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EDITORIAL

The ogre of examinations having temporarily retreated, the senior school, for the few remaining days of term, relaxes in the canteen garden or on the school field, scarcely summoning sufficient energy to scan "Paris Match" or make a half-hearted attempt at the "Telegraph" crossword-puzzle. Strenuous exercise is scorned by all save the valiant few who, fortified by innumerable beakers of tepid water, battle for the individual tennis cup. Yet this superficial laziness masks a great deal of activity. The school choir and orchestra rehearse frenziedly for their end-of-term concert. During the lunch-hour rounders matches are followed with almost as much excitement as the Test score. Time is found to compile the magazine.

These and all the other traditional school activities have been part of our lives for the past six or seven years. Now, about to leave school for the excitement of college or a new job, we smile as we remember the fantastic plans we had conceived. At the end of our examinations we were to buy a car and tour the continent. We reluctantly relinquish this with other ambitious projects, such as redecorating Miss Blank's flat. We never procured the red velvet curtains for the Library, succeeded in organising a Folk Dancing Society, or learned Malay. But may we hope that these failures were not representative of our entire life at school, and that the years we have spent here have given us something of permanent value. This magazine aims to be a miniature representation of school activities. Its imperfections must be acknowledged, for it is impossible for the narrow limits of such a booklet to contain all the breadth of school life.



OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION—INAUGURAL MEETING, 1956

President: Jane Bryan

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SCHOOL NOTES

There has been one change on the Governing Body this year, when following the resignation of Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Major, of Quorn, was appointed.

In September we welcomed two new members of staff, Miss Bowser with an Honours Degree in Theology of Nottingham University to teach Scripture, and Miss Wintle, of Birmingham School of Music, to teach Music. At Christmas Miss Rooth left the staff on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. W. Herring, and Miss Beesley joined us for two terms to teach History in Miss Rooth's place. We have been fortunate to appoint for September Miss J. Enderby, who has been for some years History Mistress at Chatham Girls' High School, and as an additional member of staff to assist with Physical Education and French, Miss Sanderson, of Birmingham University, who is a Warwickshire County Hockey player.

During this school year we have watched anxiously the progress of our new block, which comprises four specialist rooms and will in due course have additional cloakroom and lavatory accommodation. We hope that it will be ready for September. The Educational Committee has also secured for the school the adjacent property known as the Old Vicarage. This house should give the Sixth Form a quiet and dignified home, with rooms for teaching and private study, and its grounds will give a secluded garden in front and space for our tennis courts behind, without encroaching on the field. Generations of Sixth Forms may well have cause to be grateful for this timely purchase.

Whilst waiting to extend into these two buildings we have been most grateful to the Vicar of Quorn, the Rev. F. H. Allen, and the Church Room Committee for allowing us the use of the Church Room this year. They have been most co-operative and understanding "landlords" and we have never been made to feel by them, or by the caretaker of the Church Room, that they regretted our presence.

As a result of the General Certificate of Education, 1956, Margaret Blower, Nancy Smith and Jane Williams were awarded County Scholarships to the Universities and awards were also made to Jillian Richardson to enable her to take the Radiography Course of Leeds University, and to Brenda Barnard who entered the Loughborough School of Art.

Margaret Blower has since passed the Entrance Examination of Royal Holloway College to read for an Honours Degree in Modern Languages of the University of London. Places in Universities and Training Colleges for 1957 have also been secured by Jean Ann Taylor and Sheila Broome at Nottingham University, to read French and Zoology respectively; Ann Sutton at Reading University where she will probably read Geology; Shelagh Noble at Leeds

University to read English; Christine West at Derby Training College to specialize in English and P.E.; Ivy Wheldon at Matlock Training College to specialize in English; and Gwen Moore at Battersea Domestic Science College to train as a Domestic Science teacher.

During the year we have had a most stimulating visit from a verse Speaking Choir from the Central School of Speech and Drama, London, and two interesting concerts, the first given by Ian Lake, of Mountsorrel, who for some time was a pupil of this school, and two of his friends from the Royal College of Music, London, and the second given by Mrs. Audrey Todd, who in her childhood was a celebrated child prodigy, playing pianoforte solos even at the age of nine with such orchestras as the London Philharmonic. Both concerts gave very great pleasure.

Visits have been made to French plays at Nottingham Playhouse and by the Sixth Form to lectures arranged by Leicester University. After G.C.E. two parties of Vth forms will visit potteries in the Stoke-on-Trent area.

Two notable events of the year have been the founding of Senior and Junior Choirs and of a group of the Student Christian Movement.

The usual collections have been made for Alan Caterall and for the Sailors' Children's Society and the Carol Service collection was distributed amongst the "Save the Children" Fund, the Hungarian Students' Scholarship Fund and the Council for the Organization of World Citizenship.

The plight of the Hungarian refugees aroused genuine sympathy in the school and this expressed itself in a practical way by assistance to Donington Hall. As well as collecting £45 in money, the girls and their parents also sent large quantities of bedding, clothes and children's toys.

We congratulate Ruth Lilley on being presented with an award by the R.S.P.C.A. in recognition of her part in rescuing a pony stranded by the floods.

We congratulate Brenda Read, Janet Archer and Christine West on playing for the County Junior Hockey teams on various occasions. Brenda has also had the distinction of playing for the County Senior team.

In the County Sports, Sheila Broome again excelled in the Girls' Discus event and will take part in the National Sports later this term.

We are pleased to learn that Yvonne Haywood was considered the outstanding athlete in the Junior County Sports and a special medal is to be presented to her in recognition of this.

The success of the Old Girls' Association has given especial pleasure this year and anyone who wishes to learn about it should write to Miss J. M. Barnard, 106 Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves.

The following news of Old Girls' appointments has reached us.

Jean Webster is training to be a Quarters Officer with the W.R.N.S. and was placed first in her group on completing her first training course.

Mary Lawrence has been appointed Mistress in charge of Physical Education at Sittingbourne Girls' Grammar School, Kent.

Rosemary Kelham has been appointed to a post as Speech Therapist to Leicester County Council.

Beverly Henson has been appointed Domestic Science Mistress at Thurmaston Secondary Modern School.

Betty Godfrey has been appointed Mistress for Art and Needlework at Shepshed Secondary Modern School.

