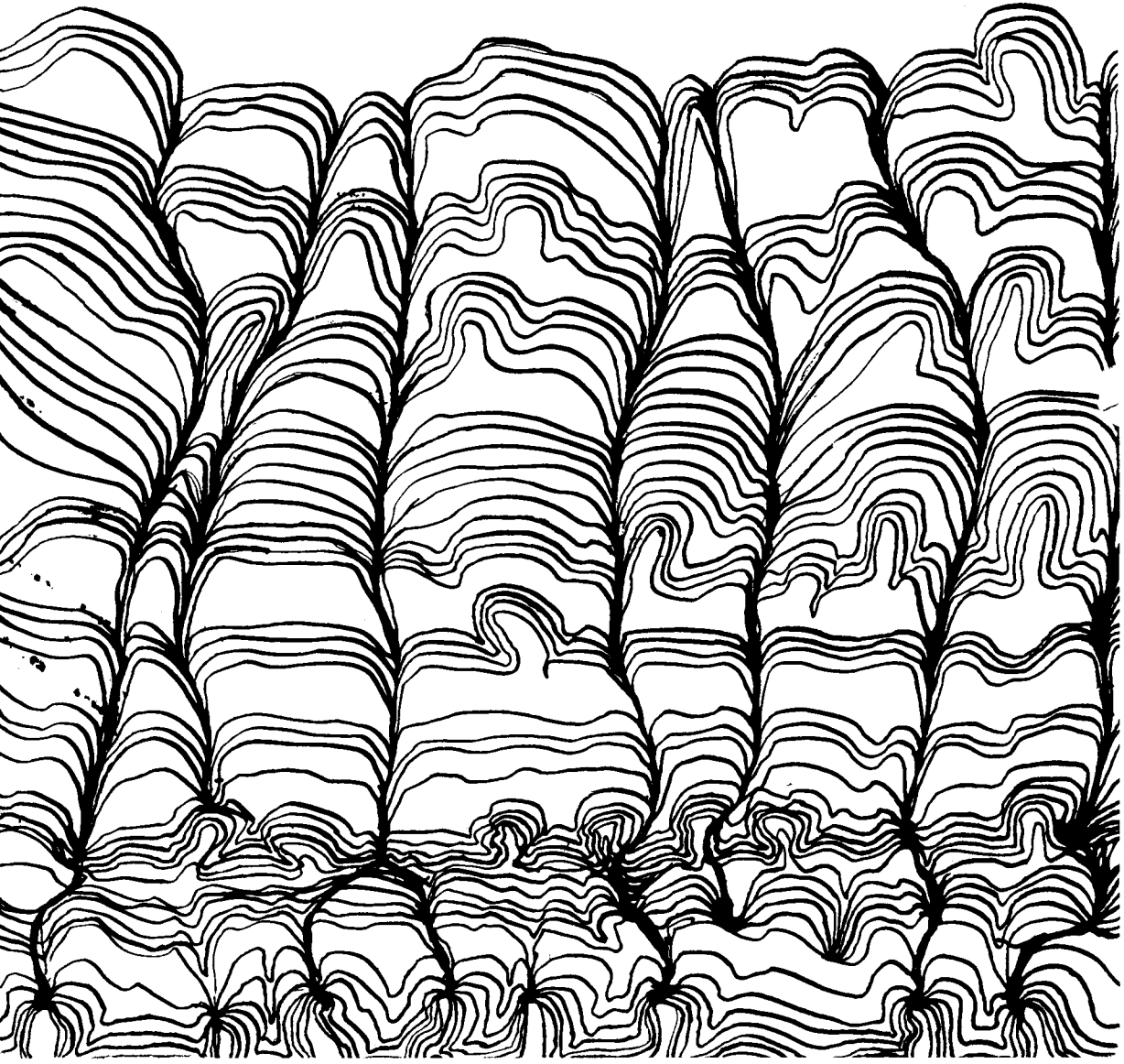
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FOREWORD

It is a pleasure to see this, our third annual magazine going to press. This year has seen considerable expansion in our numbers, so that the school has almost a hundred more pupils on roll than when our last magazine was published. I hope that before our fourth issue is completed there will be considerable additions to our school buildings, so that we can cope with the ever-increasing numbers of pupils, but let us always remember that the good name of the school lies not merely in its pride in a building but in the good manners, the sound and upright character and the perseverance of the boys and girls who make up the school. May they ever keep high ideals before them and press on from strength to strength!

K.E. Watkins

SCHOOL NOTES

During 1968 we have been without a permanent Headmaster, but despite this, under the acting headship of Miss Watkins we have continued to make steady progress. Our numbers have risen to over 600, with five forms in the first year, and we hope the day is not too far off when we shall assume comprehensive status.

Once more we record with pleasure successes achieved by ex-pupils. David Lawrence, who was with us at Chipping Sodbury, has fairly recently been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Genetics at Birmingham University. Derek Kemp has been awarded a scholarship to study at the University of Western Australia, Perth. Tony Bridgeman has passed from the Sixth Form at Rodway School to Padgate Teachers' Training College, Lancashire. Martin Nelson is now at Carnegie College of Physical Education, Leeds, and Gregory Newman has obtained a place at Ryecoats Wood College, near Oxford and Edward Wilson is attending Hartspury Farm Institute. In the Advanced Level G.C.E. examination Tony Bridgeman passed in Biology and History, Melvyn Dadswell in R.E. and History, Gary Iles in Geography, Richard Poole in Engineering Drawing and Mary Smith in Needlework, all from Rodway School.

Our public examination results this year were as follows:-

CHARLES BOULTON:	Nine passes in C.S.E. (A GS W TD). Two passes in G.C.E. (W G)
MARK DAVIS:	Nine passes in C.S.E. (E G RK GS B W). Four passes in G.C.E. (E GS G H)
RODNEY FRY:	Nine passes in C.S.E. (E G RK A GS B). Three passes in G.C.E. (GS G H)
ALEC HAMILTON:	Seven passes in C.S.E.
RICHARD LUDLOW:	Nine passes in C.S.E. (E G M W TD). Two passes in G.C.E. (W G)
PETER MARTIN:	Nine passes in C.S.E. (E G RK M GS). Two passes in G.C.E. (E G)

ROBERT MAYHEAD: Nine passes in C.S.E. (A M GS TD). Two passes in G.C.E. (G TD)

BRINLEY MORGAN: Nine passes in C.S.E.

CHRISTOPHER NASH: Seven passes in C.S.E. (W). One pass in G.C.E. (W)

STEVEN PERRIN: Eight passes in C.S.E. (RK A GS P DS)

DAVID THORNTON: Nine passes in C.S.E. (E H RK A GS B W) Three passes in G.C.E. (W TD H)

LESLIE WALKER: Nine passes in C.S.E. (A)

LAWRENCE WARD_ Nine passes in C.S.E. (E G RK B). Two passes in G.C.E. (E G)

PETER WATKINS: Seven passes in C.S.E. (E)

NIGEL WOODFORD: Nine passes in C.S.E. (GS Me). One pass in G.C.E. (E)

RONA BURR: Nine passes in C.S.E. (G M). One pass in G.C.E. (G)

KAY FORSEY: Seven passes in C.S.E. (E)

SUSAN GROVE: Seven passes in C.S.E.

CHRISTINE HOWSE: Nine passes in C.S.E. (E A T). One pass in G.C.E. (G)

ELIZABETH JACKLIN: Nine passes in C.S.E. (E N). One pass in G.C.E. (E)

VIRGINIA LOCK: Eight passes in C.S.E. (E G RK A M GS B N). Three passes (E G M).

CAROLYN MILLS: Six passes in C.S.E.

CLARE MILLS: Nine passes in C.S.E. (E RK A). One pass in G.C.E. (E)

RUTH NELSON: Six passes in C.S.E.

MARGARET PAGET: Five passes in C.S.E.

GLENDA POTTER: Three passes in C.S.E. (A).

JILLIAN VINER: Eight passes in C.S.E. (A DS). Two passes in G.C.E. (E G)

ANN WALTER: Six passes in C.S.E.

(Subjects in brackets are Grade 1s in C.S.E. and passes in G.C.E. (O) Level.
A - Art, GS - General Science, W - Woodwork, TD - Technical Drawing,
G - Geography, H - History, E - English, RK - Religious Knowledge, B - Biology,
M - Mathematics, N - Needlework, DS - Domestic Science, T - Typewriting,
P - Physics, Me - Metalwork)

Apart from successes in examinations, distinctions have continued to come the way of our pupils in other fields. For the second year running, we won the Marling Commonwealth Shield, the best entry for the county this time coming from Michael Pearce. Rodney Fry and David Thornton were both chosen to take part in courses at the Outward Bound School.

