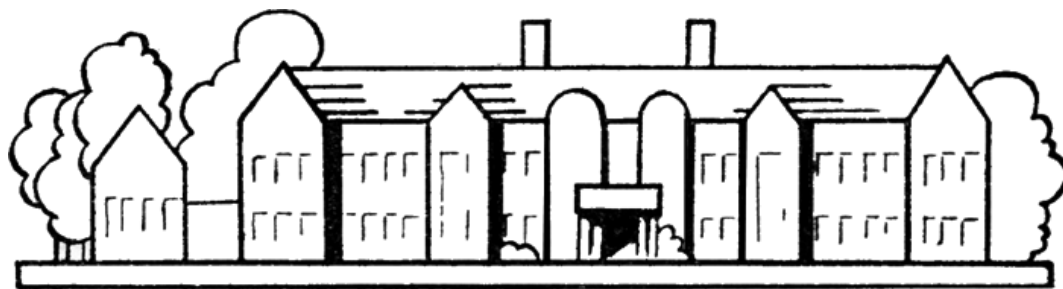


WOLVERHAMPTON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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COMMITTEE

<i>Staff:</i>	Miss Fox, Miss Reidy.
<i>Girls:</i>	J. Collins, A. Cox, J. Fleetwood, J. Manley, J. Mattocks, L. Newbold, K. Parry, S. Pope, J. Sawbridge, J. Schottelvig, J. Smibert.

MISS M.E. BUSHILL

As you will know by now, to our deep regret, Miss Bushill died on May 28th, 1971, after a very short period of retirement.

When the editor of the magazine asked me to write about her, I wondered what I could say that I hadn't said in the magazine in 1967 or in the current issue of the Newsletter. But of course there is so much that has happened in the 37 years of her association with the school that one needn't really be repetitive.

When Miss Bushill first came to this school, life for a young teacher — and a not-so-young one, was very different from what it is now. It was not easy to make friends put of school, and a single woman could be very lonely. Miss Bushill did a great deal to help in these circumstances to make life more interesting.

She had a car — quite a rarity on the staff, compared with today — and gave people treats by taking them for a run in the country. She organised parties and picnics. I remember one, where all the cars were mustered, and unfortunately two very large lady passengers were assigned to a very old car. They didn't have to push, but they had to get out on a hill. (I think I lost face with some people because I thought it so funny I laughed till I ached).

Such outings were inspired both by her natural kindness, and by her conception of the duties of her post. As she saw it, she was responsible for the well-being and happiness of the staff. At Christmas she had the VIth form carol singers at her house, and invited members of the staff to hear them. The occasion always turned into a Christmas party for staff and girls. Nowadays, with so many married staff, life for many women teachers is very different from what it was. But people who were on the staff years ago will remember Miss Bushill's concern for their happiness with very real gratitude. There are always ups and downs in life, and I suppose it is the downs put us to the test. Miss Bushill really coped with these splendidly. She positively disliked dealing with illness (most of us do) but once when more than half the school was struck by a virulent tummy germ, she was marvellous in the way she took staff home who, like the girls, were suddenly and disastrously stricken. She was a wonderful support to a member of staff who was ill for a long time as a result of nervous strain, and this involved on Miss Bushill's part, stamina, optimism and courage.

Once when I was ill and very frightened, she took me into hospital, comforted me, helped me in every way — and then did my work while I was convalescing, in a tactful and kindly fashion so that I did not feel in any way out of things. Then she organised a little "welcome back" party.

Kindness, and a sense of duty, both involving self-discipline, are qualities the world, and perhaps the world of education in particular, needs today. Kindness so often deteriorates into an easy sentimentality without the restraint in its exercise which the recipient most needs. Many people have a sense of duty, in that they know what ought to be done, but don't feel like doing it and so don't exercise the self-discipline needed to ignore their feelings and follow their reason. Miss Bushill was always kind but firm, always quite clearly aware of her duty and sufficiently well-disciplined to carry

it out. Consequently the school benefitted beyond measure, and generations of girls owe to her more than, at the time, they were willing to recognise. I am sure they recognise it now.

R. E. Scargill

M. E. BUSHILL MEMORIAL FUND

A fund to provide photographic equipment for the School has been established in memory of Miss M. E. Bushill, who, as so many who knew her will remember, was particularly interested in photography. Contributions may be sent to:

Mrs. Rostance,
21 Park Road West, Wolverhampton.

R.E.S.

MR. H. REYNOLDS

Mr. Reynolds was caretaker at this school from 1947 until his early retirement through ill-health in January of this year, 1971. He took a great pride in keeping the school clean and a great interest in all that went on. It was thanks to his careful insistence on keeping all doors closed that the fire in the hall did not spread to the whole school.

During the last three years of his service here, Mr. Reynolds had a series of unhappy experiences. Mrs. Reynolds, to whom he was truly devoted, died after a long and serious illness. He nursed her through this with most loving care. The fire was a great shock and a great blow to him, and finally, his own increasingly bad health drove him to the doctor who found that he had a serious heart complaint. The school, staff, girls and parents, combined to give him a present which included what he wanted — a pair of gold cuff-links. The presentation was made at a little party in the Upper Library. Mr. Reynolds counts among the many individuals who have served the school. Not many caretakers become captain — as he did — of the local Golf Club, nor raise as much money as he did for charity. In a later, and different generation, Mr. Reynolds might well have been on a school staff — but in a different capacity.

Our best wishes go with him for a happy retirement and many comfortable years in his "high-rise" flat.

R.E.S.

SPEECH DAY — MAY 5th, 1971

It was particularly suitable that "Speech Day" should be held this year in the School Hall, which had been totally redecorated after the disastrous fire of April 1970. The complete restoration has been beautifully and skillfully done, and has brought out, as never before, the fine proportions of the building.

The Chairman of the Governors, Alderman E. G. L. Pearce, presided, and welcomed Councillor Mrs. Alien, the guest speaker Mrs. L. J. Cadbury, Chairman of the Governors of Edgbaston Girls' High School, and all the guests. The Mayor and Mayoress, and the Director of Education, Mr. D. Grayson, were unfortunately unable to be present.

In her Report, the Headmistress, Miss R. E. Scargill, M.A., first welcomed Alderman Pearce as the new Chairman of the Governors, and then recalled the sad events of the two years since the last Speech Day. During that time, the second Headmistress of the School, Miss D. E. de Zouche (1921-1948) had died; so had Mile. Savanier and Miss D. M. Griffith, both teachers of French for many years; so too, at the end of his term of office as Chairman of the Governors, had Alderman S. Tatem. Two other deaths had occurred: that of Mrs. J. Reynolds, who had faithfully served as Assistant Caretaker, and of Mrs. Brookes, a part-time member of the P.E. staff.

Miss Scargill then referred to the fire and the "shocking devastation" it had caused. Remarkable and heartening though, she said, had been the understanding and discipline shown by the girls in so readily adapting themselves to inconvenience and so willingly helping to wash-down the smoke-begrimed walls and floors. She pointed out the new platform furniture, bought by both former and

present staff and pupils, parents and friends of the school, as a memorial to Miss de Zouche. It came from the "Mouse-man" at Kilburn in Yorkshire, and in its solidity and value was a suitable reminder of someone whose standards had these very qualities.

The Headmistress then said that in spite of difficult conditions, the examination results had been very good (see pages 10-12); the number of University places (page 5) emphasized this. Leavers had followed all sorts of callings (see pages 6-7), but she wished to voice a special plea for girls to take up that most rewarding of professions— nursing.

In the next part of her Report, Miss Scargill developed the theme of "change against a background of stability", and showed how, in the 60 years of the School's existence, basic values and principles remained the same, while external things adapted themselves to new conditions and methods. This fact was exemplified in extended buildings and technically more sophisticated equipment, like the new Language Laboratory; lecturers from outside school now dealt with a wider range of topics and careers information; music and drama offered more ambitious productions; field-work was more extensive; in games and sports the School's best players took part in the national, and even international fields. Extended too, much more widely, was the School's activity in charitable causes: particularly deserving of mention was the work done with and for the mentally handicapped. Change yet stability was to be seen in the newly-formed School Council (the third attempt) which is experimental and is feeling its way towards valuable co-operation in running the community. Miss Scargill thought that the greatest change of all was seen in the conferring of adult status at 18. What this really means is the assumption of responsibility, which the girls are willing to accept (as they always have done) and the recognition of the fact that in a school of this kind, the older pupils extensively influence the younger ones. To see, and wish to see, that no harm results from this influence in itself confers adult status. Inter-dependence of pupils on staff, and vice versa, is in no way belittling, and the responsible person recognises where she can give help, and when she should seek it.

She then expressed her appreciation of the work done by the staff, both in the classroom and out of it. She concluded with the significant observation that when she first came to the School, the girls marched in two's from the gym. to the cloakroom, escorted by staff. "Now they make their own way, and I notice little hops, skips and jumps to vary their normal mode of progression. But they get there, just the same!"

Prizes and Certificates were then presented by Mrs. Cadbury (pp. 4, 7-12), and in the subsequent speech she said that although she liked schools, speech-days rather frightened her. She had sought advice from experienced speakers, whose ideas had varied from describing clothes to going solemnly through a list of the attainments of Old Girls. The best had been that of a retired teacher, who suggested she should be "bright, brief and snappy"! She had been impressed, she said, by the variety of the girls' interests, and emphasized the fact that in visiting and helping others, you gain as much as you give. This is important, because in the future there will be more leisure, hours of work will be shorter and life probably longer. The population at present was unprepared for this and did not understand that leisure did not mean inactivity, but rather having the opportunity to do the things you choose to do and the time to do them well. Clearly, there would be scope for more service to the community. But she reminded her audience that the time and attention given to people — especially to children — cannot be regulated by the clock, and said that adaptation to change in itself presented a challenge.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Head Girl, Vanessa Edwards, in the absence of the Director of Education, and taking the advice to be "bright, brief and snappy", she fell back on plain language, and just said a sincere "thank-you".

To round off the occasion, music was provided by the Ensemble, beautifully performed and much enjoyed.

STAFF NEWS

As usual, there have been several changes of staff. In July 1971, Miss Churm left us to become Head of the Modern Languages Department at Stafford High School. She and her family have gone to live at Gnosall, and she finds a ten-minute journey to school much less wearing than the trek from Wellington to here. Mrs. Biggs, whose husband has now moved to a post at Swindon is teaching in a comprehensive school there. Miss Haworth is studying at the London Bible College. Miss Saunders is teaching at a Middle School in Stoke-on-Trent, and has temporarily forsaken Geography for English, and R.E. Mrs. Burgess has also left.

In September 1971 we welcomed some newcomers to the staff. They are: Mrs. B. E. Coghlan (French); Miss A. E. Mills (Physics, Chem. Biology); Mrs. K. Pudney (English); Mrs. S. E. Schuster (P.E.); Mrs. A. M. Tapsfield (Geography). Mr. E. F. Pope (Anne Pope's father) has joined us to help out with Mathematics, because Mrs. Burgess left rather sooner than was expected. Mrs. M. Firth (Geography) is with us part-time.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES 1970-71

Head Girl's Prize Vanessa Edwards
Deputy Head Girls' Prizes Margaret Challenor, Janet Hawthorne

Subject Prizes

Scripture Janet Hawthorne, Lesley Wilkinson
English Anne Morris, Jane Williams
History Janet Frost
Geography Anne Rosewarae
French Angela Boxall
German Vanessa Edwards
Italian Carol Hubbard, Susan Thorne
Classics Alison Harper
Physics Elizabeth Turner
Biology Jill Fisher
Chemistry Elizabeth Turner
Art Alyson Wood, Karen Wylie
Music Linda Hunt

Florence Isobel Leach Prize for Mathematics:

Senior (—————)
Junior Susan Ashfield

Prizes for Academic Work L.VI Standard Prizes

L.VI.H Brenda Corns, Stephanie Sherwood
L.VLT Susan Hough, Ceri Williams
L.VIF Ann Hinett
L.VIA Susan Walker
L.VLS Janet Spurgin, Rosemary Whitehouse

Form Prizes

VJ Edith Gainford, Claire Raybould, Fiona Woolsey
VK Yvonne Turner
VL Jillian Marshall
IV.J Sally Foulkes
IV.K Christine Rogers
IV.L Lesley Clarke, Jane Cooper
IV.M Susan Barratt, Jill Clempson, Claire Gratton, Melanie Kitson
III.J Alyson Baker, Susan Clement

III.K	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Ellis
III.L	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Marian Jones
II.J	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Judith Green
ILK	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anjani Narayan
ILL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nicola Cox, Lesley Webb
I.J	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Isobel Gray
I.K	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Catherine Beaver, Helen Bruce, Kathryn Hogan, Gillian Robbins
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Heather Rogers, Elizabeth Spurgin, Ann Yoong
I.L	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cheryl Rollason

The thanks of the School are due to the Governors, the Headmistress, the Parents' Guild, the Old Girls' Union, the Society of Artists, Mr. and Mrs. Brotherton, and individual parents, for the prizes listed above.

UNIVERSITY PLACES — 1971

Girton College, Cambridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jane Hitchcot
Bangor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jane Cropp
Birmingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Cappell
Bristol	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jane Williams
Cardiff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Angela Boxall
East Anglia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Linda Smith
Exeter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lynn Ingham
Exeter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Brett
Hull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anne Laceby
Hull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ann Poole
Hull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Madeleine Thompson
Hull	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cheryl Wheat
Keele	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Carol Hubbard
Leeds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Guest
Leeds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Linda Hunt
Leeds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anne Morris
Liverpool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Janet Frost
Liverpool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Pauline Saunders
Liverpool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Thorne
London	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rosamund Higgs
Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Margaret Clement
Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Susan Deacy
Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anne Hodgkiss (deferred)
Manchester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sharon Rifkind
Nottingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Janet Hawthorne
Nottingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Anne Rosewarne
Southampton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gillian Oliver
Southampton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Denise Williams (and at St. Thomas's Hospital for Nursing Degree)
Sussex	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Turner
York	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Vanessa Edwards (deferred)
York	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Barbara Read

NEWS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS — 1971

A total of ninety-five girls left the School in 1971. Of these, thirty-one had university places (see page 5), and nineteen have entered **Colleges of Education**.

All Saints, London	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Sarah Carter
Bangor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Phillipa Hodgkiss
Birmingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gillian Fielding
Birmingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Stenning
Chester	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Grainger
Coventry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Alyson Wood

Coventry	...	...	...	...	Deanne Bradford
Derby	...	...	...	...	Isobel Carter
Edgehill	...	...	...	...	Elizabeth Barratt
Gipsy Hill	...	...	...	...	Yvonne Hooper
Gipsy Hill	...	...	...	...	Carey Amies
Nottingham	...	...	...	...	Ruth Batchelor
Nottingham	...	...	...	...	Jill Matthews
Redlands	...	...	...	...	Margaret Challenor
St. Mathias, Bristol	...	...	...	...	Lesley Prior
St. Peter's, Saltley	...	...	...	...	Gillian Adey
Southlands	...	...	...	...	Lesley Wilkinson
Worcester	...	...	...	...	Linda Sammonds
Worcester	...	...	...	...	Ann Swanson

A wide variety of courses have been undertaken by other girls, and the following list gives the latest news we have of them.

Music College

Catherine Notttridge Colchester School of Art and Music

Art College

Lesley Smith

P.E. College

Anne Jones Dartford P.E. College
 Leslie Phillips Chelsea P.E. College

Domestic Science College

Anita Jones Bath College of Domestic Science
 Margaret Marsh Birmingham College of Food Technology
 Catherine Meynell Birmingham College of Food Technology

Banking

Susan Corfield
 Dianne Glanfield

Chemist Trainee

Patricia Walton

Civil Service

Erica Boucher
 Susan Burden
 Lorna Dyke
 Jacqueline Jennings
 Lynne Walkerdine Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Hairdressing

Geraldine Allen

Hospital Administration

Lynda Hayward (Training Scheme)

Library

Helen Tough
 Elizabeth Westoby

Local Government

Lynn Hedgcock
 Hilary Toon

Nursing

Stephanie MacDivitt New Cross

Physiotherapy

Jane Turner Leeds

Primary School

Susan Blewitt Pre-College entrance—Pianist in Primary Schools

Retail Trade

Petra Antonson
 Noel Holloway

Solicitor's Office

Jane Graham Pre-College entrance

Voluntary Service

Karen Wylie (before entering College)

Wages Office

Barbara Davis

Wolverhampton Polytechnic

Sheila McCloy Secretarial Course
Deborah Sharman

Wulfrun College

Ruth Beards
Julie Smith Pre-Nursing Course
Denise Williams (pre-University)

Kathryn Wingrove will enter university next year.

The following girls have left the area:

Joanne Elton — Goostrey, Cheshire
Jean Green — returned to U.S.A.
Nancy Green — returned to U.S.A.
Peta Lewis — now living in Malta
Lesley Marshall — Newcastle
Jillian Marshall — Newcastle
Karen Milner — Liverpool
Susan Ormrod — Winchester
Marion Taylor — Walsall
Jane Thomson — Manchester
Lynn Wilson — Coseley
Linda Carter — Tettenhall College

EXAMINATION RESULTS — JULY 1971**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION
J.M.B. and LONDON****ADVANCED LEVEL****Four Subjects**

Barbara Read (Dist. General Studies)
Sharon Rifkind
Elizabeth Turner (Dist. Chemistry, Gr. 1. Sp. Chem.)

