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#### **PREFECTS AND CAPTAINS 1963-64**

Head Girl: Pamela Richardson, then Hazel Jones.

Deputy Head Girl: Hazel Jones, then Pamela Foulds.

Head of Sixth Form House: Mary Barry.

Prefects: Janice Barratt, Mary Barry, Dinah Bray, Susan Beaumont, Patricia Bundoock, Gillian Gamble, Joy Goodman, Pauline Henley, Josephine Michalska, Patricia Soars, Margaret Staniforth, Christine Suffolk, Jennifer Taylor, Susan Warren.

#### **House Captains:**

Beaumanor: Jennifer Taylor.

Bradgate: Pamela Richardson, then Dinah Bray.

Garendon: Hazel Jones.

Ulverscroft: Wendy Radford.

#### **Games Captains:**

Hockey: Delese Slater.

Netball: Susan Warren.

Rounders: Jennifer Taylor.

Tennis: Gillian Gamble.

Games Secretary: Carol Scard.

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## FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

### School Holidays and Examinations

There is a nation-wide move to make the holiday period earlier in the summer in future, and many of you will know the arrangements made by industries in this area to take the main holiday fortnight in July.

The Northern Universities Board has published a provisional time-table for **G.C.E. in 1965**.

Both Advanced and Ordinary Level will start in the week beginning Monday, May 31st; there will be a break during Whit week and examinations will resume after this and extend until June 30th (Ordinary Level).

Advanced Level will end by June 30th, except that Practical Examinations in Botany, Zoology, Biology may go on until July 2nd. This is because these examinations are held in the laboratories of Universities and cannot take place until the laboratories are available.

### School Holidays 1964-65, and subsequently.

These are at present under consideration and will probably not be known until after the 'Quornian' goes to print, but parents who have to speak early for holidays might be advised that we shall probably close for the summer holiday 1965 nearer the beginning of July and come back to school towards the end of August. Because this makes the summer term short, we shall probably no longer be on holiday for the whole of Whit week.

As I said, this is an indication of what may be, rather than a certainty. Early next term, I hope to let every family have a list of the holiday dates for the year. It is obvious that we must get used to the idea of a break in the traditional holiday and examination pattern and various adjustments in the dates of traditional school functions may have to be made. These I shall let the school know about, when I can.

I hope that parents will do all they can to arrange family holidays within the school holiday period, and will, as before, let me know in advance if they fail to do so.

Those who have daughters sitting G.C.E. must, of course, avoid not only the period May 31st—June 30th, but also the

whole of May during which time oral and practical examinations will be taking place.

I have not yet had an opportunity of discussing with the staff the question of internal school examinations and whether or not we shall need to alter our pattern. When I write to you next term about holiday dates, I shall hope to give information about probable dates for school examinations.

### The School Activities Fund

I am grateful for the response of parents to my letter of a year ago, asking that in future you would pay two shillings a term, instead of the one shilling that you formerly paid. This was necessary largely because of the increased cost of the School Magazine. When the School Activity Fund was begun, the 'Quornian' cost only about £25; now the cost is nearer £60, and I am sure that the policy of giving every member of the School a copy is the right one, since the magazine is an excellent vehicle of communication with parents, of letting all who come to read it know what goes on in the varied life of the School, as well as giving pleasure and entertainment through its original items. In schools where the purchase of the magazine is optional, I am sure that a number do not purchase it and some parents probably do not know that it exists. I am always proud of our School magazine; it is neither large nor ambitious, but the quality of the writing and the accuracy of the production compares very well with others that I have seen and we have cause to be grateful to Miss Brown who every year is responsible for its production.

The 'Quornian', therefore, has for many years taken up most of the School Activities Fund. At the end of the last school year we had a balance of about £68, but when, in September, the bill for the 'Quornian' was paid, this was reduced to £16. Had we not had your increased contributions, we should have had to live very carefully throughout the year. In addition to the magazine costs, we pay from this fund for the poppy wreath in memory of old boys of the School which is laid each November 11th on the war memorial in Quorn; we send flowers at times to sick people and will—I hope—be able to do more in this way in the future; we cover any expenses connected with Candy, and we pay part of the cost of some films.

In the next issue of the 'Quornian' I hope to publish a balance sheet, showing how we stand in a normal year with the additional contributions and if, as I expect, we have a favourable balance, I should be interested to receive suggestions as to the further use we may make of this fund in the future.

May I repeat what I said in my letter last summer, that if any parents find the two shillings a term a burden, especially if they have more than one girl in the School, they have only to send me a note, so that the matter may be arranged.

M.E.S.

### SCHOOL NOTES

The Governing Body has remained unchanged during this school year, H. O. Pell, Esq., J.P., being re-elected Chairman and Lady Martin Vice-Chairman.

The staff of the School has, however, undergone some alteration. Towards the end of August, Miss Stewart resigned her post on medical advice and I think everyone was sorry that her very gallant attempt to return to full-time teaching had not proved successful. Miss Stewart's excellent teaching when she was well was something that the Sixth Form particularly appreciated. During this year we have had temporary help with the German and Junior French, first from Mrs. Joffah and Mrs. Kitchen, and secondly since Christmas from Mrs. Morgan. At Christmas, Mr. Clow resigned to take up a Mathematical appointment at the Bramcote Technical School in Nottinghamshire and Mr. Whitfield, formerly Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Leicester University, has very kindly been coming to us ever since on a part-time basis. Thus in staffing it has been a more disturbed year than usual, but fortunately 1964-65 promises stability again.

At the end of this summer term five full-time members of staff are leaving. Miss Morris, who has been with us for nine years, has been appointed Head of the Mathematics Department of the Sarson School, Melton Mowbray, when it becomes a Leicestershire Plan High School in September. Although we shall miss Miss Morris enormously, for her work for the Guides as well as her invaluable services to Middle School Mathematics, we wish her great success and happiness in her well-deserved appointment. Miss Hawley is taking her great love of France to the Park School, Preston, in her native Lancashire; Mrs. Horwood has accepted a Biology post at the Wyggeston Girls' School; Mrs. Brand and Mrs. Baker are resigning to join their husbands, Mrs. Brand in Holland, Mrs. Baker in Herefordshire. To all these people we give our warmest thanks and best wishes. Though their stay at the School has been relatively short, they have made their individual contributions and their friendship is something we shall not lightly forget.

At Easter, also, Mrs. Whittam resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Leonard, who quickly made herself at home. We rejoiced a few weeks ago to hear of the birth of Mrs. Whittam's little daughter, Sarah. Mrs. Wright (Miss Snow) who resigned last July to be married, also has a baby daughter, Julie. One wonders if these little girls will ever attend Rawlins Grammar School.

New appointments to the full-time posts have been successfully made. Mrs. Horwood is being replaced by Mrs. M. A. Topping, B.Sc., who has had long experience as Head of the Biology Department at Childwall Valley High School, Liverpool, and who is coming to live in this area. Miss Hawley is being replaced by Miss K. S. Harris, B.A., who comes to us from the staff of King

Edward VI Grammar School for Girls, Louth. To assist with English in Mrs. Brand's place we shall have Miss V. M. Savage, B.A., and to fill the two vacant Mathematics posts we have been lucky in securing the services of two young Mathematics Graduates, Miss B. S. Dicker and Miss J. V. Daniels.

We hope that all will be very happy at Rawlins Grammar School and will quickly feel at home here.