At the end of the Summer Term we lost the services of Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Rescorla. We would like to thank both for their services to the school, and those who passed their Road Safety Tests in the last few years benefited greatly from the latter's tuition. We are also grateful to Mrs. Mottershead and Mrs. Rose, who stayed on for extra periods to help out while we were short of staff. This term we have welcomed Mr. Griffiths (Metalwork), Mrs. Ferrier (Needlework), Miss Duncan (French and Maths), Mrs. Clements (Geography), Mrs. Vowles, Mrs. Devlin and Mr. Dailey (Maths). We have recently also lost the services of Miss F. Handoll, to whom we have been indebted for her services in the laboratories, and in her place have acquired Mrs. Grayling.

It was with deep concern that we learnt on the last day of the Summer Term that Mr. Young had suffered another stroke. Fortunately the effects were not as serious as we had feared, and we hope he will be fit and with us again next term. Mr. Egan has temporarily taken over the Chess Club.

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Roberts, who recently gave birth to a daughter, Esther, and Mr. Phillips on his marriage during the Summer Holidays.

Talks have continued on Fridays for some members of the 4th Year. Among visitors we have been pleased to welcome have been our local M.P., Mr. Corfield, Mr. Rickford to talk on Farming, Alan Hillier on the Police, Beryl Fear on her

expedition to the Tatoa Mountains, and speakers on the G.P.O., Health Service, Driving the Hartspury Farm Institute and Decimal Coinage. We have also received another visit this term from the Bacaholian Singers. As before their outstanding efforts were enjoyed by everybody.

Successful sales have been held of Books, Groceries and Harvest Produce, and we would like to thank those who organized them and helped with them. At the end of the Spring Term another Hobbies Exhibition was held, Grace House emerging as the winners.

Once again there have been two outstanding events this term. A Hallowe'en Party was recently enjoyed by senior pupils, and the School Concert was even more successful than last year.

We would like to thank Mr. Woodhouse for the use of Yate Parish Church for our second Christmas Service there, and hope that this year's service will be as well attended.

In March a successful netball tournament for the area was held at the school, and credit is due to Miss Woods for her part in its organization.

Finally, we again thank those members of staff and pupils whose efforts and contributions have made this issue possible.

OBITUARY

All members of the school were saddened on the morning of February 13th by the news of Malcolm Clark's tragic and fatal accident.

Malcolm, who was in the Third Year, had been in the school since he transferred from Westerleigh Primary at the age of eleven and he had made his mark as a good all-round sportsman and an ever cheerful, reliable person, well liked by staff and pupils.

His memory will live in the school for the girls and boys of his House, Tyndale, have hung a picture in remembrance of him in the School Hall and his parents have purchased, from Malcolm's own savings, a magnificent trophy to be awarded annually to the best all-round Sports' Boy of the year. This was presented for the first time at our Speech Day in July.

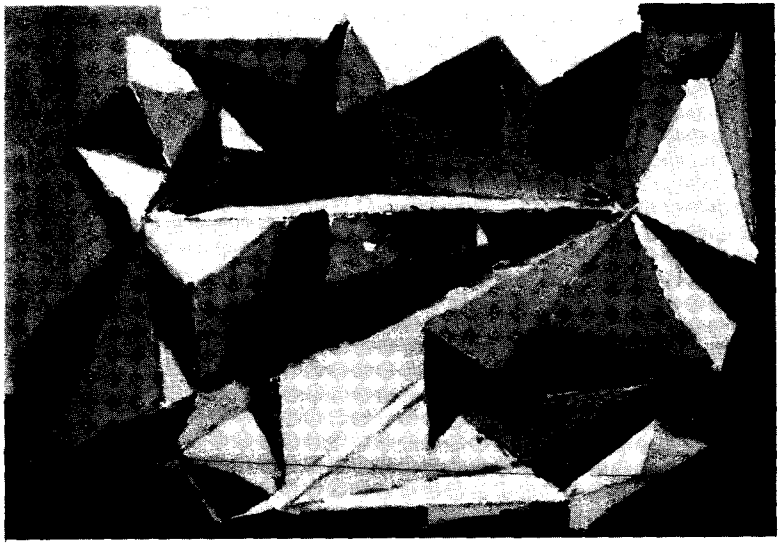
SPEECH DAY

With the continued growth of the school there were more parents who wished to attend Speech Day than in any previous year, and this meant that a smaller proportion of our pupils could be accommodated on this occasion.

Prizes and Awards were presented to 83 boys and girls by Mr. F.F. Gregory, Vice-Principal of St. Paul's Teachers' Training College at Cheltenham, visitors were entertained with various musical items and a piece of Choral Speech, and the School's Brass Band entertained the assembled company before and after the proceedings.

Our Speech Day came as a climax to a year of much worthwhile achievement, both at work and on the Sports' Field, and we honoured many who had excelled.

K.E. Watkins



SCHOOL VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

We left Yate at 9 a.m. on Wednesday July 31st with Miss Watkins, Miss Woods, Mr. Gibbon and Mr. Egan, for Victoria Station, where we caught a train for Folkestone. Here we caught the 5.30 p.m. boat to Calais, where we boarded a "sleeper" train to Basle in Switzerland, arriving there at 5.57 a.m. We were met by a coach, and in about 3 hours we were in Weggis, where we "booked in" at the Hotel Seeblich. We spent the rest of the day browsing around Weggis.

Weggis is a very beautiful and typical Swiss village. It is situated on the shore of Lake Lucerne, and overlooked by Mt. Pilatus (7,000'), and the Berganstock both of which we explored. Weggis consists mainly of one street, which is not lacking in shops and cafes and the number of Hôtels was tremendous. Our particular Hotel overlooked the lake and was about a ten minute walk away from the centre of the village.

The people in and around Weggis were very friendly and helpful. Although the weather was not too kind the surrounding scenery and the excursions on which we went made up for this.

On Friday we boarded the paddle steamer for Lucerne. Lucerne is a spacious city which has two famous covered bridges with original 17th Century paintings beneath the arches. One of the bridges is the Chapel Bridge, the site of the 17th Century Cathedral of St. Leodegar. During the afternoon we bought gifts in the city and left about 5.30 p.m. After dinner we explored Weggis.

On Sunday we visited places of interest around Lake Lucerne by coach. On this tour we went to Einsedaln, the home of the famous singing monks. We passed through Vitznau, a cider producing village, and visited William Tell's chapel at Altdorf in the canton of Uri.

On Monday we visited the Rhone Glacier. We left fairly early in the morning and visited the small chapel beside Lake Lucerne where the Queen of the Belgians was killed in a car crash. Later we passed through Brunnen stopping at Aldtorf and Andermatt, Aldtorf being the place where William Tell supposedly was forced to shoot the apple off his son's head by the wicked overlord Gessler. After passing through the Furka Pass (8,000' above Sea Level), we reached the glacier.

We entered the glacier by means of a tunnel and found the temperature there below freezing. The ice was blue, and the roof dripping. We were informed that the glacier had melted quite considerably in the last few years and was receding quickly. The Rhône glacier is the source of the River Rhone which runs through Switzerland and joins the Saone in France.

We then left the glacier and continued our descent along unfenced roads with dangerous hair pin bends. On one side there were usually steep rocks, on the other a

sheer drop! On the way down we travelled through the Grimsel and Brunig Passes. We then stopped at Brunnen for an hour, and proceeded back to Weggis.

On Tuesday we had an afternoon tour of the Lake by Motor Boat and on Wednesday we ascended Mt. Pilatus by the pinion and rack railway and came down by cable car.

We travelled back to our respective homes by the same route we had come by, except that the crossing was from Boulogne to Folkestone.

