced some fine movements which although blocked by the opposition were an encouraging sight. Despite the disappointing results on paper the team has showed spirit in all their games.

## Third Fifteen

The team has enjoyed a successful season to date, winning six matches and losing only one, the success due to the strengthening of the side by a large contingent of good under-16 players. Generally the games have been won by the thrustful movements of the forwards. Both set and loose scrummaging has been good and the forwards have worked together as an united unit ably led by A. Emond, K. Moulder, J. Wilson and Cavell all deserve mention for their efforts.

The backs have at many times during the season

been faulty in their handling of the ball even in dry conditions and they had a great tendency in the early part of the season to rely upon chasing the fly-half's kick ahead, even from their own "25"! However, once they realized their own ability in running with the ball and outpacing the opposition, their play became more fluent and productive. P. J. Smith was a particularly strong wing three-quarter and Wells and Minty served adequately as half-backs. There was a failing to find a reliable place kicker, but despite this we have recorded a large number of points.

## Colts Fifteen

The Colts performance this season has not been encouraging, starting the season by losing five of the first six matches. In the latter part of the season, however, the team has improved, the victory over Gunnersbury being particularly pleasing. Practices were taken light-heartedly by most at the beginning of the season, but now a more serious attitude towards the game has been adopted.

The early matches were lost because the players lacked proficiency in the basic skills, and the tackling on many occasions left much to be desired. Against Royal Masonic, however, some improvement was shown, and McHugh and Welsh played notably well. The team gained two draws which boosted their confidence and this probably contributed to the pleasing victory over a good Gunnersbury side. Against Bishop Douglas the team had a runaway victory, Cazeau, Welsh and McHugh being prominent in scoring, and some of the five U.14 players, who have been in the side, also scored.

## RESULTS TABLE

opponents	for	against	result for Q.E.
St. Dunstan's College ... ..	11	3	Won
O.E.R.F.C. ... ..	8	8	Draw
St. Alban's G.S. ... ..	3	13	Lost
Richard Hale ... ..	14	20	Lost
Royal Masonic ... ..	23	0	Won
Hitchin G.S. ... ..	9	0	Won
Alleyne's G.S. ... ..	6	0	Won
St. Nicholas G.S. ... ..	9	3	Won
Bedford Modern ... ..	18	3	Won
Watford G.S. ... ..	0	6	Lost
Gunnerbury C.G.S. ... ..	6	13	Lost
St. Alban's School ... ..	3	8	Lost
Haberdashers' Aske's ... ..	3	0	Won

	p	w	d	l	f	a
1st XV ... ..	13	7	1	5	113	87
2nd XV ... ..	13	5	1	7	108	112
3rd XV ... ..	10	7	0	3	161	148
U.16 XV ... ..	6	4	0	2	74	54
Colts XV ... ..	12	3	2	7	111	101

# Humbug!

For those who find the last weeks of the holiday a foretaste of being deserted on the far side of the moon, we suggest some things worth doing, sights worth seeing.

**Concerts** ————— for the classical music lover London's Festival Ballet presents **Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker"** from Dec. 26th to Jan. 11th at the Royal Festival Hall (Northern Line: Waterloo), tickets from 10s. On Jan. 3rd, also at the R.F.H., three of **Bach's Brandenburg Concertos** form the centre of a varied concert.

**Pop Shows** ————— two shows, in two price ranges: the more expensive being **"The Talk of the Town"**, with varied performers, always of a high standard: the cheaper, **"The Autumn Show"** at the Palladium, starring Cliff Richard and the Shadows. **The Cream** may stay on after their one-night stand at the R.F.H., while a combination of **Joe Cocker, The Who, The Small-faces**, and the **Crazy World of Arthur Brown** are moving around from place to place — watch the press for details. For Discotheques, **Lord's** in Finchley Road is worth a visit; for the rebellious **The Roundhouse**, Swiss Cottage, or the **Middle Earth**, will provide plenty of stimulation and get rid of that Christmas pud feeling.

**Theatre** ————— for those who enjoy good comedy-come-musical **"The Four Musketeers"** with Harry Secombe at Drury Lane is highly recommended as a family show, while **"Fiddler on the Roof"** at Her Majesty's has maintained its high standard with its new cast. We cannot ignore **"Hair"**, but feel that the serious student of the American Revolt might find it more fruitful than the lover of live theatre. For a very witty look at Public School life, Alan Bennett's **"40 Years On"** with Sir John Gielgud is well worth the price of a ticket (Apollo, Shaftesbury Ave.). Finally **"The Canterbury Tales"** at the Phoenix (Northern Line: Tottenham Court Rd.) retains all the earthy humour of Chaucer's stories.

**Movies** ————— visually stunning and intellectually intriguing, **"2001: A Space Odyssey"** is one of the films that should not be missed (Casino Cinerama: Northern Line: Tottenham Court Rd.). **"Dr. Zhivago"**, **"Gone with the Wind"** and **"The Charge of the Light Brigade"**, all provide first-class entertainment with note-worthy acting and direction. Those sixth formers who have not yet seen Claude Lelouch's **"Un Homme et Une Femme"**, a tone-poem in light and colour, can do so at the Gala Royal Marble Arch — an experience not to be missed. Finally for music lovers **"Carmen"** is showing at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Dec. 26th—31st.

**Art Galleries** ————— Two recommended outings are a Christmas lecture at the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the **Van Gogh** Exhibition at the Hayward Galleries (R.F.H.) The National and Tate Galleries (Trafalgar Sq. and Millbank respectively) are both well worth a visit or re-visit.

**Books** ————— No idea about what to get with all those book tokens? The historians could hardly do better than Lord Chandos' **"From Peace to War: a study in contrast, 1857-1918"** while Anthony Sampson's **"The New Europeans"** provides fascinating reading. In

the fiction line **"A Small Town in Germany"** from John le Carré is as intriguing as was **"The Spy who came in from the Cold"**. A collection of wit from the New Statesman entitled **"Salome, dear, not in the fridge"** will give endless titillation, while Malcolm Muggeridge's **"Tread softly for you tread on my Jokes"** has just been issued as a paperback, as has Tolkien's **"Lord of the Rings"**.