Three Subjects**U.VI.R**

Carey Amies
Ruth Batchelor
Vanessa Edwards (Dist English, German; Gr. 2. Sp. Eng.)
Janet Frost (History, Geography; Gr. 1. Sp. Hist.)
Elizabeth Grainger (Dist. English)
Lynn Ingham
Jacqueline Jennings (Dist. Housecraft)
Anne Laceby (Dist. English, French; Gr. 2. Sp. Eng.)
Gillian Oliver (Dist. English)
Anne Rosewarne (Dist. English, Geography)
Ann Swanson
Lesley Wilkinson (Dist. Scripture)
Denise Williams
Jane Williams (Dist. English, French; Gr. 1. Sp. Eng.)
Alyson Wood
Karen Wylie (Dist. Art)

U.VI.W

Ruth Beards
Angela Boxall (Dist. French, Gr. 2. Sp. Fr.)
Jill Fisher
Alison Harper (Dist. Latin, French, Gr. 2 Sp. Latin)
Janet Hawthorne (Dist. Scripture)
Linda Hunt (Dist. English)
Anne Morris (Dist. English, History, Gr. 1 Sp. Eng. Gr. 2 Sp. Hist.)
Anne Poole

Pauline Saunders (Dist. English)
Susan Thorne

U.VI.C

Elizabeth Barratt
Susan Brett (Dist. Chemistry)
Elizabeth Cappell
Susan Deacy
Jane Graham
Elizabeth Guest
Anne Hodgkiss
Yvonne Hooper
Carol Hubbard
Margaret Marsh
Stephanie McDivitt (Dist. Geography)
Deborah Sharman
Judith Sault
Kerry Sims (Dist. English, Gr. 2 Sp. Eng.)
Linda Smith (Dist. English, Gr. 2 Sp. Eng.)
Kathryn Wingrove (Gr. 2 Sp. Eng.)

VI.3

Margaret Clement (Dist. Chemistry)

Two Subjects

U.VI.R

Susan Blewitt
Jane Cropp (Dist. English)
Gillian Fielding
Phillippa Hodgkiss
Catherine Meynell
Catherine Nottridge
Linda Sammonds

U.VI.W

Deanne Bradford
Sarah Carter
Jill Matthews
Lesley Prior
Cheryl Wheat

U.VI.C

Gillian Adey (Dist. Housecraft)
Margaret Challenor
Linda Hayward
Sheila McCloy
Madeleine Thompson
Jill Turner

VI.3

Pat Walton

One Subject

U.VI.R

Erica Boucher

U.VI.W

Isabel Carter
Lesley Phillips
Suzanne Pope
Lesley Smith
Elizabeth Stenning

U.VLC

Ann Jones

ORDINARY LEVEL**Ten Subjects****VJ**

Barbara Cole
Edith Gainford
Claire Raybould

V.K

Anne Challenor
Hilary Downes
Heather Freeman
Susan Penzig
Yvonne Turner

Nine Subjects**VJ**

Fenella Banks
Gillian Barker
Carolyn Butcher
Rosemary Clement
Stella Jones
Fiona Woolsey

VK

Adele Ballham
Janet Brown
Jane Davenport
Jacqueline Hockley
Celia Morris
Christine Morris
Carolyn Musgrove
Gillian Stokes
Jane Thomson
Janet Vernon
Susan Vincent

V.L

Jillian Marshall
Janet Selkirk
Elizabeth Ward

Eight Subjects**VJ**

Mandy Collins
Alison Cox
Rosemary Evans
Anne Gates
Christine Hart
Maureen Kucharczyk
Vicki Nightingale
Rita Powell
Paula Rushton
Julia Sawbridge
Gail Warner

V.K

Gillian Belton
Pauline Ellis
Lynda Kus
Judith Mattocks
Jane Ollerhead
Jane Smibert

V.L

Dianne Glanfield
Katherine Parry
Joanna Reeves
Angela Ridgway
Julie Shanks
Diane Shaw
Jacqueline Wiggins

Seven Subjects**V.J**

Karen Brougham
Sharon Kronheim

	Susan Memis Stella Saunders Susan Underhill	V.K
	Jane Aggleton Jane Hopkins Heather Hughes Prudence Hunter Anne Rundle Sarah Vaughan	V.L
	Susan Butler Felicity George Carol Mills Ruth Schofield Janet Spittle Christine Tandy	
Six Subjects		V.J
	Susan Burden Fiona McKinley Karen Milner Ruth Wrigley	V.L
	Susan Cooke Jane Crosbie Susan Neville-Weaver Karin Williams	
Five Subjects		VJ
	Peta Lewis	V.K
	Andrea Willis	V.L
	Noel Holloway Marian Taylor	
Four Subjects		V.K
	Yvette Poulton Hilary Toon	V.L
	Jacqueline Gandy Jane Gloss Marilyn Green Isobel Swinburne	
Three Subjects		VJ
	Barbara Davis	V.L
	Petra Antonson Myra Utnik	
Two Subjects		V.L
	Julie Smith	
One Subject		V.L
	Geraldine Allen	

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

The following girls have added subjects at 'O' level to Certificates already held:

Two Subjects**L.VI**

Susan Burt
Anne Ferguson
Susan Holland
Jayne Neale
Pat Poole

One Subject**U.VI.R**

Ruth Batchelor
Jane Cropp
Vanessa Edwards
Lynn Ingham
Linda Sammonds

U.VI.C

Susan Deacy
Jill Fisher
Anne Hodgkiss
Carol Hubbard
Margaret Marsh
Barbara Read
Linda Smith
Judith Sault
Elizabeth Turner

U.VI.W

Angela Boxall
Isabel Carter
Sarah Carter
Alison Harper
Pauline Saunders
Susan Thorne
Cheryl Wheat

L.VI

Linda Brown
Gillian Cartwright
Josie Collins
Alison Cowdale
Sandra Cutts
Hilary Docker
Christine Hay
Ann Hinett
Susan Jones
Susan Launder
Judith Mason
Beatrice Millar
Joan Powell
Lindsay Sault
Rosemary Thomas
Linda Till
Marylyn Troth
Jennifer Vaughan
Dawn Wood
Jaqueline Worton
Helen Wrigley

The following girls in the IV Forms passed in **English Language**:

Jane Askin
Susan Bandy
Diane Barlow
Susan Barratt
Michelle Barry
Sue Bennett
Lesley Clarke
Jill Clempson
Angela Collins
Jane Cooper
Judith Cooper
Moirra Fallen
Anne Fitzhugh
Linda Forrester
Sally Foulkes

Anne Fowler
Claire Gratton
Susan Hardiman
Susan Heywood
Margaret Higgins
Julia Hill
Jane Holt
Catherine Hutchison
Lucienne Johns
Hilary Johnson
Melanie Kitson
Jane Leek
Kate Lindley
Andrea Lockett
Jane Luscombe

Anne Newill
Elizabeth Oakley
Hilary Phillips
Hilary Potts
Paula Read
Helen Revenko
Christine Rogers
Bernadette Smallman
Lesley Stallard
Ruth Taylor
Diane Whiles
Sally Whitehouse
Susan Widlake
Catherine Wilcox
Janet Wootton

PREFECTS 1971-72

Head Girl: Sally Hughes

Deputy Head Girls: Sarah Newbold, Louise Newbold

Prefects: Amanda Colson, Brenda Corns, Anne Darbey, Catherine Davies, Jill Hemmings, Carys Owen, Judith Schottelvig, Philippa Smith, Jacqueline Worton

HOUSE REPORTS 1970-71

AUDLEY

House Mistress: Miss Close

House Captain: Carys Owen

Hockey Captain: Genine Roberts

Netball Captain: Alison Cox

House Secretary: Jacqui Gandy

Senior Prefect: Cathy Davies

House Committee: Susan Launder, Rowena Davies, Judith Moss, Christine Hart, Judith Mattocks, Jacqui Gandy, Carolyn Musgrove, Marilyn Green

Staff: Mrs. Taylor, Miss Wigley, Miss Parsons, Miss Cox, Mr. Taylor

In March 1971 a party of House members enjoyed the performance of "Sweet Charity" at the Grand Theatre. Our thanks go to Madeleine Thompson for arranging this visit.

In the summer term House games, Audley's Senior Rounders team gave Stafford's Senior Rounders team a very good match, but eventually lost by only a half-rounder. The team looks forward to the challenge next year.

FERRERS

House Mistress: Miss Kuphal

Staff: Miss Reidy, Miss Worton, Mrs. Bate, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Tucker, Mr. Spratling, Miss Oakes

House Captain: Anne Darbey

Prefect: Philippa Smith

Hockey Captain: Ann Rundle

Netball Captain: Gayle Warner

House Secretary: Stella Saunders

House Committee: Rachel Mason, Susan Davies, Jane Smibert, Stella Saunders, Gayle Warner, Ann Rundle, Claire Gratton, Susan Clements, Ann Pearce, Carol Hopkins

There is not much to write about this year concerning Ferrers.

Unfortunately we did not have any resounding victories in House matches, although all the teams are to be congratulated on attaining several "seconds" and also on their good sportsmanship.

PAGET**House Mistress:** Mrs. Burgess**Staff:** Mrs. Field, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Rees, Miss Starkey, Mrs. Tarbuck**House Captain:** Jacqueline Worton**House Secretary:** Anne Challenor**Hockey Captain:** Anne Challenor**Netball Captain:** Julia Sawbridge**Prefects:** Louise Newbold, Sarah Newbold (Deputy Head Girls) Amanda Colson, Judith Schottelvig**House Committee:** Hilary Docker, Parkash Kaur, Lynne Stanley, Fenella Banks, Anne Challenor, Julia Sawbridge, Fiona Woolsey

Since the publication of the last School Magazine, once again, Paget have revealed their true talents, not only in their work, but in their sport.

As in previous years Paget have retained a good standard in lessons and behaviour, and it is because of this sustained effort that we have been able to gain Britannia, not once, but with the exception of the Spring term, throughout the whole year.

As far as sport is concerned, many girls have participated in the House matches, and their hard work and team spirit enabled us to give a creditable performance. We won both the Junior and Senior tennis matches and I think we can only attribute the fact that we did not win all eight cups to our generous nature!

We were rewarded for our efforts during the year by a visit to a cinema to see "Dr. Zhivago". Many girls went and thoroughly enjoyed the film.

Grateful thanks must go to our House mistress, Mrs. Burgess, and to our House captain, Lesley Wilkinson, for their unfailing support and encouragement.

STAFFORD**House Mistress:** Mrs. Spurgin**House Captain:** Jill Hemmings**House Secretary:** Edith Gainford**House Staff:** Miss Bantock, Miss Fox, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Lloyd, Mrs. Uspensky, Miss Woolley **Senior****Prefects:** Jill Hemmings, Sally Hughes**Hockey Captain:** Sarah Vaughan**Netball Captain:** Sally Hughes**House Committee:** Muriel Gardiner, Stephanie Sherwood, Janet Spurgin, Christine Morris, Joanna Reeves, Janice Selkirk, Sarah Vaughan, Ruth Wrigley, Melanie Kitson, Mandy Vaughan, Andrea Bough, Narinder Dhami, Tamara Murray

Because of the lack of the School hall for such a long time, Stafford's House concert could not take place until the Summer term of last year. Hoping not to experience the same unfortunate occurrence which followed Paget's House concert (for those who do not remember — the Hall was gutted by fire!), we went forward, fingers crossed.

However, we still managed to get away with a bang (and a few sparks) from the guns of "Bonnie and Clyde" who appeared in the bank-robbery sketch. The Fifth Form were able to display their natural talents in the "Jungle Book" sketch, but not everyone is yet convinced that they were only acting!

Humour was also a prominent feature in "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" and our very own serial "Kippers", but one was brought very much down to earth by the straight sketch entitled "War".

Practically the whole school had had the opportunity of displaying in this sketch their vocal ability which had been tape-recorded. Many thanks to Marylyn Troth and the folksingers, who we hope were not drowned out by the moving of scenery backstage!

We hope that everyone enjoyed seeing the concert as much as we enjoyed performing it.

It was indeed a very busy year for Stafford last year. Both staff and girls arrived at the cinema for the House outing to see "Cromwell", only to be confronted by members of "the enemy", who also had seats in the front circle. Yes, Ferrers had chosen this as their outing too, but there was not much rivalry between us on this occasion, despite any provocation from the battle of the Cavaliers and Roundheads right before our very eyes! In fact the most prominent evidence of contact was in the exchanging of sweets!

We enjoyed a very good season for games, managing to win all the netball and hockey cups in the Spring term, and the senior and junior Rounders Cups in the Summer term. Britannia we also managed to gain once from the clutches of Paget (who have now regained her — but the battle goes on!) Congratulations to all concerned, and keep it up! Despite these successes, the year ended on a somewhat sad note when our former House mistress, Miss Churm, left to teach at Stafford, but we welcome Mrs. Spurgin as our new House mistress.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE JUNIOR LIBRARY

Since I took over the care of the so-called "Fiction" Library several years ago I have, in common with the users of the room as a form-room, suffered and complained, but hitherto in vain. We were victims of overcrowding and under-providing, a common state in educational institutions these days. This year Miss Scargill has managed, with Miss Bantock's noble acceptance of the Activities Room as a form-room, to free the room to be used as a library proper. A very few lessons only take place there, and the room is now empty of desks and superfluous chairs, seen at its best as very well-suited to its present purpose.

The blackboard has been removed to make room for the eventual accommodation of more shelving; a bench-desk has been fitted along the length of the wall opposite the door — light comes from the windows and warmth from the pipe underneath; the present glass-fronted shelves have been rearranged to better advantage; a bay has been organized, with the help of new double-ridged shelves; a formica-topped table of a size adequate to accommodate a class of six or eight has been provided, to double as a work-top for sticky jobs pertaining to book-mending and covering, and a very handsome pedestal desk completes the present transformation. Later, when finances permit, the present bookcases will be replaced by more shelving of the same kind as in the new bay. All the new furniture is in light oak, and has a pleasant appearance, as well as apparent durability. When the further shelves arrive we shall have much more space to arrange books to better advantage, and empty shelves awaiting the books of the future. The cramped conditions of the past are no more; there is space for books and space for people, and I hope for no more broken panes of glass in the cupboard doors.

The present new furniture has been provided by the generosity of the Parents' Guild, without which we could not have engineered our transformation in time for the beginning of the Autumn Term. A further very generous donation from the parents of £100 for new books I am at present in the process of spending. I have consulted with Mrs. Hodgson, the Children's Librarian at the Central Library, for whose time and trouble I am most grateful, and have a list of reference books with which I intend to stock the shelves for use in the library. These, with a new Encyclopaedia, should provide a useful basis for individual project work. Much more of this type of work takes place in School now than in former times, and since only the Sixth Forms could use the main libraries, owing to restrictions of space, the provision of private working facilities for Forms I - V was long overdue.

The Junior Library, as it is now to be called, containing the books of reference and fiction and non-fiction books for borrowing, is now open for the whole of even' dinner-hour and also after School on Mondays and Thursdays until 4.30. Already much greater use is being made of the books we possess and I hope to build up a habit of reading and reference in the junior forms to stand them in good stead when they reach the Sixth Form and must, perforce, work by this method of personal enquiry and individual effort.

Many people have been inconvenienced, to a greater or lesser degree, by the virtual loss of a teaching-place. I hope their gracious acceptance of difficulties will be rewarded by an improved impetus in the girls' private work. The thanks of the School, and my own in particular, are due to the girls of succeeding fourth years who have improved the cataloguing and labelling of books over the last four years, and who have manned the library so efficiently. This year's helpers are no exception to the rule of hard work and enthusiasm, and I take the opportunity to express public thanks for the help of these girls over the years. Without them the Junior Library could not have functioned and could not now do so, with its "new look".

M.D.H.

CAREERS

We began the year in a state of chaos with new equipment to replace that damaged in the fire. Later in the term the Parents' Guild provided us with some display boards which we erected outside the Upper Library, and eventually, with a great deal of help from members of the IV forms, the new careers library was set up. We are fortunate in our new situation as almost all the girls pass through the area in the course of the day and see the displays — although not as many study the notice boards behind them! The borrowing section of the careers library is open during Monday and Wednesday lunch-break. The reference section and prospectuses are freely available to IV forms at all times.

On Tuesday, in the lunch-break, we show films which III to VI forms may attend. In the Spring Term our programme was badly affected by the postal strike, but we did manage to represent seven different careers from "The Engineer is a Woman" to "Why Dentistry?" This year we have been showing films in the Autumn Term. In

addition we had speakers to explain the changing structures of the social work profession, and the new family casework system.