A. Gittings,
M. Pearce 5th.

SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND

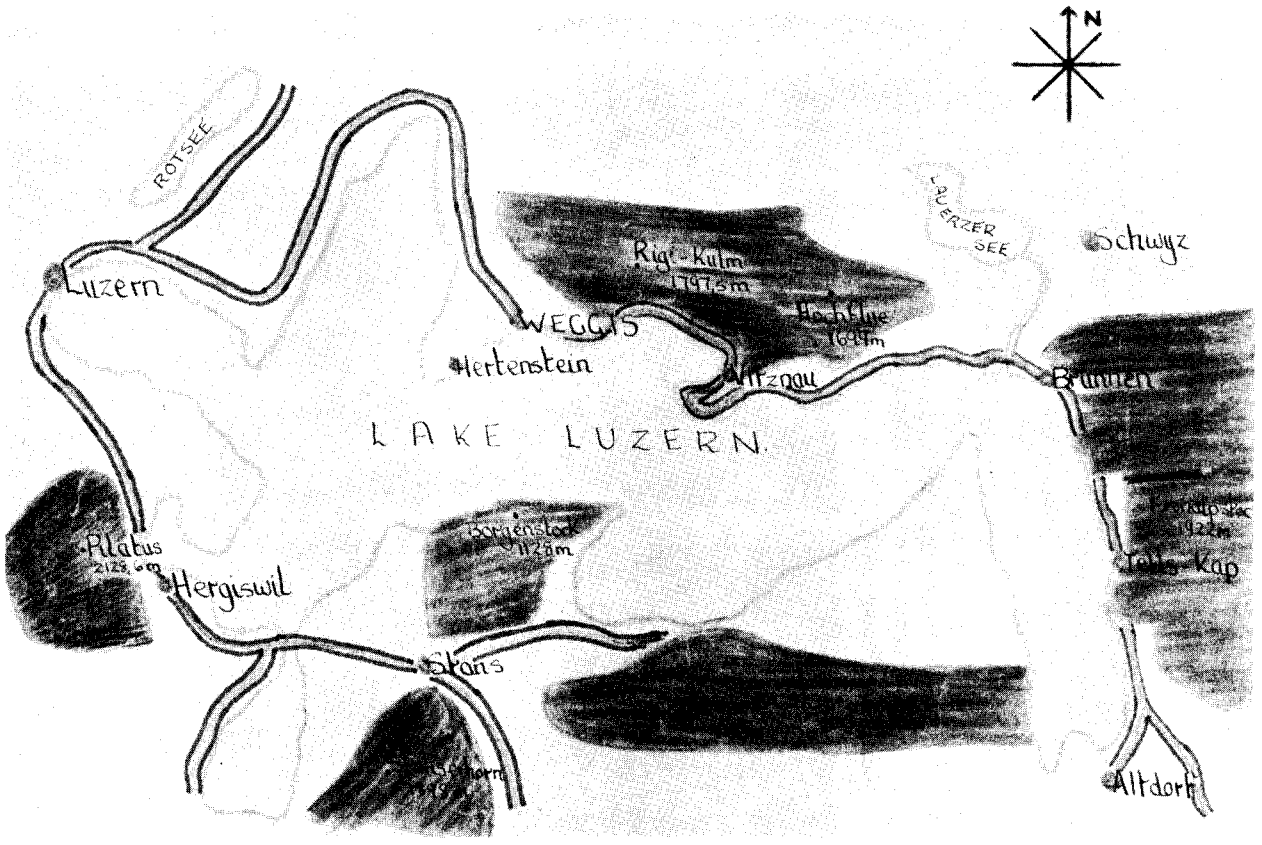
The choir has continued this year with a strength of just over twenty voices. We are grateful to Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Ward and Mr. Ferguson for helping us vocally and to Mr. Davis for his able assistance at the piano. Mrs. Ferrier has joined the choir this term and will be taking the place of Mrs. Rose in the altos.

In the Autumn Term of 1967 the choir sang two negro spirituals, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", and "Go down, Moses", for the parents' evening. At Christmas they contributed two carols "Torches" by John Joubert and "Ding dong merrily on high", in addition to leading the congregational singing. The contribution for Speech Day was two Hungarian Folk songs by Matazas Sieber and in the Autumn Term of 1968 the choir led the singing for Education Sunday at Yate Church. The Anthem for this occasion was Charles Wood's "Christ, Who knows all His Sheep".

The school band has continued to progress under the direction of Mr. Hart. An innovation this year has been the introduction to the band of children from Stanshawes Court School. The band started the year by playing the negro spiritual "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" at the school parents' evening concert.

At Christmas they played carols on the last morning of term and several members helped out at Stanshawes Court School Carol Concert and Garden Party. At Speech Day the band played a sing song medley arranged by Mr. Hart to entertain the guests on their way in and out of the Hall.

G. Phillips

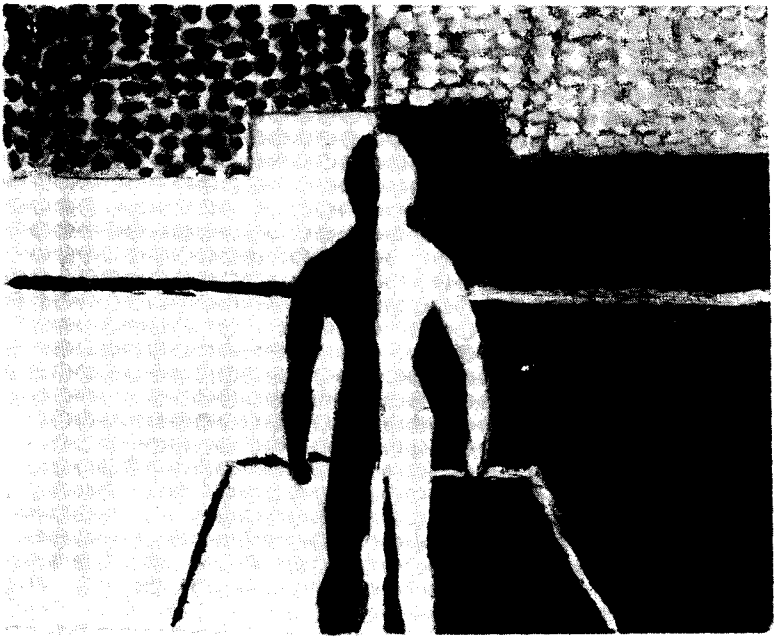


C. Pease. 5th.

LAKE LUZERN AND THE POSITION OF WEGGIS

THE BLACK RACE.

The gun goes,
The race is on,
No one has a chance,
The three coloured boys are out in front,
They will win it certainly.

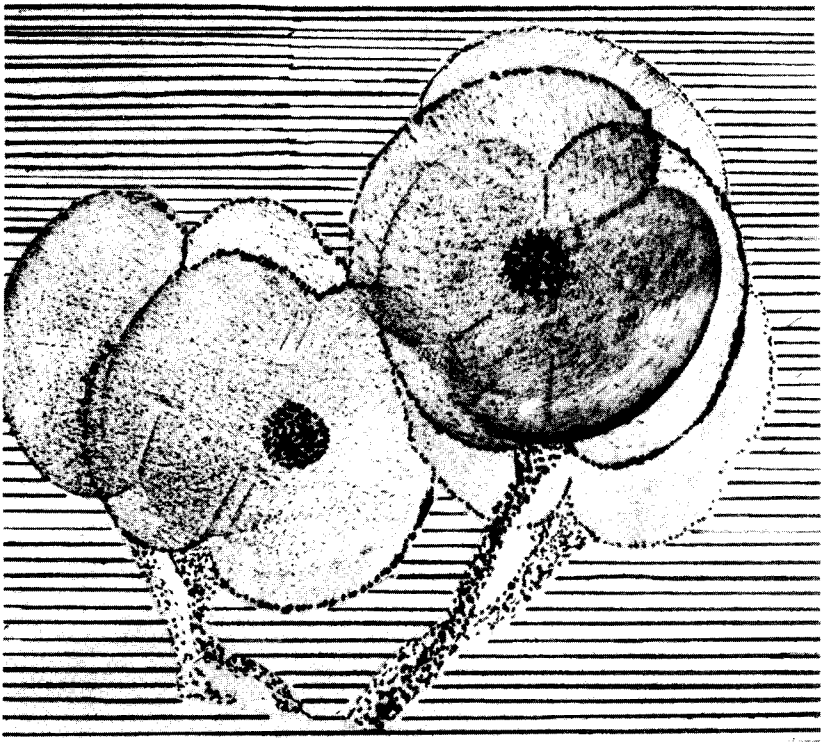


Kim Tremaine. 4 Alpha

When the medals are won,
They will go back home,
Where they won't be winners,
But all-time losers,
Because of the colour of their skins.

They will fight and lose,
In the race that really matters,
The race
For equality.

Anthony Price. 4A.



Gail Smith
4 Alpha

POPPY DAY

Look at them standing in the field,
Red among the rich ripe corn,
They look so innocent,
As they toss their heads in the wind,
They do not know what happened
In Flanders so long ago,
They know nothing of the blood
That was spilled to keep our country free;
Or of those that died so we might live
a better life,
But we remember;
We remember Poppy Day.