**Museums** ————— The **British Transport Museum** at Clapham (Northern Line: Clapham Common) is only equalled in button-pushing facilities by the **Science Museum**, S. Kensington; while there go and have a look at the display of minerals and the ever-changing exhibitions in the **Geological Museum** around the corner. **Madame Tussaud's** (Tube: Baker St.) enables you to brush shoulders with the famous and in the infamous. Last, but not least, **carol singing** in Trafalgar Sq. each evening in the few days before Christmas — and it's quite free!

graham pettit L6c

## Man of Prose

The fire and lava came spouting out;  
It revolved in space and turned about;  
But then it cooled to a dull green-grey,  
And all went black without the light of day.

And a hairy creature came to stay,  
And it multiplied by ten a day.  
But then the world went white and cold:  
The animals died both young and old.

But the earth thawed out and man arose,  
Full of life and words of prose;  
Red fire and metals then were discovered,  
And men became warm from the heat and  
the cover.

Time went on and clothes improved  
In glorious colours of mauve and blue.  
Battles commenced with crackles and bangs  
And people victoriously hollered and sang.

But soon they quarrelled and came to blows  
And then there sounded one great blast;  
From the surface of the earth a cloud arose:  
And that was the end of the Man of Prose.

anthony stevens two a







## Discontent

The snow glistened, a flat, unvarying expanse of off-white: the thin metal strip on his wrist informed him that it was 15.50.7/672. "June", he mused; he tried to imagine June as the Immortal he had just interviewed had described it; as it had been a century before, before all the seasons became the same frozen weatherless monotony. No one could feel anything but pity for the Immortals, who had been sitting in the outskirts when the Bombs went off, and had been cruelly maimed instead of killed. He began to wonder how the scientists must have felt when they crawled from their shelters two days after the Big Bang (Official Euphemism); how long it was before they realised that the cloud of dense dust which the Bang had thrown up would not clear. That the Earth was condemned to eternal night and eternal winter. At this point he reached his tunnel, walked to his room, and fell into bed.

The light shining in his eyes woke him. He looked at his watch . . . what the hell!? It was only 03.15. He clambered out of bed to switch off the light: and drowned.

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"In the melted snow from the roof?" queried my companion. I projected back an affirmative.

"Well, what can you expect on the equator in midsummer? And how could he swim if his race has seen nothing more than a glass-full of liquid water for over a hundred years."

"You know H.Q. won't be pleased with us. After all it was our ship that holed the dust and let the sun in. And now we've drowned a whole civilisation . . ."

Together we began to probe the mind in the body; at first all was shielded in uncontrollable mirth. "Now", came across only to be lost in neurological static. But eventually we did get his last thoughts from the brain, but they were discarded as irrelevant lines from a lost literature: "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this sun . . ."

adrian haberberg five s

## I laughed

I laughed just now  
at someone in the crowd of lions  
who roam that big round desert,  
who glance through each  
don't like — so destroy

They don't know.

But Giraffes can see and  
scream the warning  
But lions can't see so don't listen.

I laughed just now  
at a woman  
She sold her thread  
She sold her wheel  
to buy her love  
a sword of steel.  
Why do they fear  
the God clothed in steel  
and are kind to the God  
that is in them and destroys them.

I laughed just now  
at a mother who lives  
in a world far away  
that is here.  
where a daughter  
is playing and shouting in laughter  
But — the body of life paradise  
lies in the mistakes of men.

david treby five s

Autumn. The time when the leaves fall into a crimson and gold carpet, the time when crab apples with rosy cheeks like babies' faces make a harmony in the hedgerow.

Autumn. The time when the willows stripped of their leaves cluster round the still blur pond like witches gathered around a cauldron.

Autumn is the time of berries: Rowan, Elder, and Sloe; a feast of unimaginable delicacy for the few animals still around. A time of scarlet toadstools, of listless branches; the time of hibernation. The morning mists rise from the snow and the frost-encrusted grass carrying the bitter-sweet smell of pine from a tearful garden: the nights have grown longer and winter has arrived.

lindsay hurst two c





## ANTI-ANYTHING ?

A lot of middle-aged people are asking the question: "What has happened to the young people of today?" They complain of long hair, rowdiness, irresponsibility, needless violence, student demonstration, pop-music, and conclude that we must be degenerate. They do not, however, ask why we exhibit these traits; it may be because we have not stood on a battlefield; it may be because there is no National Service; or it may be that we have too much money, leisure and freedom of action. But the answer lies in none of these factors: the young wish to be recognised as individuals and hope that others will consider and value their opinions. No longer are we willing to sit back and view society with the apathy and complacency of so many of our elders: if by our actions we can remove this apathy we will have partly succeeded in our aim.

Are our complaints conceived by ourselves simply as an excuse for protest? I do not believe this is so: we have seen a society evolve over the past half-century that badly needs changing. Let us review the record: our parents and grand-parents have witnessed dreadful inhumanity in two World Wars; they have witnessed Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and now Vietnam. All attempts to justify these actions are characterised by infantile, nay, primitive thinking of which we want no part. Likewise we abhor the assumed superiority that white people show towards coloured, and the striving of all sections of our society to materially gratify themselves without a thought for the homeless and starving: a little more concern for others, and not just the self, would bring about a pleasanter world in which to live.

These are just some of the things that make our society such an objectionable one to the young. This is why we voice our opinions in whatever way we can; it may be said that we have no experience of "the nasty world outside" and so have no right to be heard. Surely the qualifications for participation are not experience but a desire to take control of one's life situation. The activity of young people is a form of expression of the type of society in which they live.

So we are no longer willing to be passive and accept everything that we are told without questioning it, but want to discuss, investigate, and arrive at our own considered views and opinions. Unfortunately few of our elders are willing or able to listen rationally to our thoughts and so we are driven to stronger forms of expression — to strange dress and behaviour, to form societies, to march in protest. If we are still ignored, despite our non-conformity to accepted standards, then we shall have to turn to other means; at present we use the available media, yet are criticised for our concern.