The IV forms spent three afternoons listening to panels of visiting speakers giving accounts of their "typical day at work", during the course of which it was discovered that accountancy is not just plain arithmetic but involves meeting people and helping with their financial problems. The IV forms also put up a series of displays on topics ranging from food to fashion.

Every fifth former had an interview with the careers officer, Miss Greaves, and in the Summer Term visits were made to hospitals, schools, laboratories, the Polytechnic, the law courts and the Victoria Hotel.

The Lower fifth visited the careers exhibition "Opportunity '70" at Olympia last December, and the following year had talks on University entrance, Colleges of Education and the variety of courses, including those for the C.N.A.A. degree, which can be followed at Polytechnics.

This October we held a Careers Convention and we were grateful that so many representatives were willing to leave their work and give up their spare time in the evening. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Jones who provided a delicious tea, and the Parents' Guild who fortified us with coffee.

During this term we have been trying out some of the B.B.C. programmes. The Upper Sixth have seen a series of television programmes dealing with different aspects of student life, while the Lower Sixth have been listening to a radio series underlining the importance of self-analysis in career choice, and the need to plan ahead and even to be prepared for redundancy and a changing career pattern.

V.L.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 1970-71

Chairman: Sharon Rifkind

Secretary: Philippa Smith

Looking back over the last year it seems difficult to believe that this time last year I was most unwillingly co-opted on to the then newly formed School Council. I went along to that first meeting determined not to become "involved". Yet only a year later I am writing this report as an ex-chairman.

I hasten to add that my lack of enthusiasm was soon replaced by great interest. This was largely owing to Sharon Rifkind who was responsible for the revival of the School Council, and who, as the first chairman, mothered it through many teething troubles.

The main importance of the School Council is that the whole school is represented. Originally members of staff were involved at the committee stage but later in the year when the procedure for meetings was altered (and I hope improved!) they were invited to attend council meetings where they have proved to be of great help.

In February Sharon resigned as chairman because of 'A' level work, and it was decided that the chairman's term of office should run from February to February. I was elected chairman but was obliged to resign before my term of office was over.

No-one has ever defined the role of the School Council, but as far as I can see, it is to act as the "mouth" of the School. Through its representatives each form has an opportunity to air its views, make suggestions and voice complaints. Despite any fears to the contrary the meetings are not totally occupied with complaints. The School Council has been responsible for several more practical suggestions such as the Events Notice Board. It has also been responsible for the establishment of three sub-committees: The Charities Action Group, the Uniform Committee and the Anti-Pollution Committee.

During one short year of existence the School Council has become an integral part of School life. I think that the need for such a body is illustrated by the way in which people turn to the School Council when they want anything done.

Sally Hughes, U.V.I.R

CHARITIES ACTION GROUP REPORT — 1971

In the very early stages of the School Council, it became clear that there was room within its framework for a separate committee to deal with matters arising from charity appeals and community service activity within the School. At a meeting of all those interested Jane Williams was nominated chairman, Anne Rosewarne secretary. As a result of various events organised, the Group raised £112-05 in aid of the Wolverhampton Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and their Parents.

These events were:

A Jumble Sale at St. Paul's Hall — £28.

A sponsored "Knit" at Jane Graham's house — £44-30.

A course of ten yoga lessons given by two yoga instructors who asked for no payment — £39-75.

In addition to this, practical help was given in the form of babysitting, helping at a playgroup in Lea Road Congregational Church, and a lift, organised every Saturday, to enable the mother of a mentally handicapped child living in Bilston to do her shopping in town.

A collection in aid of emergency relief for the flood victims in East Pakistan raised £61-17.

Flag-selling for various charities continued as usual throughout the year.

Owing to the 'O' and 'A' level exams the activities of the committee lapsed during the Summer term.

This term the more popular name of Charities Action Group was adopted and Mandy Colson and Jenny Doley were nominated chairman and secretary. A representative was requested from every form, mainly in order that the younger forms should not feel that this group was merely a Sixth Form enterprise. An amount of money has been donated to act as a "float" for any particular event or events the group might organise this year.

Perhaps an important role of the Charities Action Group is that of supplementing the School Council's work towards an increased awareness throughout the School of other people's problems. Even if this awareness does not immediately lead to positive, caring action, the effort still might be worthwhile.

Ceri Williams, U.V.I.R

FORM CHARITIES

In addition to the money-raising efforts mentioned in the Report of the Charities Action Group, separate forms have continued to collect money by means of cake sales, competitions and services.

The money has been distributed as follows:

Cancer Research	...	...	...	...	£ 32-25
Mentally Handicapped	...	...	...	...	£ 14-85
Save the Children	...	...	...	...	£ 4-72
Lilian Board Appeal	...	...	...	...	£ 10-45
Help the Aged	...	...	...	...	£ 1-97
R.S.P.C.A.	...	...	...	...	£ 3-93
N.S.P.C.C.	...	...	...	...	£ 2-52
Samaritans	...	...	...	...	£ 2-20
Young Volunteers	...	...	...	...	£ 3-52
Muscular Dystrophy	...	...	...	...	£ 3-11
Leukaemia	...	...	...	...	£ 3-04
P.D.S.A.	...	...	...	...	£ 1-27

Fourth Year: Sent a family on holiday.

Third Year: Party given to children of Wightwick Hall School.

Total money raised for charity — £ 257-73

THE ANTI-POLLUTION GROUP

The Anti-Pollution Group was formed as the result of increasing concern in school about the harmful effects of man's actions on his environment. Practical work so far has included participation by members of the First Form in a competition arranged by the "Sunday Times" magazine to calculate the amount of pollution in local rivers and streams, support of the Wolverhampton Improvement Campaign both by publicity and by a litter collection in Paget Road, St. Jude's Road and along Tettenhall Road, and also by presenting a wider outlook on pollution by a week of prayers.

The Group hopes to encourage other schools to set up similar movements so that inter-school activities could be arranged, and practical work could be increased.

A. Darbey, Chairman

HELP WITH IMMIGRANTS

Every Thursday for an hour in the afternoon, Asian women collect in Dr. Pringle's surgery on the Tettenhall Road. Apart from meeting their fellow countrymen they are mainly there to improve their English.

Through Dr. Pringle's ingenuity, this whole project was put forward to the Community Welfare Volunteers who in their turn contacted our school for further volunteers. Many of Dr. Pringle's patients are Asian immigrants, and his main problem was trying to understand their health ailments when so many of them could only converse in their native tongue. There are classes held at the Wulfrun College, primarily for the purpose of teaching the English language to foreigners, but for involved reasons, many of the husbands refused to allow their wives to attend these classes and so Dr. Pringle, being very concerned about the situation, agreed to let the women come to his surgery and meet in the waiting room.

In a friendly atmosphere, up to twenty women, accompanied by numerous children, arrived every week and two ex-teachers, an Indian interpreter, a volunteer worker and several pupils from this school were plunged in at the deep end. Pandemonium broke out until their various names were mastered, and believe me, this took us many weeks! Many of them could speak English but were afraid to speak out in case they made mistakes.

We mainly talked about food, the parts of the body, diseases and the care of young babies, but also spoke on any topic, realising that practice was the most important development. One week we were very surprised at being offered some rather appetising small cakes, but it turned out that unfortunately they did not suit our unimaginative English palates. This we hid of course behind beaming smiles!

The noticeable improvement is so evident that it can only be hoped that this experiment will continue and will be taken up in other major immigrant areas.

Jo Fox, U.V.I.R

PHOENIX 1971

In the summer of 1971 the Wolverhampton Young Volunteers' playground was moved from last year's site on Haggard Street to Phoenix Tip, off Thomson Avenue. The new site was larger and was overlooked by fields. This made it necessary to put up fencing around the site. Even though this restricted their playing area the children made good use of the concrete fencing, writing on it with charcoal. As they did last year, the children made a climbing frame, swings, various huts and a tunnel.

During the weeks on the playground the children were taken on various outings. These included a visit to Dunstall Road Police Station where they were given a demonstration of dog-handling and shown the various police vehicles. The older children were shown how fingerprints are taken, and were allowed to try this out for themselves.

Another visit was to the Fire Station where the children were shown the fire engines, and films on fire prevention.

We also visited local woods, but this was not so successful owing to the fact that most of the children either managed to fall into the stream or tread in the marshes. These were the younger ones. The older children were content to climb the trees and they enjoyed the afternoon.

Other outings included trips to Cannock Chase, Drayton Manor Park and Dudley Zoo.

Towards the end of the play scheme the Young Volunteers held a barbecue on the site, which was a great success and helped to raise money towards a permanent hut which is to be built there. This will be used for various social activities.

Karin Williams (Stafford)
Di Shaw (Ferrers)

THE BUSINESS GAME

The business game is an I.C.L. computer game sponsored by the Chartered Accountants' Association, with the idea of furthering students' knowledge as to how a business is really controlled.

At present there are over four hundred schools playing the game, and they are divided up into sections of three schools, who compete against each other. In each section the three schools, who are named Companies one, two and three, are each manufacturing a certain object which they sell (we hope, at a profit as the aim of the game is to make as much profit as possible) in separate sales areas. There are four sales areas: Area one is the home market of company one; area two is the home market of company two; and likewise, area three is the home market of company three. There is also a fourth area in which all the three companies compete equally.

The home market is very important to a company because the company has two advantages in it. Firstly, the company starts *off* with about seventy per cent of the sales market, and secondly it costs nothing to transport its goods to that area, whereas it costs two pounds per article in any of the other two away areas, and one pound per article in area four. To make a lot of profit a company must sell a large number of goods, therefore it is desirable for one to increase one's sales market. This can be done in several ways; by putting a large amount into marketing (advertising); having a low price; putting a lot of money into research and development, so increasing the quality of each article, and lowering its unit cost at the same time. So, by using one of these methods or a combination of them all, a company can make more profit than its competitors.

The best company will win, and so go through to the next heat, and eventually by a process of elimination, a winner will be found.

Caroline Jamieson (Ferrers)

ROAD SAFETY

Last year the team was: Yvonne Boulton (captain), Elaine Taylor, Anne Griffith, Ann-Victoria Wright and reserve Janine Williamson.

In our first competition, held after school in the Town Hall, Wolverhampton, in March, we beat Wards Bridge with full marks. We won book tokens and a silver cup and went on to the next round, held in Aldridge on April 5th. We competed against and defeated Aldridge and Brownhills, Dudley and Walsall and then went forward to the County Final in Penkridge on May 7th. Playing against Tutbury, Newcastle and Stafford, we became County Champions, winning small plaques for each member of the team, a larger team plaque, and a cup to be kept by the School for a year. Being County Champions we were entitled to compete in the West Midland Final.

Before this, we were invited to the Mayor's Parlour where we were cordially entertained and had our photos taken by the "Express and Star". That night, May 21st, we went to Birmingham for the final, to represent Staffordshire against Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. The question-master on this occasion was Alan Towers of the A.T.V. network. We were third this time and were presented with small engraved plaques.

We would like to thank our coach Miss Cox, and everyone who came along to support us.

Yvonne Boulton
Elaine Taylor
Anne Griffith
Ann-Victoria Wright

TOASTMASTERS' INTERNATIONAL SPEECH-MAKING COMPETITION

On March 12th, 1970, at the Wolverhampton Inter-Schools Speech Contest, the first prize and shield was won for School by Marylyn Troth. Claire Gratton was second, but took first prize in the junior section. Also commended were Maureen Fletcher and Angela Ridgway.

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ORCHESTRAS - 1971

This was the third festival of its kind held in Lausanne, Switzerland, during the summer holidays. Its aims were numerous, the most important one being the fostering of music as a medium for international relations and understanding. Youth orchestras from Czechoslovakia, England, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, America and Canada took part, also an American Youth Ballet company. Each orchestra had its own schedule of rehearsals and concerts around Lake Geneva. The Midland Youth Orchestra, who represented England, had the honour of being the "host orchestra" at the Festival, and thereby playing all the national anthems at the inaugural ceremony.

The guest speaker on that occasion was Thor Heyerdahl of "Kontiki" and "Ra" fame. Other guests at the Festival included the conductors Rudolph Schwarz and Walter Susskind, the pianist Fou Ts'ong, and Donovan! He gave a concert during the Festival in aid of the Festival band and we formed a "backing orchestra" for some of his songs. Quite a change from the other orchestral programmes!

Outside rehearsal hours there was simply loads to see and do. Many excursions were arranged and inter-orchestral matches and competitions took place, including a gigantic football tournament (English football of sorts!). There was a concert every night given by one of the orchestras or guests, and a discotheque afterwards where all the orchestras congregated, minus instruments.

The main link between the orchestras was the formation of international orchestras. These were formed by audition, and of course meant extra rehearsals, but they proved worthwhile. I played in the "International Ballet Orchestra", formed for the performance given by the American Youth Ballet company. It was all contemporary work but went down very well with both young and old in the audience. The conductor was Janos Sandor from Hungary who repeated all his directions in Russian, English and German! I sat next to a Norwegian 'cellist who wore bright orange socks with his evening suit! Also unforgettable was the American piccolo player whose eyebrows shot up and down an inch while he played.

I'm sure the inhabitants of Lausanne will never forget this year's Swiss National Day celebrations when 300 Americans gathered down by the lake in the blazing sun to play the "1812" overture — cannons included. A performance of "The Planets" at night in the ruins of a Roman Amphitheatre at Avenches is also none too easy to forget.

Everybody who took part, either playing or listening, agreed that the Festival was an enormous success and next year's is already being planned.

Christine Linnemann U.V.I.R. Audley

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MUSIC FESTIVAL

In the summer term, the choirs of most of the secondary schools in Wolverhampton joined together to perform the "Saint Nicholas Cantata" by Benjamin Britten. The work was rehearsed separately in individual schools, and then the choirs amalgamated for several rehearsals before the performance.

The ensemble was highly honoured to be asked to sing the semi-choirs and special effects parts of the cantata, which they sang (so I am told!) very capably, owing to the excellent coaching of Miss Rees. The second half of the programme was made up of a Junior Choir organised in the same way, who sang "The Daniel Jazz" and "The Listeners".

On behalf of both choirs I would like to thank Miss Rees and Mrs. Macauley for coaching the school choirs, and Mr. Barker, who made such an effort to promote the success of the concert.

Joyce Manley, U.V.I.R. Paget

GAMES 1970-71**GAMES COLOURS**

Hockey Colours are awarded to Carey Amies, Jacqueline Worton, Sarah Vaughan.

Netball Colours are awarded to Anne Jones, Janet Hawthorne, Ann Hodgkiss, Susan Deacy.

We are trying to get some new colours but as the girls in the Upper VIth will not have very long to wear their award, we are giving them book tokens. Jacqueline and Sarah will be presented with their colours next term.

HOUSE TROPHIES

Senior Hockey	...	...	Stafford
Senior Netball	...	...	Stafford
Junior Hockey	...	...	Stafford
Junior Netball	...	...	Stafford

HOCKEY**1st XI from:**

Caroline Musgrove
Rosamund Heggs
Paula Rushton
Heather Hughes
Carey Amies
Jane Thomson
Jackie Worton
Lesley Wilkinson
Christine Morris
Sarah Vaughan
Julie Shanks
Jill Marshall

2nd XI from:

Jennifer Vaughan
Heather Hughes
Paula Rushton
Jackie Hockley
Anne Challenor
Sarah Newbold
Pamela Holes
Ann Gates
Jane Smibert
Anne Rundle
Philippa Hodgkiss
Susan Blewitt

U.14 XI from:

Frances Dalton
Alison Baker
Maura Shearer
Sarah Meddings
Lesley Webb
Janice Bird
Susan Richards
Valerie Turner
Michelle Wherton
Marion Gabourel
Elaine Gwilt
Wendy Salmon

U.15 XI from:

Jane Askin
Belinda Wilkes
Jane Cooper
Catherine Hutchison
Michelle Barry
Melanie Kitson
Elizabeth Oakley
Susan Bennett
Julia Hill
Andrea Lockett
Gillian Preston

HOCKEY FIXTURES—AUTUMN TERM

Sept. 19	—Wednesfield	A	1st XI	Won	5—0
			2nd XI	Won	2—0
			U.15 XI	Won	2—0
Sept. 26	—Solihull	H	1st XI	Won	5—0
			2nd XI	Won	5—0
			U.15 XI	Won	6—0
Sept. 30	—Pendeford	A	1st XI	Won	10—0
			U.15 XI	Won	3—2
			U.14 XI	Won	9—0
Oct. 3	—Kidderminster	A	1st XI	Won	2—0
			2nd XI	Won	4—0
			U.15 XI	Won	5—1
			U.14 XI	Lost	0—1
Oct. 10	—Stafford	H	1st XI	Won	6—0
			2nd XI	Won	5—0
Oct. 17	—Wellington	H	1st XI	Won	3—1
			2nd XI	Won	1—0
Nov. 14	—Burton	H	1st XI	Won	3—1
			2nd XI	Won	6—0
			U.15 XI	Lost	0—1
Nov. 21	—Stourbridge	A	1st XI	Lost	0—2
			2nd XI	Won	6—0
			U.15 XI	Won	3—0

HOCKEY FIXTURES — SPRING TERM

Jan. 16	—Wednesfield	H	1st XI	Won	3—2
			U.15 XI	Won	6—0
			U.14 XI	Won	1—0
Feb. 6	—Kidderminster	H	1st XI	Won	4—2
			U.15 XI	Won	2—0

Feb. 20	— Wellington	A	U.14 XI	Lost	0—3
			1st XI	Lost	1—2
			2nd XI	Drew	0—0
Feb. 27	— Brierley Hill	A	1st XI	Drew	1—1
			U.15 XI	Won	1—0
Mar. 13	— Solihull	A	1st XI	Won	4—0
			2nd XI	Won	4—1
			U.15 XI	Won	10—0
			U.14 XI	Lost	0—1
Mar. 17	— Pendeford	H	U.15 XI	Won	6—0
			U.14 XI	Won	7—0
Mar. 27	— Stafford		1st XI	Won	2—0
		H	U.14 XI	Won	3—0

Colours: Carey Amies, Sarah Vaughan, Jacqueline Worton.