Linda Bayliss. 3.A.

A YOUTH HOSTELLING WEEKEND

One Friday evening last September, Mr. Smith took twelve of us by minibus to Mitcheldean Youth Hostel. When it got dark we took a little walk up to the top of the hill nearby.

In the morning we set off again up the hill. After a while, we left the lane and followed some forestry tracks through woods and villages and walked along disused railway tracks in the direction of Cinderford. We crossed a main road to the middle of the forest and then followed some more old railway tracks forming a triangle. We split into groups and followed the sides of the triangle to where we would meet at the same point. Our group walked for about ten minutes until we saw a station platform. All that was left of the station was a wall of stones with a gravel platform in front of the wall. These railways were used by the coal mines. The shafts of many of them may still be seen and some are dangerous. We then followed the track for another 2 miles to where where it divided. Here we sat down for lunch.

After a while some of the party went off to have a game while the rest of us stayed with Mr. Smith and looked at maps. When we had all reassembled, six of us went off to Camp Ponds while the rest walked in another direction to a meeting point. On the way Tom Smith spotted a stream that had been diverted, so we set to work damming it to make it go on its original course. Afterwards Mr. Smith supervised the undamming operation. Later we set off back towards Mitcheldean, taking a 'bus part of the way except for Ivor, Simon, Clive and Terry.

The following morning we set off after breakfast heading towards Chepstow. We walked along trails and roads lined with blackberry bushes and along winding paths to our "picking up" point. "En route" we saw a runaway pony which we unsuccessfully tried to stop. The minibus picked us up and took us to Chepstow Castle, where we stayed until 5 p.m. when we set off home.

Mark Perry and Chris Heffer
2 Alpha

MY VIEWS ON HEART TRANSPLANTS

Much progress has been made in the medical field in the last few years, but perhaps the most revolutionary and certainly the most controversial one, is that of the heart transplant, in which the heart of a recently dead man or woman is exchanged for the diseased heart of another person.

Although it is, without doubt, a miraculous thing, I do not personally agree with it. In the first place, to stand any chance of success the heart must be removed from the donor very shortly after death, and many doctors seem to disagree on what constitutes actual death.

There is also something rather repugnant to me in the heart of a dead person beating in another's body.

It seems to me that this sort of thing could get out of hand, and doctors and countries could become so eager to take part in this transplant race, that the patients in the end, could be the last people to be considered.

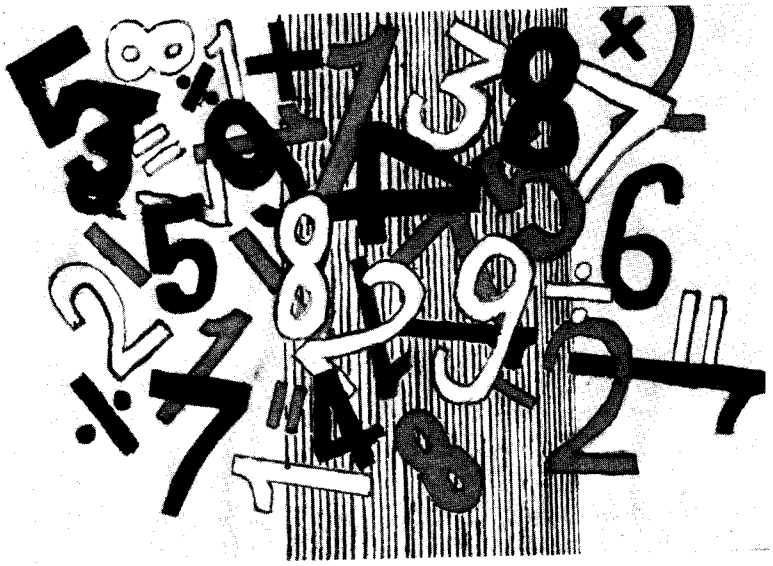
Catherine Watterson. 5th.

A VISIT TO MEDIAEVAL BRISTOL

On the afternoon of Friday October 25th, Forms 2 Alpha and 2A, accompanied by Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Devlin, set off by coach for Bristol. Our party went to the Cathedral first. Here Canon Johnstone took us to the Chapter House, a find piece of Norman architecture with its recesses in the walls for the monks and the richly decorated ceiling with floral patterns that were not once repeated. Here the Abbot used to read a chapter out of the Bible and meetings were held each morning. We then went to the centre of the Cathedral and up the monks' night staircase that led to their dormitory. On our way to the east end of the Cathedral we saw, leaning against the wall, a Saxon coffin lid. On the North Transept Roof there was a picture of a sword piercing the heart of King Edward II, who was murdered in Berkeley Castle. In the Elder Lady Chapel at the top of some arches we saw stone figures of animals. There was a monkey, a goat, a ram and a fox carrying a goose. In the next chapel we saw stained glass windows telling some of the Bible stories.

We then left the Cathedral for St. John's Church, on the Norman wall. Here we went under the main arch of the old town gate and round the sides. Inside the arch was a groove for the portcullis. When we were outside the arch we made our way to the conduit in the wall, which still has running water. It was built by the Carmelites for washing and drinking. After that we made our way to where the castle once stood. Now it is just an open space for parking cars. Some workmen were digging nearby, and it looked as if they were digging up the cellars of the castle. At Bristol Bridge we got on our coach back to King Edmund's.

Mark Perry 2 Alpha.



ARITHMETIC

"Arithmetic just makes me sick" cried out poor
little Mary,
That night, when Mary fell asleep,
A dream so wandrous came,
That afterwards ARITHMETIC,
Was never quite the same.

Suddenly came a funny man and standing
by her side,
"Arithmetic has made you sick,
So take this pill" he cried,
He held out such a great big pill,
She screamed out, "Never, never!"
But it went down and then he said,
"You're just as well as ever".

He clapped his hands, and at this sign
From somewhere out of sight,
Two and three marched out of line,
And gave her such a fright!

'Two plus three makes what?" they cried,
"For we're waiting to find out!"
Five took their place, for three and two
Make five without a doubt!

These figures are like saints, he said,
And I will tell you why!
It seems that, when you go to bed,
Figures will never lie!

Mandy Brookes. 1. Alpha

VISITS TO FROME HOUSE

Every other Wednesday afternoon 4C girls visit Frome Home for Elderly people in Yate. During our stay there we talk and cheer the old people up. There are three lounges and we are split up into groups in each lounge. There we tell them what we have done during the day and they talk to us about their lives. They usually tell us all about their families and where they used to live. At three o'clock they have a cup of tea. Then we go in the kitchen and wash up for them and lay the tables ready for their tea. After we have done this we go back to see them. They are very well equipped, having a television in each lounge, and in one there is a tape-recorder. Their bedrooms are very well fitted out. They have a bed, wardrobe and dresser. The Home is pleasantly decorated and has central heating.

Most of them like it at Frome House, but they need company, which is what we try to provide.

Valerie Gould,
Susan Ham 4C

HOBBIES FESTIVAL

On Thursday March 28th the Annual Hobbies Festival was held and there was a record number of 351 entries.

A new class this year was one for pets which was requested by a number of pupils and attracted a satisfactory number of competitors.

Mr. H. Isaac, a School Governor presented the Champion Trophy to Grace House for achieving the greatest number of points in the exhibition. He also presented for the first time the Isaac Cup, which he had donated earlier in the year for the individual pupil with the highest number of points. This was won by Dawn Newman.

Another guest that evening was Brigadier Armstrong who presented badges for Nature Conservation to -

Michael Pearce	Ian Brain	Stephen Blackler
David Fletcher	Adrian Gittings	Christopher Pease

He also present Duke of Edinburgh Awards to a number of boys and girls.

K.E. Watkins.



T. Green. 4A.

RUGBY

With captain A. Gittings out of the school team for this term; we have been rather pressed to field a steady Senior Game. Taking over the captaincy, Richard Trotman has worked well giving everything he has on the field. Leading points scorers to date:-

R. Trotman	14 pts
R. Gale	12 pts
S. George	12 pts
J. Orchard	9 pts

JUNIOR RUGBY

Again the usual story - boundless enthusiasm but few skills. However to date the team are certainly improving, with a good away win against The Grange School Kingswood. Led by M. Fisher, they have shown unlimited energy and we have little difficulty in selecting fifteen keen boys for a Saturday game. The Downend game proved very enjoyable to watch and we were rather unfortunate to lose 14 - 8 pts. Against the Chase - a very strong side - we were rather outclassed, but never gave up trying, and as long as this is evident - 'winning' doesn't really matter.