Christine Ward has been appointed to South Wigston Primary School.

Margaret Middleton has been appointed to Rosebery Street Primary School, Loughborough.

Josephine Kenneally has been appointed to Rosebery Street Primary School, Loughborough.

Jean Timson has been appointed to Leicester City Education Authority.

Jennifer Barnard has been appointed to a Primary School in London.

We congratulate Joyce Kelsey on being awarded a Diploma in Social Science of Nottingham University. Joyce will now take the Home Office Course of training for Probation Officers.

We also congratulate Julie Barnard on passing Part D of the Library Association Registration Examination which gives her entry to the Course of Librarianship of Loughborough College.

THE SCHOOL WELFARE FUND

Since the inception of the Fund eighteen months ago £72 4s. 7d. has been subscribed and donations to nine people amounting to £32 9s. have been made. In all cases the donations have been fairly small but have helped to meet very real needs and in all cases the recipients have been girls whose academic records and character are such that they are worth supporting.

The work which the fund already has done has been so worth while that it would be a tragedy if it should cease through lack of support. We therefore again commend it most earnestly to parents and to old girls of the school.

PREFECTS AND CAPTAINS, 1957

Head Girl: Christine West.

Deputy Head Girl: Jean Ann Taylor.

Prefects: Margaret Blower, Sheila Broome, Gwen Moore, Jean Mosley, Shelagh Noble, Cherry Pinkett, Ivy Wheldon, Janet Mawby, Janet Richards, Rona Souter, Gillian Wallam, Beulah Wright. *ANN SUTTON*

House Captains: Beaumanor, Shelagh Noble; Bradgate, Christine West; Garendon, Sheila Broome; Ulverscroft, Gillian Wallam.

Games Captains: Netball, Gillian Wallam; Hockey, Christine West; Rounders, Brenda Read; Tennis, Ann Sutton; Swimming, Jacquelyn Cooke; Athletics, Sheila Broome.

HOUSE NOTES

BEAUMANOR

The year 1957 has not been so successful as the previous year for Beaumanor and it is disappointing that the enthusiasm of some of our members was not better rewarded. In the festival Beaumanor was eventually placed third after a hard tussle with Garendon and Bradgate. Individual effort was outstanding; the three highest individual scores were from Beaumanor house, but it is owing to a certain lack of concentrated effort from the whole of the house that we did not come higher.

On Sports Day Beaumanor again had individual successes but only gained third place. On Sports Day itself we had many successes but were less successful in the results of the standards. We congratulate Susan Meadows on winning the position of Victrix Ludorum in the Middle School.

In the inter-house games Beaumanor had more success—coming first in both the senior hockey and the senior rounders. The tennis matches have yet to be played and the results of the junior rounders at the time of going to press are still undecided. May we wish our competitors luck in the Swimming Sports.

I should like to thank our house mistresses and all members of the house, especially the VIth form, for the help and encouragement they have given me this year. Even if Beaumanor has not gained outstanding success, all our members have enjoyed competing in inter-house activities.

S.N.

BRADGATE

This year has proved to be considerably more successful than last year. In the House Festival we were placed second, and although prepared entries from the Middle School were still not adequate in either quantity or quality, there was an increase in enthusiasm from other parts of the House.

Again we were victorious on Sports Day, and Yvonne Haywood must be congratulated on winning the Junior Cup for the second year in succession.

The standard of our field games has shown a slight improvement, and it is to be hoped that Bradgate will achieve further success in the Swimming Sports and tennis matches, which are to be held later in the term.

In spite of Bradgate's success in Inter-House Competitions, it is unfortunate that many members do not realize that the general standard of school work throughout the year is a most important factor in the ultimate award of the House Shield.

I hope that next year a concerted effort will be made, and that my successor will receive the full support of all members.

C.M.W.

GARENDON

This year Garendon got off to a good start by obtaining first place in the inter-House festival. It is the first time that the House has achieved this, and I feel that everyone is to be congratulated on the special effort made. The number of written entries from the House this year was considerably higher and the standard of performance on the day had improved.

On the sports side we have also been quite successful. We were placed second on Sports Day, first in the Junior and Senior netball and second in the Senior rounders, though we only managed third place in the Senior and Junior hockey. The Junior rounders, the tennis and the swimming sports are still to come and I hope that we shall have some success in these.

In finishing I would like to thank our House mistresses, Miss Broster, Miss Powell and Mrs. Modral, and the House officials, for the help they have given the House during the year.

S.B.

ULVERSCROFT

This year Ulverscroft have been, on the whole, less successful than last year. This has been especially noticeable in the House Festival Individual results and was felt by the House officials to be chiefly due to lack of enthusiasm. We have, however, one notable success, inasmuch as we gained first place in the House Choirs competition, the first time for many years. Also—glossing over the defeats—the few athletes in the House made a very commendable effort on Sports Day, though they were not backed by the rest of the House in regard to standards.

As we have not proved very successful in the Winter Sports it is hoped that when the summer matches have eventually been played, the results will prove more successful.

G.J.W.

SPEECH DAY, 1956

Speech Day was Friday, November 9th. We were again grateful for Colonel Toller's smooth and friendly direction of the proceedings.

Presenting her annual report, Miss Sawdon noted the further increase in pupils, which had brought the first and second years to the same number as the entire school comprised when she became Headmistress in 1948. There was an encouraging increase, too, at the top of the school, with a better proportion of girls staying on for sixth form work. Difficulties of accommodation remained, but a new block was in course of construction. In the meantime the hire of the Church Room, through the kind permission of the Vicar and the Parochial Church Council, had alone made it possible to take in for the second time an extra first form.