All we wish is to be noticed, to confront apathy and stimulate the unsatisfied to participate in the necessary process of change. If authority would take serious notice of us, and recognize that there is something rotten in the state of England, we could together accept the burden of renovation: the alternatives lie with the likes of Mayor Daly, and they are bloody ones.

stephen lisney seven a



## **School Societies**

### **Christian Union**

**President :** *Second Master*

**Chairman :** *Mr. Pinnock*

Last term's programme was successfully concluded with a visit from Cliff Richard, who sang and gave his testimony. The theme of the senior meetings this term has been "Why Christianity?" and during the first part of the term we considered other main world religions and their claims compared with those of Christianity. The aim was to make both Christians and non-Christians think carefully about Christian belief, as opposed to other religious beliefs such as Communism, Islam and Buddhism. After half-term, a film was shown about a young man's experience of religious philosophies, and this prompted interesting and controversial discussion. "Contemporary Substitutes" has formed the basis of the latter meetings of the term; subjects have included "Science and God", "Drugs", and "Materialism," as alternatives to Christian belief. No regular meetings have been held for Juniors so far, but it is hoped to have a special meeting towards the end of term. Our appreciation goes again to our Chairman for his advice and encouragement throughout the programme.

*R. C. Mason, P. M. Gray (Joint Secretaries)*

### **Elizabethan Union**

**President :** *Mr. Covington*

**Chairman:** *Mr. Finnett*

It may be said that this term represents a milestone in the history of the Elizabethan Union, in that the House Debating Competition has taken on a revised form. The first two rounds of the Competition appear to have shown that the greater accent on informality which this form proposes is indeed practicable, and most of the apprehension which was encountered at first has been removed.

The First Round of the Competition was a discussion between Stapylton, Broughton and Leicester on the topic of "Sport and Politics". The Second Round, between Broughton, Underne, and Harrisons, illustrated rather more successfully the true advantage to be gained from this alternative debate procedure, and the discussion upon "Rhodesia" provoked much constructive thought.

The outcome of rounds one and two of the Competition has resulted in a debate between Stapylton and Underne, which will constitute the Final on December 5th. Meanwhile, the Union has been fortunate with regard to the Hertfordshire Schools' Debating Competition: in Round one, our opponents withdrew, and the team, represented by R. C. Pearce and R. J. Golding, have since faced Hemel Hempstead.

*R. C. Pearce (Hon. Secretary)*

### **Music Library**

**President :** *Mr. Finnett*

At the beginning of the term a number of new records including some stereo were added to the library. In the future a large proportion of stereo records will be purchased, and it is hoped that these will be played in morning Assembly and used in teaching now that the school equipment has been converted to stereo. Finally, the Library extends its thanks to Mr. H. W. Hersom and A. S. Hersom (O.E.) for their donations of records; and to Mr. Patrick for his donation of books.

*R. J. Payne (Secretary)*

### **The Choir and Orchestra**

**Director:** *Mr. Patrick*

Practices this term have been for the Christmas Concert, given on Thursday, 19th December, with the main work as Haydn's "Nelson Mass". The orchestra has rehearsed every Friday, but was supplemented in the concert by outsiders, owing to the difficulty of the work. The choir has practised together and by sections, and there have also been two small groups who sang carols in the concert.

*J. A. Clark (Secretary)*

### **Art Society**

**President :** *Mr. Purchas*

The "patter of tiny feet" and high voices around the Studio which usually greets the new term were not as loud this year as they have been before. The Art Room is, however, always as crowded on Friday evenings as it has ever been, and I have been pleased to see growing support from the Senior School. This term's activities are as varied as ever and the addition of a stock of P.V.A. colour has been greatly appreciated by everyone. Lisney has been working flat out on renovating the printing press and we hope to see work both on this and the etching press which Mr. Purchas has procured, later in the term. While much of the junior school has been engaged in making clay models, many of the seniors have been at work with the oil paints. The standard achieved has, I believe, been quite remarkable and I hope that the enthusiasm does not wane and that we will have a good display at the Hobbies Exhibition next term.

*Luke Dixon (Secretary)*

### **Public Affairs Society**

**President :** *Mr. Morris*

Activity has been rather limited this term due to lack of support. Connections with the Council for Education in World Citizenship have borne fruit: Q.E. was well represented at an interesting debate, conducted at Challoners School, on "The Power of the Sixth Form".

A chance to attend a series of stimulating lectures in the Christmas Holidays has been given to senior pupils — response has been poor. It is hoped that senior pupils will be more forthcoming in attending such activities in the future.

*A. Nakhimoff (Secretary)*

### **Natural History Society**

**President :** *Mr. Crofts*

Interest in the Society has been revived this term and several successful activities accomplished. Visits have taken place to Kew Gardens and the Aquarium Show; the Secretary of the League Against Cruel Sports came and gave a most interesting film show and talk in which he stated the arguments of the "Antis", while two conservation weekends have also taken place — one to Finchampstead, Berkshire, and a second to the School Hostel at Theberton to work on Dunwich Heath. A film programme has also begun, with films on fish, sea shores, Arctic expeditions, and Wicken Fen having so far been shown. Finally, we would like to thank our President, Mr. E. J. Crofts, who is leaving school at Christmas, for all the help and hard work he has given to make the Society a success since its inauguration in 1965.

*S. P. Chance (Secretary)*



## **Motor Society**

**President: Mr. Kelsall**

With Mr. Wren's departure, Mr. Kelsall took over as President and the Society members welcome him. A very active programme is being worked on, made possible by the addition of another car, a Hillman Husky, to the Society. A most instructive visit was made to the Motor Show, and the Society, which is growing in number, will be holding a film evening next term on January 15th at 7.00 p.m., to which the School is invited.

**J. R. D. Herbert (Secretary)**

## **Electronics Society**

**President: Mr. Perella**

A joint project with the Astronomical Society has been undertaken, financially aided by the School, to build a radio-telescope specifically for the 220 megacycle band. The aerial will be built by the Astronomical Society, the electrical hardware by ourselves. The receiver will be a dual-purpose unit, primarily for the telescope, but also for general communications listening, and we hope it will be finished for the next Hobbies Exhibition.

**P. J. Swain (Secretary)**

## **Bridge Club**

**President: Mr. Alford**

This term we entered two pairs for the Herts. Schools Bridge Competition. Our first pair managed fifth position out of eighteen entries, a very creditable result. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange some matches against other schools before the end of term. The Bridge Club contrives to meet once a week and while attendance is reasonably good, the standard of play could be improved.