NETBALL

1st VII from	U.15 VII	2nd VII	U.14 VII	U.13 VII from
Ann Hodgkiss	Jane Luscombe	Stella Saunders	June Sweet	Caroline Cowan
Janet Hawthorne	Hilary Phillips	Jacqui Gandy	Julia Goodwin	Jackie Braine
Louise Newbold	Julia Sawbridge	Anne Newill	Julie Devison	Trudy Marshall
Anne Darbey	Alison Cox	Julia Newell	Wendy Burgess	Jean Walker
Ann Jones	Gayle Warner	Anne Fowler	Rachael Fairclough	Julie Henley
Pauline Saunders	Lesley Salmon	Gill Leader	Susan Foster	Annette Southall
Susan Deacy		Carol Fielding	Angela Finch	Ann Pearce
Sally Hughes			Zoe Duckhouse	Joanna Tain
				Marjorie Moore

NETBALL FIXTURES – SPRING TERM

Sept. 19	— Wednesfield	A	1st VII	Lost	4—14
			U.15 V II	Won	9—8
			U.14 VII	Won	15—3
			U.13 VII	Won	10—4
Sept. 26	— Solihull	H	1st VII	Won	31—0
			2nd VII	Lost	10—19
			U.15 VII	Won	14—9
			U.14 VII	Won	18—3
			U.13 VII	Won	15—5
Sept. 30	— Pendeford	A	2nd VII	Lost	5—11
			U.14 VII	Won	20—2
			U.13 VII	Lost	5—11
Oct. 3	— High Arcal	A	U.14 VII	Drew	12—12
			U.13 VII	Won	7—5
Oct. 10	— Sir Gilbert Cloughton	H	U.15 VII	Won	12—10
			U.14 VII	Won	17—6
			U.13 VII	Lost	7—13
Oct. 17	— Wellington	H	U.15 VII	Lost	8—9
			U.14 VII	Drew	13—13
			U.13 VII	Won	8—7
Nov. 14	— Burton	H	U.15 VII	Won	15—7
			U.14 VII	Won	21—4
			U.13 VII	Won	9—3
Nov. 21	— Kidderminster	A	1st VII	Lost	7—12
			2nd VII	Lost	2—16
			U.15 VII	Drew	9—9
			U.14 VII	Won	13—12
			U.13 VII	Lost	2—5
Dec. 5	— Pool Hayes	H	U.15 VII	Won	15—10
			U.14 VII	Lost	11—14
			U.13 VII	Won	8—3

NETBALL FIXTURES — AUTUMN

Jan. 16	— Wednesfield	H	U.15 VII	Lost	8—9
			U.14 VII	Won	15—10
			U.13 VII	Lost	3—7
Jan. 20	— Wednesfield	A	1st VII	Lost	14—16
Jan. 27	— Convent	A	1st VII	Lost	8—11
			U.14 VII	Lost	9—10
			U.13 VII	Lost	1—11
Feb. 6	— Kidderminster	H	1st VII	Lost	11—12
			2nd VII	Lost	7—28
			U.15 VII	Lost	3—12
			U.14 VII	Lost	9—15
			U.13 VII	Lost	1—7
Feb. 20	— Wellington	A	U.15 VII	Lost	4—19
			U.14 VII	Lost	14—15
			U.13 VII	Lost	9—14
Feb. 22	— Town Team	A	1st VII	Lost	13—16
Feb. 27	— Convent	A	1st VII	Drew	12—12
Mar. 13	— Solihull	A	1st VII	Drew	10—10
			U.15 VII	Lost	2—14
			U.14 VII	Won	9—7
			U.13 VII	Won	9—6
			2nd VII	Lost	6—7
Mar. 17	— Pendeford	H	U.14 VII	Won	26—1
			U.13 VII	Lost	11—13
			1st VII	Drew	13—13
Mar. 22	— Town Team	A	1st VII	Lost	7—14
Mar. 27	— High Arcal	A	U.14 VII	Lost	5—10

TENNIS

1st VI from:
 Margaret Challenor
 Jill Marshall
 Ann Jones
 Anne Hodgkiss
 Paula Rushton
 Christine Morris
 Anne Darbey
 Louise Newbold

2nd XI from:
 Anne Darbey
 Louise Newbold
 Sarah Newbold
 Sally Hughes
 Jane Smibert
 Anne Challenor
 Jackie Worton
 Anne Ferguson

U.15 VI from:
 Julia Newell
 Julia Hill
 Pamela Holes
 Susan Bennett
 Anne Challenor
 Sarah Vaughan
 Michelle Barry
 Hilary Phillips

TENNIS FIXTURES

May 1	— Tamworth	A	1st VI	Won	9—0
			2nd VI	Won	9—0
May 8	— Stourbridge	H	1st VI	Lost	3—6
			2nd VI	Won	9—0
May 15	— Solihull	A	U.15 VI	Won	6—3
			1st VI	Won	6—3
			2nd VI	Won	9—0
May 22	— Kidderminster	H	U.15 VI	Won	8—1
			1st VI	Won	6—3
			2nd VI	Won	9—0
			U.15 VI	Won	7—2
June 7	— Our Lady of Mercy G.S.	H	1st VI	Won	7—2
June 26	— Wellington	H	U.15 VI	Won	6—3
July 3	— Wednesford	H	1st VI	Won	6—0
			2nd VI	Won	9—0
			U.15 VI	Won	9—0
July 10	— Solihull	H	1st VI	Won	6—2
			2nd VI	Won	8—0
			U.15 VI	Won	5—2

Colours: Margaret Challenor.

ROUNDERS

U.15 IX from:	U.14 IX from:	U.13 IX from:
Rosemary Watton Jill Stevenson Carol Fielding Michelle Barry Sue Barratt Sue Leach Sue Evans Anita Dyke Sarah Vaughan Helen Miers Sue Tidmarsh Patsy Denton	June Sweet Jane Goodall Julia Goodwin Wendy Burgess Valeric Turner Michelle Wherton Marian Jones Sue Richards Marion Gabourel Nancy Green Joanna Elton	Mandy Humphries Annette Southall Jackie Braine Terry Finnegan Grace Bennetts Janice Bird Lesley Webb Julie Hendley Jean Walker Heather Bicknell Marjorie Moore Trudy Marshall

ROUNDERS FIXTURES

May 1	—Tamworth	H	U.14 IX	Drew	5½ - 5½
			U.13 IX	Won	5 - 1
May 8	—Stourbridge	H	U.14 IX	Won	5½ - 4½
			U.13 IX	Won	1½ - 1
May 12	—Graiseley	H	U.15 IX	Won	4½ - 2
			U.14 IX	Won	11½ - 0
			U.13 IX	Won	2 - ½
May 15	—Solihull	A	U.15 IX	Lost	by 1 innings +5
			U.14 IX	Won	17½ - 10
			U.13 IX	Won	5 - 3
June 7	—Our Lady of Mercy G.S.	H	U.14 IX	Won	3½ - 2½
			U.13 IX	Lost	1 - 3
			U.12 IX	Lost	2½ - 4½
June 26	—Wellington	H	U.15 IX	Lost	3 - 5
			U.14 IX	Won	5½ - 1
July 3	—Wednesfield	H	U.14 IX	Won	7 - 5
			U.13 IX	Lost	½ - 2
			U.12 IX	Won	9½ - 3

NEWS OF SCHOOL SOCIETIES C.E.W.C

The big event in the C.E.W.C. year was, as usual, the Christmas Conference, held at Westminster Central Hall, London, and as in previous years the School supported it. The theme of this conference was "Towards Community". "Do the divisions of colour, creed, class and poverty present the final barriers to true harmony and co-operation between nations ?" we were challenged. Besides speakers, who included Mrs. Shirley Williams, M.P. and Dame Sybil Thorndyke, there was also considerable participation from actual C.E.W.C. members in the form of drama and discussion. It was a thought-provoking conference, not inconsiderably enhanced by our New Year celebrations in "the big city".

The general theme for the year was Education. Meetings included a speaker on "The Open University", a talk by two African students on the present-day education systems in their countries; a student from the Polytechnic talked about student discipline and their life at the college, which provoked a very lively discussion. In the Spring Term each school did a project on one particular aspect of education in our town. In a meeting at the Wolverhampton Polytechnic each school gave a talk to illustrate its findings, our entry on Primary Education being complete with film strip, owing to the work of Sharon Rifkind and other girls who did student-teaching last year.

To end the year there was a Day Conference at the Polytechnic, and also a showing of two films on development in Afghanistan and rescue and rebuilding in Yugoslavia.

Brenda Corns, U.VI.R.

SCHOOL CONCERT — MAY 27th, 1971

This concert was given by the orchestra, Junior Choir and soloists. Orchestral items included a short suite for orchestra by Dvorak, "The Vltava" — a musical picture of the journey of a river, by Smetana, in which the piano solo was played by Rosemary Thomas, and a Polka by Rheinberger. The orchestra also accompanied Jane Williams, who performed the first movement of Mozart's A major piano concerto. The recorder group appeared

for the first time at a school concert and played the very popular "Marche Militaire" by Schubert. The soloists' items were very varied. As well as the pianists already mentioned, we heard some Andalusian Songs by Hewson played on the oboe by Gillian Barker, and an Elegie for 'cello by Faure played by Christine Linnemann. The appearance of the guitar, played by Carol Mills, was a novelty not to be forgotten. She played a Caprice by Carcassi. Linda Hunt played a suite for flute by Handel. The section devoted to the Junior Choir in a variety of songs was warmly received. Two original compositions by Joyce Manley and Christine Linnemann, performed on various instruments from piano to glockenspiel and recorder, provided an interesting section of the programme.

Many thanks are owed to our conductors, Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Macauley; to the accompanists, Miss Rees, Mrs. Macauley, Joyce Manley and Jane Williams; and of course to all those who came and supported us. I'm sure they will all agree the evening proved a very successful one.

Christine Linnemann, U.V.I.R. Audley

THE MESSIAH

After long weeks of separate rehearsals, the School orchestra, choir and ensemble group combined for a run through of Handel's "Messiah". The inevitable happened : sheer chaos ! Miss Rees nobly managed to organise the seating plans for all concerned and with this important factor settled, gradually both choir and orchestra kept reasonably together.

Although this great oratorio is very popular, it is far from easy to perform successfully, but when the performance finally took place at Easter 1971 it was a great success. A full hall of parents and visitors showed their appreciation both in their applause and comments to the music staff (the most gratifying being that many thought it sounded as though the work had been originally written for female voices) and in their generous donations, which have been used to buy new music.

Thanks are due to all who took part in the choral singing and the orchestra; the soloists — both pupils and staff, and to Miss Rees, who guided us through this marvellous work so well.

Marylyn Troth, U.V.I.R. Stafford

"SONGS OF PRAISE"

After having taken part in "St. Nicholas" at the Civic Hall, the school choir was invited to take part in the television programme "Songs of Praise" for the B.B.C. We joined several senior choirs from other schools, and had several practices under the conductorship of Mr. J. S. Barker, Director of Music.

On Thursday, June 10th, we went to Darlington Street Methodist Church for a final rehearsal with the television cameras and lighting. There were also junior choirs, the Grammar School brass band and the Wolverhampton wind band. Margaret Turner sang a solo and among well known hymns, the juniors sang an African Hymn. The senior choir sang a very modern version of the hymn "Fight the Good Fight". The blessing was given by the Reverend Joseph Dowell. The recorded programme was actually seen on television on Sunday, July 4th.

Judith Mattocks, L.V.I.F. Audley

ORGAN AND CHORAL RECITAL

On Monday, July 19th, 1971, the School Ensemble and Marie Doherty, IVJ, gave an organ and choral recital in St. Chad's Church. Marie Doherty, a silver medalist at the Tamworth Music Festival this year, played several solos, including "Fantasia" by Berthold Tours, "Fugue in G minor" by J. S. Bach, and "Gavotte" by Dr. Arne. The Ensemble sang six pieces, including "The Silver Swan" by Orlando Gibbons, and "O Taste and See", by Vaughan Williams, in which Susan Burden sang a solo. There were two Hymns and the accompanist was Cyril H. Purser. All funds raised went to the St. Chad's Maintenance Fund.

J. Mattocks, L.V.I.F. Audley

JUNIOR CHOIR

In the Autumn term 1970, just before Christmas, a concert was held in St. Jude's Church, in which the Junior Choir took part. We sang a number of carols conducted by Mrs. Macaulay as part of a Christmas service. Later

in the year we sang at a concert in the Civic Hall with many children from other Wolverhampton secondary schools, and at a music concert in school.

On behalf of last year's Junior Choir I would like to thank Joyce Manley for accompanying us throughout the year and Mrs. Macaulay for taking our meetings.

Ann Pearce, IIIJ Audley

THE RECORDER GROUP

The Recorder Group, run by Mrs. Macaulay, has about twenty members. Last year we played the introduction to the School play as well as the music for dances in the play. The treble and tenor recorder players also played at the end of the evening. At the end of last term we played at the School Concert.

We have had increasing and very welcome support from the First Formers, but we are still short of tenor recorder players.

Helen Beech, IIIJ Stafford

DRAMATICS: THE WINTER'S TALE

"The Winter's Tale" has been rather a neglected play since its apparent popularity during Shakespeare's own time. This is a pity. Shakespeare spoke to an age of uncertainty rather like our own and his solution of grace, or self-knowledge through love, the optimistic belief that life endures, is certainly relevant to us.

It was therefore a most pleasing choice for the School play this year. Ceri Williams showed that she had studied the character of Leontes thoroughly and succeeded in making the sudden eruption of jealousy and the equally sudden realisation of his wife's innocence most convincing. Likewise, Susan Brett as Hermione brought out the drama of the trial scene with great dignity. Jo Fox made a delightfully shrewish Paulina, especially when she attempted to convince Leontes of his Queen's innocence. Praise must go to all the courtiers and especially to First Former Susan Bonnick, who, following in the honourable tradition of a nine-year-old Ellen Terry, was a most cheeky and effective Mamillius.

The long country scene where life and love are idealised has undergone a whole range of interpretations from the spectacular masques of James Fs court to the Hippy dream of the last Stratford production ! In the School production it succeeded in having a naturalness and gaiety which contrasted well with the artificiality and suspicion of court life. Alison Cox as Perdita and Louise Newbold as Florizel conveyed delightfully the innocence of the lovers.

Of course this scene offers opportunity for all kinds of talent and especially notable were the acrobats who set the audience gasping with their skill. Enjoyable too was the dance, the recorder playing and the amusing song from Mopsa, Dorcas and Autolycus. But it was Autolycus who stole the scene, snapping up "unconsidered trifles" and everyone's fat purses. Marylyn Troth is to be congratulated on bringing real humour to this part.

The all round effect of the play was completed by the skilfully executed set, and the lighting, with some very subtle effects in the prison scene and during Leontes' jealousy. But a special word of praise must also go to Miss Parsons who created a whole new wardrobe of costumes for the play, as much of the old stock was burnt last year during the fire. These traditional Elizabethan clothes were most effective, and the colours beautifully matched.

We must thank Miss Reidy and Mrs. Holland who devoted so much time to this venture. They were rewarded by a successful production and a most appreciative audience. They had trained the girls very well, especially over the speaking of the blank verse which is so complex in this play.

This "Tapestried Romance" has its happy ever-after ending, spring breaks through winter, love returns, Leontes re-awakens to faith and is redeemed and the audience is left in a contented and happy frame of mind.

J.B.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At the beginning of the year, J.D.S. was split up into groups, each group helped by a Lower-Sixth former, to write and perform plays for the other groups. After the varied and amusing results, the groups remained the same; half to perform one-act plays of their own choice, the other half to adapt ballads for performance to the other groups again. One of these adapted ballads was so successful, that it was performed at the following party for the Wightwick House children.

Then all the groups were reunited, and, as a whole, proceeded to attempt a production of "Romulus the Great", translated from the German. However, owing to difficulties concerning scripts, it was decided that this attempt was after all too ambitious, and was therefore abandoned.

Meanwhile, during the week when the theme in Assembly was "Talents", the whole J.D.S. group mimed an interpretation of the story of "The Drummer Boy".