Miss Sawdon gave an important part of her speech to the subject of national requirements in science and technology and the contribution which girls could make. She referred to the recently published conclusions of the Ministry of Labour and the Committee on Scientific Manpower that by 1970 the number of scientists and engineers required will be twice that at present available. Yet already about 60 per cent. of boys in Grammar School Sixth Forms studied science and mathematics, so that it was obvious that the increase could not be achieved unless more girls also specialised in this field. Some might feel that girls had less aptitude for scientific studies; yet in our own Sixth Form of the previous year there had been almost as many girls reading science as reading arts subjects, and without a single examination failure. What a few could do, perhaps others could if they made that choice. For girls of more limited ability, who would not reach the University, there were possibilities of going on to technical colleges or entering training schemes in industry which would lead to jobs requiring a certain skill in science or mathematics. These would be more rewarding for girls with a Grammar School education than the routine clerical work which many of them still misguidedly entered upon. To meet the new situation it had been decided to make two changes. The choice of subjects leading to either a science or an arts course in the Sixth Form would be deferred until the year of taking the General Certificate examination at Ordinary Level, and all girls would continue to study mathematics during the Fifth Form year, with a view to taking the subject in that examination.

Miss Sawdon ended her report with words of encouragement for those who might feel misgivings about the future of liberal ideals in education. It was in the enrichment of leisure time that she envisaged a real advance. "I am quite sure," she concluded, "that this school will play its small but not unworthy part in the second half of the century, which has opened so anxiously and yet holds out such promise, that little by little we shall adjust

ourselves to the newer conception of what a mid-twentieth century girl's education must be, and do this without losing too much of those traditional notions of education which have helped to make the British way of life admired throughout the world."

The Chairman then introduced the principal guest, Miss Eileen Alexander, Principal of Bedford College of Physical Education, with which the school has several links through members of the staff and old girls. After presenting the prizes, Miss Alexander gave an encouraging address which indicated both the debt owed to pioneers in girls' education and also the demands made upon the present generation. Although the limited objectives set by past generations had been achieved, the real task still remained, for it was to create ever new forms of goodness and beauty and a new order of life in which to embody them—creation implying something that did not already exist. This power was present in every human individual, said Miss Alexander, and indeed she felt that if the ideals of fellowship, beauty and sacredness were to be given new expression it could only be through the effort of numberless obscure human individuals.

A vote of thanks to Miss Alexander was proposed by Mr. H. O. Pell, the Vice-chairman of the Board of Governors, and seconded by another of the Governors, Mrs. H. P. Priestley.

In the musical part of the programme we heard on this occasion, the newly-formed choir, in an Italian folk song "Marianina" and a Gaelic "Fairy Lullaby", and the school sang in unison, "Non Nobis Domine," by Roger Quilter.

PRIZEWINNERS

General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level and County Scholarships (presented by the Chairman of the Governors): Nancy Smith, Jane Williams (three subjects), Margaret Blower (two subjects).

General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level and City Scholarship: Anne Roberts (three subjects).

General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level: Sandra Magee, Jean Ann Taylor, Patricia Weller (three subjects), Brenda Barnard, Gillian Geary, Ann Steele, Ann Sutton, Christine West (two subjects).

General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level (presented by Mr. C. Roberts): Beulah Wright, Gweneth Herbert, Janet Richards, Janet Mawby, Gillian Hardman, Marilyn Wallin.

Form Prizes.—Lower Sixth, Arts—Shelagh Noble; Science—Sheila Broome. IV: 1, Janet Haw; 2, Sheila Bostock; 3, Jennifer Aucott, Irene Dakin. IVA: 1, Rosemary Rippon; 2, Ann Warren; 3, Katherine Richling. III: 1, Janet Archer; 2, Barbara Palfreyman; 3, Betty Holmes. IIIA: 1, Janet Geary; 2, Barbara Welch; 3, Dulcie Bolley. II: 1, Rosalie Brooks; 2, Carolyn Allen; 3, Sarah Berrington. IIA: 1, Mary Evans; 2, Vivien Ridley; 3, Isobel Tyler.

I: 1, Jean Jones; 2, Anne Martin; 3, Carol Elkington. IA: 1, Pamela Francks; 2, Gillian Sutton; 3, Barbara Francks. I Alpha: 1, Susan Iliffe; 2, Shirley Wright; 3, Diane Smart.

Special Prizes.—Willingness to help (presented by the Vice-Chairman of Governors): Brenda Broome, Jean Mosley, Judith Hillman. Mountsorrel Education Fund Prizes (for steady work): Mary Ollis, Carol Elkington. Quorn Prizes (presented by Mr. A. Smith): Jean Burke, Judith Long. Reading Prizes: Senior, Shelagh Noble; Middle School, Barbara Willmore. Outstanding work for the Inter-house Festival: Senior, Brenda Barnard; Middle School, Susan Meadows; Junior, Gillian Sutton. Progress: Patricia Allman, Aileen Ingram, Carol Gamble. Best kept set of exercise books: Middle School, Wendy Green; Junior, Carole Stanton. Best diaries of visit to Paris: Sheila Bostock, Katherine Richling. Deportment prize (presented by Dr. Hilda Wallace): Patricia Weller.

Subject Prizes.—English: Christine West, Janet Richards. History: Sandra Magee. Geography: Jean Mosley. Languages: Margaret Blower. Mathematics: Jillian Richardson, Sheila Broome. Science (presented by Miss V. Grey): Biology and Chemistry, Nancy Smith, Jane Williams, Janet Mawby; Physics, Brenda Broome. Art: Brenda Barnard, Margaret Kenney. Domestic Science (presented by Mrs. Sawdon): Gweneth Herbert. Music (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dimmock): Oonagh Magill.

General Certificate of Education, 1956.—Advanced Level: Brenda Barnard, Margaret Blower, Brenda Broome, Gillian Geary, Sandra Magee, Jillian Richardson, Anne Roberts, Nancy Smith, Ann Steele, Ann Sutton, Jean Ann Taylor, Patricia Weller, Christine West, Jane Williams. Ordinary Level: Sixth Form, supplementary subjects: Oonagh Magill, Valerie Ballard, Sheila Broome, Christine Grogan, Jennifer Hancock, Judith Hillman, Gwendolen Moore, Jean Mosley, Shelagh Noble, Cherry Pinkett, Jennifer Wardle, Ivy Wheldon. Ordinary Level: Fifth Form: Maureen Barnes, Virginia Bennett, Ann Bentley, Jean Burke, Enid Canner, Carole Caulfield, Jennifer Drackley, Catherine Fern, Susan Foster, Janet French, Rachel Goddard, Margaret Grimley, Pauline Hall, Gillian Hardman, Valerie Hartshorn, Gweneth Herbert, Glenys Holding, Barbara Hutchins, Margaret Kenney, Kaye Lawrence, Janet Mawby, Joan Meadows, Verna Meadows, Susan Mills, Mary Ollis, Helen Payne, Brenda Read, Janet Richards, Kathleen Robinson, Brenda Sleath, Frances Smith, Freda Smith, Helen Smith, Rona Souter, Lynda Spence, Shirley Tillson, Julie Turner, Susan Wakefield, Gillian Wallam, Marilyn Wallin, Mary Waterfield, Rosemary Wesley, Beulah Wright.