**M. H. Cooke (Secretary)**

## **Photographic Society**

**President: Mr. Postle**

Two slide competitions have been held this term. The first, a Masters v. Boys competition was won by the Masters by 438 pts. to 430 pts. The best overall entries were submitted by P. J. Swain, and the best single slide by Mr. Purchas. We would like to thank K. R. Pugh (ex. sec. of the Society) for judging the competition. The Colour Cup, an inter-boy competition, brought forward many entries of a pleasingly high standard.

**R. I. Cavell (Secretary)**

## **Social Services Group**

**President: Mr. Williams**

This term we welcome Mr. Williams as our new President. The end of last term saw the group battling with three-foot grass in a garden in Bells Hill. The need for money to provide Christmas gifts for the elderly of Barnet, has resulted in collecting for our Jumble Sale. Voluntary work still continues with visiting several people. Towards the end of this term we hope to organize our annual carol singing, with the Girl's School, for a local charity.

**M. Bradish (Secretary)**

## **Letter to the Editor**

Sociology Dept.,  
Sheffield University.

Sir,

I would like to take up your invitation to reply to Guy Renvoize's article in the July issue of "The Elizabethan", an article which because of its professed fair-mindedness appears to me as an example of a rather insidious, and not uncommon, form of racialism. I will indicate certain misconceptions and superficialities in the article, attempting to make my own approach to the problem clear. Mr. Renvoize seems to propose the different histories of the Caucasian and Negroid races as support for his central thesis that there are "fundamental differences between White folk and Coloured", and yet he almost totally neglects the influence of present circumstances. But history only has an effect on a person's consciousness if it is reflected in or transplanted into the present. I will concede, for example, that the image of coloured people which confronts school-children in their history text-books may have a lasting effect on them; and yet this is not due to objective historical circumstances — rather is it due to the distorted picture of a nostalgic ex-imperial power wishing to inculcate values of loyalty and chauvinism in its future citizens.

What really affects race relations in the United States is that negroes have double the unemployment rate of the whites; that in Britain they encounter discrimination in housing which makes it impossible for them to live the life of an "average" white citizen; that the country which many of them had thought of as the motherland puts pragmatism before principles in its dealings with Rhodesia and South Africa. This is why black people may refer to their barbaric treatment in history — to show that the least we can do is fulfill the most modest demands of justice in the present.

But the problem goes deeper than this. Why should white people show hostility to the blacks when it is the latter who are oppressed? — because the white people too are oppressed — by their environment? It is symptomatic of our society that a large section of the population should have substantial grievances, and these are easier to project on to a visible, albeit innocent, victim — the immigrants, than such an intangible concept as the underlying dehumanising assumptions of the society we live in.

Finally, I would echo Mr. Renvoize's words, if not his sentiments, when he says "the idea . . . must be not to seek uniformity, but to see the Negro as Black, ourselves as White, and work from there." Of course our skins are a different colour — but that is all; and our aim must be to build a society in which people are not judged by superficialities, a society in which it is individuals and human relationships that are important, however this may be achieved.

Yours,  
Peter Garrard.  
(1959-65)



# House Notes

## Leicester

**Housemaster** : Mr. Smith  
**Assistant Housemaster** : Mr. Carter  
**Sub-Prefects** : D. P. Godfrey, S. R. Haygreen,  
A. J. D. Furley

This term has seen little special activity in the school, mainly because everyone has been busy adapting themselves to the new timetable arrangements. One event which did take place, however, was the House Debating Competition, although in this we were unable to advance beyond the preliminary round. In this respect, it was lack of experience and not lack of rhetorical eloquence that was predominant, and S. F. Thorpe deserves much credit for his efforts in this direction.

On the field, there are, as usual, many Leicester boys, and it is most pleasing to record that 1st XV colours have been awarded to M. F. Bleeze and P. N. Hawkins.

Finally, we must say goodbye to A. J. D. Furley: he has served the House well in his years here, particularly in connection with his work as editor of "The Aristocrat", under whose auspices the Literary competition this term was organised. He has been awarded a place at Cambridge, and we wish him every success in his future career.

D.P.G.

## Broughton

**Housemaster** : Mr. Timpson  
**Sub-Prefects** : J. C. B. Bradley, A. J. Witchalls

At the end of last term we said farewell (but hopefully only "au revoir") to our illustrious house captain, I. D. Cook. He has gone up to Southampton, where he is reading engineering; we wish him every success. This term we congratulate A. J. Witchalls on his appointment to sub-prefect.

The Michaelmas term has so far suffered from its accustomed inactivity. We were defeated in the semi-finals of the new-style Debating Competition, a result which in no way reflects on the able captaincy of R. C. Mason.

The Senior Rugby Competition has not as yet been completed, but hopes rest upon our First XV representatives, R. E. Walsh (captain), G. R. Smith, A. J. Witchalls, D. J. Perkins, D. J. Huber and R. W. Thompson.

J. C. B. Bradley has at last decided to leave the School. Although we are uncertain as to his destination in the future, our good wishes accompany him wherever it may be.

A.J.W.

## Underne

**Housemaster** : Second Master  
**Assistant Housemaster** : Mr. Curry  
**Prefects** : R. C. Pearce, S. J. W. Lisney  
**Sub-Prefects** : M. W. Featherstone,  
R. B. Harbord

This term provides the opportunity both for congratulating M. W. Featherstone and R. B. Harbord on their appointment to sub-prefect, and also for welcoming Undernian first-formers to our number, and wishing them enjoyment during their seven years here.

In the House Debating Competition, which this year has taken on an entirely different form, Underne has

achieved some success, narrowly beating Harrisons in the Second Round, and the team, captained by A. Nakhimoff, enters the Final on December 5th.

With the Senior House Rugby Competition drawing ever nearer, the House looks ahead keenly to success in this venture; and our optimism is heightened by the knowledge that the team will be captained by S. J. W. Lisney, who has so ably led the First Fifteen this season.

This term has witnessed the return of A. K. Gray, who is studying at the Royal Academy of Music, R. Ware, at present involved in post-graduate English research at Oxford University, and P. Savage, an assistant professor in political science in the United States.