M. Gibbon

Autumn Term. 1968

Senior	versus	Patchway	Won 10 - 8
	v	Chase	Lost 5 - 27
	v	Rodway	Lost 0 - 15
	v	Clark's College	Won 48 - 0
	v	Grange	Lost 9 - 12
	v	Chase	Lost 3 - 15
	v	Grange	Lost 12 - 16
Juniors	versus	Patchway	Lost 0 - 22
	v	Chase	Lost 0 - 15
	v	Grange	Won 6 - 3
	v	Stockwell Hill	Lost 8 - 14
	v	Grange	Lost 3 - 30
	v	Chase	Lost 3 - 9

	P	W	L	D	F	A
Senior XV	6	2	4	0	75	62
Junior XV	5	1	4	0	13	76
3rd Year XV	5	1	4	0	20	34

CRICKET

Because of poor weather, four games were cancelled, but those which were played were enjoyed by all. Although the Seniors only won one game out of four, there were some good performances by certain individuals, namely:-

R. Fry	39 not out	v	The Chase School
M. Pearce	(a) 3 wkts for 15 runs	v	Charborough Road
	(b) 6 wkts for 36 runs	v	Oldland Common
	(c) 2 wkts for 6 runs	v	Winterbourne

Under the management of Mr. Withers the Junior XI had a very successful time, winning three of their four games - the high light being the dismissal of Charborough Road School for only 5 runs.

M. Gibbon

Team Statistics:-

Bowling

(a)	G. Tarling	6 wkts for 1 run	v	Charborough Road
	A. Northam	4 wkts for 2 runs	v	Charborough Road
(b)	G. Tarling	3 wkts for 7 runs	v	Chase
	A. Northam	5 wkts for 15 runs	v	Chase
(c)	G. Tarling	4 wkts for 15 runs	v	Oldland Common
	A. Northam	5 wkts for 21 runs	v	Oldland Common
(d)	A. Northam	6 wkts for 7 runs	v	Winterbourne

Batting

				P	W	L	D
(a)	Northam	45 Runs	Seniors	4	1	2	1
(b)	Tarling	30 Runs					
(c)	McDonald	28 Runs	Juniors	4	3	1	0

HOUSE RESULTS

Seniors	1st	Grace
	2nd	Tyndale
	3rd	Beaufort
	4th	Jenner
Juniors	1st	Grace
		Tyndale
	3rd	Jenner
		Beaufort

Best Batting

Mead	44	v	Beaufort
Watts	44	v	Beaufort
Mead	37 n.o.	v	Jenner

ATHLETICS

This was our best season to date, for as well as the Annual County Championships, triangular meetings were held with Rodway and Stockwell Hill.

Individual performances were raised and as a result matches were won against Rodway and Stockwell Hill.

A triple jump nearing 40 feet was accomplished by R. Trotman and a Senior 220 yards and 440 yards in 24 seconds and 52 seconds respectively by S. Watts. Out of 13 Track events against Rodway and Stockwell Hill we gained 11 first places and won the competition in the three age groups. R. Gale performed well in the County Games and won the Weight easily, L. Walker came second in the mile and A. Fisher third in the long jump, while Annette Woodfield tied for first place in the Junior Girls' High Jump. R. Gale, Annette Woodfield and L. Walker were selected to represent South Glouc s in the Championships at R.A.F. Tansworth.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sports Day once again proved very exciting, with Tyndale just pipping Jenner to the post. Hurdler events were introduced, and proved very popular, but techniques must be improved in this very spectacular event.

Twenty three new records were set up, with the best performances coming from Annette Woodfield increasing the Intermediate Girls' High jump by 7 inches and R. Trotman increasing the Triple jump by 4 feet. The Relays yet again were the exciting climax of the day.

M. Gibbon

HOCKEY

Although the 1st XI last season only won one of their ten matches, they never gave up hope. These results were due to the fact that they were not willing to practice during the week, and were therefore unable to play as a team.

The Junior XI, however, practices every week. Consequently, under the capable and happy leadership of Annette Woodfield, they lost only three of their fourteen matches. These were only very narrow defeats against the strong opposition of the two local Grammar Schools. By the end of the season they were playing much better as a team, each player backing up the other, especially in the forward line. During the season only thirty goals were scored against the Junior team, whilst they scored forty seven. Felicity Maggs must be congratulated on scoring twenty seven of them.

On the whole it was a very successful hockey season and thoroughly enjoyed by all team members.

Many thanks to the girls who helped with refreshments each week. Their work was greatly appreciated.

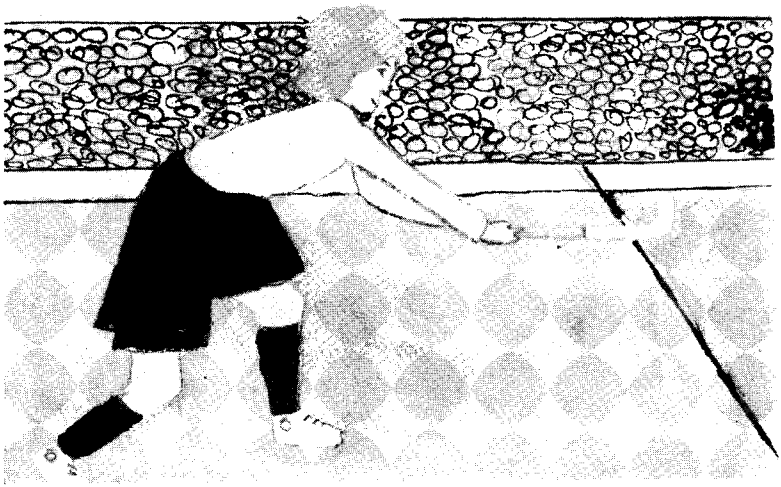
Last year's Junior XI have now virtually become the 1st XI. They have played only two matches, one of which has been lost; the other won. Their play is still of a good standard, but opposition this year will be much stiffer as they will be playing teams with girls a year older than themselves.

The Junior XI is now a completely new team. They have won one match and drawn the other. With a lot more practice they should improve and reach the high standard of play of last year's Junior XI.

P. Woods

SPRING TERM 1968

Jun XI	v	Rodway	Lost	0 - 1
1st XI	v	Cirencester	Lost	0 - 8
Jun XI	v	Cirencester	Drew	0 - 0
Jun XI	v	Oldland	Won	7 - 1



Marcia Cornock. 4D.

1st XI	v	Stockwell Hill	Lost	1 - 5
Jun XI	v	Stockwell Hill	Won	6 - 1
1st XI	v	Castle School	Lost	1 - 2
Jun XI	v	Castle School	Won	9 - 1
Jun XI	v	Rodway	Drew	3 - 3
1st XI	v	C.S.G.S.	Lost	0 - 4
Jun XI	v	C.S.G.S.	Lost	1 - 3

OVERALL RESULTS 1967 - 68

	P	W	L	D
1st XI	10	1	9	-
Jun XI	13	7	3	3

Hockey Colours Awarded to :-

Virginia Lock, Hazel Mead, Joy Worsley, Carol Lediard, Ann Goodrich

AUTUMN TERM 1968

1st XI	v	Castle School	Lost	2 - 4
Jun XI	v	Castle School	Won	6 - 2
1st XI	v	Patchway	Won	3 - 1
Jun XI	v	Patchway	Drew	1 - 1

INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY

	Senior		Junior
(1)	Tyndale	(1)	Tyndale
(2)	Jenner	(2)	Grace
(3)	Beaufort	(3)	Jenner
(4)	Grace	(4)	Beaufort

INTER-HOUSE NETBALL

	Senior		Junior
(1)	Beaufort	(1)	Tyndale
(2)	Tyndale	(2)	Jenner
(3)	Jenner	(3)	Grace
(4)	Grace	(4)	Beaufort

ROUNDERS

The most successful team this year was the 2nd year team who lost only one of their five matches. They showed excellent fielding and batting in all matches. The 4/5th year team, although very keen players, lost three matches and drew one.

The 3rd year team, along with the 2nd year team, were the most lively and enthusiastic players. They won two matches and lost three.

The first year team played only two matches, one being won, the other lost.

P. Woods

INTERHOUSE MATCHES

	Juniors	Seniors
(1)	Jenner	Tyndale
(2)	Tyndale	
(3)	Grace	
(4)	Beaufort	



SOCCER

If our school Senior team had been members of a League last season there is no doubt that we would have been related. What of our supporters? So far my family have not been threatened but if our results do not improve next season, I dread to think what might happen. Matters were not helped by people like the spectator who tactfully suggested we use the smaller hockey goal posts when we had conceded six goals in one match and it was still twenty minutes to half time. Our playing record was hardly promotion form but building up a tradition in Soccer takes time.