It was a great blow to learn in the Spring that Canon W. H. Dew was leaving Barrow-upon-Soar to take another living at Medbourne, near Market Harborough. It must be more than ten years since Mr. Dew first came to us as a part-time teacher of Sixth Form Physics. He has seen the subject grow in numbers and in success and many old pupils who have been or now are at the University owe their careers in part to his fine brain and diligent teaching. We hope that Mrs. Dew and he will find great happiness in the delightful part of the country to which they are going and that they will come in to see us whenever they return to North Leicestershire.

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Because of the delay in introducing the Leicestershire Plan into the Soar Valley, we have had no new buildings this year except for a very welcome extension to the dining-room and I think everyone welcomes the more spacious conditions. We have also had a fire-alarm system installed and are shortly to have a fire-escape built from the upper floor of the Sloyd Block.

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As a result of last summer's G.C.E. results, eight girls entered Universities, others began courses in medical auxiliary fields, at Teacher Training Colleges, at Colleges of Art or Technology and some from the Sixth Form entered nursing. So far three members of the Upper Sixth have gained firm University places for October this year, Pamela Richardson, Pamela Foulds and Elizabeth Wakefield; others hold provisional places until the Advanced Level results are known. All our Training College applicants have been successful and Eileen Noon has gained a place at the Royal Academy of Music.

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Degree results of old girls tend to reach us too late for inclusion in 'The Quornian', but everyone will wish to congratulate Mary Suffolk, a former Head Girl, on gaining her degree in Pharmacy at Nottingham University.

Our congratulations also to Brenda Read, another old girl, on playing for England and on being appointed to the staff of Anstey College of Physical Education.

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This year our Road Safety Team (drawn from the 2nd and 3rd Years) reached the area final in which, however, they lost to the boys of Loughborough Grammar School.

Congratulations to Jacqueline Davie on being placed second in the junior section of the French Verse-speaking Competition for all the schools of Leicestershire and Rutland.

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In November last year Wendy Radford was in the team representing the County Schools in a Mathematical Quiz at the University.

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We acknowledge gratefully the following gifts to the School: Books for the Library, from Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Branston, Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. and Mrs. Suffolk.

Items for the Wardrobe, from Mrs. Brand.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaps, a Cup for Inter-House Tennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, a Cup for Festival Dancing.

A Cup for the Senior Hurdles, from Mr. and Mrs. Radford.

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We congratulate Margaret Stanford on gaining the pioneer venture award of the Girls' Life Brigade for all-round achievement, leadership and social work.

## HOUSE NOTES

### BEAUMANOR

The House began its competitive activities in reasonable form but hopes of overwhelming victories in hockey and netball were soon dashed, despite the gallant efforts of the captains. The new year brought renewed spirits and through general co-operation and determined effort the House gained second place in the Inter-House Festival, losing narrowly to Ulverscroft, by a few marks which we had hoped to retrieve on Sports Day. Victory, however, once more proved destined for a worthier head and Beaumanor fell to the bottom of the scale.

The Swimming Sports remain the only chance for the House to retrieve lost fortunes and become once more a force to be reckoned with—a feat which can only be achieved through co-operative enthusiasm and whole-hearted performance.

Our greatest thanks are undoubtedly due to the hard work of Elizabeth Wakefield and the enthusiasm which she inspired on Festival Day. The House Staff must also be thanked for their timely aid and especially Mrs. Diggle for her unfailing support.

I wish Beaumanor every success in the future.

J.T.

### GARENDON

A good start was made in winter games, particularly in the Junior Netball tournament, where our team gained first place. At the Festival, after some good efforts in the events of the day, particularly in the French play and by Frances Pegg who represented the House in the Junior Verse-speaking, the final result was

somewhat disappointing. This was chiefly due to the lack of support from certain parts of the School in the prepared entry, our topic being "Below the surface of the sea". On Sports Day the House had considerable success, chiefly due to the high number of points obtained in the standards. It was a great disappointment to be narrowly beaten in the last few events after a successful evening. Special credit is given to June Burghart for the Middle School high jump, and in the javelin to Joy Goodman, who was responsible for the organisation of athletics. At the time of writing the results of summer games and swimming sports are not yet known, and if we do well, these could strengthen our position in the final result. My best wishes go to my successor.

H.J.

#### BRADGATE

This year has been one of mixed success for the House. The much-revised Festival items proved too much for Bradgate and we came an uninspiring fourth; a rather disheartening position, but with a little more effort and co-operation Bradgate can, and should, receive more of the honours. Thanks go to Pamela Richardson for her invaluable help and patience during the Festival period. The Senior netball team was most successful—Juniors, please note. On Sports Day we came third, and have due cause to be grateful to Helen Freer for the untiring efforts she made to coax, cajole or bully people into events. Finally, I should like to wish my successor good luck and good temper.

D.B.

#### ULVERSCROFT

The House has, again, had considerable success in the Inter-House activities. I feel, however, that I should point out that last year, despite success in the Inter-House Festival and on Sports Day, we finished last in the final placings due to numerous detentions, lack of success on the games field and poor work and exam results.

I am pleased to note that, this year, we have had a little more success in the winter games, and I hope that we shall fare even better in the summer games. May I take this opportunity of thanking those who worked so hard to bring us the Athletics Trophy by a margin of one mark.

This year, the written entries for the Inter-House Festival were confined to one entry per house, this entry involving work from all parts of the School, but particularly from the Sixth Form. As a result of hard work on this entry we gained a considerable lead before Festival Day began. Thanks are due especially to Margaret Stanford who worked very hard on this item. We went on to take first place in the Festival.

I send my best wishes to my successor and all members of the House.

W.R.

#### THE FISHERMAN

A fisherman stood in the fading light,  
Cast out his line and hoped for a bite.  
But the fish were cautious and swam away  
And the darkness was deepening and fading the day.

No fish he caught, though he waited long.  
His only reward a nightingale's song.  
Then home he went, without a word,  
His heart lifted up by the song of a bird.

Claire Broughton,  
Form IVA.

#### THE EXPRESS

Darkness. Shadows all around.  
Silence. All is peaceful.  
A sudden quiet rumble,  
A gentle, faraway sound  
Which gradually increases,  
Shaking the shadowed ground.  
A startled bird looks up,  
And drops its worm in fright.

The sound is distinguished—  
An express speeding on its way  
Through sombre, black tunnels,  
Through bright, green valleys  
Like a snake in the distance,  
Winding its way along the track.

It approaches us,  
And, brightly flashing past,  
Disappears again, into the distance.

Janice Finney,  
Form III.

#### THE ANT

Happiness, that is all I want.  
Money is something I never need;  
But I have no right to say  
    I, an ant,  
Who lives alone;  
    I who wander  
From place to place;  
    Ah, little me, so poor,  
Loved by no-one, hated by all.

It's true no-one knows  
 Such terror, terror, sorrow,  
 As we ants, so small.  
 No-one really knows  
 Terror of people determined to kill.  
 Who cares where we go tomorrow?  
 A footprint large  
 Kills the little happiness we knew,  
 Ruins our homes for ever.

Kathleen Lidierth,  
 Form III.

#### TEN MINUTES PAST EIGHT

Slowly up the path in silence I walk.  
 The garden is littered with autumn leaves,  
 And birds sing in the quiet morning air.  
 The sun peers above streaky clouds.  
 Suddenly, the silence is cruelly shattered  
 By a bus drawing away  
 From across the road.  
 I walk a little further and notice the creeper  
 Is a lovely hue,  
 But soon the wall will be bare.  
 The windows are shut and the door is fastened  
 But I find it rather inviting.  
 I have to open the door. A fine welcome, I think.  
 The milk bottles gleam in the freshness.  
 I look up and down the corridor  
 But see nothing new;  
 Only the same old sights, day after day.  
 Sometimes a new poster—or even two.  
 The door bangs behind me  
 And I stand quite still,  
 As I realize  
 That I'm the first in school.