Finally we bid farewell to R. B. Harbord, whose loss will be greatest with regard to cross-country, and we wish him all the best for the future.

R.C.P.

## Harrisons

**Housemaster** : Mr. Pinnock  
**Assistant Housemaster** : Mr. Fry  
**Prefect** : A. H. Smith  
**Sub-Prefects** : S. P. Chance, M. H. S. Bradish

Last term we did well in the House Athletics winning both the senior and the junior cups. S. P. Chance, the London Schools' Walking Champion and a School colour, was one of the dominant members of the senior team. The cricket however was disappointing since we were surprisingly defeated by Broughton in the semi-final. R. I. Mackay captained the School 1st XI and A. H. Smith and A. Milne, gained their colours. The latter is also to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Middlesex Schools XI.

This term the House was narrowly beaten in the second round of the House Debating Competition, coming second to Underne. B. G. Young, a 1st XV colour, is leading the House Rugby side which will include A. Milne and J. S. Felgate both of whom have played regularly for the 1st XV this season and we hope to be successful.

Our congratulations must go to S. P. Chance on gaining a place at Wadham College, Oxford, to read Law and to M. H. S. Bradish on his promotion to Sub-Prefect.

A.H.S.

## Staplyton

**Housemaster** : Mr. Covington  
**Assistant Housemaster** : Mr. Thomas  
**Prefect** : J. A. Clark  
**Sub-Prefects** : D. A. M. Wilson, D. A. Colman,  
M. E. Solosy, K. W. Wells,  
G. A. Renvoize

Results from the end of last term in both Athletics and the Senior Cricket competition were disappointing although the cricket team under K. W. Wells was only narrowly beaten by Leicester. Activities for this term have been very limited, and at the time of writing we had only taken part in one round of the House Debating Cup in which we beat Leicester and Broughton. Prospects for winning this cup with our team under M. F. Solosy are good. We also hope for some good results in the Senior Rugby competition with our team under D. A. M. Wilson.

Congratulations go to K. W. Wells and G. A. Renvoize on their promotion to sub-prefect.

J.A.C.



# The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)



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## Editorial Notes

In case you do not recognise the photograph below, it is in fact a view of the clubroom at Gipsy Corner which has undergone a radical change. Not visible is the tiled floor which together with the wood-lined walls and slatted ceiling help to make the pavilion warmer, more inviting and easier to maintain. Sad to relate last Sunday night vandals broke in and smashed their way into the bar causing some damage to the recently completed improvements and evidently "had themselves a party" at our expense. We'd like to know their names and addresses so that we can invite them to a rather different kind of party. The other photograph in this issue shows John Hume, foreman-in-chief of

these improvements, enjoying a well-earned pint; Jim McLeish is doing the washing-up and the arm propping-up the bar is of course Jimmy Winchester's!

Many O.E's will not have heard that Mr. E. H. Jenkins entered hospital recently for a serious operation from which he is recovering well — in fact he has delighted his doctors by the speed of his recuperation — and hopes to be home for convalescence this weekend. I am sure he will not mind if I disclose that he was immediately dubbed "Pop" by his nurses! The best wishes of all O.E's are extended to Mr. Jenkins for his rapid return to full health.

(R.K.S. 6.12.68)





The recent months have seen some steady work behind the scenes by the Committee. Conscious of the need to improve the liaison between the sections, an Entertainments sub-committee has been set up. Its members have been drawn from all quarters and it is hoped that as a result not only will the work of organising functions be spread more widely but also that some new events and diversions will be arranged to suit those who have in the past felt that their interests have not been catered for.

Our ANNUAL DINNER took place at Pearson's restaurant, Enfield, on Thursday November 21st under the Chairmanship of County Alderman H. E. Fern who disclosed towards the end of the evening that he felt that the time was approaching when he ought to retire from his presidency of the Association. It will be an extremely sad day for us all if the Old Elizabethans do lose his services after so many years devotion to our interests.

The health of the Association was traditionally proposed by the School Captain, R. C. Pearce, with a remarkable economy of words, balanced in reply by a light-hearted dissertation by R. W. Newton (1956-64). In his toast to the School, R. K. Smith (1945-51) read extracts from a letter to our secretary from Mr. J. L. H.

Winter (A.M. 1929-59) now living in retirement near Chard. After nine years "Frosty" says that "he and Mrs. Winter have had nearly 120 visits from O.E's, masters and parents. In reply the Headmaster Mr. T. B. Edwards gave a pleasing account of the academic and sporting achievements of the past year but confessed himself quite unable to predict with any certainty the future pattern of Queen Elizabeth's because of the ever-changing economic situation (usually to the detriment of education) and the sheer impossibility of getting decisions out of the so-called decision-makers in education.

Acknowledging the legal background of the guest-of-honour, L. R. Heard (1927-36) presented "the case for F. W. Jefferies (1916-23) with great expertise for a scientist, and such fruit had his researches borne that Mr. Jefferies had to admit that any desire he might have had to take the opportunity to reminisce at length had been well and truly thwarted — a matter of "case proven" in fact! Attendance at the dinner was neither good nor disastrous but quite a few long-lost faces were seen, among them J. D. and P. G. HOLLINS, J. A. HOBSON, M. N. GENT, M. ROSE and R. HAMMOND. A menu card signed by most of those present was sent to Mr. Jenkins prior to his admission to hospital; but for his absence the evening was as successful as any in the past.

## Section Reports

### Rugby Football

Hon. Secretary: J. S. Chapman, 8 Derewood, New Barnet, Herts. 01-440 6804.

Our Hon. Sec. having been otherwise occupied of late on the important business of setting-up home is preparing a full report on the season's activities for our next issue. We can however report a fairly good start to the season and our mixed sympathies are extended to our near neighbours Barnet R.F.C. who lost their first eleven matches this season. We look forward to our annual encounter with more than the usual relish!

Commiserations to Terry Custance who like Paul Douglas and Bob Parker has had his playing career (?) cut short by a severe leg injury; an emotional bequeathing of his kit was carried out and, with the odd exception, all items of his apparel were accepted by grateful recipients!