The boys trained every week -and in most cases gave of their best, but it would however be good to see a little more determination to win sometimes. - In the modern game with its accent on fitness, the best players run and run and keep on running. One or two Alan Ball types who are prepared to give 100% and are unwilling to accept defeat as a matter of course, would improve our results immensely.

Some boys are not over-endowed with Soccer skill, but this does not mean their work rate need not be high. Last year Peter Martin, the School skipper, played consistently well and was a credit to the team. Younger players like Brian Lock, Jeff Lane and Andy Fisher were blooded in the Senior side and this experience should help them this season.

Looking neat and tidy is important but it must be harnessed to real effort and dedication.

Record:- Played 12 : Won 3 : Lost 9 : Goals for 33 : Against 62

Leading Scorers:- B. Carey 9 : G. Perrett 9 _ B. Lock 7 : Antonio 4

Colours awarded to:- P. Martin, B. Carey, G. Perrett, R. Fry, M. Connor, Antonio.

At Junior Level, we had a very impressive season, only losing twice. Andy Northam and John Burns played well throughout and Graham Tarling in goal shows much promise. The key to success, though, was in the team effort developed by a very keen group of players. They will be the basis of our Senior team in a few seasons.

Junior Record:

v	Castle School	Lost 3 - 2
v	Stockwell High School	Won 5 - 0
v	Katherine Lady Berkeley	Won 3 - 1
v	Ridings School	Won 3 - 2
v	Oldland Common	Won 9 - 3
v	Chase School	Drew 4 - 4
v	Grange School	Drew 3 - 3
v	Ridings School	Drew 1 - 1
v	Patchway School	Won 11 - 4
v	Castle School	Lost 6 - 2

Played 10 : Won 5 : Lost 2 : Drawn 3 : Goals For 43 : Against 27

Leading Scorers:- A. Northam 14, S. Flynn 10, C. Sharp 6, A. Sage 3, J. Thomas 3.

Finally my sincere thanks to Mr. Cains, Mr. Gibbon and Mr. Pease for all their help and time given, and to other members of Staff who shared the duty of taking teams to away matches.

K.M. Davis

A WEEKEND AT BUCKSTONE (FOREST OF DEAN

The Buckstone Adventure Centre is a log cabin situated in a paddock near a huge rock called the "Buck Stone". It is 18 miles west of Gloucester, 2 miles N.W. of Coleford and 2 miles East of Monmouth.

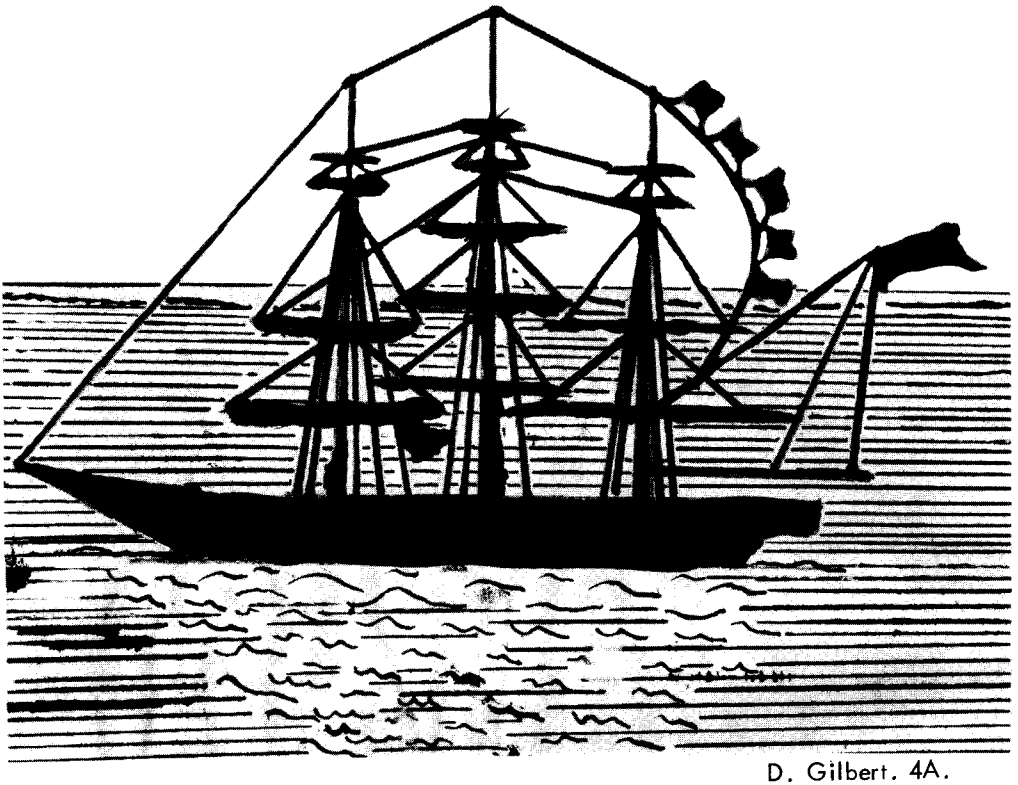
My friends and I arrived at the camp one Friday at 6.30 p.m. and were told to make our bunks. All of us must have looked funny especially when we were trying to put the mattress covers on. After this the warden, Miss Ruffles, welcomed us, and we were introduced to each other. Then after a hearty meal we began to plan our expedition, roughly 16 miles in distance. Little did we know that we were to end up walking 20 miles.

Next day we were all up by 7.30 a.m. After breadfast we made preparations for the expedition and at 10.15 a.m. we left the camp. It was great fun going through the forest and interesting passing through the little villages. We had our packed lunch outside an hotel called Speech House which in days gone by was used as a court house. Speech House is also the centre of the Forest, and is situated at the top of a very high hill. I was nearly on my hands and knees by the time we reached the top. We carried on, following the route and by now our legs were just moving automatically and were not aching a bit. We were all very happy to see the roof of the cabin and after arriving at 5.30 p.m. we were able to soak our feet in hot water.

On Sunday we set out on our second, but shorter expedition (about 6 miles). On this walk we visited a quaint naval temple and then went into Monmouth. As planned we journied back on a 'bus, and arrived at the cabin for lunch. In the afternoon we all attended a quiz at the little village of Staunton. We retumed to the Cabin, packed our equipment, had tea and said goodbye to everybody.

I was a little sad at leaving for it had been an enjoyable weekend. I had met new people, learned interesting facts and been greatly helped with my geography.

Joy Worsley 5th



D. Gilbert. 4A.

CLIPPER

The huge white hull of the clipper,
Speeds above the waves,
With its hold fully laden,
Crossing the seven seas,
From island to island,
From mainland to mainland,
Driven by the power of the twenty seven sails,
From the Gold Coast to Cuba,
In no more than a week,
Encountering whirlpools,
Whales,
Tornados,
And the fury of the storm.
The cargo comes adrift,
Rolling above the deck,
Smashing,
Crashing,
Causing havoc to the crew,
But once through the storm
The cargo is secured.
And normal control restored.
With the sails back up
They set sail at once
for the nearest port where the repaires are done,
Then back to battle the following storm.

Stephen Mainwaring. 2A.

PLANETS

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
The journey has begun,
Going round the Earth,
And going round the Sun,
Flying round small Mercury,
And flying on to Mars,
Going round the man in the moon,
And flying round the stars.

P. Mellor. 1 Alpha

A DESPERATE SITUATION.

I look in every nook and cranny,
Under Dad's feet, and behind dear Granny,
Under the carpet and under the chair,
In brothers' ear, and mother's hair,
The cooker won't work: its most unwilling,
Unless its fed another shilling;
And that is why I'm in despair,
My pocket-money's gone -
But where??