Inter-House Shield: Ulverscroft.

Inter-House Swimming Cup: Ulverscroft, Bradgate.

Individual Swimming Cup: Gillian Geary.

Individual Tennis Cup: Patricia Weller.

Cup for best Guide of the year: Pauline Attenborough.

INTER-HOUSE FESTIVAL

During recent years the Inter-house Festival has become increasingly long owing to the larger number of girls in the school. A committee was formed towards the end of 1956 and a new system was devised by which the festival was divided into two halves so that it could be completed in one day only. This system was tried this year and proved most successful. The system of point allocation was also revised—senior written entries gained more points because they required so much more work. Senior written entries now have to be given in at the end of the Christmas holidays to prevent festival work from interfering with examination work.

The standard of work this year was on the whole as good as in previous years. The lack of entries in the senior school was not so marked as usual, except in the sciences and domestic subjects. After much persuasion from the hard-working seniors, the middle school produced some good entries. The juniors supported the festival with prolific entries, especially in the French, English, Art, Hobbies and Flower Arrangement sections. The standard of entries varied greatly from works of art to some small scraps of paper which the judges could scarcely read. The choirs were of the usual high standard, if anything, better than previous years. The standard of piano playing had dropped slightly, but the musical compositions were more numerous and of a higher standard than usual. The junior drama provided great entertainment, each house acting one of Hilaire Belloc's cautionary tales.

The final result: Garendon 356, Bradgate 306½, Beaumanor 292½, Ulverscroft 250, was surprising as there had been great competition throughout the day, but Garendon's win reflected well the concerted effort that all its members had given.

S.N.

S.C.M. NOTES

A new society now flourishing in the senior part of the School is the Student Christian Movement group, which has been guided through two terms of existence by Miss Bowser, to whom we are grateful.

Our first meeting was in the form of an introduction to the movement, a talk by Mr. D. Bond, who outlined its history and its aims. Its purpose in schools is to help people to face certain problems such as the relationship between religion and science, and one's attitude to the Bible. It tries to answer religious and moral questions with honesty. Mr. Bond told us of conferences held for fifth forms, and we expect to send some representatives to one of these in July.

Since this first meeting we have had talks by representatives of different churches and a discussion on Pacifism, led by the Rev. L. Worsnip. Some very successful inter-school meetings have also been held, at our own school, at Humphrey Perkins' and at Loughborough Grammar School.

We hope in the near future to become a recognised branch in the Movement, and then we shall be in a better position to make further plans.

V.M.B.

MUSIC NOTES

This year the orchestra has increased in numbers, and practices have been well attended. Miss Wintle and Mr. Pinkett have spent Monday and Thursday dinner hours with the beginners' class from 12 to 12-30, and the more advanced players from 12-30 to 1-20.

Sheila Bostock has forsaken the piano to take up the cello and Brenda Sleath has taken her place as pianist for the orchestra. We have, in our two flutes and clarinet, the beginnings of a woodwind section, which we hope to increase next year. There are three first violins, a regiment of second violins, two cellos and two violists, who would be glad of a companion.

The better players formed a small orchestra to play an overture and interval music for the school play. We gained an encore, though this was not entirely due to the proficiency of the players but rather to the fact that the curtains stuck. We had borrowed tympani and cymbals for this occasion and a sixth-former, at very short notice, banged them, surprisingly, in the right places.

Four members of the orchestra went to Oslo last year with the County Youth Orchestra. We hope it will be something for the younger ones to emulate.

Miss Wintle has succeeded in forming a Junior and a Senior Choir, and in arousing enthusiasm for part-singing. Our regular practices are on Tuesdays and Fridays. For Speech Day we learned two songs which were very successful, and at the Carol Service the programme was varied from that of previous years by contributions from the choir and by solo verses. We are now working hard for a concert which is to be held at the end of term, on July 22nd.

H.P.

CHESS CLUB

Unfortunately we were not able to play any matches this year against other schools as we felt we were unable to find a team of sufficient strength. Our junior Chess Club has, however, been very active, and I am sure that in a few years we shall present a formidable team. We should like to thank Dr. Majut and all our officials for the work they have done for the club this year.

S.N.

HOCKEY

Once again both hockey teams have had a most successful season. The 1st XI have lost only one match, namely, against Coalville, who also defeated us in the semi-final of the hockey tournament. Whilst there are several promising young players, the junior teams on the whole lacked determination when losing a match. Both teams are indebted to Miss Gibson for her valuable and enthusiastic coaching, and without whom we feel much of our recent success would not have been possible.

C.W.

FIRST XI

- G. †J. French: An agile goalkeeper whose powerful kicking ability resulted in many forward attacks.
- L.B. †J. Archer: A steady, thoughtful player whose determination is an example to many of the junior players.
- R.B. †S. Broome: Has combined well with the other members of the defence. Her best play is always seen in a difficult situation.
- L.H. *M. Lewis: Has gained confidence as the season progressed, and proved a reliable member of the 1st XI.
- C.H. †G. Hardman: A good centre half who combines attack and defence to the best advantage.
- R.H. *K. Berry: A player who has backed up the forwards very ably and distributed the ball well.
- L.W. G. Wallam: A fast and useful player who nevertheless should try to make her stickwork compatible with her speed.
- L.I. *P. Sweet: At her best a very good player, but she tends to be erratic and not persevere enough in difficult moments.
- C.F. †B. Read: A skilful and experienced player who showed the ability both to combine with the other forwards and make use of her own speed and stickwork.
- R.I. †J. Smith: Has shown great improvement this season. A great number of goals have been scored either by Joyce herself or as a result of her accurate passing to other forwards.
- R.W. †C. West: A reliable and efficient captain, who by her determination has been an example to the team, particularly when they were losing and were hard pressed. Her first-time shot from the edge of the circle is something the younger members of the team would do well to copy.