#### Team Records to date:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
1st XV ... ..	12	6	0	6	144	105
'A' XV ... ..	12	2	2	8	130	139
Ex. 'A' XV ... ..	9	5	1	3	119	79
'B' XV ... ..	6	1	0	5	17	116

### Cricket

Joint Acting Hon. Secretary: S. B. Russell, 31 Northiam, Woodside Park, N.12. 01-445 5914.

The 1968 season will be remembered mainly for the terrible weather that we had to endure for a great part of the summer. A record number of fixtures was cancelled due to sodden pitches, and many of those that were played were marred by wickets on which it was very difficult to score runs. The season hardly started with a bang, the Team Secretary had trouble finding playing members and a few fixtures were cancelled due to our inability to raise a side. As far as results go, it was a very average season. The only really surprising fact was that John Wickes failed to get his customary 100 wickets but in fact for a great many fixtures he was not available.

Off the field we have flourished. The credit for this

is very largely due to Cyril Winchester who has slaved in the kitchen with a well picked team of waiters and waitresses and watched us eat and drink and make merry. The Club Suppers have been a huge success and our thanks are due to their creator.

After Founder's Day next year, following our customary cheese and wine party, the "Strugnell Cup" will be competed for the first time. The competition will be on an inter-House, six-a-side basis, and should provide plenty of entertainment.

Duncan Smedley is at present in Australia, playing plenty of cricket no doubt, but he will be back in time for the beginning of next season.

#### A.G.M. REPORT

At the meeting held on Friday November 29th under the chairmanship of A. L. Lane, the following elections for the 1969 season were made:

- 1st XI Captains: R. D. Jones  
C. A. Winchester
- Vice-Capt.: J. A. Hume
- 2nd XI Captains: No nominations — to be appointed by committee
- Vice-Capt.: T. M. Thorpe
- Hon. Secretary: D. F. Smedley
- Hon Treasurer & Team Secretary: E. N. H. Shearly
- Match Secretary: L. Calderwood
- Social Committee Representative: S. B. Russell
- Assn. Committee Representative: R. D. MacKay
- Two members to complete Committee: R. J. Elderfield (also Hon. Asst. Treasurer)  
B. G. Verrall

The Club President, Mr. E. H. Jenkins, to whom the best wishes of the Club were sent was unanimously re-elected as were all the Vice-Presidents with the additional elections of Messrs. Cook and R. K. Smith. The Hon. Treasurer explained that the financial deficit for the season was due not only to the bad weather last summer but also to the fact that a large donation had been made to the Playing Field Company.



## Tennis

*Hon. Secretary : G. Barnes, 16, Roestock Gardens, Colney Heath, St. Albans, Herts. Colney Heath 276*

There were 26 entrants for the 1968 Tennis Competition. Players have been slow (an understatement in many instances!) to contact their opponents and at the time of going to press we are only on the point of reaching the semi-finals — with the assistance of several walk-overs.

The new tennis cup waiting to be suitably engraved with the names of past winners of the competition, i.e. those winners prior to 1960 when the old tennis cup was stolen from the holder.

Will any previous winners or those who have knowledge of previous winners, kindly contact the Secretary who would like to ensure his records are correct before engraving.

## Chess

*Hon. Secretary : J. S. McLeish, 60 Woodfall Avenue, Barnet. 01-440 2117*

The Club, due to unavoidable loss of active members by removal from the district, has found it necessary to abandon the Hertfordshire competitions. We are, however, still competing in the Barnet League and a list of fixtures is posted on the notice board in the Pavilion. All chess-playing O.E.'s not already members and anxious to come to our assistance are asked to contact the Secretary — who may find it possible to provide a drink (free!) to each of the first six enthusiastic volunteers.

## Membership

*Hon. Secretary : D. S. Ridler, 31 Meadway, New Barnet. Herts. 01-440 3605.*

Kindly note that Annual Subscriptions fall due on January 1st. Prior or prompt payment can save us all time and expense. Why not pay by Bankers' Order? Are you aware of the Life Membership facility? (A single payment of 18 gns. or four consecutive annual payments of 5 gns. or eleven of 2 gns. each). Further information from the above.

Our Handbook and list of members is at present under revision and with luck should be sent out with the Spring "Elizabethan". We are therefore only printing below details of new members together with some pleas for information. We must admit, and apologise for, certain organisational inadequacies in the dim and distant past but nevertheless there have been many circulars returned lately marked "gone away" for which we feel blameless. Many of our recent lapsings from membership have, we are sure, been due to the fact we have not been informed of changes of address rather than to a desire to discontinue membership of the Association.

### *We welcome the following new members:*

Parker, D. F. (1962-68), 11 Gravely Avenue, Borehamwood, Herts. (01-953 7732)

Peters, G. G. (1961-68), 20 Greenway Close, Totteridge, N.20. (01-445 8383)

Rogers, N. P. (1961-68), 61 Frampton Road, Little Heath, Potters Bar, Herts.

Swinn, M. J. W. (1950-57), 11 Cedars Close, Furzehill Road, Borehamwood, Herts.

### *Addresses unknown and wanted please:*

Bisbey, J. M.—last known address: Bognor Regis.

Mears, S. V.—last known address: East Barnet.

Ogden, W. W.—last known address: Elland, Yorks.

Thompson, W. C.

## Births

1968

24th Aug. — To Mary, wife of J. G. HUMMERSTON (1947-53), a son, Arno Pieter.

18th July — To Valerie, wife of B. K. FITZSIMMONS (1946-52), a son, Robin James, a brother for Nicholas.

25th July — To Angela, wife of J. R. L. SHERRINGTON (1947-54), a daughter, Phillipa Jane.

12th Oct. — To Jean, wife of A. P. N. WILLIS (1946-51), a son, Geoffrey Philip William.

27th Sept. — To Jennifer, wife of C. D. DEVOS (1940-48), a son, Simon Edward, a brother for Tony.

4th Oct. — To Vava, wife of J. D. HOLLINS (1945-51), a fourth son, Andrew Richard.

30th May — To Inge, wife of M. A. WOOLF (1948-54), a daughter, Victoria Ruth, a sister for Benjamin.

12th Nov. — To Judith, wife of M. D. BOURNE (1950-57), a son, (at Woking).

12th Nov. — To Ann, wife of B. G. DIMMOCK, M.A. (1946-53), a daughter, Elizabeth Clare.

