THE AVENUE

F.S.S.W.

JULY, 1949

PER ARDUA AD ALTA



CONTENTS

	Page
Editorial	49
School Diary	49
Pastoral Lullaby	50
Leisure Activities	51
Whitsun Bonfire	51
The Spiv	52
The Vale of Neath	53
Whitsun, 1949	54
General Meeting	55
Games—Football	57
Athletics	58
Sports, 1949	59
Cricket	61
Boys' Swimming Report, 1949	64
Hockey and Netball, 1948–49	64
Tennis and Rounders, 1949	65
Cambridge University *v.* New Zealand	66
Scouts	66
Guides	66
The Guide Rally at Chelmsford	67
The Senior Literary Society	68
The Natural History Society	68
Dramatic Society	70
Music, 1948–49	71
Chelmsford	71
Photographic Society	73
Boys' Reading Club, 1948–49	74
Examination Results	75

THE AVENUE

The Magazine of the Friends' School, Saffron Walden

VOL. 38 JULY, 1949 No. 112

EDITORIAL

EVERY school has its peculiarities, and this one is no exception, whether it be strange rites, local games or simply colloquial expressions. Obscure in the mists of time is the date that the Avenue gate was first kicked by a scholar out for his or her pre-Prep. constitutional. One is tempted to wonder whether a sailor suit and hoop or bearskin and bludgeon was the fashion in those far-off days. And what do the uninitiated feel about, " After you with the tack," or " Bring up the chaff," and other slang terms over which this column will draw a veil.

Some practices have died a peaceful death, mourned by some and speeded to their end with sighs of relief by others. Who can remember a real ' Blub ' Sunday with its terrors and weeks of suspense previous for the unfortunate new brat who had annoyed his betters ?

Maybe stump cricket is not unique ; if my memory serves me, we were once visited by a team composed of males who played a rough game of rounders popular in America, but who can claim ' Bad Eggs ' as their regular Sunday dinner-hour entertainment.

In this world to-day conditions change and the old customs die out, leaving nothing in their place ; the touch with happier times is lost. Let us hope that Walden will at least keep her ' tack ' and ' chaff ' and the many other little points that go to make up her life, for years to come.

SCHOOL DIARY

April 28th. School re-opened.
May 6th. Junior Literary Society Meeting.
,, 11th. U. IV Girls at Chelmsford Musical Festival.
,, 15th. Evening Meeting.
,, 18th. Visit to New Zealand *v.* Cambridge University Cricket Match.
,, 19th. Essex Drama Festival.
,, 20th. Walden Musical Festival.
,, 21st & 22nd. Junior Yearly Meeting.
,, 27th. Joint Concert with Newport Grammar School in Walden Town Hall.
,, 30th. Senior Literary Society Meeting : Two Minute Speeches.

June 3rd. Old Scholars' Week-end begins.
,, 5th. Evening Meeting: James Harrod, late Head Master of Sibford School.
,, 7th. Old Scholars' Week-end finishes.
,, 8th & 9th. Essex Show.
,, 10th. Junior Literary Society Meeting.
,, 11th. General Meeting. Speaker: Dr. John Stroud, Head Master of Deacon's School, Peterborough.
,, 15th. Oral Examinations, H.S.C. & G.S.C.
,, 17th. H.S.C. & G.S.C. Written Examinations begin.
,, 25th. Essex Guides Rally at Chelmsford.
July 2nd. N.H.S. Excursion to Whipsnade.
,, 8th. School Examinations begin.
,, 10th. Recital by the Choir in the Parish Church.
,, 14th. Leavers' Party.
,, 15th. Junior Literary Society Meeting.
,, 16th. End of Term Dance.
,, 20th. Packing Day.
,, 21st. End of Term.

PASTORAL LULLABY

(*Dedicated to the boys' side.*)

O little Jac,
O brother mine,
How right thou art to be so small—
Not a whit low, nor yet a whit too tall.

I see thee now, a little boy at play
Beside the miller's pool in some deep hasel grove,
Brown woods, and water by the pump, H. Reynard Fox himself by thy right hand—
An angel child upon a pier celestial.

Sweet Cos, borne on the breeze thy voice I heard,
First, angered by man's insincerity,
Yet to the last urged to improve his lot.

Bedwards you now must speed.
Darling, to-night, in bowers summery
You rest awhile from life's cruel mummery.

Mais, toute la même
Le monde si fou
(Or is it " folle " ?
'Tis all the same)
S'en roule
—Well, let it roll.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

THIS year a leisure activities scheme has been started. Prizes were given at General Meeting to all those who had entered, providing of course that their work was good enough. Quite a few people have done some very good work.