"Alice in Wonderland", the final presentation of the year, was performed to the whole School at the end of the summer term. This was a success, enjoyed by all those who took part, and, we hope, by the audience as well.

Linda Fosbrook, U.VI.W. Ferrers

WEST MIDLANDS CLASSICS CLUB 1970-71

The Classics Club has enjoyed a year of varied activities, supported by a select but dedicated following. The first meeting, held at Rowley Regis Grammar School, consisted of an illustrated talk by Mr. Bryan Walters on "Classical History through Coins", which gave an interesting new slant on this important aspect of classical studies. Light relief was provided at the next meeting which took the form of a Balloon Debate at Bilston Girls' High School. Our school, represented by Archimedes (alias Anne Rosewarne) battled against such characters as Sappho, Julius Caesar and Catullus, but all were finally overcome by the scintillating wit of Bacchus, God of Wine, with his band of Dionysiac revellers from the Wolverhampton Grammar School in eager support! Sir Compton MacKenzie gave a valuable insight into early Minoan civilization and the Persian invasions in films shown at the Wolverhampton Grammar School at the next meeting. An informative lecture was given by Professor B. Rees of Birmingham University on the subject of "Translations and Translators" at Dudley Grammar School; while the Wolverhampton Grammar School entertained us for an address by Rev. F. J. Williams on certain points of Vergilian poetry.

Thanks are due to the organisers for providing us with this interesting and stimulating programme.

Alison Richards, Susan Hough, U.VI.W.

CAMBRIDGE GREEK PLAY

This year a party made up of pupils and staff of the Wolverhampton Grammar School and our school was lucky enough to attend the quadrennial performance of a Greek play at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. We were particularly privileged in that 1971 was the year for a Greek comedy which recurs only once in twelve years. The play this year was Aristophanes' "The Birds" produced in the original language though not in the original interpretation as the author might have expected! Such characters as Prometheus in the guise of an astronaut recently returned from some unknown moon shot apparently unrecorded for 414 B.C.; Hercules complete with leopard-skin, and Iris the messenger-goddess descending gracefully onto the stage on her flying trapeze, appeared before our eyes. The theatre was invaded by a chorus of birds, decked in brightly-coloured feathers, who danced, shrieked and chanted to the accompaniment of flashing lights and modern electronic music. It seemed as if Aristophanes, with or without his consent, had taken a step into the world of avant-garde surrealism. His happy sense of fun remained, however, and the performance was very enjoyable, despite the obvious problems of language which all of us shared.

We should like to thank Miss Wigley and Mrs. Field for accompanying us, and Mr. Sherdley for his guided tour of some of the Cambridge colleges.

Susan Hough, U.VI.W

NOX FESTIVA

One evening in May a strangely garbed collection of people assembled at Holly Lodge Grammar School. Clad in the dress of Caesar, Cicero and many other Roman nobles, we were taking part in the annual Nox Festiva. We were fed with such "Roman" delicacies as pineapple, fried chicken and ice-cream ! The meal was served by "servi" — recruited from the Fourth form, naturally ! After dinner we were entertained in the style of a true Roman orgy, particularly by the classicists of the Boys' Grammar School who wrote a highly amusing series of sketches. We were well represented by seven girls who all enjoyed the evening.

Joanne Fleetwood

DEBATING SOCIETY, 1971

The Debating Society did not get under way until the Spring Term. Jane Hitchcot was nominated chairman. At the first debate in January the motion was "This house is of the opinion that censorship should be upheld". After very heated discussion the motion was defeated. Our next meeting took the form of a discussion on "Why I would like to be Headmistress". As usual the meeting ended inconclusively, everyone having wandered off the point, but many interesting and amusing ideas were raised.

In March the Grammar School was invited to oppose the motion "Paradise is a woman-dominated society". The meeting was well-attended, both by the Grammar School and our school, and the proposers of the motion, Jane Williams and Linda Smith, gained an easy majority. It was felt that the meeting was enjoyable and worth repeating.

At an end of term meeting an informal discussion on "Apartheid" was arranged. The views expounded were somewhat one-sided but we agreed that this meeting proved no exception to the generally lively and worthwhile meetings held that term.

At the end of the Summer Term Mrs. Biggs held a meeting to establish a nucleus of people prepared to continue running the Society in the following term. Ceri Williams was nominated chairman. We are all very grateful to Mrs. Biggs for her interest in and support for the Debating Society.

Ceri Williams, U.V.I.R.

WOLVERHAMPTON MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

The newly organised association held several meetings during the year. The most popular events were the film shows at the Polytechnic where such films as "Orphie"; "L'Ascenseur a l'Echafaud"; "L'Auberge Rouge" and "Les Sorcieres de Salem" were seen by a good audience. The main event was the French Speaking Competition held in April. The School was represented by Lesley Webb (Junior Section); Edith Gainford (Middle School Section) and Anne Laceby (Sixth form). All the girls were complimented by the judges on their performance, and Edith Gainford won the second prize in her group.

E.A.T.

SCHOOL SAILING CLUB

The sailing that the club has experienced this season has been limited because of poor weather conditions and the fact that only four people can sail each week. This, however, is soon to be remedied, for the club hopes to join the Staffordshire Schools' Sailing Association. To do this we must present the Association with a relatively new "Mirror" sailing dinghy. If we are to obtain this, we must sell our present boat "Sea Hare". As members of the Association, we would probably all be able to sail at least one evening per week.

On behalf of the Sailing Club, I would like to thank all the people who supported our "Cheese and Wine Party". I would also like to extend these thanks to Mr. Spratling for helping us with our sailing each year.

Paula Rushton, Commodore S.C.M.

Since Miss Haworth has left we have formed a committee of Fourth-Sixth formers to organise S.C.M. meetings. These have centred on Bible studies one week and speakers or discussions the next week. We have found these meetings, especially the Bible studies, a great time of fellowship. The speakers have included curates from many of the local churches and other youth leaders. Now we are branching out into some practical work in supporting T.E.A.R. Fund. The meetings have been well attended and looking forward to the future, we hope to have some new events with the meetings now established.

The Committee

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

During the Spring and Summer terms, regular meetings of the Philosophical Society were held in the Dungeon, or outside when the weather permitted. We discussed a variety of subjects, including such topics as Black Magic and the Supernatural, in addition to more orthodox philosophical ideas.

In the Autumn term however there was an amalgamation between the Oxbridge philosophy lessons and the Philosophical Society. Thus we have had, under the aegis of Mr. Spratling, a bird's-eye view of the main philosophers of Western thought, ranging from Plato to Bergson. In this way we have laid special emphasis on the distinction between idealism and empiricism. Although the Society is smaller now, the members are all very enthusiastic, and we have held some interesting and lively discussions.

Alison Harper, VI.3

JUDO CLUB

Girls from all age groups attended Judo Club last year. Unfortunately Mr. Orr became ill and so lessons were cut short, and we were unable to take any examinations for Judo belts.

This year the lessons have been well attended. The girls have learnt many basic judo throws and holds, such as the major outer reaping throw (ostogari) and the scarflock (kesagatame). They have also learnt some adapted judo holds used for self-defence.

Once again, we should like to thank Mr. Orr for teaching us and Miss Hargreaves and Mrs. Shuster for giving up some of their own time to supervise us.

Hilary Docker, U.VI.R. Paget

YOGA

Yoga is becoming increasingly popular in the West and there are now television programmes, books and magazines, all trying to help everyone interested in Yoga to gain a better insight into it. In the Summer term a course of ten lessons was organised, giving a valuable opportunity to anyone who wished to find out more about Yoga.

The lessons were taken by Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Clark, and were held every Monday at 4 p.m. in the gym. The type of Yoga that we learnt about is called Pranayama Yoga, and during the lessons we completed the first movement. There were about fifteen girls who attended the lessons. We sat in a circle and Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Clark talked about the exercises and demonstrated them, whereupon we had to try them out, always remembering that Yoga is relaxed and you should never have to strain, which can be rather difficult when you are flat on your stomach with your legs locked underneath you!

As the weeks passed, we became less stiff and were able to master exercises such as the Lotus, the Stork Lotus, the shoulder stand and the Cobra. Yoga requires not only the relaxation of the body, but also relaxation of the mind. We would spend a few minutes at the end of each lesson lying on our backs with our eyes closed trying to relax our minds by thinking of nothing at all, but I don't think any of us quite managed to reach nirvana!

All who attended the Yoga lessons enjoyed them and benefited from them, and would like to thank Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Joseph for giving us our first insight into this way of life.

Jill Kerr, U.VI.W. Ferrers

COURSES AND VISITS

Moscow 1971

We spent five days in Moscow, staying on a camp-site about twenty minutes from the city. Our time was divided between organised visits and independent wandering.

Our trips as a party were arranged by our Intourist guide Tamara, who was most helpful. These trips included visits to all the well-known places such as Red Square, the Kremlin, the Mausoleum and the University. I think that our most memorable visit was to Lenin's tomb. As foreign tourists we only queued for about an hour, but the Russians, who were compelled to join the back of the queue, often waited for up to six hours just for two minutes' glimpse of Lenin, who is incredibly highly regarded.

As Communists the Russians do not accept religion. Therefore all the magnificent cathedrals are maintained merely as museums. We could not help but notice that all the altars had been screened off or removed.

Unfortunately our evening outing to the theatre was not as successful as it might have been. Having reached Moscow, the home of ballet, we were disappointed to learn that the Bolshoi theatre was closed and the company were on tour — in England! However we divided into two groups visiting either a song and dance ensemble or another ballet production.

Quite the best way of becoming familiar with a city is to walk, and we spent a large proportion of our time exploring in this way. The Russian-speakers experimented with the language, whilst the remainder of the party clutched phrase-books, or resorted to sign language.

As a general report on the holiday I would like to add a few points. We spent most of our time travelling. However, one does not notice the time because of the excellent company. Most of our accommodation was in tents, and although the conditions were not altogether luxurious they were adequate!

I would recommend anyone to take the opportunity of going on a similar holiday, as it is an excellent way of acquiring a general impression of life in different countries. It is also an excellent holiday!

Sally Hughes, U.VI.R. Stafford

AN IMPRESSION OF EAST AND WEST BERLIN

The wall that partitions West Berlin from the Soviet bloc, also encloses a haven of the products of western capitalism! East Berlin generally consists of blocks of stark, grey tenement buildings, especially near the area around the wall. The tourist's impression of the capital might initially be favourable as a vast region of the city has been remodelled. An equivalent of our Post Office Tower has been constructed just off a large square from which numerous streets radiate. A mosaic mural provides a focal point. However, if one is able to spend a night twenty-nine floors up, the "bird's eye" view gained from there would shatter any illusions.

Many lives have been sacrificed in the attempt to cross the division of East and West, epitomised in "Check Point Charlie". But this particular frontier post is uninspiring — almost bleak: it merely consists of a cobbled courtyard between lines of deserted buildings.

Once in West Berlin, the unrestrained chatter and bustle of the city is noticeable when compared with the austere character of that capital, within a few miles of the centre of West Berlin. The variety of clothing and general produce on sale is remarkable. Utilitarian goods make up the majority of the products sold in the East.

Our impression of both cities was however somewhat superficial considering we passed through the frontiers in under twenty-four hours.

Lesley Salmon, U.VI.R. Stafford

SVERIGE!

It was a cold bitter afternoon in mid-July and there we were with our Swedish guests, Maria and Tina, stranded at an overcrowded Luton airport, awaiting the arrival of our 'planes to take us to Sweden — if they ever materialized! (And they talk about British Rail! . . .) Four hours later, we took off, Julia and Maria bound for Malmo, and Chris and Tina heading in the general direction of Gothenburg. Having landed in the evening, we reached our final destination utterly exhausted, but looking forward to the days to come.

We both spent a couple of weeks in Southern Sweden, followed by an eventful week in Stockholm — the city of bright lights, swinging disco's and fun! . . .

The capital is very clean, modern and well-planned, linking the Archipelago of Stockholm. In this beautiful city, if one wanted a "cuppa" tea in a cafeteria one literally had to serve oneself — equipped with a tea bag and a cup of tepid water. (Milk, to the Swedes' way of thought, is an unnecessary commodity!) Night-life in this swinging city was superb; there was always a discottheque to visit, even if it was exorbitantly priced, with genuine cockney DJ s. Alternatively, there was a copious supply of cinemas, and the biggest fun-fair imaginable — "Gronen Lund" — which had to be seen to be believed.

Although their comparatively new and regular underground serviced all parts of the city, travel by bus was rather uncertain, leading to young people having to resort to hitch-hiking. Their so-called permissive society seemed rather strict when it came to alcohol and dancing; one could not buy spirits till the age of 21 and in some places, had to produce written evidence that one was really 18 before being allowed into any discotheque. This was because the Swedes are trying to discourage heavy drinking and teenagers being out late at night. (Most discos finished around 3 a.m.!)

Sweden is often called "The Land of Lakes", yet water was in short supply — notably at the most critical moments, when one was washing one's hair. Even after two days of torrential rain, Julia's host family had to call in the fire brigade to fill up their well, piped water supplies only having been laid in the towns in central Sweden.

Despite these minor set-backs, we both had marvellous and educational holidays, which we shall remember for a long time to come, mainly owing to the overwhelming hospitality of the Swedish people.

Julia Sawbridge, L.VI.A. Paget Christine Morns, L.VI.S. Stafford

AGRICULTURAL COURSE— or "Up in the morning's not for me !"

Feeling somewhat apprehensive, we set off early one misty Monday morning in September, to join an agricultural course at Staffordshire College of Agriculture, Rodbaston. We stayed at the college for a week, and though the climatic conditions seemed rather unfavourable to some of us, we enjoyed the time spent there, and came away with a different picture of what life on a farm is all about. Our mornings were spent learning about various subjects such as milk production, poultry, crops, farm management and horticulture.

In the afternoons we visited the livestock — cattle, sheep and pigs — and then it was time for us to really "dig our heels in" and get down to some practical hard work. Perhaps this was especially the case in milking, when the problem was to avoid being squashed between two hefty cows! Most of our evenings were taken up with lectures and films. A local veterinary surgeon gave us a very interesting talk on the practical side of his profession, and some humorous films on farm accidents were shown. Project work on the wider aspects of environmental studies such as conservation, pollution, and even Britain's entry into the Common Market, were carried out, and these were then assessed by the college staff.

Altogether we found the course interesting and enjoyable, and we did not even mind getting up at half-past five to feed the pigs — well somebody must have liked doing it!

We would like to thank all those who made it possible for us to go on this course.

Heather Freeman, L.V.I.S. Audley

Janet Vernon, L.V.I.S. Ferrers

Yvonne Turner, L.V.I.S.

Audley Claire Raybould, L.V.I.S. Paget

GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE — SLAPTON LEY, DEVON

After an eight-hour journey by train, ferry-boat and taxi, we eventually arrived at Slapton Ley Field Centre just in time for the evening meal. This was the beginning of an interesting, although at times exhausting, study of the geography of that area.

Our group consisted of twenty 'A' level geographers and a most informative and friendly instructor. Besides walking considerable distances in the immediate vicinity of the centre, we also visited Dartmoor and made a study of the settlement of Totnes (a nearby town) by coach.

We were surprised to discover the practical extent of geography — our course included carrying out a vegetation survey, considering the geology of the area and discussing the aspects of conservation at present disputed in Devon. Our basic geographical knowledge became sounder by actually sunbathing on such features as a raised beach!

As well as reaping educational benefit, we found that the glorious June weather, excellent food and good company all contributed to a marvellous week on the Devon coast. We strongly recommend that 'A' level geographers should take the opportunity to go on a Field Course.

Lesley Salmon, U.V.I.R. Stafford

Catherine Davies, U.V.I.R. Audley

BIOLOGY FIELD COURSE

Last March the Lower Sixth form Biology group was sentenced to a week's hard labour in Bangor. Amidst heart-rending farewells we set off in warm sunshine, but we arrived at the hotel in typical Welsh weather — it was raining.

The next morning a rather loud bell rudely roused us at the unearthly hour of 7.30. Despite the half-hour warning many of us (unused to getting-up early) were late for breakfast at 8 o'clock.

Strangely enough, it was raining. We spent a thrilling morning investigating the flora of extremely exposed sand-dunes and we returned late that evening with both our enthusiasm and clothes thoroughly dampened. Fortunately the food was very good and it served to revive our spirits each evening.

On Wednesday we trudged down 291 steps and across a dangerous looking bridge to a lighthouse where we were supposed to note the geographical structure of the rocks. Certain people took pity on a few caterpillars which, they insisted, were trying to reach the top of the cliff; so they gave them a lift. In the afternoon we visited a salt marsh, that consisted mainly of mud, as Miss Oakes, who sat down in it, will verify.