Jane Hathway. 2 Alpha

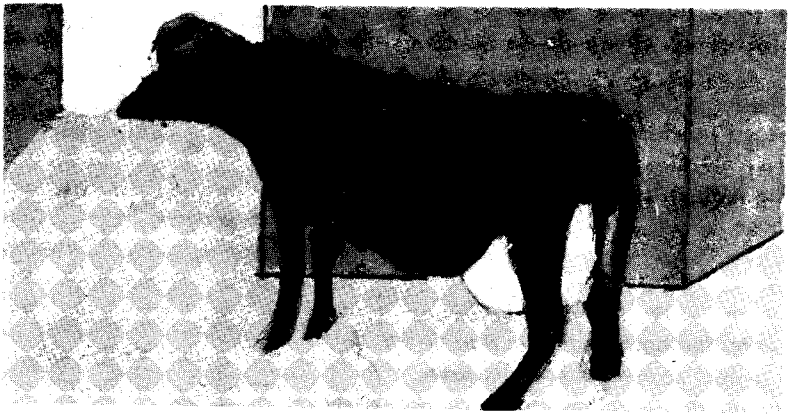
THE COW

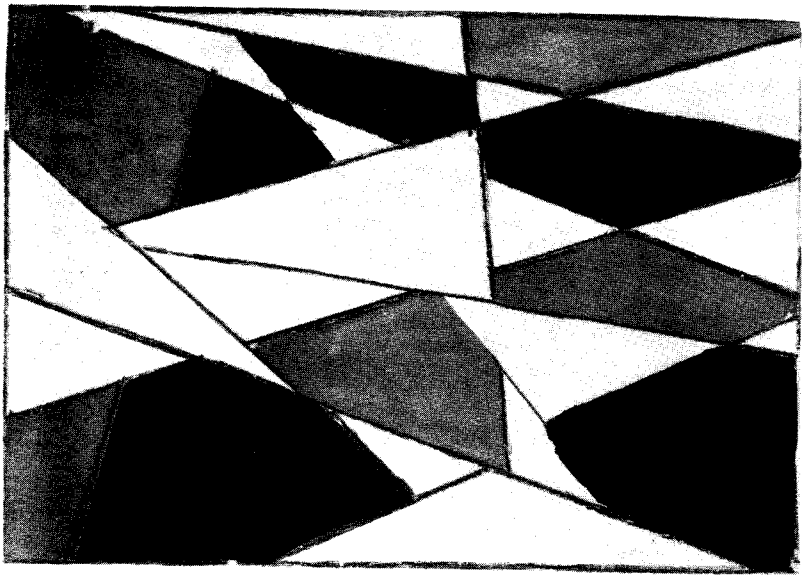
The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart,
She gives me cream with all her might,
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray,
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day.

And blown by all the winds that pass,
And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow grass,
And eats the meadow flowers.

Jennifer Davis. 1A





Diane Gardiner. 4 Alpha

ROUTINE.

Human Beings,
Ruled,
Ruled by time,
brushed beneath its mighty influence,
People move,
From here to there,
Never thinking
Never
Why all these clockwork-minds,
Computerized Machines?
Materialism
Conquering with its slow
But sure pace
Routine
Everywhere,
Slowly pounds the rhythm to the brain
Overpowering the poor souls who dare to block its path.
Emotion is gone, forgotten, trapped,
They don't think
Not any more
They just move
Ruled by time
Freedom is offered
But flung back to the rubbish heap.
They are trapped in the deathly cage,
Not knowing why
But always
Regretting
Now they are like puppets
Puppets on a string,
And yet,
They still don't know why.

Carol Kelly. 3A

REVIEW OF A PLAY

Life is a jigsaw puzzle, so someone once said, and I would be the last person to disagree with that statement. Many people try to fit their minute pieces into the vast eternal puzzle; a few try to explain why the pieces of life never seem to fit. Thornton Wilder went some way towards achieving this in the form of a three act play, and to a large extent succeeded.

On Wednesday 6th November, Sodbury Players did their best to interpret his attempt. Handicapped by lack of facilities though they were, the Players, under the very able direction of Freda Raine and Derek Halston (who also played the role of stage manager) performed "Our Town". Anyone acquainted with "Our Town" will know that it is by no means an ordinary "run-of-the-mill" play. It was for me, anyway, a pleasant change. One must commend Sodbury Players for even attempting to present the play as certain scenes are rather complex.

At no time was there any scenery on the stage except for a few collapsible chairs, tables and step ladders. This factor did not present much of a problem, but because of it a considerable amount of miming was involved. Doreen Gregory (Mrs. Gibbs) and Jean Holder (Mrs. Webb) had to do most of this, and both were very convincing. One also enjoyed watching their portrayal of two typical American housewives at the turn of the century. In certain parts, one did feel that the atmosphere of a small American town of this period was lost in an attempt by the actors to let us know that they had memorized the script. On the whole, the playwright might have preferred a slower pace. However, an "oscar" should go to 17 year old Duncan Gibbon, who so convincingly portrayed George Gibbs. The part demanded that he play a youth and then a man of 24, and he did so very well. We hope that we have not seen the last of Mr. Gibbon. Linda Coles played Emily Webb quite well, and it is pleasing to note that she and Bernard Riley (Joe Stoddard) were both at one time our pupils. Robert Coles, brother of Linda Coles, played the part of Si Crowell. The American accents faded slightly towards the end, but did not spoil the last scene.

The expert handling of the lighting by Iori Holder was appreciated by all, and although the sound effects were not always realistic, I very much enjoyed this performance, and hope to see the Sodbury Players again.

Robert Johnson 5th.

FREEDOM.

I skip gaily in this meadow,
Seeing flowers, nature as I go,
Cows are a-mooing,
Horses are a-neighing,
Freedom is just for me.

In the town I go and buy,
Clothes, toys and nearly everything
Cars are a-hooting,
People are a-shouting,
Freedom is just for me.

At the sea I happily play,
With crabs, sandcastles and water,
Donkeys are a-neighing,
Water is a-splashing,
Freedom is just for me.

Pamela Gardner. 2A.

FROM THE SUBURBS.

I come from suburbia
I am a typical suburbarite
Bad at nothing; good at nothing,
I am caught in the centre of mediocracy.

With no thought for anyone else
I blunder through life;
Knowing, but not caring
For the atrocities and horrors of war,
The thousands of people killed each year
Are no concern of mine.

Will there always be people like me
Who are heartless and cruel,
Caring only for themselves?
Will there ever be a time,
When man will truly concern himself
With the fate of his fellow man?

Robert Johnson. 5th.

THE CHAIR

The dreaded time had come at last
He sat and trembled there,
With pallid face and fevered brow,
Imagining - The Chair.

The door was near, could he escape?
He looked around the room,
There was no hope; on either side
Were others steeped in gloom.

They called his name, he went with them,
Breathing a silent prayer,
Then "Open wide", the Dentist said,
"And lean back in the chair."

Nigel White 5th.

MY FRIEND.

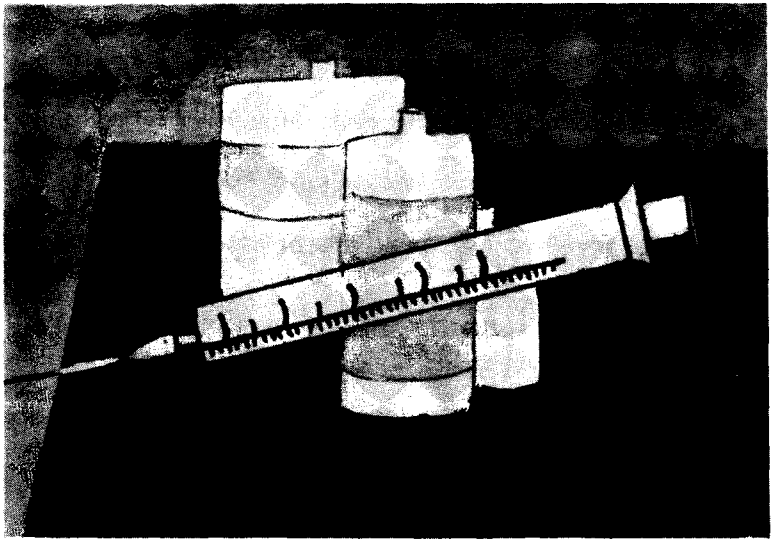
Still and quiet,
Cold and torn,
Lay that dog in the gutter,
He was a friend to me,
A friend to need.
Now, he has gone forever.

He was run over by a lorry,
He yelped,
He whined,
He was bleeding,
People went on with their daily tasks,
As if nothing had happened.

It this what people think today?
If it was a child that was dead,
They soon would pray,
But a dog, that's different,
some people agree,
But is he much different
from you and me?

Melanie Parks. 2A.

THE FIX.



Hazel Hall. 4 Alpha

My want, my life, my death,
I must have a fix,
Drugs: heroin is my life,
I shake wanting my fix.

Main-lining I find the vein,
Soon I will be "out of this world".
Away from the threat of nuclear war.
Where one more bomb and I will be no more.