Judith Riddiford,  
 Form III.

#### HOCKEY REPORT 1963-64

The hockey teams have had a successful and eventful season, producing some interesting games.

The technical skill has improved in the Junior XIs, although their use of tactics is hardly as recognisable as in the Senior teams.

The 1st and 2nd teams have provided some excellent games which have been most exciting to play in and watch. It is generally

felt that more drive and determination are required in the goal circle in order to produce goals. The defence have played well, having only ten goals scored against them this season.

Special praise should be awarded to the four members of the teams who were entered for the County Trials. These were Delese Slater (captain), Gillian Gamble (vice-captain), Jennifer Taylor and Patricia Neville. Of these, Gillian obtained a place in the 1st Junior County XI and Jennifer won a place in the reserve eleven.

Congratulations also go to G. Welch, G. Gamble, C. Scard, S. Downs for obtaining their full colours and to P. Neville, G. Waite, H. Freer and R. Carter for gaining their half colours. Highly commended for her efforts was D. Coxall.

I should like to thank, on behalf of the teams, Mrs. Baker for her enthusiastic response to all our problems in the teams and for helping us reach such a high standard. I should also like to thank the girls who have come to prepare our refreshments each Saturday, and we hope they will continue their good work next season.

I wish my successor every success next season and I hope she will derive as much pleasure from working with the teams as I have done.

Delese Slater (Captain).

#### Results:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					For	Against
1st XI .....	12	8	3	1	23	10
2nd XI .....	4	0	1	3	2	5
U.15 XI .....	9	4	3	2	20	5
U.14 XI .....	2	1	0	1	6	1

#### NETBALL

The netball teams have not been quite so successful this season. The 1st VII were only placed second in their section at the Leicester Schools' Tournament, while the Under 15 VII were unplaced. We still have not succeeded in beating our traditional rivals—Collegiate Girls' Grammar School—although we have played them twice. Perhaps next year we shall be able to fulfil our ambition.

The first team, on the whole, were very successful and were only defeated by the Collegiate and Wyggeston Girls' School. They have consistently played a high standard of netball and have made good use of their abilities. The girls were relatively inexperienced as the School 1st Team and, considering this draw back, played extremely well.

The Under 15 VII were less successful and lost many of their matches, but they, too, were a completely new and inexperienced team. Many of the girls showed great promise and with experience and practice should make extremely good players.

Unfortunately, the second team only had four fixtures. They won one and narrowly lost the others. An Under 14 VII, a Second-year and a First-year VII each only played one match this season and require more fixtures to give them match experience. They showed great enthusiasm and were always willing to practise.

At Christmas full Colours were given to Sylvia Watson and Susan Warren and Half Colours went to Susan Clarke, Linda Dickson and Marion Jones. After the Spring season Caroline Oram gained her full Colours.

S.W.

### ROUNDERS

The 1st IX, having lost many of its most experienced members, has this year fallen back on the strength of younger bloods and has achieved considerable success in this way.

The first match of the season was played in heavy rain and dampened spirits saw the victory conceded to Market Harborough, but fine Saturdays revived the old enthusiasm and succeeding matches have had more pleasing results. Excellent fielding, coupled with fine batting performances, has proved the strength of a lively team.

The 2nd IX, although composed of young and relatively inexperienced players, is without doubt a promising team and its members, with enthusiasm and hard practice, could be well worthy of first team membership.

The Junior IX has also worked well this year. Their burning enthusiasm and latent ability could reveal them as a reliable power in future seasons.

This season, however, is yet far from its close and even greater success may be achieved. The teams' true competitive strength will undoubtedly be tested in the Leicestershire Schools' Rounders Tournament.

I hope that the future success of the teams will be as resounding as that of the past.

J.T.

### TENNIS

At the time of writing this report the 1st VI have played five matches and have won only one. The team has remained more or less unaltered throughout the term and has as such made considerable progress. The 2nd VI have so far played four matches and have won two of them. Both teams need to improve the speed with which they move around the court in play and also their placing of shots.

The teams are gradually gaining more confidence and are getting much more enjoyment out of the matches. I feel sure that their progress will continue and more matches will be won this season. Colours have not yet been decided upon for this season but last season full colours were awarded to the captain, Ann Heaps, and half colours to the finalists in the Individual Tennis Cup, Pamela Richardson and Sheila Downs.

I should like to thank B. Dewhurst, M. Mason, G. Shelton, K. Lockwood, R. Mellor, W. Peck, M. Birchwood, D. Eggleton, D. Berridge and A. Schepens, who are the School umpires, and all those who acted as ball boys. I should like to commend their efficiency and I hope that their enthusiasm will be carried over into next season so that we can count on their support then. I should like to thank the teams and reserves for their enthusiastic support over the term and for their consistency in turning out for practices. I should also like to thank sincerely Mrs. Baker for giving up her lunch hours and Saturday mornings to help us.

G.K.G.

### GYM

The Vaulting Club has met each Wednesday night throughout the year. Many rewarding and interesting moments have been experienced by all members, with special attention being given to control and style.

On December 14th a number of the members went on an outing to the De Montfort Hall to watch the Olympic gymnastic trials. These were enjoyed immensely by all, especially as we were able to watch Nick Stewart performing for the last time before becoming the official British Olympic coach.

The following Seniors were awarded their gymnastic badges for control and style at the end of the Easter term: Gillian Waite, Helen Freer, Caroline Oram, Gillian Brown, Linda Towell and Rosemary Eagles.

The following people were awarded their Junior gymnastic badges: F. Hedges, L. Morris, J. Burghart, P. Gould, J. Shoulder, J. Davie, S. Miller, J. Finney, V. Wright, J. Atkinson.

Pamela Morgan was awarded the Junior Gym Cup for outstanding work and achievement.

We are now working hard to arrange a gym display for the School Garden Fete to be held later in the year.

After such an enjoyable year all members would like to thank Miss Wright for her valuable assistance. We also hope that many Juniors will join next year.

E.F.

### HENPECKED !

"It's eight o'clock. You'll miss your bus".  
Oh, why do mothers always fuss?  
"Your coffee's cold, and so's your egg.  
Your belt is hanging on the peg.  
So hurry up! Just see the time!"  
Each day it's just the same old rhyme!  
"Oh, look, you're late!"  
"It's half past eight!"  
"And don't forget to shut the gate!"  
"Look at your hair!"  
Oh, Mum, don't moan!  
"You look just like a Rolling Stone!"  
Well, cheerio!  
I must away,  
Or I'll not get to school today!

Linda Rust,  
Form IVA.

### MY LITTLE FRIEND

He follows me around the streets,  
He watches me from the tip of his eye.  
He looks around and then he greets  
Me.  
Who is he?  
  
He patters all around the house,  
He follows me until I know  
He's there, and then he goes  
Away.  
Who is he?  
  
He sings all day upon a tree,  
And always, always watches me.  
And chirps until I see  
Him.  
Who is he?

Dorothy Cripps,  
Form II.

### PLEASURE

The brightness of the sun's gold beam  
Upon a summer day,  
Reflected in a rippling stream  
Where fish and tadpoles play.

A coloured bird among the trees  
Chanting out its song;  
A butterfly up on the breeze;  
The moon when day is done.

An empty church where all is still;  
The sound of the organ there  
Fills my heart and always will  
With a sadness, sweet and rare.

Shirley M. Brown,  
Form IVA.