JUNIOR XI

- G. L. Billington: Has good natural ability, but if she wishes to improve she must be prepared to practise harder.
- L.B. E. Foster: A steady player on the whole. She must, however, be prepared to recover her position more quickly once she has been beaten.
- R.B. E. Horspool: A determined player who passes well but must on occasions use more speed.
- L.H. C. Clark: She can play very well but at times lacks concentration.

C.H. M. Wain: A very useful player in defence, but she must realise that a centre half marks only her opposing centre forward. She must try to combine defence with attack.

R.H. P. Dobson: A very promising player who with continued enthusiasm should play extremely well next season.

L.W. V. Gillen: A very fast wing player whose stickwork and determination are not equal to her speed.

L.I. *M. Gamble: A player of great potentiality who is prepared to help the defence in difficult moments.

C.F. J. Geary: She must try to increase her speed when attacking.

R.I. V. Kirkby: Plays intelligently and passes well but is rather variable.

R.W. *S. Driver: A fast attacking wing-player with the ability to score from an acute angle.

† denotes full colours, * denotes half colours.

First XI: Matches played 11, won 10, lost 1, drawn 0; goals scored for 43, goals against 12.

Junior XI: Matches played 15, won 12, lost 3, drawn 0; goals scored for 76, goals against 23.

NETBALL

The school teams this year have been more successful. This is mainly due to the enthusiasm of the players, for they have had to contend with the usual difficulties—the muddy state of the netball court for two-thirds of the season and having to practise in the gymnasium where only five-a-side netball is possible. We may do better next season, for the enthusiasm has spread to the juniors, some of whom will next year be playing in the first team. When, eventually, the hard courts have been laid, the school will be given the opportunity to be proud of their netball teams.

Summary of matches—1st VII: Played 4, won 1, drew 1, lost 2, goals for 51, goals against 56. Junior VII: Played 6, won 3, drew 1, lost 2, goals for 56, goals against 77.

G.W.

ROUNDERS

Considering that the first team lost eight of its nine members last year, the completely new team has met with remarkable success and has lost only one match, that against Wyggeston. The junior team has played well throughout the season, and deservedly has won all its matches.

In the rounders tournament the junior team was unfortunate in not reaching the semi-final, but in their tournament the first team reached the final and were beaten 4—3 by Loughborough High School.

It is very encouraging to see so many juniors playing rounders during the dinner hour and there are some promising young players, who, I hope will maintain the high standard that has been shown this season.

B.R.

ATHLETICS

Once again the school has had a most successful summer in Athletics. We were well represented at the Area Sports, and gained most points in the Under 13 section. Yvonne Haywood came first in the Long Jump and first in the 100 yards, Gillian Sutton second in the discus, Eileen Pick second in the hurdles, and Susan Boldra third in the under 15 team, Susan Meadows was first in the long jump, Isobel Tyler first in the hurdles, Margaret Lewis second in the discus and Marion Gamble third in the long jump. In the County Sports some of our members represented Loughborough Area, Yvonne Haywood gained a medal for the outstanding performance in her age group. Sheila Broome has once more exceeded the national standard with her discus throw and will represent Leicester in the All-England Sports at Southampton. Other successes at the County Sports were in the Senior Section, Gillian Wallam second in the 220 yards, Kathleen Robinson second in the High Jump, Christine West third and J. A. Taylor fourth in the Long Jump, and Brenda Read third in the 880 yards, and in the Intermediate Section Pamela Sweet second in the Long Jump and Jacquelyn Cooke fourth in the 100 yards.

Sports Day was held on May 25th this year, and the day was rather cold and windy. The athletics were of a high standard, notable among the achievements was a jump of 15ft. 4in. by Yvonne Haywood in the under 13 group. Pamela Sweet gained the Senior Cup, Susan Meadows the Middle School Cup and Yvonne Haywood the Junior Cup.

S.B.

GIRL GUIDES

This has been a most successful year, in which we have gained ten 2nd class badges, 12 Child Nurse badges, five Hostess badges, five Thrift badges, four Gymnasts badges, one Life Saver badge, one Swimmer badge and one Athlete badge.

We have attended various Guide events in Leicestershire. On 24th February there was a Church Parade at Loughborough to celebrate Thinking Day. On 22nd February we went to a county pageant called The Trefoil, which was held at De Montfort Hall in Leicester. Anne James and Pauline Attenborough took part and Christina Preston sang in the choir. A Centenary Parade was held on the 2nd of June at the Cathedral in Leicester. Anne James, Lesley Reid and Barbara Welch acted as the Colour Party for the Charnwood District. Eleven other Guides attended the Parade, which went through the streets of Leicester, and the salute was taken by Lord Cromwell. Another centenary celebration we attended was a Camp Fire on 19th June at Brown's Lane, Loughborough.

During the Summer holiday 16 Guides are going to camp at Ludlow, in Shropshire, for a fortnight.

A.J., B.W., P.A., V.S.

VAULTING CLUB

Vaulting Club continues to survive, though considered so dangerous by the less energetic. Indeed, it has increased its membership in the junior part of the school. At Junior Vaulting Club on Wednesday evenings one has a more than adequate rest after each vault, whereas the seniors "keep the kettle boiling" and are exhausted long before the end. Enthusiasm is shown by our continuing on the field when forced to vacate the hall at the beginning of G.C.E. We should like to thank Miss Gibson again. We need not tell her how much we enjoy these evenings.

J.M.

"ENDIMION"

The School play was presented on the evenings of April 4th and 5th. It was good to find that every level of the School had its representatives in the cast, and as always there was ready help from many members of the staff and senior girls. Comment may, perhaps, be left to the kindly critic of the "Loughborough Echo", (F.G.S.), who wrote: "Clearly this play presents no fewer difficulties to an unsophisticated cast than the well-tried Shakespearean dramas, but, although the Quorn production could not quite achieve the pace and variety necessary to enliven the unrealistic characters and thin plot, the attempt was well worth making. The element of magic and witchcraft was well brought out, with effective lighting, nimble fairies and an excellent characterisation of Dipsas, the evil enchantress, by Gillian Wallam. Another lively performance came from Jean Taylor, gaily tossing off the pedantic jokes of the boaster, Sir Tophas. Janet Richards and Barbara Palfreyman did well with the difficult roles of Endimion and Eumenides, Shelagh Noble was a well-spoken Tellus, Beulah Wright a stately Cynthia, and Anne Martin, Rosemary Samuel and Jillian Mee, three spritely pages. Attractive features of the production were the lovely costumes, the tuneful singing and the lively playing of the School Orchestra."

SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

The Prefects' Outing

On Monday, April 8th, the prefects, accompanied by Miss Brown, and suitably equipped with sundry magazines, boarded the 10 a.m. train for Birmingham. After a morning spent in surveying both Birmingham Art Gallery and occasional shops (wherein several members of the party inevitably lost themselves) we assembled at a cafe for large and varied lunches. At 2 o'clock precisely we began our search for Bournville (which proved strangely elusive) and subsequently found ourselves gathered in a theatre in this "factory in the garden". We were divided into two groups of eight and a guide was allotted to each party. A bus tour of Bournville village then began, and we learned that the inhabitants are nearly all employees of Cadburys. The actual excursion round the

factory followed, and we viewed the various stages in the manufacturing of both the chocolates and their containers, frequently enlightened by our guide's explanations, and enlivened by samples. Finally we returned to the theatre to pass the time until tea was served in watching short feature films. A highlight of the day was the presentation, following an enjoyable tea, of boxes of chocolates. Indeed, the whole day proved to be extremely enjoyable, and we should like to thank both Miss Sawdon and Miss Brown for making the outing possible.

J.R.

The Lake District

On April 11th a party, consisting of Upper Sixth members, Old Girls, and two even Older Girls, began the long trek for the Lake District.

We stayed in Borrowdale, very close to Derwentwater, and approximately five miles from Keswick. The following morning we set out for Watendlath Tarn, where we arrived in time for lunch. On our way we climbed the Bowder Stone, an immense boulder, probably carried down by a glacier. (Admittedly, on deciding that the nails in our boots were not substantial enough for such a precipitous surface, we scaled the rock with the aid of a ladder!) As we returned we visited the Lodore Falls, which, owing to the lack of rain, were not the crashing torrents we had anticipated.

The second day we decided to walk through Honister Pass, the highest mountain pass in England. When we reached Castle Crag we turned to survey our ascent, and were delighted to see the surrounding mountain peaks covered with snow. After following a rather marshy path across the mountains, we were able to look down on Buttermere and Crummock Water. Our way homeward was up the most difficult side of the pass and through the pinewoods above Seatoller, which had all day been the Mecca of one member of the party, who had been promised that from there we should return by bus. Eventually, however, she proved her stoicism by walking back to Borrowdale.

After this strenuous day, when we walked at least sixteen miles over very steep ground, we decided to confine our activities the next day to rowing over Derwentwater and climbing the humps of Cat Bells. As we returned round the lower end of the lake we passed the house of Hugh Walpole, the novelist. In the evening we pored over a map to decide our route for the following day. We finally dispensed with the idea of climbing Skiddaw because of the rather doubtful weather, and decided instead to walk through St. John's Vale. From Keswick we proceeded to the Druid Circle, where we had our lunch in heavy rain. After walking through the valley we went to see the huge dam on Thirlmere.

The following morning, after a night disturbed by the murderous intentions of the Older Girls, we sadly packed our suitcases and rucksacks. Our farewells were brief, and we left hastily, lest anyone should decide to remain.

We sincerely thank Miss Gibson and Miss Doggett for organising such an enjoyable holiday in this region of "silent rocks . . . reposing clouds . . . wild brooks prattling from invisible haunts . . . and mountains, over all, embracing all."

C.M.W.

Spode and Wedgewood

Two parties of fifth-formers are to enjoy a visit to the Potteries at the end of term, one touring the Spode works and the other the Wedgewood factory.

THE CHURCH ROOM

The second form, it is sad to say,
From the rest of the school are kept away,
And where do you think we have to stay?
In the Church Room.

First day of term, fresh from the bus,
We found there was no room for us,
So dolefully, without a fuss,
We poured into the Church Room.

Where the trestles creak and sway,
Where the prefects dance and play,
Where we toil till end of day,
That's the Church Room.

Where the vases seem to fly,
The padlocked clock ticks up on high,
And local ladies are baking pie—
In the Church Room.

The different smells that meet us here
Are not scholastic smells, we fear;
There's lavender polish, tar and beer
Mingling in the Church Room.

The big school bell, we very soon found,
Could seldom be heard across all that ground,
So a handbell carries the joyful sound
To the inmates of the Church Room.

We seem to live our lives apart;
We are of Quorn, but not the heart;
But still, we've seen the new block start,
While watching from the Church Room.

We've done three terms and served our time;
We wish our followers joy sublime;
Our banishment was not for crime—
We overflowed into the Church Room.

V.M.; J.H.; C.P.; C.E.; S.B.; Form II.

A GHOST IN THE CITY

Miss Sprig crumpled up a typed sheet of paper and threw it impatiently in the waste-paper basket.

"Twenty years," she muttered to herself, "at 'Carson and Crumps' and I've never known Katie to behave like this!"

She began irritably tapping away against Katie's keys. The carriage bell gave a protesting ping and a neat little "3" appeared between the "Dear" and the "Sir." A stray breeze from the half-open window whisked a pile of papers merrily round the office. Miss Sprig rose with a despairing groan and knocked a large bottle of ink over.

"Oh, heavens!" gasped Miss Sprig, frantically mopping up the big, black puddle with a grubby piece of blotting-paper. "What a mess! Goodness only knows what Mr. Crump will say—and it was a fresh bottle to-day!"

She gave another groan. Then she heard—or was it her imagination?—a low chuckle. The door opened slowly and slammed.

Across the main road the trade in "Sellalls," a large, multiple store, was brisk as usual. Large women with screaming children, small women with feathered hats which tickled everyone's noses, schoolgirls licking lollipops and the occasional harassed male were all fighting and pushing for bargains.

Blossom Smith, the pretty blonde salesgirl at the stocking counter, was having a particularly difficult time with a young man who wanted a pair for his girl friend's birthday.