The drug begins to get a hold,
and I can stand and see myself,
I am amongst bright colours and psychadelic fantasy.

I am peaceful,
Calm,
My "fix" is at its limit,
Music, lights and tranquility descend.

Maybe the drugs will be my end,
But now to me they are more than life,
More than death,
Which in the end surely must come.

Edwin Campbell. 4A.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME (GIRLS)

One old girl has recently finished the Silver Award Section and has joined the Gold Award Group, and 6 others, mainly from our 5th form, are working on the Silver Level.

This year I am able to report our first Gold Awards won by members of our Girls' Club - Linda Clark and Maureen Greenaway. Before this magazine is printed, Linda will have received her Gold Award Certificate from the Duke of Edinburgh in person at Buckingham Palace and her Gold Brooch at a public meeting held at the school. A group of 5 other girls are pursuing the various requirements for this much-coveted Gold Award, and some will achieve their goal quite soon.

This scheme has been fostered by the voluntary help of many good friends of King Edmund's, and we send our thanks to them. Mrs. Trotman has helped with Mothercraft Lectures, and Sister Wheeler with First Aid once again. It is due to her excellent work that we obtained 100% passes in the British Red Cross First Aid Test. Some members of the Chipping Sodbury and District Floral Society have given Demonstrations and Practical Sessions in the Art of Floral Decoration arranged by Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Parry ran a very successful course on What to Wear and When to Wear It.

In the section on Pursuits and Interests, girls have received help and encouragement from members of our own staff at Bronze Level. In particular, thanks are due to Miss Palmer, Mrs. Ferrier, Miss Woods, Mr. Withers and Mr. Hayes for work in this field. At Gold Level much help and interest has been received from Mrs. Woodman, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Ovens and Mr. Holland, and all the girls working at this level are very grateful for the assistance given to them.

This year the number working for the Bronze Award is far greater than ever before. During the year 14 girls have achieved the Bronze level, another 7 have only a little more to complete before they will have an Award too, and a further 7 are pressing on steadily. The 6 months' work on the interest is most frequently the part which holds a girl back from the Award, and those people intending to start work on the scheme are advised to choose an interest and start as soon as they reach their 14th birthday.

Some 45 3rd Year girls enrolled in the Duke of Edinburgh Club at the beginning of the Autumn Term and I hope that many of these will have won a Bronze Award by this time next year. Good luck to them and may they enjoy the various activities which getting a Bronze Award entails!

K.E.Watkins

BRONZE

Pauline Owen
Joy Worsley
Margaret Parkin
Dawn Newman
Gillian Knott
Sandra Glastonbury
Irene McKie
Ann Goodrich
Carole Gardner
Julie Smith
Rosemary Robinson
Maria Kacki
Lavinia Roberts
Christine Painter

SILVER

Amanda Jane Foster

GOLD

Linda Clark
Maureen Greenaway

A CAMPING HOLIDAY IN THE FOREST OF DEAN

We left school on Friday morning heading for Raglan Castle. When we reached the Castle, we were allowed to roam around the ruins. We later went on to Monmouth, where we had our lunch in the park.

We arrived at the camp site in time to set up camp and go down for a swim in the river before tea. All the meals, other than lunch, we cooked ourselves, the midday meal being a packed lunch. On Saturday we went swimming and explored some caves. The next day the majority of us went canoeing under the guidance of experienced canoeists who taught us the rudiments of canoeing in the morning. Then, in the afternoon, we were allowed to canoe up and down the river unsupervised. On Monday, seven girls did their Duke of Edinburgh's Expedition and were checked by Miss Watkins. Everyone successfully completed the Expedition and returned home safely which was just as well as one of us had to render daily First Aid on the Commander's big toe. The rest walked to Symonds Yat. From there they were told to find their own way back in groups using only a map. That night we had communal games. Later a number of the boys played football against some Scouts, who had set up camp in the same field. Needless to say the Scouts won. Mr. Cains is still wondering how his pyjamas were mysteriously stolen and how his sleeping-bag came to be crammed with lethal holly leaves.

We shall remember for ever the thumping good cup of tea made by Steve Stone and the sight of Anthony West at 5.30 a.m. each morning stalking into the early mist complete with towel and kit for the first of his eight daily washes. On Tuesday morning we packed our kit and broke up camp, then returned home by coach after a very enjoyable holiday.

Janet May,
Maria Kacki,
Annette Woodfield 4A

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME (BOYS)

For the first time at King Edmund's School there are boys working at all three levels of the Scheme - Bronze, Silver and Gold.

At Bronze level, there are over twenty boys in the Scheme and this year we have added Golf and Pigeon Keeping to our already wide and varied Pursuit Section. The pleasing thing at this level is that more boys are now completing the Scheme whereas in the past it was common for a boy to start with great enthusiasm and determination but give in later, often when the end was in sight. Mr. Bevan of St. John's Ambulance and Dr. Casson ran a First Aid Course in the Public Service Section and we are indebted to them for their time and energy.

At Silver Level, the numbers have increased and one hopes this will continue to encourage others to attempt the Second Stage. All the boys at this level lhelped a group of mentally handica ped adults in the Public Service Section and it was good to see the boys continuing in their visits after the stipulated period. In the Expedition Section, I vividly recall a scarred and leg weary guerrilla platoon emerging from the jungle regions of the Forest of Dean convinced that the Hun had caused far less 'blook, sweat and tears' and assuming Prince Philip would surely recommend them for a Knighthood.

Gaining a Silver Award is a commendable effort because candidates are usually studying for Public Examinations at eht same time.

At Gold Level, Rodney Fry has nearly completed all the requirements, having maintained an exceptionally high standard throughout his work. In the Service to the Community Section, he did work in Nature Conservation under the guidance of Mr. Hayes and last summer he spent a month at Eskdale Outward Bound School where he did a course in Mountain Rescue. All success to him in the next few months as he completes this exacting Stage. Just beginning at Gold Stage are David Thornton and Adrian Gittings. David spent a month at the Devon Sea School in September, before going on to Rodway Grammar School and I hope he will find time to complete the Award with us.

Once again, many thanks to the members of Staff who have encouraged and helped boys in the Scheme and without whose help, the Scheme would not work. Our thanks also go to several parents who have been willing to give time to the Scheme.

Congratulations to the following who have won Awards during the year:-

BRONZE

M. Clark	S. Blackler	R. Shipp	P. Reeves
A. Carrigan	R. Millard	B. Stevenson	A. Fisher
R. Perryman	A. Warters	S. George	A. Price

SILVER

R. Fry	J. Dean	D. Thornton	C. Nash
G. Smith	R. Ludlow	A. Gittings	T. Axford

K.M. Davis

UNCONQUERED WORLD.

(Thoughts upon a visit to Stoke Park Hospital for Mentally Handicapped Children.

No one seems to understand
We're sound of limb and foot and hand,
Our minds as clear as the sun above
To know the feelings of warmth and love,
And how we scorn the lives of others
Who have no sisters, fathers, brothers,
To understand them, break their chains
To pierce their minds - where silence reigns?
The power to think and act and play
Not theirs to use in any way,
They are no different, so why show scorn?
- All of mother have been born.
The stupid acts of all the others,
Yes you; your sisters, fathers, mothers!
"Little One; keep away from those,
They might just hurt, one never knows."
These poor misguided people ought
To think for themselves, not how they're taught
To keep away from nasty things.
Please face reality - life brings
Such things as hunger, thirst and pain
You can't escape, so please be sane,
Take on this mammoth task of ours
To help remove those prison bars.

Ann Goodrich. 5th.

THEY'VE GOT FAMILIES TOO

Come on all you big strong men,
Uncle Sam needs your help again,
He's got himself in a real jam,
Over yonder in Vietnam,
Yanks getting killed and not getting fed,
Another one got it right through the head,
Bullet-proof vests and bullet proof pants
Ai'nt gonna help them poor old Yanks,
They think about the folks back home,
Eating ice-cream from a chocolate cone,
But they've gotta sit and sweat it out
Wondering just what it's all about,
"and what about guerrillas?" you say
Haven't they got families too?

Brian Richardson. 4A.

CATS.

Big cats,
Small cats,
Rather thin and tall cats,
Fat cats,
Thin cats,
Rather tiny prim cats
Black cats,
Tabby cats,
Rather funny shabby cats,
Weak cats,
Strong cats,
Rather queer long cats,
Cats here,
Cats there,
Furry Kittens in my hair,
Cats, Cats,
This is the end,
They really drive me round the bend.

Nicola Bevan. 2. Alpha

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