### SPEECH DAYS

#### Senior

Senior Speech Day was held on November 15th. We welcomed as principal guest Professor Norman Pye, B.A., F.R.G.S., Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the Department of Geography at Leicester University. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. H. O. Pell, J.P., was again with us to guide the proceedings.

After the Senior Choir had sung two Madrigals, Miss Sawdon made her annual report. She began with an analysis of the careers in prospect for the 35 members of the Upper Sixth who had just left school, showing the great variety open to those who continue their studies for two or more years in the Sixth. Yet there was still a false idea in some people's minds that to enter the Sixth was to be committed—or perhaps condemned—to a teaching career. The real purpose of education was the enrichment of one's personal life, but this did not always become apparent till one had carried one's education a good way. Miss Sawdon then reviewed the activities of the year, and concluded with an answer to criticisms of the younger generation made by adults who seemed to her both uninformed and lacking in a sense of proportion. We must never, she said, forget that the vast development of knowledge and skills in recent decades had made the sheer bulk of what young people must acquire almost overwhelming. If they were rather less accurate in things like spelling and arithmetic, they were infinitely better informed than previous generations of schoolchildren had been. The vast majority of them worked pretty hard, too—many, she suspected, for longer hours than their parents. It was possible that in the field of examinations an unfair amount was being asked of them, and if the new techniques and teaching methods could ease the process of understanding and learning, the children should not be denied such aids, high as their cost was.

Miss Sawdon concluded her speech with an outline of the positive characteristics of young people of the present, as she saw them. They were, she thought, fundamentally serious, thinking for

themselves about problems of which their predecessors had often at their age been unaware. Most of them were religious—not perhaps conventionally so, but thinking about religion, arguing, reading and perhaps worrying more than their elders did. And the vast majority, she believed, were moral despite the inducements to immorality presented to them. They were struggling hard to live decent lives in a world for which, after all, adults, and not they, bore the responsibility. Constant pin-pricks of criticism did not help them, but they needed understanding and trust.

"On the other hand", Miss Sawdon added, "if the young people do feel irritated by the criticisms which older people pour upon them, they must admit that they often have only themselves to blame in not showing the best of themselves to the world. People naturally judge by appearance, and the present cult of untidiness does not help. It does not help to make you liked if you gaze through a forest of hair, lank or fuzzy as your taste may be, with wild or expressionless eyes and a carefully practised pout. And it would do young people no harm to remember that, since grown-ups are working, to give them the longest and most expensive education ever known in this country, there is no wonder if loutish behaviour on buses, or deliberate bad speech or bad language, drives Indignant Ratepayer now and again to take up his pen."

The Senior Choir then sang "Sea Music", by George Dyson, and was joined by the rest of the School in a setting of The Old Hundredth. Before presenting the prizes, Professor Norman Pye gave an address, in which a reminder of present-day educational opportunities was joined with advice to pupils as to how they could make the most of their years at school.

#### Prizewinners

Charles Roberts' Memorial Prize for particularly distinguished work: Janice Palmer (Entry to Charing Cross Hospital Medical School with Advanced Level Zoology with Distinction, Advanced Chemistry, Advanced Physics and Advanced General Studies).

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (three subjects): Margaret Clark, Susan Doherty, Pamela Foulds, Barbara Francks, Betty Griffiths, Ann Heaps, Hazel Jones, Jane Suffolk, Elizabeth Wakefield.

G.C.E. at Advanced Level (two subjects): Mary Barry, Valerie Field, Gail Hunt, Caroline Humby, Frances Long, Judith McCarthy, Stella Morfey, Janice Palmer, Wendy Radford, Pamela Richardson, Jacqueline Steele, Valerie Watts, Judith Young.

#### G.C.E. at Ordinary Level:

Fifth Year: Gillian Gamble, Angela Lindsay, Nuala Doherty, Sally Ward, Helen Ison, Anne Merriman, Susan Smith, Patricia Cunningham, Mary Nourish, Christine Parker.

Form IV: Mary Cassidy, Mary Bream, Barbara Richardson.

#### Form Prizes

Lower VI: Patricia Jex, Patricia Bundoak, Jennifer Taylor. IVa: 1, Marion Jones; 2, Margaret McLeod; 3, Sheila Priest. IV Alpha: 1, Rosalind Higgs; 2, Margaret Brearley; 3, Susan Cross, Susan Scotney.

III: 1, Stephanie Wright; 2, Ann Beverley; 3, Ruth Mellor. IIIa: 1, Claire Broughton; 2, Shirley Brown; 3, Patricia Wheldon. III Alpha: 1, Barbara Dewhirst; 2, Kay Lockwood; 3, Margaret Asher.

Mention (runners-up in Form Prizes): Patricia Mackey, Janet Blencowe, Linda Lowe, Joan Underwood, Pauline Leader, Janet Foulds, Bridget Banks, Linda Rust, Rosemary Tatchell, Susan Northcott, Kay Holyland, Lynn Watts, June Johnson.

#### Special Prizes

Service to the School (presented by the Chairman of the Governors): Christine Perkins, Ann Heaps.

Senior Reading Prize: Caroline Humby.

Steady Work and Progress: Angela Lindsay, Diana Brush, Jean Moreton.

Outstanding contribution to Physical Education: Jennifer Wye.

Quorn Prize (presented by A. M. Smith, Esq.): Patricia Soars.

#### Subject Prizes

English: Susan Doherty, Elizabeth Wakefield, Margaret Clark, Mary Cassidy.

History: Margaret Clark.

Geography: Pamela Foulds, Angela Lindsay.

Scripture: Jill Simons, Margaret Stanford.

French: Elizabeth Wakefield, Mary Cassidy.

Latin: Barbara Francks.

German: Pamela Richardson, Diana Coxall, Joy Goodman.

Mathematics (presented by Mrs. L. P. Priestley): Judith McCarthy; (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Jane Suffolk; (presented by V. Gamble, Esq.): Mary Bream.

Science: Janice Palmer, Mary Nourish, Barbara Richardson.

Art: Frances Long, Patricia Wood-Antill, Patricia Cunningham.

Music: Hazel Jones.

Housecraft (presented by Miss D. Bryan): Jacqueline Steele, Frances Long.

General Studies: Virginia Branston, Janice Palmer, Dinah Bray, Valerie Field.

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At Advanced Level: Janice Barratt, Mary Barry, Virginia Branston, Dinah Bray, Margaret Clark, Susan Doherty, Valerie Field, Pamela Foulds, Barbara Francks, Betty Griffiths, Ann Heaps, Judith Hickling, Caroline Humby, Gail Hunt, Hazel Jones, Frances Long, Dianne Mawby, Judith McCarthy, Stella Morfey, Penelope Morris, Janice Palmer, Cynthia Payne, Christine Perkins, Wendy Radford, Pamela Richardson, Janet Spiby, Jacqueline Steele, Jane Suffolk, Elizabeth Wakefield, Amy Warnes, Susan Waterfield, Valerie Watts, Shirley Welch, Judith Young.

### At Ordinary Level:

Sixth Forms (additional subjects)—Upper VI: Carole Woodward; Lower VI: Patricia Bundoock, Diana Coxall, Susan Darlaston, Joy Goodman, Janet Iliffe, Patricia Jex, Susan Lovett, Josephine Michalska, Charlene Sharp, Nicole Shaw, Jill Simons, Margaret Stanford, Jennifer Taylor, Susan Warren, Ann Woolston.