22nd Nov. — To Valerie, wife of B. S. DONEGAN (1951-57), a son, Matthew Bryan (at Solihull).

## Marriages

1968

22nd Aug. — At St. Mary's, East Barnet, A. D. MORRIS, A.C.A. (1954-60), to Mary Stephenson of East Barnet.

31st Aug. — At St. Michael's, Boreham Wood, M. H. DUCKWORTH (1952-57), to Jacqueline Gilbert of Boreham Wood.

7th Sept. — At Gillingham, Kent, J. S. CHAPMAN (1944-52), to Hazel Knott of Gillingham.

14th Sept. — At St. Cuthbert's, Durham, D. M. COWIE (1955-62), to Sheila Maria Roxborough of Durham. C. L. MARTIN (1954-62) was best man.

5th Oct. — At Barnet Register Office, T. M. DAVIES (1955-60), to Inge Andersen of Aarhus, Denmark.

5th Oct. — At Barnet Register Office, K. DAVEY (1957-61), to Elizabeth Ann Russell Jones.

5th Oct. — At St. Andrew's Church, Totteridge, J. P. KEELEY (1956-64), to Janet Mary Tottman of Totteridge. R. W. NEWTON, LL.B. (1956-64) was best man.

19th Oct. — At St. Andrew's Church, Totteridge, N. D. PUXLEY (1955-61), to Susan Marion Jack of Totteridge.

26th Oct. — At Barnet Baptist Church, P. W. Brown, LL.B. (1955-62), to Sheila Louise Cox of Barnet.

## Deaths

F. A. MARTIN-SMITH (1895-1902) retired bank manager died on 30th October 1968. He lived for many years at Northaw.

P. J. BAILEY (1951-58). Peter Bailey was working as a computer programmer for the Zambian government and was killed in a tragic car accident 90 miles east of Lusaka on 19th October last. An extensive report appeared in the Barnet Press of 25th October.

B. J. STEADMAN (1957-64) died on 15th October as a result of injuries received in a car accident at Blackheath. He lived at Cockfosters and was employed by the City of Westminster Council while studying for his B.Sc. at Woolwich Technical College.

We extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and friends of the above.

## Who Runs the O.E's?

As mentioned in the July "Elizabethan" a letter had been received from a member (M. A. Woolf, 1948-54) following the adjourned A.G.M. on 19th June, containing some criticism of the way in which the Association is run, together with suggestions as to perhaps how better its affairs may be organised. The major part of this long letter is reproduced below alongside a considered reply from the Playing Field Company. Whether or not any further correspondence ensues we are sure that this item and the enclosed diagrammatic charts will stimulate discussion and awareness of the Association, its sections and the existing "lines of communication". Spare copies of the charts may be had on application to the Hon. Sec.

Moor End Cottage,  
London Road,  
Boxmoor, Herts.  
21st June, 1963.

Dear Editor,

At the resumed Association A.G.M. on 19th June, during the consideration of the special sub-committee's report on organisation and efficiency, I attempted to initiate discussion on the structure of the Playing Field Company Ltd. and its relations with the committees of the Association and the various sub-sections, and with the individual members of each. I wish to emphasise in this letter that no criticism is made or implied of either the individuals involved or of their efforts over the years. My criticism is of the system, of which they as much as anyone are the victims.

In any normal company one finds that the directors are elected by and answerable to the effective owners of the assets of that company, usually the shareholders, and in our case each and every member of the Association. Such a company would hold an A.G.M. at which the directors present their annual report to the shareholders, who in turn elect the directors for the following year. We on the other hand, have a Company, which, so far as the effective owners of the capital are concerned, publishes no annual report, holds no A.G.M., and has Directors who in practice and by their own admission, re-elect themselves. It is a tribute to those who have served so loyally over the years, that a system which invites abuse has not apparently been abused. This is of course no reason for preserving the status quo, if a preferable and more usual system is readily available.

The main problem at present seems to be that of communication. All present at the A.G.M. appeared to agree on this and resolved that efforts would be made to overcome the problem. O.E's are represented in the Company, whether as shareholders or directors, only indirectly through the Association Committee and the Committees of the Rugby and Cricket Clubs. In practice the majority of O.E's are given no opportunity of influencing how their money shall be spent, and they receive no information as to what is proposed or what has been done. Poor communication leads to misunderstanding and criticism, whether justified or not.

My suggestion to remedy the position is that the Company should issue a number of, say, £1 shares. These shares would pay no dividend. Each new member of the Association, on being elected, would purchase as a condition of his election, one share in the Company. Existing members would have the option of buying one share each. The Association and various sub-sections would be entitled to purchase, say, 10 shares each, and to have possibly one permanent seat on the board each.

All shareholders would have the right to receive the annual report, attend the A.G.M., vote for the election of the directors, and generally participate in the affairs of the company in the normal way. The capital raised in this way would be invested in a suitable security, and would, incidentally, provide an income to offset the extra costs of administration. It would also be available to provide security for a loan, should the need arise.

One would anticipate that at first only a proportion of existing members would take up shares, but in time the

great majority would be shareholders. This would not of course be any standard on which to judge the system. Its justification would be in that it provided every O.E. with the opportunity to participate directly in the affairs of the Company which legally owns and administers our assets. I feel sure that the Board of the Company will be willing to consider the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
(signed) Michael Woolf.

5 Lyonsdown Road,  
New Barnet, Herts.  
12th November 1963

Dear Editor,

The directors of the Company thank you for the opportunity to clarify some matters raised in the letter from Mr. Woolf printed in this issue.

The board believes the present organisational structure and channels of communication within the Elizabethan "group" is best illustrated by means of the accompanying charts. It will be seen that the constitution of the board is representative and elective.

The Annual General Meeting of the company, which all shareholders are entitled to attend, and the submission of audited accounts is mandatory in accordance with legislation. A third of the directors retire annually and are eligible for re-election.

The direct monetary investment of the O.E. Assn. in Gipsy Corner up to 1966 was £5 in shares and a loan of £650. Since then there has been an indirect grant based on membership through the Social Club. The funding of the balance to a present valuation of over £10,000 came from individuals and sections, fund raising schemes, and operating surplus.