"No, sir," she said patiently, "we don't stock woollen ones, but perhaps you'd care to see some of the new 'skin glow' nylons?"

She climbed the step ladder and reached up to the top shelf. Suddenly there was a slithering, bumping and bouncing of dozens of boxes of "skin glow" nylons. The step ladder began to sway . . .

A moment later, Blossom Smith was extracting herself shakily from a sea of boxes, the head saleswoman's voice shrill in her ears.

A cold wind whisked through the shop and rattled the plate windows.

Mrs. Phillips was sitting in the living room at 14, Sundene Road, knitting. It was one of her few spare moments. She was muttering to herself, her brows slightly puckered.

"Knit one, purl two, slip one, knit . . ."

The click of needles stopped. Mrs. Phillips put down her knitting. Surely she could hear water splashing upstairs? She ran up to the bathroom.

"Oh, my goodness!" she cried, when she opened the door.

The bath taps were full on and the water had splashed all over her polished lino floor. She turned off the taps and began to wipe the floor.

"Wait till young Billy comes home," she was storming, when she suddenly whirled round at a low chuckling sound.

"Goodness, that geyser! What a fright it gave me! I must get Tom to mend it."

Yes, John Marshall had enjoyed his birthday and the pranks he had played. After all, not many people are still active on their two hundredth birthday . . . and he had left his marks—an ink-stained desk, a black eye, and a wet patch.

Dinah Ousey, Form III.

THE TIGER

Steely limbs slink through the steamy jungle,
Tawny stripes blend with vegetation,
Cruellest hunter in the evil forest
Drinks at the weedy, stagnant pool.
Fangs of ivory, clean and shining,
Pads to make him soft and noiseless,
Brutal head, but awe-inspiring,
Prince of forest, lord of jungle.
Shall they go with guns and bullets,
To kill the terror of the jungle?
Shall the tiger, lord for ages,
Claim a hunter for his feast?
Cruel and silent, brave and savage,
Killer of the smaller creatures,
Eyes as hard as flint or iron,
Alone, not lonely as he feasts.
Long and lean, with long white whiskers,
Legs with huge and awesome muscles,
Heart unmelting, cruel for ever,
Barbarous hunter of the night.

Katherine Bray, Form III.

THE GIRLS IN "GIRL"

The girls in "Girl" are varied, but there is one thing they have in common—their numerous adventures. Every girl seems to have many, but the heroines have the most. Some of these would never really happen, and if they did, they would occur only once in a lifetime, whereas theirs are every day.

Their appearance is a matter of extremes. They are either decidedly pretty or most comical-looking. The majority have fair, curly hair or black. There is seldom a mere brunette, though most real girls have this colour. Occasionally, a girl has closely-cropped auburn hair, but if she has this colour she is usually the madcap of the school. Most of these girls go to boarding school, as day school holds no attraction. Their uniform is always bright, often with red blazers.

The girls at boarding schools seem to be extremely fond of eating. Most of them enjoy midnight feasts, and one fat girl never stops thinking about meals. The tuckshop is the most important place, it seems.

A lenient prefect usually takes them for preparation, but occasionally the unpopular prefect, a girl who invariably wears spectacles, carries books and looks studious. There is always a very pleasant teacher, liked by all her pupils, and another who is disliked intensely.

There is usually a "duffer" with her small dog. She is very comic in her round spectacles. She is also a day-dreamer and the girls play jokes on her. These duffers are often kind-hearted, so the girls do not mind tolerating them.

The girls are continually getting into scrapes. They do things that girls at real schools would not dream of doing. Detention is very common and the girls always break it. A theft occurs; something which belongs to the headmistress is stolen; someone is falsely accused and her two friends clear her name. The prefects do things such as phoning the headmistress's study when she is not there. Plenty of unusual things occur.

The girls are mostly in the fourth form, as they are meant to capture the interest of girls in the first, second and third forms. Although they are really absurd, the sale of the paper still rises and that is the real aim of all these adventures.

Jean Jones, Form II.

BUSES

Buses, rattling, creaking, dirty, stuffy
Through lack of open windows;
And these not sparkling in the sun,
But grimy, splashed by drying raindrops;
Cigarette ends on windowsills
Which are thick with piled-up dust;
The upholstery, not clean as when treated with care,
But covered by filth from dusty racks.
The bus crawls slowly, painfully
Along the crowded streets;
No country scenery on either hand,
But traffic, and noise, and people in groups
Thronging the pathways and gutters.
At last the countryside is reached,
And to the joy of all,
With a squeal of brakes, and a clatter of feet,
The journey reaches its end.

Carolyn Allen, Form III.

MICE AND MENDEL

We began our investigations with one male and one female mouse, acquired on February 5th, 1957, but after being with us for only a few days the female died, for no apparent reason. However, a post mortem revealed the presence of tapeworm. A new white female was then bought to console the widower, and the names of Bubble and Squeak were bestowed upon the pair by the sixth form. They were weighed daily and their weights duly recorded. On April 2nd Squeak gave birth to twins, Minnie and Sue, which turned out grey. Both being of the same sex, they were unsuitable for further experiment and were sold. For the Whitsuntide holiday Squeak and Bubble were separated and taken to the respective homes of Miss Oughton and Barbara Thompson. In the course of the holiday Squeak produced four sons and two daughters, of which two were brown, like their father, and four were grey. When old enough, four of these were sold, one male and one female grey being kept for breeding purposes. Meantime signs of a disease had appeared on Bubble's face. On returning to school he was dressed with penicillin ointment, but on Tuesday, June 18th, he had to be put to sleep because we realised it was a skin disease we could not cure. We are now waiting to see what colours are produced in the next generation.

B.T., B.W., IV.A.