Form V: Christine Allen, Elizabeth Baker, Diana Brush, Ann Christie, Nuala Doherty, Carole Fowkes, Gillian Gamble, Judith Gamble, Helen Ison, Angela Lindsay, Stephanie Martin, Anne Merriman, Joan Morton, Jill Murphy, Christine Robertson, Carol Scard, Caroline Scott, Patricia Soars, Christine Suffolk, Janice Swan, Margaret Upton, Gillian Wallin, Sally Ward, Maureen Watson, Gillian Welch, Mary Willett, Patricia Wood-Antill.

Form Va: Marion Amey, Angeline Barker, Janet Braithwaite, Caroline Burgess, Susan Clarke, Wendy Cramp, Patricia Cunnington, Bryony Foxall, Ann Kemp, Pauline Lamble, Peggy Ann Lloyd, Anthea Lockwood, Wendy Manning, Kathleen Miller, Eileen Noon, Mary Nourish, Joan Offiler, Susan Robertson, Susan Smith, Julia Tollington, Christine Vann, Julia Wagstaffe, Jennifer Wye.

Form V Alpha: Virginia Barclay, Jacqueline Bate, Christine Bell, Marina Burford, Josephine Burgess, Rowena Carter, Susan Coleman, Bridget Cook, Sheila Downs, Patricia Gamble, Linda Gibbin, Patricia Hardy, Frances Hawkins, Marion Hibbins, Wendy Honey, Valerie Johnson, Maureen Kitchen, Valerie Loxley, Janice Mason, Jean Moreton, Christine Parker, Alice Patterson, Linda Peck, Jennifer Richardson, Delese Slater, Linda Smith, Corinne Swann, Anne Waldron, Sheila Wallis, Sylvia Watson, Susan Whadcock.

Form IV: Elaine Badger, Christine Barrett, Christine Bell, Mary Bream, Ann Bunker, Mary Cassidy, Patricia Chell, Helen Freer, Susan Goodman, Angela Grewcock, Jennifer Hallam, Susan Hudson, Gillian Hughes, Juliet Male, Jean Pringle, Barbara Richardson, Suzanne Ruck, Patricia Tunnicliff, Diane Warnes, Wendy Wood-Antill.

London University (single subjects): Carole Fowkes, Patricia Jex, Maria Kingsbury.

Inter-House Shield: Beaumanor.

Inter-House Tennis Cup: Bradgate.

Inter-House Swimming Cup: Beaumanor and Garendon jointly.

Inter-House Hockey Cup: Beaumanor.

Individual Tennis Cup: Pamela Richardson.

Individual Swimming Cup: Anne Russell.

Girl Guide Cup: Mary Bream.

### Junior

Junior Speech Day was held on June 4th, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Pell. The principal guest was Mrs. J. B. Thomas, of Woodhouse Eaves. Miss Sawdon spoke of the enthusiasm and talent shewn in the Junior School. She continued with advice to parents as to how they could best help the girls to do their school work thoroughly, to develop confidence and good speech and to spend their formative years in the best possible way. Her special words to parents were—“Don’t be too modest; don’t think that you have no part to play in this important business of education, or that your job consists only in clothing and feeding them well”. She hoped that parents would be interested in any new educational developments and gave as an example the new approach to Mathematics being tried out with the first-years. Two vital principles—to introduce children while young to genuine mathematical thinking and to let each girl work at her own pace—were incorporated in the scheme, evolved by Dr. Skemp, of Manchester University, which we as part of a group were following. Miss Sawdon concluded by thanking the parents for the support they gave by attending such School functions as Speech Day.

The Junior Choir contributed two songs to this part of the proceedings and the Juniors in unison sang “Mr. Sailorman”, by A. Rowley. In her special address, Mrs. Thomas kept the close attention of the audience by her well-chosen words, beginning and ending, appropriately to 1964, with quotations from Shakespeare. She showed how the advice “To thine own self be true” could be the principle of growth in knowledge and character throughout life, and how the choice “To be, or not to be” could be interpreted as the all-important choice between a purposeful and a pointless existence.

The presentation of prizes followed, and the Junior Choir concluded the main programme with a song by J. S. Bach. Afterwards, the parents were entertained with examples of dancing and drama by the Junior Forms.

### Prizewinners

Form Prizes awarded to last year's First and Second Year girls:  
Form II: 1, Susan Hancock; 2, Charlotte Waldron; 3, Susan Claridge.

Form I: 1, Julie Shoulder; 2, Miriam Bennett; 3, Lesley Robinson.

Form IIA: 1, Kathleen Todd; 2, Susan Illston; 3, Kay Kirby.

Form IA: 1, Frances Pegg; 2, Mary Cockrell; 3, Beryl Beaumont.

Progress Prizes (1963-64): Ann Scott, Linda Glover, Julie Walters, Susan Allen.

Prizes for the best kept sets of exercise books (1963-64):

Third Year: Julie Aves, Karen Griffiths.

Second Year: Gillian Graves, April Lee.

First Year: Mary Bunker, Susan Underwood.

Mathematics Prizes (presented by Miss E. Mounteney): Judith Field, Valerie Wright, June Burghart, Anne Knowles.

Mary Lawrence Cup for Physical Education: Pamela Morgan.

### LETTER FROM GERMANY

Our former Head Girl, Pamela Richardson, writes to us as follows:—

Herdershausen,  
Hessen.  
14-6-64

“Arbeit macht das Leben süß,  
Faulheit stärkt die Glieder.”

say the Germans, and ten weeks of life in Germany has shown me that the majority of Germans believe this. The average German, I was told, is hardworking and finds enjoyment in his work—with, of course, exceptions.

In my first few weeks I seemed to meet only the exceptions. Amongst my fellow workers in the Council Offices, I could not help noticing that devotion to work appeared only in a mild form, if, in fact, it existed at all.

Two months in the soothing, almost sleepy, atmosphere of these particular Council offices introduced me to the pleasant, friendly world of German bureaucracy. Celebrations were held whenever the opportunity presented itself, and I became used to the sight of beer and sausages—consumed in vast quantities and with great merriment during office hours. Work was, of course, completed, slowly and with great attention to detail, but seemed to be considered by the majority as a not-so-pleasant necessity.

A few weeks later I rather nervously entered what I found to be a very different world—that of industry. The hour reserved for beer and sausages was reduced to twenty-five minutes of coffee and cakes—served on a piece of cardboard and consumed in comparative silence. A sense of urgency made any attempts at gossip impossible. Work was not only completed, but completed with enjoyment and concentration.

My jobs have so far proved interesting, if only in their contrast.

Although the Germans take their work seriously, I have discovered that “off-duty” they are gay and feel most at home in cheerful, noisy company. Working here is an ideal way of learning something of the Germans both as individuals and as a nation.

### HATS WILL BE WORN

A short while ago, Rawlins Grammar buzzed with the rumour that hats were to replace berets. Girls were mysteriously called for to try them on. Juniors were said to be going to be subjected to panamas, the Seniors to boaters; whilst the heads of prefects would be adorned with ribbons.

Nothing further was said about this revolution, and although excitement has now subsided, we still wonder whether or not we shall be wearing them. To aid further negotiations, a small survey was carried out, and those concerned may draw their own conclusions.

According to a Second-former, berets are far more practical—“The beret is useful for wiping one's fingers, when sticky, or wet from the juice of oranges”—

“Girls will be constantly de-boating one another”, declared an intelligent Fourth-former.

Never was the prefix ‘un’ so widely used as when hats were mentioned.

The practical-minded were unanimous as to the fact that our celebrated Lost Property cupboard would have to be enlarged.

Apart from these objections, a few girls were in favour. I regret to say, however, that their efforts to defend the hat were unavailing against such numbers.