Thursday was spent on a rocky shore at Treaddur Bay, where we braved slippery seaweed and the rough sea that was washing over our "wellies" to study the animal inhabitants who seemed reluctant to cooperate. On another occasion we were on the shores of a lake surrounded by snow-covered mountains, where we looked in vain for insect-eating plants. The Biology group went on ahead of the Geographers, and so we were able to look back on Miss Saunders and others who were floundering in a bog. A similar incident occurred on a visit to Harlech where Miss Oakes had great fun watching Miss Saunders and the Geographers sinking into quicksand. On the journey home we stopped near an interesting river to investigate various aspects of it. One person characteristically fell in and had to complete the journey wrapped in Miss Oakes's blanket.

Despite all the unfortunate happenings everyone enjoyed the trip and felt it was an experience never to be forgotten!

CAPEL CURIG – 1971

We left school to the sounds of tears and sighs of pity from the Fifth form who had experienced and survived those days and nights at the Towers. Gravely we waved off, and as the feeling of gloom dispersed, thirty-one happy Fourth formers and three staff began to exercise their tonsils to the sounds of "Hot Love" and "Jack in the Box" which became the trade mark songs of the holiday.

The Fifth forms had briefed us on the food. Awful, they had said, so on stopping in Llangollen we bought out a few shops. We arrived safely (and warily) at the Towers shortly before dinner, and had just about time to bag the best dormitories before the evening meal. After an enjoyable meal we decided what groups we would be in, and then set off for what was called a short walk. This short walk (three or four miles) earned us all the name of "Beetroot Features".

The next day, after being issued with equipment for the week, we set off, for valley, mountain and hill walking. Miss Cox was in charge of the pleasanter group (us !). We arrived back at the Towers after a hardish day to welcome a shower and another good meal. (The food was varied and good. A warning about the showers — there isn't much hot water, so get it first!) After our daily lecture we retired to our dorms. With plenty of spare time to nurse our sore feet just before "official" lights-out, the ever reliable two (Mase and Jane) made us cocoa. The job remained theirs for the rest of the week. When we finally got to sleep, after much giggling and chattering, it proved to be comfortable bliss.

Sunday was spent rock-climbing, and about 500 letters made their way back to Wolverhampton to friends, relatives, and most important, boy-friends. This was generally a lazy day.

Monday was the assault on Snowdon. Two of the groups made it to the top. The third didn't. (N.B. We had to start from the very bottom.) The weather was terrible. We ploughed through the snow and driving wind, dressed in our "hellisinkies" and clutching our ice-axes. The group that didn't make it (a sensible lot) preferred to turn back and enjoy the bright lights of the Llanberis coffee bars. As Tuesday and Wednesday meant "camping", on Monday night we were issued with equipment, and John Malone showed us how the primus stoves should not be used.

On Tuesday morning our group set off to our barn, four miles from Beddgelert. The other groups went to Denbigh and Portmadoc. To our delight our barn was surrounded by army corps, Portsmouth Grammar Schoolboys, and scouts. The barn was rather smelly but we soon got used to it. In the afternoon we had a leisurely walk (all on the road and in the sun) to Beddgelert. After our meal, cooked by us, we settled down to a game of bridge, and Miss Cox patiently tried to drum the game into a couple of thick-skulled girls. At about midnight we tried to go to sleep amidst the giggles and shrieks at the sight of a spider. On Wednesday we woke up late, packed our stuff together, and began the walk back to the Towers. (We only managed to walk about four miles and the Towers sent the land rover to come and pick us up.)

On Thursday we went canoeing whilst the others went rock-climbing. Some went on a walk, having to find their own way using maps and compasses. Needless to say some got lost. The confident (!) canoeists did not capsize

(as expected . . .) but some of us came back rather wet. Even so spirits were high, and we sang "Hot Love" all the way home.

On the last night at the Towers (Thursday) a disco was held on the landing to the sound of T. Rex (yes, yet again "Hot Love") but the evening's entertainment was abruptly brought to an end because it could be heard in the stores. The weather again became miserable as we left the Towers, fittingly so, for the cheerful girls at the W.G.H.S. had given the place something to live for.

All in all we had a great time (despite the few chores such as washing-up) and we recommend people to go.

Sue Evans, Patsy Denton, Susan Tidmarsh, Helen Miers, Jill Stevenson (Fifth formers)

GERMAN COURSE

During the Christmas holiday, three girls attended the German course in London, organised by the Anglo-Austrian Society. According to one's standard, one attended lessons either in the morning or the afternoon, the lessons being held in Bedford College, in Regent's Park. For those of a higher standard, the emphasis was placed mainly on conversation, whilst for those less advanced, more time was spent on essential grammar.

The weekend was free, but optional films were shown on Saturday morning. Learning work and exercises were set, but the rest of the time was one's own, and everyone took the opportunity to look around the shops and visit theatres and cinemas.

A HOLIDAY WITH THE ANGLO-AUSTRIAN SOCIETY

The holiday in Austria was organised by the Anglo-Austrian Society. I was going to Payerbach, a small village in the east of Austria. I went with a friend, but as it happens, two other girls from the High School came with us. It was the morning of Wednesday, April 7th, 1971 when we started out on our long journey. We caught a train to London where we had lunch. Then we went to Dover, where we had a wait before we could go aboard the ferry.

It was from the ferry that I saw for the first time an overseas country. We could not see much of Ostende because it was dark, but from the Channel we could see all the lights of the town.

The journey to Payerbach took 24 hours by train. On Friday morning we looked around the village and in the afternoon we went for a walk in the surrounding hills.

One of the most enjoyable days we had was when we went up the Rax Mountains by cable car. Although it was hot in the valley there was still snow on the top of the mountains, and we had a fabulous time making slides and having snowball fights.

The day we went to Vienna we were told by our leader that we had to be on our best behaviour and look nice. He even made us polish our shoes ! In Vienna we saw Schonbrunn Palace, the Gloriete monument, the Lippizana horses at the Spanish riding school and the Prater, and we went shopping in Mariahilferstrasse, the longest street in Vienna.

Altogether seventy children from all over the country went on the holiday to Payerbach, and I think everyone of them enjoyed it, and I would strongly recommend the holiday to anyone thinking of going on it in 1972.

Sheila Myers, IVJ. Stafford

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

(News received after publication of the 1971 Magazine)

June 1970:

G. Blight
J. Hadfield
D. Parker
F. L. M. Stevens

E. Anglia. B.A. Hons. American Studies. Cl. II. 2.
Notts. B.A.
Surrey. B.Sc. Hons. Human Relations. Cl. II. 1.
Manchester. B.A. Hons. German. Cl. II. 1.

June 1971:

S. Biggin	Notts. B.Sc. Physics. Cl. II. 1.
V. A. Blundell	Sussex. B.Ed.
F. A. Bond	Warwick. B.A. Hons. Eng. and American Lit. Cl. II. 2.
V. M. Burgess	London. B.A. Hons. English. Cl. I.
E. A. Calvert	Aberystwyth. B.A. Hons. Geography. Cl. II. 1.
V. J. Crook	Manchester. B.A. Hons. English. Cl. II. 2.
C. Davies	London. B.Sc. Hons. Sociology. Cl. II. 1.
G. M. Dyke	Bristol. B.A. Hons. Eng. and Russian Lit. Cl. II. 2.
E. J. Farrands	Aberystwyth. B.A. Hons. History. Cl. II. 1.
J. Grice	B'ham. B.Com. Hons. Accounting. CL I.
E. Hall	Manchester. LL.B. Hons. Cl. II. Roman Law Prize.
C. Hassall	Wales. B.Pharm. Hons. Cl. II. 2.
P. I. Hayes	Cantab. M.B., Ch.B.
P. S. Hinkes	St. Andrews. M.A. Russian. Cl. II. 2.
M. A. Hocking	Leeds, M.B., Ch.B. Scattergood Prize for Obstetrics and Gynaecology
S. King	E. Anglia. B.A. Hons. European Studies. Cl. III
S. J. Marchant	Reading. B.A. Hons. Italian. Cl. II. 2.
J. Moore	London. B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry. Cl. II. 2.
M. Parkes	Cardiff. B.A. Hons. Classics. Cl. II. 1. Ellen Stanford Thomas Award. Bristol.
A. D. Picken	B.A. Hons. French. Cl. 1.
J. A. Prosser	B'ham. B.Sc. Hons. Physics. Cl. 1.
M. Rifkind	Manchester. B.A. Hons. Russian. Cl. III.
M. B. Robinson	Leeds. B.Sc. Hons. Colour Chemistry. CL II. 2.
S. Taylor	Manchester. B.Sc. Hons. Physics.
S. Whitehouse	Notts. B.A. Hons. Russian. CL I.
J. Wilmot	London. B.Sc.
S. H. Wilson	Cantab. Nat. Sci. Tripos. Zoology. CL III.

Many more are known to have completed their degree courses but the details have not yet been received. This is a very distinguished list and congratulations are offered to all concerned.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

WHITE CHRISTMAS

The snow is falling thick and fast
 It's Christmas time once more,
 Children coming singing carols
 Knocking on your door.
 Snowmen standing in the gardens
 Draped in raggy clothes,
 Children coming in from snowfights
 Soaked from head to toes.
 Christmas trees are brightly gleaming
 Draped with presents galore,
 Children coming to admire them
 Gazing on in awe.

Bronwen Pugh, I K. Stafford

A FACE

Before me shines a face sublime,
 A face that shows no mark of time.
 Sparkling eyes that shine with life,

A face that shows no sign of strife.
I see a face — but now it's gone,
A fleeting light that once has shone,
Now it's dead with age and fear.
That light no longer seems so near.

Susan Bonnick, II J. Paget

THE NAUGHTIEST GIRL IN THE SCHOOL

Her shoes were all muddy and down at the heel,
And all round her mouth were smears from a meal
Of bacon and sausage and ketchup and egg.
Splashes from puddles would run down her leg.
"You're late again Jill," the teacher would bark,
"I really must give you a conduct mark."
But what did Jill care ?
She was late everyday.
No-one could improve her in any way.
In French she would chatter and throw paper darts,
And give her poor teacher some terrible starts.
She wrote on the benches and climbed on the chairs,
That bad little girl didn't have any cares.
Her writing was sprawling, her books were a mess,
Her jumper was threadbare and so was her dress.
To be wicked and bad was her golden rule,
For she was the naughtiest girl in the school.

Lindsay Molton, II J. Ferrers

WITHOUT OUR BROTHERS . . .

Without our brothers, I think you'll agree,
We'd all be happy as happy can be.
We wouldn't need fights
To maintain our rights,
And we'd watch what we liked on the telly at nights.
But best of all, we wouldn't get sent
To bed at six for trying to vent
Our feelings on the little gent!

Melanie Wingrove, III L. Ferrers

THE TIDDLY-POM

I'm the Tiddly-pom
From Tiddly Land,
I stretch and I bend
Like a large rubber band.
My legs are all wobbly,
My arms are the same,
And nobody knows
From whence Tiddly's came.
I've lost all my feelings,
(The few that I had)
The only one left Makes me horribly sad.
My head is too big,
And my hands are too small,
And no-one I know,
Seems to like me at all.

Andrea Michell, III L. Paget

NOTHING

"What is nothing?" my young sister asked me. "Why, nothing is nothing," I said, "Do you see?" "Oh no, I don't see," said my young sister small, "Because if nothing is nothing why have it at all?"
I asked my mother and also my dad,
But they both looked at me as if I were mad.
"Nothing is nothing," they both said to me,
"But if nothing is nothing we wouldn't have it," said me.
I decided to look up what the dictionaries say, "Nothing is not anything," say all of them. But if it's not anything then I was quite right When I told Sister nothing is nothing, last night.

Kate Smith, III L. Ferrers

"WHEN I MOVE INTO TEN, DOWNING STREET"

When I move into Number Ten,
I'll throw down my paper and also my pen.
I'll do no work but play all day
Or get in my yacht and sail away.
I'll get friendly with Barbara and invite her in And we'll sort out our problems over a litre of gin.
(Please note the litre as well you may — We'll have to say that when metric's on the way.)
I'll call Harold up over the telephone
And ask him to hurry to my home,
And there we'll discuss the market so common
Ted, Harold and me (the only woman).
At the end of five years when I do retire, I'll throw the political papers right in the fire
And make a fresh start for the next one in charge
Before I set off to live on my barge.

Marie Hailey, IV K. Stafford

DAY OF FEAR

One cold and windswept day, when the windows creaked uneasily on rusty hinges, I walked slowly down the flight of stone steps, every step filled me with fear, and filled the building with a sharp clinking, as the steel heels of my shoes scratched the stone. My loose hair flew in my face with every breath of the sharp, icy wind. My heart was in my mouth as I turned the bend on the stairs and I felt the walls closing in on me. Rip! My heart skipped a beat, but looking down I found I had only ripped my white patterned tights on the cruel iron rail.
At last, I reached the bottom and turned cautiously to the right, I hesitated, but strove on. I knew the fate that awaited me, but I had to go through with it. I took a hold of myself and stumbled forward. Every creaking door sounded like a thousand wailing cats, but I turned a deaf ear.
My steps sounded different now, for I was walking on wood, and the noise echoed along the endless corridor. I turned for the last time. In front of me stood a formidable oak door. I pulled straight my black jumper, brushed back my hair. Creak!
The door opened, slowly, oh so slowly. I trembled and took a few contorted steps forward, forcing out the words, "Good morning Miss Scargill".

S. Ford, IV K. Ferrers

IGNORANCE

Come through the summer fields with me,
The rabbits are all dead through pollution you see.
They ate grass sprayed with D.D.T.
And Lord, now they've joined you in eternity.
They're all going you know, birds, bees, flowers,
But why should we care?
It's their lives, not ours.
We've got our ships, our trains, our towers
And Lord, our hands and brains made them, not your powers.
Leave us alone Lord!

Leave us be!
 We've got our air, our earth, we can hear and see.
 We're gods on earth.
 We must be free
 From you....
 We don't need you....
 Or your eternity!

Catherine Watton, IV K. Ferrers

FACES

A tramp walked down the road today.
 Unshaven," clothes torn and in rags. He kicked a can, and dragged his feet, His possessions were all in an old string bag. And yet, his face, though dirty with grime Seemed an example for the rest of our time.
 He carried his head with dignity,
 His eyes merry and bright,
 His mouth curled at the edges to smile,
 His chin was framed by a beard turning white.
 This tramp he seemed so burden free.
 But I know not what reason he had to be.
 A housewife walked down the road today.
 Flustered, hair straggling and weary.
 She carried her shopping with a child as well,
 Stopping now to rest and then on again.
 She was so tired her eyelids drooped.
 Her eyes were sunk in her head, as she stooped
 Picked a tin of small baked beans,
 Flung them into her basket and stopped to breathe.
 Her mouth was drawn into a thin, straight line,
 Her whole being seemed to seethe.
 This housewife with comforts and blessings untold
 Was so different from the tramp, whose spirit could never grow old.

Brenda Trow, IV K. Ferrers

FACES

The old hermit sat alone,
 Thinking.
 Thinking about Faces.
 This is what he did all the time,
 Now there was no-one else.
 No one to laugh with and talk to.
 It was his own fault that he had no friends.
 It was he who had rejected them.
 Faces.
 Suddenly he saw his mother when she was —
 A Loving Face.

His lover when she was —
 A Beautiful Face.
 His brother when he was —
 A Carefree Face.
 His dog, dead,
 With a Happy Face.
 Why had he himself rejected them ?
 Suddenly his mind was a
 Tumult,
 Remembering tens, hundreds, thousands, of
 Faces.

Pressing on his senses like a ton of cold clay

The strain was driving him mad.
 Or was he that ahead ?
 Yes. That was why he had rejected those Faces.
 Now his mind was clearing.
 He could see a wonderful light, leading him on,
 Pulling him towards eternity
 Wonderful light, release him!
 He is old, let him rest!
 Then Peace, at last, comes over him.
 And he is still.

Deborah Griffiths, IV K. Ferrers

RELEASE

I gaze around the crowded room,
 My imagination drifts and the people are gone.
 The room is cold,
 And black.
 I have fear.
 A streak of bright light cuts across the bleakness,
 And a slight tang of warmth
 Fills my body.
 My soul is set free for a short moment.
 I am alone in an obscure purgatory,
 Yet the heavens are opened to me
 And I have found myself within my body.

Diane Whiles V K.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN

Time was passing slowly,
 Death was now in sight.
 Guns had ceased their firing,
 Peace was soon to come.
 Night and death were drawing on
 The agony was gone;
 Just an awful numbness was creeping through his limbs.
 His eyes had lost their youthful spark
 Of only hours before.
 Was this indeed the glory of that horror known as war?

Catherine Hutchison, V M. Audley

SINE AMORE

Why can an emotion received not be rewarded?
 I wonder.
 The sea at last wears at the shore
 The fall, the rock —
 But love cannot always move the heart
 I believe.
 I have made many a foolish move
 In my time,
 But none so foolish as I am about to make.
 I fear as I cogitate on my next deed
 Wrong or right?
 Should I accept the answer as the earth, the sun?
 Or desert all for eternity; as the dead this world depart?
 I know the answer — but don't want to know....
 I cannot love.