BOOK TITLES

Dear Editor,

The other day I received from my uncle's solicitors a set of books which he had left to me in his will. On examination the books were found to be quite old and a great many have letters missing from their covers. I have, of course, discovered the titles from the fly-leaves, but I thought your readers might be interested to see if they could solve some of them. They are:—

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| 1. PIES IN PAIN | 6. GRIM OGRES |
| 2. ANY AIR | 7. DO QUOTE |
| 3. EAT PEAT | 8. TRAM HANDY |
| 4. AN EYE | 9. OH LAX GENTLEMAN. |
| 5. LITTLE ME | 10. HAKES ROES. |

Wishing you every success,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

B. PALFREYMAN, Form IV.

RUMOUR (Vergil: Aeneid Bk. IV. 173-188)

Forthwith through Libya's towns foul Rumour goes—
The swiftest of all evils; vigorous grows
By speedy movement, and recruits her strength.
Now dwarfed in fear, now shameless grown, at length
She rears into the air (the clouds surround
Her hidden head) and stalks along the ground.
Against the gods with anger filled, the Earth
Gave her, as sister to the Titans, birth;
Gave speed on foot, celerity in flight—
Prodigious monster, dreadful to the sight!
A tongue—so goes the tale—attentive ears,
A voiceful mouth, an eye, each feather wears.
By night she shrieks; she flies 'twixt earth and skies;
To gentle sleep she never droops her eyes.
By day she guards; she sits on lofty tower
Or highest rooftop, and great cities cower.

Shelagh Noble, Upper VI

OUR VILLAGES: 4—ANSTEY

Anstey is a very old village, how old we shall never know. There have been many ways, during the centuries, of spelling its name. Evidently Anstey people have always been in the habit of dropping their 'h's, because in 1086, the Norman Commissioner wrote the name of "Hanstigie." Later it was known as Anstey-in-Wolfdale, Ansty, and now Anstey.

A proof of the antiquity of Anstey is the pack-horse bridge which was built in the 14th century. Under the bridge flows the Anstey Brook which is a tributary of the River Soar. Another interesting bridge is King William's, so called because it was enlarged to accommodate that monarch's coach.

The oldest house in Anstey was the "Old Ship." In recent months it has been demolished to make room for a modern building. The "Old Ship" was quite 500 years old and at one time was a calling-house for monks travelling from Leicester Abbey to Ulverscroft Priory. Still another ancient house is the Home Farm, which faces the Green. The newest part of this interesting farm is dated 1715. The old part, built in 1400 odd, contains the last of the old baking ovens in Anstey, an old-fashioned cheese press with a Swithland slate weight and a secret cupboard where money and jewels might be hidden behind its sliding panel.

The village church, St. Mary's, was taken down in 1845, except for the tower, and rebuilt. In 1863, less than a century ago, there were 734 inhabitants. To-day the population is over 4,000. The growth was due to first the hosiery, then the shoe industry. In the old days the village was full of stocking frames, and cottages were built to accommodate the family workshop.

It was an Anstey boy who gave his name to the Luddite Rebellion. Ned Ludd was a poor boy who was under the care of the Parish. According to our Parish records he was always getting into trouble and being punished for it. One day, when he was told to go and mend a stocking machine, he smashed it to pieces with a hammer instead. Later on, when gangs of men went round smashing machines because they thought it would cause unemployment, they were known as Luddites.

The centre of the village is called the Nook. Here, in olden times the Village Wakes were held. The Nook at that time was a large open space surrounded by thatched cottages. During Wakes Week the space was filled with roundabouts, swings and all the fun of the fair. It is not nearly such a picturesque place now as it used to be. A traffic island has taken the place of the roundabouts, while in place of the thatched cottages we have shops, a garage, a cafe, and a stand for Midland Red buses.

Most of our girls have passed through both the Infant and Junior schools. Quite recently, however, a new secondary modern school has been opened to serve the new housing estate and also children from the surrounding villages. It has been called the Martin School in honour of Sir Robert Martin. (This is very appropriate, for until Sir Robert moved to Woodhouse Eaves his family had lived continuously in Anstey for hundreds of years).

In the village there are three places of worship, the Methodist Chapel, the Congregational Chapel and St. Mary's Church. There are youth clubs belonging to them, where many young people go. The Airborne Sports Club provides us with some very good hard tennis courts and bowling greens. Toc H have both a Men's and Women's section. They do charitable work, particularly amongst the old and sick people. The older people are also catered for by The Evergreen Club, which meets each week. There is a Women's Institute. Both the newsagents run a lending library. In addition to this the Leicestershire County Library supplies us with books.

Some years ago there was an attempt to incorporate Anstey into the City of Leicester, but this was strongly opposed by the representatives of our village. Anstey, therefore, remains what it has been through the centuries, a very independent village.

Cynthia Willett, Form II.

THOMAS RAWLINS OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION, 1956-57

At a meeting on September 8th, 1956, it was formally decided to establish an Old Girls' Association, and officials were elected. Jane Bryan (née Hooke) was elected as President; Glenise Smith as Vice-President; Sheila Blower as Treasurer; and Julie Barnard as Secretary.

Further meetings were held on January 4th and April 17th. Both meetings were well attended. New members are welcome to come to the cricket match, versus a School XI, which has been provisionally arranged to take place at the School on the afternoon of July 20th.

The following have been noted by the secretary:—

Marriages

- Sept. 8—Eileen Clarke to J. Spanner.
Dec. 29—Betty Norton to F. Arran.
(Both Eileen and Betty are now living in London).
Jan. 19—Leila Baylis to D. St. J. Walsh.
(Leila is living in Germany).
Feb. 23—Sylvia Wort to D. P. Woolley.
March —Sheila Stevenson to B. Skidmore.
Patricia Charles to R. M. Jelley.
Janet Siddons to E. D. Lodge.
Barbara Steele to T. W. L. Mortimer.
April 20—Pauline Brookes to A. Fowkes.
Gillian Smith is expecting to be married on August 10th,
and Sheila Rushin on August 24th.

Engagements

- Beryl Clark to W. Tunnicliffe.
Judith Mebberson to A. Carpenter.
Gwynneth Leeson to F. Whitford.
Dorothy Gadd to P. Squires.
Mary Shotton to P. Goodman.

Births

- To Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison (née Kathleen Hutton), a daughter, on January 18th.

BOOK TITLES ANSWERS

- 1, "Spies in Spain"; 2, "Vanity Fair"; 3, "Great Expectations"; 4, "Jane Eyre"; 5, "Little Women"; 6, "Pilgrim's Progress"; 7, "Don Quixote"; 8, "Tristram Shandy"; 9, "John Halifax, Gentleman"; 10, "The Rake's Progress".

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