I will give the final word to a Humphrey Perkins scholar, the brother of one our Sixth-formers, who calmly stated: “If my sister wears one, I'll disown her!”

M.S., Form IV.

### 5th INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORTNIGHT

This summer I was lucky enough, and indeed honoured, to participate in the 5th International Youth Science Fortnight, an annual event sponsored by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Young scientists from 30 different countries met in London and spent a fortnight in hostels or with private families. Those in hostels shared rooms with foreign visitors—my room-mate was a Norwegian girl from Bergen. This life in the hostels was most stimulating and really achieved the object of promoting friendship and understanding between young people of many nations. It was perhaps expected that, because we were science students, we should have language difficulties but this was not so. Our visitors all spoke both excellent English and usually two additional languages.

The fortnight began with the Welcome Dance at which everyone made friends but very little dancing was done—more male scientists must have dancing lessons! Here I was a little alarmed to find that many of the British participants were from public schools, but on meeting them my misgivings were dispelled—friends, they are all ordinary teenagers like ourselves!

The fortnight was officially opened by Prince Philip with a most entertaining address which had nothing whatever to do with "the social implications of science". Some representatives were lucky enough to meet Prince Philip briefly afterwards. We were also welcomed by Sir Eric Ashby, and Christopher Chataway, M.P., on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

The first part of the course was one of the four visits to the National Chemical Laboratory, Fisons' Research Station at Ipswich, the Esso Refinery, Fawley, and British Insulated Callenders Cables Ltd. These were chosen from a wide variety of visits for each individual. The firms were most hospitable, providing excellent lunches, besides most interesting displays and explanations of their work.

The next day the first of the discussion groups was held. We were divided into small groups and placed under eminent scientists. Dr. Mathias, of University College Biochemistry Dept., gave us some valuable insight into the newest findings in the field of genetics.

We were very fortunate in having a lecture from Sir Raymond Priestley about his experiences in Antarctica with Captain Scott. Professor Wattier, of Belgium, told us about the Youth Science Movement of his country and gave us some advice and encouragement for the foundation of an international movement to be based in London.

In a lighter mood, we were invited to the Shell Centre, an astounding building almost like a city in itself, where we were shown some of their very informative films on scientific subjects—plastics, and synthetic foods. An invitation to tea came from the House of Commons where we were honoured to have Dame Irene Ward as hostess. The week-end's programme included a matinee of "My Fair Lady".

After another day of scientific visits, the fortnight ended with the closing ceremony at which representatives from all countries gave their reports, and we were addressed by Miss Diana Reader-Harris, headmistress and educationalist. In the evening was the Farewell Ball, a little more successful than the Welcome Ball as far as dancing was concerned. This was a very happy ending to a really enjoyable, if not wholly educational, holiday.

I should like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Miss Sawdon and the School Governors for making this possible. It was very worthwhile, and an experience I shall remember for many years.

Valerie Watts.

#### To Prove that Blood Carries Food Around the Body

1. Eat, with the aid of teeth, a large pea.
2. Allow time for it to be digested, about two seconds.
3. Take a sterilised fork and scrape away all obstructive hairs from the skin.
4. Using a small garden spade make a minute hole in the skin. N.B.—It must be minute so as not to be harmful.
5. If a digested pea appears the experiment is successful.

#### To Prove that Blood Is Essential For Life

1. Take a living person.
2. Make a small hole in the region of the left toe, using a sterilised drill.
3. When all the blood has been removed, test the body for life.
4. If the body is not alive, i.e. if it does not squeal when pinched, put in a test tube and heat to 150° C. and CALL A DOCTOR.

"A Keen Scientist".

### SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

#### Field Course

This year, for the first time, Rawlins girls attended a Geography field course. Susan Beaumont and I spent a week during March at the Malham Tarn Field Centre in Yorkshire. Despite a considerable snow cover we were able to go out into the field daily as the thaw set in during our visit. The weather was good except for one day when we were obliged to shelter in a barn with a bull. The long treks across limestone pavements, peat bogs and cotton-grass moors were well worth the effort required, because we were able to look closely at the features of the surrounding area—Gordale Gorge, Malham Dry Valley, Malham Cove, Giggleswick Scar and Ingleton. The course combined field-work with evening lectures and covered many aspects of Geography. These included the development of peat bogs, weathering in limestone and shale areas, the effects of glaciation and faulting, drainage patterns, natural vegetation, land use and settlement patterns. It was both instructive and enjoyable.

P.F.

#### Royal Show

Thursday, July 9th, is a day which holds many attractions for Form IV Alpha and for some of Form IV, because on that day we are going to Stoneleigh Abbey at Kenilworth to visit the Royal Show. The showground is the biggest in the world, covering nearly 200 acres. There will be performances by horsemen from Canadian ranches and twice daily show-jumping competitions will be held in the Grand Ring. The other attractions will be a Flower Show, a Farm Buildings Centre, field demonstrations and displays of modern machinery and implements. There will be massed parades

of Britain's finest pedigree livestock, a national sheep-shearing competition and an exciting and skilful tractor-handling competition to discover the champion tractor-driver of England. There will be a fashion parade and an exclusive shopping centre sponsored by Leamington Spa. In addition, experts will demonstrate cookery and first-aid. As well as many high-class public bars which do the catering, there will be a Strawberry Fair, where fresh British strawberries and cream will be served.

We all hope that Billy J. Kramer and the Dakotas will arrive before we have to return home. If he does, it will make our day complete.

G.G.

### La Belle Hélène

Immediately the Spring exams were over, a party of Sixth-formers went off to the Great Hall of the University at Leicester to see a production by the students of "La Belle Hélène." Knowing nothing of it in advance, except that it was founded upon classical legend, they approached it with a certain decorum and absence of gaiety. It was not long before Offenbach's hilarious anachronisms were making their effect, and all came away delightfully refreshed, with a lingering memory of mythological sun-bathers and the strains of "Sweet Menelaus."

### THE GIRL WHO HATED BOOKS

Belinda could not bear to look  
At any kind of story-book.  
Charles Dickens she could not abide,  
And into dreams would quickly slide  
Reading of any subject bar  
The Beatles—preferably Starr.  
Her mother would oft times despair,  
And try to make her really care  
For books about the Trojan War—  
Belinda found them such a bore.  
While her mother read them proudly,  
She would sit there yawning loudly.  
When her eleventh birthday came  
She'd not much reading to her name.  
And when an Aunt, in one last hope,  
Gave her a book by Arthur Pope  
Which told one how to row and swim  
And so preserve both life and limb,  
Belinda looked at other toys  
And listened to her record—"Boys";  
She wouldn't give the book a glance.  
She never thought she'd get the chance

To show her prowess in the sea—  
The prospect bored her terribly.  
And then one day her Auntie Jane  
Took her on a trip to Spain.  
They went there on the biggest liner—  
No-one could imagine finer.  
Now in the middle of a gale  
Belinda, standing by the rail,  
Leaned over and began to fall,  
And nobody could hear her call  
Until a cabin-boy looked out  
Across the sea and gave a shout—  
"There's a young girl in the water!"  
Aunt Jane screamed: "My sister's daughter!  
Lower a boat! Try to save her!  
She's read a book—one I gave her—  
That tells one how to row a boat  
And keep it properly afloat."  
And so a boat was lowered, but  
That small book, that was always shut,  
Had never taught her, so she perished—  
Belinda Smart, the most cherished  
Of her Aunt Jane, father, mother  
And all save her little brother.

Now this story has a moral—  
Please accept it without quarrel.  
You'll ne'er regret the trouble took  
Reading a really helpful book.

Pauline Leader,  
Form IV.