Sharon Kronheim, L.VI.A. Stafford

HEADMISTRESS'S RETORT (sorry, read Report)

Last year was an eventful one. Many girls and members of Staff have come and gone and many alterations have been made to the building — including the addition of the immortal words "Kilroy was Here" to the Staff Notice Board.

Due to a mysterious explosion (which Edith Gainford had nothing to do with) the new Biology Lab. is now to be found in the corner of the dining room, which has subsided due to an extra heavy sausage.

Room 8 was last seen in the Atacama Desert, due to a highly strung fiddle in Room 1.

Our Prizegiving was held at the Civic Hall when the chair was taken by Alderman Ivor Bunion — we hope that he will return it as soon as possible.

Girls who were at school when Dame Twiggy Nometry taught maths will be happy to hear that she married Monty Pyth-Agoras last week; they embarked on a honeymoon to Cos Ta (n) del Sine in a banana boat.

We were sorry to lose "La Tree" (our French mistress as she was commonly called) who disappeared while taking 400 girls on a weekend trip to Paris. (Edith Gainford had nothing to do with it?)

Unfortunately, thieves broke into the school in July and stole a pump, a pair of glasses, and a tape-recorder. We understand that the police are looking for a one-legged, short-sighted tennis player who likes the sound of his own voice.

The examination results this year were not up to the usual standard. Only 88 girls got 15 O-levels, the other two (who got 13) will be severely reprimanded by being put on a diet of School-Sago (note the clever use of illiteration) for a duration of one month whilst reciting the School-Song in Greek.

News of Old Girls:

Helena Winthrop (and Helena Winthrop) has attained a Degree in Schizophrenia at the Royal Holloway. Launder Rette has attained a Degree in Washing at Bath University.

Mildred Buckrarebit has become the first intrepid explorer of Outer Penn.

News of very Old Girls:

Waltz-Inga-Matilda has formed an old time dancing club for all former dustbinmen.

News of extremely very Old Girls: There are none.

S.M. and F.W., L.V.I.T. Audley and Paget

HOW TO SPEND HALF-TERM PROFITABLY

A short guide to the profitable utilisation of leisure time for those poor benighted souls, unlike myself, who rapidly become bored in the school holidays:

SATURDAY: Resolve to put in a little extra effort this half-term — begin your homework!

After ten minutes abandon boring textbook for hair-raising Agatha Christie or sloppy romantic novel (according to taste).

SUNDAY: Spend day in bed listening to Radio One. When the smell of the Sunday dinner cooking lures you from your bed, descend to dining-room, deaf to parental exclamations of horror, in dressing-gown and curlers.

MONDAY: Make your contribution to the Anti-Pollution drive — offer to tidy your bedroom. (Reader may wonder at this, but which is the lesser of the two evils — that or helping mother with her chores?) It is unlikely that your offer will be received other than with the greatest pleasure.

TUESDAY: Over breakfast, shock parents by expressing a wish to redecorate bedroom in a colour scheme based on purple with orange spots. Spend rest of day sulking because (of course!) parents have different ideas.

WEDNESDAY: Spend morning talking on the telephone to similarly bored friend. In afternoon, experiment with latest weird look in make-up. Do not say anything to mother until evening, when express a wish to go out. *If* she lets you go out "looking like that", go and see an "X" film.

THURSDAY: Early closing day. Spend day drifting around house complaining there is nothing to do (do not draw mother's attention to fact that most stores now have six-day shopping, as she may attempt to get rid of you by sending you on an errand).

FRIDAY: If yesterday's action (or lack of it!) succeeded, mother may well send you on a shopping spree. If lucky you may even get financial assistance.

SATURDAY: Go to football match, if THEY are playing at home. Arrange to get beaten up by visiting supporters, as part of plan to extend half-term to three weeks. Arrive home in a sufficiently wretched condition to worry parents, but try not to arrive in such a state that they do not recognise you, as they are not likely to administer enjoyable alcoholic remedies to a complete stranger.

SUNDAY: Spend day trying to convince mother that you could not possibly go to school next day with the injuries sustained yesterday. (Writhe in agony to heighten effect). If by about seven p.m. you have still not convinced her, it will suddenly hit you that you have not done that homework, and you will almost certainly spend Sunday evening in a state of nervous exhaustion.

N.B. The author of this article accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the fate of anyone reckless enough to take this advice seriously.

Sue Vincent, L.VI.H. Paget

A PALINDROME POME

Thus reading through Einstein,
 Professor X found the line —
 An arbitrary minus sign,
 Meaning time has two-way motion.
 "This, of which I had no notion,
 Will go down in the history of our time.
 By a machine (I will make this day)
 I'll turn back time," I heard him say.
 And thus, as he pressed down the switch,
 "I'll turn back time," I heard him say,
 "By a machine I will make."
 This day Will go down in the history of our time.
 This, of which I had no notion,
 (Meaning time has two-way motion)
 An arbitrary minus sign —
 Professor X found the line
 Thus, reading through Einstein.

Hilary Downes, L.VI.S. Paget

ARE YOU THE PERFECT SCHOOLGIRL?

1. When not giving in your homework, do you :
 - (a) apologize regretfully and promise to give it in the next day ?
 - (b) fabricate the most ingenious excuses ? or (c) not even consider the matter ?
2. When you are trudging nonchalantly along, hat in hand, chewing gum, wearing trendy wet-look sling-back shoes and your microscopic tunic, and you notice a member of staff who appears to be heading straight towards you, do you :
 - (a) cross the road and look the other way?
 - (b) become instantly transformed into a paragon of virtue, and act as if nothing has happened? or
 - (c) stick your hands in the air, put your left foot in the mouth of the nearest postbox and a bucket on your head and hope she/he does not notice you?

3 When you are blocking the corridor at lunch time, loudly discussing with your friends the relative merits of Paul Newman/George Best/ Nell Diamond/Robert Plant, etc., and you find yourself chatting cosily with your most unfavourite teacher instead, do you :

- (a) turn a becoming shade of purple and start to howl?
- (b) smile prettily and ask for his/her opinio ? or
- (c) drop dead!?

4. When flicking peas at your contemporaries, then diving below the table for cover and finding yourself nose to nose with the dinner lady, who is tied up and gagged, do you :

- (a) get up quick, and defect to the other side ?
- (b) ask her if this is a private game or can anyone join ? or
- (c) blush readily (or redily!) try to rise quickly, bashing your head on the table and quietly pass out ?

5. When having just been put in possession of a brand new netball, you over-zealously miss the post and watch the ball roll sedately into the pool in the midst of frogspawn/lice/mud/defunct members of staff, etc., do you :

- (a) gallantly put on your waders and go for a paddle ?
- (b) contemplate the sky for a few moments, hum the school song quietly to yourself and then depart rapidly in the direction of Outer Mongolia ? or
- (c) see how long it takes to sink ?

6. When sitting in the library improving your nails, sipping your mid-morning cocktail and removing your friends split-ends, and the Board of Governors come in to discuss the next candidate for expulsion, do you :

- (a) offer to "leave" the school ?
- (b) hijack the nearest milkfloat for emigration purposes ? or
- (c) turn green and retire to the sick room ?

(Please turn to page 42 for the scores)

Kate Parry, L.VI.H. Paget
Alison Cox, L.VI.T. Audley
Jane Smibert, L.VI.S. Ferrers

JUDO — from the mat looking upwards

For me, Wednesday evenings means one hour of Judo. I have no idea why it is so called but I have one theory: four words having the initials **J.U.D.O.**

J is for JEANS. It was stressed that we were to wear loosely-fitting jeans. I had to slim drastically to make my jeans loosely fitting. (However I have been able to buy a new pair of trousers one size smaller!)

U is for UNLADYLIKE. That is Judo described in one word!

D stands for DEFENCE: Self-defence actually. With my present knowledge, I would just be able to throw my tall ugly attacker who accosted me in a dark alley (not that I ever walk through dark alleys) if he would do five things first:

- (i) Stand still.
- (ii) Feet eighteen inches apart.
- (iii) Place his right foot three inches from my left foot,
- (iv) Place his left hand on my arm and
- (v) his right hand on my shoulder, and "do not struggle!"

O is for OUCH! My lesson, as I have already said, is on a Wednesday; and it takes until Saturday to recover!

Jacqueline Hockley, L.VI.S (Paget)

GHOST STORY

I was falling slowly into a long black hole, down and down. A loud whistling filled my ears. I could not at first open my eyes. Then I felt the waves splashing me. The beach was empty and the sun was setting. I felt as though I had been lying there for hours. My swimsuit was wet, but I had no clothes to put on. I decided to go home — it was now quite dark.

I climbed up the hill, but when I saw the village, I stood still.

A cold fear gripped me : everywhere was changed, different.

Instead of the countryside, I saw the outline of skyscrapers and enormous buildings.

When I was among these buildings I saw that there were no real streets, only broad paths with flower beds along the edges.

Seeing a woman approaching, I went to her to ask where I was.

When I was asking her, she suddenly screamed and ran away into the darkness. Terrified, I stood there wondering what she had seen.

Behind me a man shouted, "Hey you! Come here!". My arm was suddenly seized and I was dragged helplessly through the flowery ways.

I was taken into a tumbledown house. My attacker shut the door and blinking in the light I saw that there were other people in the room. He looked at me angrily and said:

"Why did you frighten that woman? You know you ought not to be seen! Oh!" he exclaimed, "but you're new here, aren't you?"

"What do you mean, new?" I asked. "And where am I?"

"Look at that calendar," said one of the men.

"It is July 19th, 9171."

"Ha, ha! Funny joke," I said. "It is July 19th, 1971. That is a printing mistake"

"Will you believe me if I tell you there are now two moons?" he asked. I stared at him, went outside, came back and sat down.

"I believe you," I said.

These people, from so many different centuries, patiently tried to explain and I gradually understood what had happened.

Sometimes time becomes bent and may, for a split second, join another age.

If a person dies at that moment the spirit becomes lost in the other time.

Eventually the mistake corrects itself, freeing the spirit from earthly ties.

To ordinary people we look like white human shapes.

Indeed, we look like, and are, ghosts.

It is now the year 9175.

My friend, who told me the date that terrible night four years ago, was freed yesterday.

Perhaps, one day I.....

Gillian Kerr, U.V.I.W. Ferrers

ARE YOU THE PERFECT SCHOOLGIRL?

What a question. I'd hope the answer was obvious.

Of course I am.

Here I am at the top of the school setting an example for "the little ones". How could I be else?

My skirts are a demure ten inches above the knee; my blouse shows true taste as the frays on both cuffs match perfectly and there is always an even number of buttons missing.

My tie is a picture of cleanliness (from the underside) and my shoes have the unusual but truly classic design of a hole in each sole with ventilation built into the uppers.

The darns in my sweater blend in perfectly with the original wool and you'd never guess its age.

Physically I am, of course, perfect. My vital statistics are more vital than most, being somewhere round about 36-26-38 (give or take quite a few inches here and there).

My long blond hair sheds split ends at every step and floats freely behind me displaying the well-known Sixth-form privilege which Juniors ape with varying degrees of success.

My spotty face is just as it should be — naturally spotty (what schoolgirl would be without them, and, as I said, I do set the example), and my chewed finger nails are the toast of the J.C.R.

Once again, leading the field, I never attend games lessons (if you'll excuse the pun) setting the tone for the majority of the Upper Sixth. And, following along the same lines, I always get out of duties as often as possible.

Prep, is always handed in three days late, and I am proud of having it returned embellished with beautiful red stripes.

My enthusiasm for all well-known school societies is unsurpassed, and I can safely say that I'm a real asset to the school.

Just what is going to happen when I leave ?

Shh — you-know-who ☺ U.V.I.R. Stafford

WOLVERHAMPTON GIRLS' HIGH STREET

Fish Shop	Mr. Spratling
Pet Shop	Mrs. Lamb and Miss Fox
Travel Agency	Mrs. Holland
Bank... ..	Mr. Lloyd
Plumbers	Mrs. Tapsfield
Library :	
Librarian	Mrs. Reade
Assistant Librarian	Miss Reidy
Arts and Crafts	Miss Woolley
Cake Shop	Mrs. Taylor
Talk of the Town	Mrs. Tarbuck
Church	Miss Parsons
Town and Country Planning	Mrs. Field
Men's Clothes Department... ..	Mr. Taylor
Gardenland	Miss Oakes and Mrs. Plant
Parks Department	Miss Bantock
Sports Centre (fencing specialist)	Mrs. Parry
Paget Surveyor Staff addition : Cinema (commissionaire)	Miss Kuphal (queue full?)

B.K. SCORING (See page 39)

1. (a) 0; (b) 2; (c) 3.
2. (a) 1; (b) 0; (c) 3.
3. (a) 1; (b) 2; (c) 0.
4. (a) 2; (b) 3; (c) 0.
5. (a) 1; (b) 2; (c) 3.
6. (a) 0; (b) 3; (c) 1.

Scores

20-25	You have cheated!
15-20	You cannot count!
10-15	Congratulations, you have won the leadership of St. Trinians!
5-10	There is hope for you yet!
0 - 5	Join the "Goodies"!

NEWS FROM ABROAD

MISS MEREDITH writes:

The opportunity to join a Guides friend on a trip to India and Nepal was too good to miss, so I met her in Delhi, then we went up to Kashmir for a few days and then on to Nepal . . . Delhi was very hot, so much so that when I got back to Ceylon — 10°F. lower — I felt positively cold!

It has well laid-out public buildings and suburbs — the latter are extending rapidly — but of course the usual high-density building in the old part . . . The whole countryside around is littered with Mogul tombs, of all sizes and in all states of repair, and nearby is an old city which was built, and then abandoned, for lack of water. There was another not far from Agra in very good repair.

I went down to Agra for a day to see the Taj Mahal, rather against my better inclinations. However, everyone said it was worth it, and I was glad I went. The outer minarets are built leaning slightly outwards, so that they won't fall and destroy the tomb if there is an earthquake, but the effect is to create the illusion that the whole mass of white marble is about to leave the ground, and this does not really come over in pictures . . .

Srinagar was spoilt by the touts, so we got a bus to Sanamarg, about 70 miles nearer the mountains. This bus had the narrowest seats I have ever seen, and was jam-packed, mostly with labourers from a hydroelectric scheme. The roof was piled high with the oddest assortment of cargo. I should have loved a photograph of our fellow-passengers, but didn't dare as people weren't too keen on being taken in that area . . . We stayed the night in a rather smelly rest-house, but it was lovely to see new snow on the mountain when we woke up, and to go for a short pony ride up the valley before cramming ourselves into the bus again. The hills were rather like the Pyrenees or the Alps on a larger scale, but we couldn't see any of the really big ones. One wasn't allowed to go far anyway as it was a military area . . .

We had to return to Delhi to get to Nepal. Fortunately, the Nepal flight left very early ... so we saw some of the Himalayan giants in the distance . . . Annapurna and Dhaulgiri . . . Everest was just out of sight. That was all we saw of them, as it was monsoon time, and a later attempt to see the sunrise over the Himalayas resulted in being completely stuck in the mud in a four-wheel drive Landrover.

Katmandu was fascinating. It had a modern part . . . but the old part obviously had hardly changed. It had its snags as well as its interest and picturesqueness — the side streets had open sewers, mediaeval pigs, and I believe, a high child mortality rate. You had to be careful where you stepped in the temple courtyards, as out of the centre, houses didn't appear to have toilets! There were temples everywhere, in all states of repair, or rather disrepair: some more or less straight Buddhist, but others a complete mixture of Buddhism, Hinduism and probably Animism, with mythical beasts all over the place. Wherever you looked on houses or temples there was the most ornate and intricate carving . . . Kashmir incidentally, was the place for opium. Every shop and meeting place had its hookah, smoked quite openly, whereas in Nepal, although about, they were not so much in evidence . . .

After the August rush I have little to do — the whole education system is being turned upside down . . . everyone is busy trying to get out teachers' guides in Sinhala for a new curriculum starting in January . . . This is really an impossible task, mainly because there are so few resources, and such shortages of accommodation, teachers, books, etc. . . . Schools have to alter arrangements continuously . . . More things are becoming obtainable in the shops and prices are going up, although nothing like they seem to be in England . . .

BETTY WATKINS is now teaching in Kenya, and writes:

Our girls came back on Tuesday and already I'm feeling as though there never was a holiday, even though it was six meals long! We do get long holidays as we are a five-and-a-half-day week school, and so far we have escaped having to do an in-service training course for three weeks or a fortnight in the long holidays. These are designed for primary school teachers, most of whom leave school after 'O' level (some even after only two years of secondary school education) and the idea is to bring them up to 'A' level standard. The level of education of teachers is still very low in many respects.

We were excused from the course on the grounds of our school building programme; there was no water supply in the school (not staff housing) buildings while new pipes were being laid. The school expansion is largely taking the form of new school kitchens, a two-storey domestic science block and two-storey dormitory, a new laboratory and extra space in the school chapel, which gets very crowded at morning assemblies and Sunday morning service. Next academic year (in January) we are planning to increase our Form 5 (Lower VI) intake by fifty per cent and again in the following year, so that in two years' time we shall have a total Sixth in excess of one hundred and fifty girls. The selection of 'A' level subjects will be quite ambitious too; we are already one of the first schools in Kenya to offer Domestic Science, and a commercial course is planned. I hope the staff can be found ! For instance we shall need two more graduates in the English department to cope with the vast increase. At present we have one division in each Sixth form year, about twenty-five girls (too many!) in each. We could certainly fill two divisions, and might even need three.