The reason for limiting the shareholding to the Association and the Sections was to ensure that the Club assets would be distributed to these bodies if the Company should be wound up — for example, if the landlord enforced for educational purposes a surrender of the lease.

Should Mr. Woolf's plan be followed there would also be an organisational difficulty to issue, record and transfer shares with the associated stamp duty.

The board considers that they are made aware of the wishes of the majority users of the ground through the present channels and implement such projects in the common interest as the financial resources permit. Relatively recently a completed kitchen and ladies' powder room, the new bar extension and the refurbished and heated clubroom, all reflect the capital projects requested by various committees. An extension of the changing-room and shower facilities are presently being discussed.

Old Elizabethans may be interested to know that the running costs of Gipsy Corner are approximately £700 per annum.

Finally this opportunity is taken to express sincere appreciation of the public spirited work of all those led and inspired by John Hume who have contributed to the bar and club room improvements.

Yours sincerely,  
(signed) R. E. Orton,  
Secretary on behalf of the Board.



## At Home and Abroad

To start in an impersonal way with bricks and mortar, O.E.'s will be interested to learn that the Tudor Hall, in Wood Street has recently undergone extensive restoration at a cost of over £25,000. It would be interesting to know exactly how many Old Boys still alive attended school there — quite a number presumably in their mid-fifties and over, who as the years go by will become an increasingly *élite* band. One of these: R. J. SIM (1908-16) who attended the Annual Dinner, visited France this year and looked up a contemporary, P. J. BARBEY, a Frenchman, but sad to relate found he had recently died at Orléans where he was a solicitor in the Town Hall of that city.

Dr. J. S. DODGE (1939-47) tells as that he is now working as an epidemiologist in the City of Bradford Health Department. A contemporary of his, M. J. FAIREY (1942-51) who is now Deputy House Governor at The London Hospital was heard on B.B.C. Radio 4 on August 29th discussing with the matron of West Middlesex Hospital the question of free daytime visiting on the programme "In Practice". Michael is also, in his spare time, secretary of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Play Centre.

Abroad, B. G. SILK (1935-39) who has settled in New Zealand informs us of his new address (21 Jull Street, Napier). After moving around there for two years he has, he hopes, settled down and part of his work consists of arranging the shipment of wool to the London wool sales. R. E. BEACHAM (1950-57) is reported home on leave from Johannesburg to be married; he obviously has no taste for the Arctic regions where E. H. OWENS (1956-64) has returned, with his wife this time, to continue his post-graduate work on a programme of geographical research with a team from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. MILES TRIPP whose literary exploits have been reported in

earlier issues, is this year's Chairman of the Crime Writers' Association in succession to some very famous names.

On the technical side J. S. TRACY (1960-65) has just spent three months in Japan (via Europe and Russia) under the auspices of the International Assoc. for the Exchange of Students. He now reckons he is an expert on Japanese bath-houses — presumably from the aesthetic point of view, not the technical!?. Of far more immediate importance was the contribution made by KEN HARRIS (1928-34) to our country's exports in being the technical director of a consortium which recently landed a £12m. order for the modernisation of 20 airfields in Iran in the face of strong American competition.

We had no representatives at the Mexico Olympics but in fact Mr. WOODLAND's instruction in chess bore fruit in shape of R. F. GRIFFITHS (1940-49), playing for South Africa, and D. N. L. LEVY (1956-61), Scotland, who took part in the 18th Chess Olympiad in Lugano in October. Incidentally both have won the individual championships of their adopted countries.

Caught up in the Czechoslovakian troubles in August were SIMON TAYLOR (1958-65) and Prof. J. KIRKALDY who is one of the Q.E. Endowment Fund trustees who both heard and saw much of the strife before being evacuated by train. News of an ex-master of Queen Elizabeth's: Mr. KENNETH BAILEY has been appointed Headmaster of the newly-formed comprehensive school in Wells, Somerset. Finally much closer to home, RON ORTON has been appointed Clerk to Elstree Parish Council so with luck *he* will not be whisked off to foreign parts, as many of our members seem to be these days, thus depriving the Association of some of its keenest stalwarts.

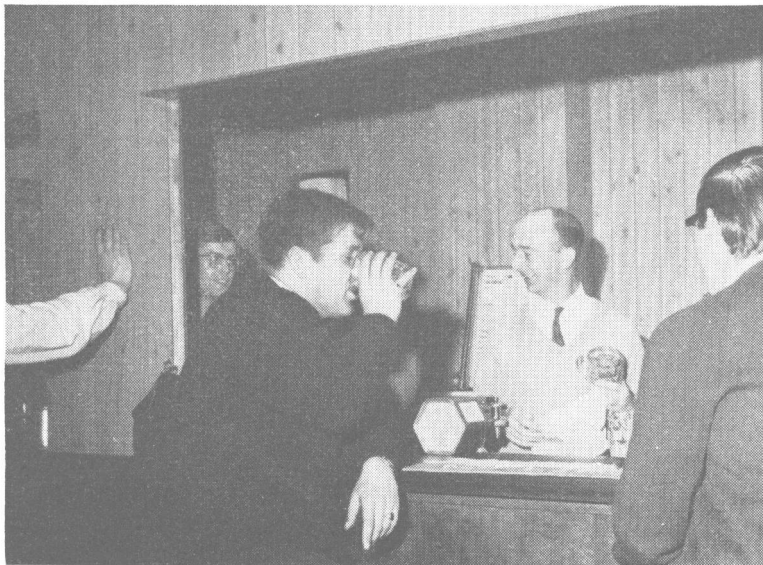


Photo: M. S. Gould (A.M.)

**DON'T FORGET . . . WE ARE HOLDING THE ANNUAL DINNER-DANCE AT PEARSONS RESTAURANT, ENFIELD, ON FEBRUARY 28th. THE SUCCESS OF FUNCTIONS HELD AT THIS VENUE HAS ENCOURAGED US TO TAKE A CHANCE ON GETTING A BIGGER TURNOUT THAN EVER BEFORE. WHY NOT MAKE UP A PARTY — GUESTS ARE MOST WELCOME. DOUBLE TICKETS (PROBABLY 3 GNS.) WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY FROM ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. DO IT NOW!!**