### THE NOMADS

They travel over the dusty plain,  
They never see the dew or rain.  
In caravan they journey on,  
Where other men have never gone.  
Their skin is a deep chocolate brown,  
Their clothes are like a dressing-gown.  
They never know where they are going,  
Their space of land is always growing.  
Just think of the happy life I've had  
And the lonely life of a dark nomad.

Ann Child,  
Form II.

## THE FIRE

The flames had flickered and wearied out,  
The ashes slept at rest;  
Then the wind came down, down,  
Sweeping the chimney breast.  
It swirled around the flickering flames,  
And woke the ashes with ease,  
Then with a rush it was gone, gone,  
Gone to its home in the east.  
The flames stopped leaping, the ashes slept,  
The embers died away.  
The fire would sleep, sleep, sleep,  
Until another day.

Rosemary Martin,  
Form II.

## "PILLARS OF SOCIETY"

Going cheap, in aid of School funds, one very practical electrically-lit sign, guaranteeing success in any political campaign—"Karsten Bernick for Ever!"—this is only one of the many articles we begged, borrowed or bought for our School Play, Ibsen's "Pillars of Society," which was presented on the evenings of July 18th and 19th of last year.

Miss Milner and her helpers created a very attractive setting to suggest the "garden-room" of a wealthy businessman's home in a Norwegian coastal town, with the atmosphere of the 1870s, in which anxious respectability was laid open to the winds of change. Much borrowed wicker-work was in evidence, together with plants from Brooksby and local ivy persuaded to trail in the right places.

The leading character, who "acts as a principal support to the community," was most fittingly embodied by the Head Girl. It was easy to foresee that, when he was "exposed as unworthy of that position," few would really believe it! Our lines were nearer to contemporary life than usual, and liable to keep turning up in conversation. Many a parent, I feel sure, raised an eyebrow when the bitter cry "I'm one of their moral delinquents!" was uttered by one respected member of the cast, when a schoolgirl rolled on to the stage and in a coarse masculine voice announced that the railway was 'angin' by a thread, or when two of us squared up to each other with such passionate exclamations as "You dare ——!" and "Mind what you are saying!"

The girls—and they were all girls, although many of them had been admirably and cunningly disguised by Mrs. Johnson as bearded men—all enjoyed appearing very mature and refined in

Victorian dress. Speaking from experience, I can testify that there is one item of Victorian costume that makes one look and feel especially superior—the high starched collar.

Our grateful thanks go to all concerned in the production and to anyone who gave or lent props. From the Bull's Head opposite we acquired a cast-off set of wicker bar-stools, which should be very useful in the unlikely event of our ever possessing a wicker bar!

M.K.

The cast was as follows:

Karsten Bernick	...	...	Christine Perkins
Mrs. Bernick	...	...	Judith Young
Lona Hessel	...	...	Caroline Humby
Johan Tønnesen	...	...	Mary Nourish
Dina Dorf	...	...	Betty Griffiths
Marta Bernick	...	...	Virginia Branston
Rörlund	...	...	Maureen Kitchen
Hilmar Tønnesen	...	...	Margaret Clark
Rummel	...	...	Gilian Waite
Vigeland	...	...	Lynne Morton
Sandstad	...	...	Wendy Radford
Krap	...	...	Susan Clarke
Aune	...	...	Eleanor Heath
Mrs. Rummel	...	...	Cynthia Payne
Mrs. Holt	...	...	Jill Simons
Mrs. Lyng	...	...	Frances Hawkins
Olaf Bernick	...	...	Frances Pegg
Hilda Rummel	...	...	Olive Read
Netta Holt	...	...	Vida Schepens
Other townspeople	...	...	Janice Palmer, Diane Mawby, Mary Bream

## MUSIC NOTES

"Alas for those who never sing  
And die with all their music in them"

This should never happen to anyone who attends Rawlins! As ever, the past year has been crammed with practices for the performances in which both choirs and orchestra have taken part. At the beginning of the school year considerable success was gained in the Leicester Festival. The Junior Choir sang beautifully and won a magnificent silver cup, which adorns the Library. (I often wonder which one of the Junior Choir cleans it.) Success was again gained at the Area Festival at Melton when both choirs, the orchestra and several individuals came first in their classes. At the County Festival the choirs came first, but we were enormously proud of the orchestra when they gained the title of County Champions.

Our own School Festival was not lacking in talent or variety and the musical programme gave pleasure to all. Some of the items from our Festival were performed at our Annual Concert, and

the money we raised from this enabled us to buy, at last, the typani (or, as one member of staff commented, "the two wash-tubs") which have revitalised the orchestra. These have also given much pleasure to Mr. Berger! If anyone would care to learn to play either the flute or the trumpet, she would be very welcome.

The Christmas Oratorio was perhaps the most ambitious and successful work we have attempted this year. Our main performance was certainly enhanced by the reverent atmosphere of Quorn's Parish Church. We were pleased to welcome Isobel Patrick down from the Academy to sing with us and it was also very pleasing to find our own girls—Wendy Radford, Mary Nourish, Dinah Bray and Vida Schepens—performing to such a high standard, supported by both choirs and orchestra.

At the end of the summer term we are losing our leading oboe player, Eileen Noon, who is to study at the Royal Academy. We all join in thanking her for the hard work she has done and wish her success and happiness in the future.

Our thanks also go to Mr. Berger for his energetic and unfailing enthusiasm during the year.

W.M.

#### S.C.M.

The S.C.M. has been adventurous and produced a very active programme. Once again we have enjoyed visits from outside speakers. The Rev. C. Hughes Smith expressed his Christian point of view on topical newspaper cuttings put forward by individual members of the society. The Rev. Arthur J. Fielder visited us during a lunch-time meeting to speak about his work as Youth Chaplain of the Diocese of Leicester. We enjoyed the most recent Faith and Fact film, 'City of the Bees', as well as 'The Voice of the Deep' earlier in the year.

Our joint meeting with the Overseas Society, when Miss P. Pentelow spoke on her work in India, was one of the most colourful and absorbing of the year.

The highlight of the year was the two days spent at Coventry Cathedral during the Easter holidays. The members who joined the party slept at the Cathedral hostel for one night, and during the two days the programme consisted of drama projects, Bible study, films and a tour of Coventry and the cathedral itself.

At the beginning of the year several helpful discussion groups were held, and during the Spring term a successful inter-school debate on Christian unity was organised. The motion that Christianity unity was 'neither possible nor desirable' was defeated.

Members made a special effort at Christmas time to raise money for work among Hong Kong refugees by making and selling soft toys.

We should especially like to thank the Rev. Arthur J. Fielder for leading the Coventry expedition, and Mrs. Culley for her valuable and inspiring work throughout the year.

C.J.P.

#### JUNIOR CHRISTIAN STUDY GROUP

In November the J.C.S.G. was formed for the first, second and third years. During the autumn term, the first years made missionary scrap-books and had Bible quizzes. The second and third years held discussions on the Ten Commandments. Before the end of term we had an outside speaker, the Rev. G. Malcom, from Mountsorrel. During the spring and summer terms we were shown film strips of the life of St. Paul and the origin of the Bible. The following weeks we held more discussions about the relevance of the Bible today, and before the end of term we hope to have another outside speaker, Mr. C. Raphael, from Leicester.

S.H.

#### BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We are now well under way, with about 75 members and about 30 regular attendants. To date, we have been visited by three speakers. At the time of going to press, the results of the Photographic Competition are not known, but entries seem of a good standard. Our thanks go to Miss Oughton and Mrs. Horwood, who prove unfailing sources of enthusiasm and encouragement to a nervous and inexperienced committee. One plea—could you give your subscription for last term and this, if not already paid, to Susan Darlaston—soon?