Much of the money for our expansion project has come from Dutch and German sources. Our headmistress, Mrs. Waithaka, visited Germany last year. But now we have launched an appeal to raise the rest of the money needed in Kenya. Unfortunately there is another girls' secondary school appealing for money at the same time and they seem to be doing better than we are ! Nevertheless, the girls themselves collected money during these last holidays.

Now a little about my holiday safaris. First, a fortnight at the coast, just the place to relax after term ended. Then a few days' camping in the Samburu Game Reserve, where we saw onyx, gerenuk, Grevy's zebra and reticulated giraffe (animals not found further south) and where the views of the Rift Valley and Mount Kenya were

magnificent. I turned down an invitation to go with the same group of people to Lake Rudolph; possibly a wise decision I thought afterwards, since their journey involved several times getting stuck in floods, and a burnt out engine in one of the three cars!

PAMELA DARBEY has been to Australia for three months on an English Speaking Union scholarship. She flew from Heathrow on the 9th July and worked with the A.B.C. for eight weeks. She writes :

Only managed to snatch a couple of hours sleep en-route — we had two short days and two even shorter nights!

We landed at Beirut at 23.00 G.M.T. where we were allowed to disembark, but no photos — otherwise film would have been confiscated. By the time I got down the gangplank the bus had gone (to take us 50 yards across the tarmac !) and two burly members of the local militia, complete with rifles, were barring my way. The security officer, who bore a distinct resemblance to Omar Sharif, was most apologetic, and took me on a guided tour of the plane's refuelling process, by way of consolation. We left Beirut — warm at 75°f. — at 2.00 a.m. Beirut time.

From Beirut to Delhi we flew into the night and out again, arriving at 11 a.m. Delhi time!

Delhi was hot — but hot! 86° with a humidity of 70%. It is difficult to describe quite how it felt, getting out of the plane — but the most accurate analogy is probably to say that it was just like going into a sauna bath! . . .

And so on across India, and then out across the Bay of Bengal, where we experienced some quite severe turbulence (monsoon season !). The sun set as we flew down the coast of Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand (best way to learn Geography) and we landed at Singapore at 7.21 local time. The landing was something of an event as it took place in pitch darkness in the middle of a raging thunderstorm (no rain). Singapore was sultry at only 82°f. with tremendous humidity and a strong smell of rotten cabbages, which the hostess informed me was quite normal!

The hop to Darwin was not long — about three hours — but bumpy-ish. At Darwin the plane was sprayed and re-sprayed for disease, by an almost unbelievably colonial gentleman : white T-shirt covering a great paunch, white Bermuda shorts and long white socks !

So across Australia to Sydney, over great expanses of primeval mud and sand, with little else : then this incredible dawn — at seven miles we could see right over the Eastern seaboard to the sun glinting on the Pacific.

As I sit by my window I can see the whole of Sydney : below and to the right, sordid King's Cross — the Soho of Sydney, with its restaurants, bars, strip clubs and sleazy dens. To the left and about two miles away, the whole of the harbour: on the hill, Kensington (the 'city') with its skyscrapers, in the foreground the familiar outline of the Opera House — disastrously expensive and as yet uncompleted — and dominating the whole scene, the Harbour Bridge . . .

Wollongong is 50 miles south of Sydney: so to get there we went right out into the country — very different from our "green and pleasant land". Australia really is a "burnt" country : huge forests of dark green trees with grey trunks; red dust roads, and all against the shining blue of the winter sky. A harsh and dazzling juxtaposition, to English eyes. Down in the valleys it's different — the colours are much softer there, the trees almost transparent, making it difficult to gauge the depth of the forests ... the grass too is near colourless.

After a week in Radio Planning, where I learnt loads, I then graduated to T.V. Planning to do a real job with real work — and really boring work at that! Still I have now made my contribution to the organisation of the A.B.C. and have absolutely no qualms about going on to find out a lot more for myself. Tomorrow I'm going to the T.V. studios at Gore Hill to do a day's typing, followed by three days in Drama, followed by work as an Assistant Floor Manager (probably Floor Sweeper !) . . .

I went sunbathing last Sunday on Balmoral Beach: absolutely beautiful weather — almost good enough for swimming, but I couldn't bring myself to it! Sydney is just gorgeous when the sun shines : the harbour is so beautiful, with lovely clean beaches. All the Australians think it's freezing at the moment, and go around wearing woollen trouser suits. The problem about the temperature seems to be that it's always extreme — either 70°F. or 7°F.! . . .

At the weekend I went to the Londau Caves in the heart of New South Wales. When you see the countryside you can understand why it is called N.S.W. — very much like Wales in places — not rocky, but the moors and heaths are very similar. Londau Caves are limestone, and in them, amongst other things, is a fossilised bat! (Pam then went from Sydney to Brisbane and thence to New Guinea . . .)

We flew over the Barrier Reef, which is absolutely beautiful — lots of little islands, brilliant turquoise coloured, surrounded by white beaches and a ring of surf.

On landing at Port Moresby, I reported to the A.B.C. where I had a very warm welcome. It was pretty hot. Although everyone kept complaining of the cold, I managed to get burnt. These colourful places are very strange, there's an odd atmosphere of "cameraderie" amongst the expatriates and Aussies.

All very different in Goroha where I am now. Goroha is a small town in the Highlands where the people are still extremely primitive. They walk round the town in G-strings and with warpaint on. My "pidgin" is improving daily ! It is a language of few words, but each has many shades of meaning "Yumi (you and me=we !), wanpela (are), pipal (people)!"

Madang ... the real "Bridge over the River Kwai" thing — palm trees, tropical forests, estuaries and waterways, desert islands; the hostel is situated on the banks of a small lagoon where the natives arrive with their outrigger canoes. There are 45 islands within 38 square miles of sea — we went to one which was a sort of atoll with a genuine white sand beach, coral, the lot. I never thought I'd see one — and now I have, I don't believe it!

THE PARENTS' GUILD

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REPORT — 1970-71

A resume of the year's activity opens with the reminder that twelve months ago our activities were hampered by the sad state of the school hall as a result of the fire.

This situation delayed some and postponed others of our activities, although in the winter term we held a very enjoyable wine and cheese party in the dining room.

The Sixth form dance, held in the newly decorated hall, was a delightful function, obviously much enjoyed by all.

Other highlights of this year were the most interesting talk given by Mr. D. Grayson, Director of Education, and the evening when Old Girls and Friends of the School spoke about their training and work, thus giving an insight into some opportunities open to girls in both the academic and commercial fields.

This year's Gala proved as popular and as profitable as ever. The money we have used to provide library equipment in both junior and senior schools, thus benefiting as many girls as possible.

The Turkey Supper was, to quote the opinion of but one of our guests, "superb". The meal was well up to the high standard we have come to expect from Mrs. Jones and her staff, and the entertainment proved most diverting. Thanks are due here to Mr. Penzig and Mr. Leek for their efforts.

The year closed with the A.G.M. on 10th November, 1971, when Miss R. E. Scargill gave a most amusing talk with "Reminiscences" as its title. This was a very appropriate end to a busy year.

Daphne M. Mason

OLD GIRLS' UNION

As in previous years there has been only one event in 1971 — the Annual Supper. This took place on April 27th and was attended by about 100 Old Girls. After the meal we were entertained by Rachel Flint (nee Heyhoe) with slides and amusing anecdotes of her cricketing career.

The O.G. Committee had decided to change the time of the Suppers to a date in the Spring as bad weather on several January evenings had kept many people away.

In 1972 it is proposed to hold the Supper at the end of the Spring Term — on Monday, March 27th, in the hope that this will enable more students to come.

SUNSHINE FUND

The Sunshine Fund has been a little more active this year. We have helped financially two families to have caravan holidays, and we sent a donation to the Community Relations Association, thereby helping several needy children to have a camp holiday. With our limited resources it seems better to help out several families rather than spend all the money on one child.

Clothing has been given to several families, and a delightful doll dressed by Miss Meggit was sent to one little girl in hospital. One teddy, also dressed by Miss Meggitt, was sold and I have another teddy waiting for a very good home.

If any Old Girls know of cases which we can help, please let either Miss Scargill or me know.

M. Miller, O.G.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

SUSAN BIGGIN is now studying for M.Sc. in the Physics of Materials, and intends either to teach, or do research.

BARBARA BROOKSHAW has been awarded one of the four silver medals given by the Royal Society of Arts after obtaining her Diploma in Languages and Secretarial work at the Wolverhampton Polytechnic. She is working at E.C.A. Executive Ltd., Wolverhampton.

ANN CHAVASSE has been called to the Bar of Gray's Inn, and intends to go into Chambers in Birmingham to practise as a barrister.

MARGUERITE CLINT (1936-42) (Mrs. McPherson) trained as a Hospital Matron and worked in the Canary Islands and in Venezuela. She is now retired, and is living in Nigeria.

GERALDINE ELLIOTT (Mrs. Phillips) has returned to the School of Pharmacy, and is doing research on the absorption of drugs on kaolin for a Ph.D. degree. She has been elected as President of the School of Pharmacy Students' Union, and the impressive occasion on which she received her chair of office took place at the Hilton Hotel. Geraldine is the first woman post-graduate president, and the first married president.

JANE FUELL has now trained as a teacher, and is spending a year on the American Exchange system, at a school in Williamsburgh.

GILLIAN GILBERT is teaching at Yardley, Birmingham.

KATHRYN HALL is doing a post-graduate secretarial business course in London, and hopes eventually to go into the publishing business. She has travelled quite extensively in America, taking advantage of cheap student travel.

PAM HODGSON gave a talk on "Nightingales and Badgers" on Woman's Hour on August 6th. She took part in a survey of nightingales last year.

ROSEMARY JARRETT is teaching at the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children, Edinburgh, and is engaged to David Keay Fleming, M.Sc., who is reading for Ph.D. in Molecular Radiology.

ROSEMARY JEAVONS (Mrs. Walters) and her husband have both done very well in their Post-Graduate Certificate of Education examinations at York University, and were intending to teach. Suddenly, their plans were changed when Rosemary's father asked them if they would like to take over the entire running of a Country Club near Machynlleth. She finds she is quite an adept at cooking, and her husband divides his time between Wales and York, where he is doing a B.Phil. in African Politics.

SUE KEAN is doing a Certificate of Education course at Worcester College of Education.

YEHUDIT KELNER was married in the summer, at the Synagogue at La Rochelle. This was only the second Jewish marriage to take place there for twenty-six years. The wedding was attended by a number of distinguished citizens of La Rochelle, where Yehudit has been working as an interpreter for a local newspaper. Her husband is "animateur culturel" at L'Institut d'Etudes Françaises.

JENNIFER LEWIS graduated at Liverpool University, and since 1963 has been a "part-time soldier" serving with the 39th City of London Regiment Volunteers as a troop commander. This year her annual period of training took her to Cyprus, where she and her detachment of signals experts manned a radio reception centre linked with reserve units in other parts of the world. In her normal job Jennifer is a civil servant with the Ministry of Defence.

BARBARA. LITTLEHALES is now a Computer Programmer at Norton Villiers Ltd., Wolverhampton.

HELENE MIDDLEWEEK works in a London hospital's social services department, and has appeared on A.T.V.'s "Women Today" programme.

SUSAN MOFFATT (Mrs. Perry) is now Assistant English Mistress at Bournville Grammar School for Girls. Her husband is on the staff of Birmingham University in the Department of Engineering Production.

JOYCE MOORE is now working for a Diploma in Education.

DEIRDRE PARKER. Since graduating in "Human Relations" at Sussex in 1967, Deirdre decided that she would like to try medical social work, and joined the social work department at the Central Middlesex Hospital. She then spent some months in New York as receptionist in a sky-scraper office block in Manhattan, and took the opportunity to visit California. She is spending this year at Bristol University, doing a Certificate in Applied Social Studies, which will qualify her as a trained medical-social worker. She writes enthusiastically about the interest and challenge of this sort of work.

ULANA POLNIAK'S photograph appeared in the "Express and Star" in April, because she was working with a Ukrainian lady following the traditional art of "Pysanky", painting Easter Eggs in traditional patterns. The designs and colourings are intricate and delicate, and Ulana admitted that "making the lines meet round the egg was the hardest part".

JANE POOLE is working as a Computer Programmer for Hawker-Siddeley Aviation at Kingston-on-Thames, and hopes eventually to go into hotel work.

JANE THOMPSON, now an international swimmer, has gone to Mill-field School, Somerset, for two years. This is a school which has trained a large number of outstanding sports personalities.

MARY WAKELAM, who is studying at the Lanchester College in Coventry, has spent the third year of her course abroad, at Clermont-Ferrand, and at Walldorf near Heidelberg. She has found the year most valuable and interesting, and thinks that the continued study of the language and history of the countries she has visited

during her graduation year will be so much more realistic and vivid. She recommends the Lanchester course to others who are interested in languages and commerce.

CAROLYN WALKER is working in the export department of a firm in Birmingham now that she has completed her Commerce course.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE FOLLOWING ARE TAKING TEACHER'S DIPLOMA COURSES: **Penny Hinkes; Elizabeth Calvert; Jill Crook; Sian Dimmock; Moira Parkes; Sheila Whitehouse; Sheila King; Carol Wilkes.**

Glenys Mulliner (nee Love) is teaching near Reading and Felicity Stevens in Enfield.

Ann Share (nee Lloyd) is Head of the French Dept. at the Dormston School, Sedgley.

Margaret B. Robinson is working for a degree in Industrial Administration.

Judy Bellingham and **Margaret Wakelam** have had a very interesting year in France and Germany before taking their Finals next summer.

Jocelyn Grayson is in Italy and **Hilary Cox** is in France.

Gillian Brown (nee Blight) is at St. Thomas Hospital Medical School, training to be a librarian and her sister Lesley is in her final year at her C. of E. and will probably take a B.Ed. course next year.

Mary Gawkrodger, S.R.N. is now working in the West Indies, and is taking a course in Sociology at Kingston Polytechnic.

ENGAGEMENTS

BARKER—MATTHEWS. In July 1971, John Christopher Barker to **Pamela Matthews.**

DOWLE—MOORE. In November 1971, Michael Dowle to **Joyce Moore.**

HANMER—KING. In November 1971, Reverend Richard J. Hanmer to **Sheila King.**

KINGSTON—WHITE. In November 1969, Dr. Joachim Kingston (Frankfurt-am-Main) to **Gillian White.**

LINNEMANN—van der HEYDE. On April 12th, 1971, in Friedrichs-dorf, Lieutenant Jesco van der Heyde to **Maria Linnemann.**

MARRIAGES

BRIDGES—IRWIN. On October 23rd, 1971, at Beckminster Methodist Church, Simon Bridges to **Sally Irwin.**

BURGESS—HURLEY. On December 19th, 1970, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, Timothy Hugh Burgess to **Elizabeth Hurley.**

CARTWRIGHT—TOOBY. On April 16th, 1971, at St. Nicholas's Church, Codsall, David Cartwright to **Susan Tooby.**

CLAYTON—DUMBELL. On January 30th, 1971, at St. Nicholas's Church, Codsall, Daryl Clayton to **Patricia Dumbell.**

DAT—KELNER. On Sunday, September 12th, at the Synagogue, La Rochelle, M. Bernard Dat to **Yehudit Kelner.**

FLINT—HEYHOE. On November 1st, 1971, at St. Philip's Church, Penn Fields, Derrick Flint to **Rachael Heyhoe.**

KINGSTON—WHITE. On December 3rd, 1971, in London, Dr. Joachim Kingston to **Gillian White**.

LAWTON—BARNES. On June 27th, 1970, Robert Lawton to **Lynne Barnes**.

LEADBEATER—MOTT. On September 20th, 1971, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, Nigel Leadbetter to **Pamela Mott**.

PERRY—MOFFATT. On June 26th, 1971, at St. Stephen's Church, Selly Park, Birmingham, Dr. Brian Perry to **Susan Moffatt**.

READ—PHILLIPS. On January 11th, 1971, at St. Philip's Church, Penn Fields, Colin Read to **Judith Phillips**.

WOOD—NAYLOR. On August 21st, 1971, at St. Matthew's Church, Chadderton, Oldham, Audrey Wood to **Hilary Naylor**.

BIRTHS

BROWN. On March 7th, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. I. Brown (**Elizabeth Cooper**), a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth.

DOCKRELL. On October 15th, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dockrell (**Geraldine Mott**), a daughter, Marijka Jane.

ROUSE. On July 30th, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Rouse (**Miss Rollaston**), a daughter, Janine Helen.

SHEVLIN. On June 25th, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Shevlin (**Jennifer Farrands**), a daughter, Margaret.

DEATHS

BUSHILL. On May 28th, 1971, at the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, Wolverhampton, Miss May Bushill.