D.B.

#### SALUT, LES COPINES

Among the new societies formed this year was a French Society, which the members chose to call "Salut, Les Copines".

During the year the society has thrived well. Among the meetings held, most of which were during the dinner hour at School, were a programme of French discs (which proved very popular), a quiz and an entertaining talk given by our French Assistant, Mlle. Monnier, on the differences she has found between France and England during her stay here.

An after-school outing to the Queen's Hall of the Leicester University to see a film presentation of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" proved very enjoyable and quite helpful for those studying the play.

I hope the society will continue to flourish in the future.

J.M.

#### THE BALLAD OF THE CLACTON ROCKERS

A noise like thunder alarmed everyone.

What was happening nobody knew.

It's easy. The Rockers were doing the ton  
As into Clacton they flew.

The Mods, it appeared, were already there—  
On the east side of the town did they stay.

It was almost more than Clactonians would dare,  
To leave their houses that day.

Easter Sunday had dawned very grey.  
Not once did the sun shine down on the road.  
The lads on machines were too wild to obey  
The rules of the Highway Code.

What was the spark that started the fight?  
Was it all part of a well-laid plan?  
Or was it a Mod who hadn't the right  
To a girl of the opposite clan?

Whatever the cause, the battle broke out,  
As bitter as in mediaeval story.  
But here no medals, no victors' shout,  
For nobody gained any glory.

All day long the battle was waged.  
Destruction was wrought both far and wide.  
The townspeople protested, deeply enraged,  
But the armies had ebbed like the tide.

This Easter Sunday the bells did not ring  
For the peace and the joy of the day,  
But tolled for the havoc that they would bring,  
These youths with their meaningless fray.

Pauline Brydon,  
Form V.A.

## 2nd QUORN GIRL GUIDES

At the beginning of this school year we were very pleased to welcome eight new recruits. We hope that the enthusiasm they have shown throughout this first year will be maintained in the years of Guiding to come.

By the end of July they should have acquired their second class badges and this will mean that everyone in the company has this badge.

The following badges have been gained: All-round Cords, 4; Athlete, 3; Camper, 3; Collector, 2; Commonwealth Knowledge, 1 (we hope to have two more in the near future); Cook, 3; Country Dancer, 7; Emergency Helper, 7; First Aid, 7; Hiker, 5; Home-maker, 2; Laundress, 6; Needlewoman, 5; Pioneer, 5; Sick Nurse, 7; Little House Emblem, 4; Woodcraft Emblem, 5.

Three Guides are also working for their Dancer badge.

### Events

Last August we had a very enjoyable camp at Bossington near Minehead in Somerset. Although the weather was not good, we enjoyed the bathing very much as the sea was only a few fields away.

In November the Remembrance Day Service was held at the Baptist Chapel at Quorn and then there was a parade to Quorn

Cross where wreaths were laid. A Patrol Leaders' training session was held at Loughborough High School one evening; five Guides from our company attended this meeting and learnt some new things, which will be of use to their Patrols.

In March there was an Annual General Meeting of the Division held at the Y.W.C.A. at Loughborough.

In April, Mary Bream and Gillian Waite, as a visitor, went with Miss Morris to a special service for Queen's Guides at Coventry Cathedral.

On May 2nd the annual Spring Fair was held this year, for the first time, at Allen House, the 1st Quorn Guide and Scout Headquarters. The Fair was opened by Daphne Oxenford, a well-known broadcaster. On May 3rd, the Division Church Parade was held at Loughborough. The parade started at Burton Walks, and finished at Loughborough Parish Church for the service. As the parade returned the County Commissioner, Mrs. Towle, took the salute at the Town Hall.

On July 4th there will be a Division one-day camp at the County Camp site near Tilton-on-the-Hill.

In August there will be an eight-day camp at Himbleton, near Droitwich, in Worcestershire.

We congratulate Susan Stott on gaining her Queen's Guide Badge and hope that Janet Matts and Ann Bunker will soon gain theirs.

We should like to thank Miss Morris on behalf of the Guides for all her work in the company during the past years. She has all our best wishes for her new post and the new company she is forming.

M.B., G.W.

## QUEEN'S GUIDES' SERVICE AT COVENTRY

On Saturday, April 11th, a Queen's Guides' Service was held at Coventry Cathedral. It was the first service of the kind and Queen's Guides from all over the Midlands, whether they were still actively guiding or not, were invited to be present. Each Guide was allowed to take two visitors. Several girls present had gained their Queen's Guide Award through the 2nd Quorn Company. These included: Anne James, Judith Hickling, Susan Waterfield and Mary Bream. There were also several former pupils of this school who had gained their awards while members of other companies.

The counties and city represented were Warwickshire, Birmingham, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire, each county being allotted a certain number of seats. Leicestershire was well represented.

There were many special visitors present, including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Alderman Mrs. Emily Allen and

Councillor Mrs. Elsie Jones, and the Chief Commissioner for England, the Hon. Beryl Cozens-Hardy.

The service started at three o'clock when the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Cuthbert Bardsley, was escorted to his Throne. This was followed by a hymn during which the Queen's Colour, the World Flag of the Girl Guides Association and the English Standard were borne in procession and laid on the altar.

After the hymn the County Standards paraded down the centre aisle of the Cathedral. The Bishop of Coventry gave the address and during the service the Guiders and Guides repeated the Guide Law and Promise. The lesson was one of two appointed to be read at the Coronation of the Sovereign at Westminster Abbey.

At the end of the service visitors were invited to look round the Cathedral.

M.B., G.W.

#### EDITORIAL FAREWELL

Each year it falls to the Editress of the School Magazine to try to think out a topic for the Editorial. Most subjects have, however, been comprehensively covered in the rest of the Magazine. The articles have been wheedled, pleaded for and extracted by force but they are at last, more or less complete. Pamela Richardson, who was, of course, the Head Girl for the first two terms of this year, wrote one of the more unusual articles. She sent her article with a letter which expressed how happy she was in her home of three months' standing and how educational she felt her visit was being. She is at the moment in Darmstadt in Southern Germany where, apart from carrying on her regular job (which, as she says, is that of "translator and writer-out-on-the-typewriter of business letters") she has been found useful as an interpreter. Only last week she helped a German-speaking Italian fill in a complicated form in English . . . .

Pamela emphasised that she thought often of Rawlins and everyone in it and it is at this time that those of us who will be missing next year begin to think about what we are going to miss ! It will seem strange to me after six or seven years of staring at the Prefects on the last day of the last term to see if they are betraying any sign of emotion at the momentous occasion, to sit and be stared at myself! No doubt we shall remember, as we walk down the drive to catch the bus for the last time, how we used to dread walking up it to take our exams and, what was even more terrifying, how we walked up it for the first time in a brand-new winter uniform with a tie tied in a knot just a little too big. Now we are going away in dresses grown a little too short and a little too tight.

This editorial must end on this somewhat melancholy note as, being busy with collecting other people's articles, I have almost left it too late to write my own in time for it to be published.

#### SCHOOL WELFARE FUND

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the number of contributions to this fund which followed Miss Sawdon's special appeal at the Senior Speech Day. The fund is now in a relatively healthy condition; anyone in need of assistance should not hesitate to ask for help.

We feel that those who have contributed in the past must be glad they did not forget this excellent cause, and we commend the funds to all parents who wish to find some way of showing their appreciation of the School and helping those less fortunately placed to receive full benefit from its educational opportunities.