Sylvia Palmer has done some very exquisite work in Art, and Robert Palmer in Woodwork. He made a lovely bedside table and also a radio set, which was working perfectly on the Saturday afternoon of General Meeting. Sylvia and Robert each received a guinea.

Anthony Miller also received a guinea for his good work in the Orchestra and Choir. Just recently the Choir sang " Sleepers, Wake " in the Town Hall, and here he sang the bass solo very well. Miller is also leader of the Orchestra.

In a concert given by Senior Orchestra in the Spring term, Elizabeth Collinson played a Bach Partita from memory, which she did very well. She received 15/-.

Audrey Gentle and Olga Sheeran received 7/6d. each for their very good playing at Junior Concert. Olga is an accompanist for Junior Orchestra. Audrey plays the violin in Orchestra. Audrey played a Sonata in A by Mozart. This she played very well considering she had only just come back from the sanatorium. Uwe Gerstl also received a guinea for some very good work for the Photographic Society. We hope this good work will continue at the School and also that others will enter too.

Katherine Fairs (Lower IV)

WHITSUN BONFIRE

I DID kindle then the bonfire !
Lit the base of mighty bonfire
Standing stately, tall and slender
By the shadows of the tree-tops ;
Stood aside to see her waver,
See the smallest faintest glimmer,
Sparkle then like shining diamond,
And the flames for just a moment
Started up and crackled fiercely,
Screamed and roared for just a second.
Then like death the damp wood darkened,
And the flames crept back asunder ;
And I peered to see her flicker,
Held my breath to watch her shimmer,
But when all my hopes had sunken
And the smoke was thick and choking,
One small spark grew bright and joyous,
Woke the others dead and buried,

Lit a flame, that lit another,
And once more the bonfire kindled,
Lapped the oil of mother smoke screen,
Leaping upwards, warmed the heavens,
And that happy bonfire burning
Roared like one big mighty furnace,
Lightened up the sky around it,
Raged to sound of happy voices
Singing, chanting in the firelight,
Till at last there was no bonfire,
But its ashes soft and silver.
Happy bonfire died the victor,
Died unbeaten, died in splendour,
Left its ashes as a symbol,
Went its way to heaven's gateway.

Johnston (Upper IV)

THE SPIV

DOWN the alley, up the street,
Away from the noise of the policeman's feet,
Stands a spiv with a wide-brimmed hat,
White kid gloves and a silk cravat,
Against the wall in a slouching manner,
Smoking cigars from far Havana,
A raincoat on ; and his thin, black eye,
Tempting us, the passers-by
To succumb to the temptations,
Of New Bond Street smart creations,
Nylons which are fully-fashioned,
Expensive chocolates now unrationed,
Perfumes richer than ozone,
Scented water of Cologne,
Pheasants of the woods and spinneys,
Evening gowns for thirty guineas,
Autographs of famous stars,
Licences for Vauxhall cars,
Pearls from Fiji's southern reef
For the lady (from the thief !)
Clematis, and Paisley shawls,
On all these his shadow falls.
Even if the future's hazy,
It's a hardship to be lazy,
After all, a man must live,
Even with the surname " Spiv."

Kaye Whiteman (Upper IV)

THE VALE OF NEATH

THE Vale of Neath is situated in South Wales. Down it, in a south-westerly direction runs the River Neath, which reaches the Bristol Channel near Swansea. The Vale is very beautiful and has not been much affected by industry in the upper parts, though I visited a gunpowder mill, far from civilization.

The Upper Neath is especially interesting because of its scenery. In ancient times there were upheavals of the ground, which caused several faults. These brought a layer of comparatively hard rock against softer shales. Thus rivers, such as the Neath and its tributaries (such as the Mellte, Hepste and Little Neath) flowing over the hard rocks reached the soft ones beyond and eroded them away. In this way waterfalls were formed. Most of the tributaries rise from a bed of old red sandstone. They then go over a lower layer of carboniferous limestone. This is softer and partly soluble in water, and is liable to cracks, or " joints." In certain places the rivers have got into these joints and worn away a tunnel, so that they travel underground. The Mellte goes underground for about a quarter of a mile properly, but at dry times of the year it is underground about a mile. It enters the river bed near the church at Ystradfellte, but in wet weather the river runs above ground as well as below. It enters its underground course proper in the cave of Porth yr-Ogof. This is a fairly large cave. It has several branches leading off, but they are all dead-ends. It is also known as the White Horse Cave, on account of some white stalagmite material which has become encrusted on a rock, and in the gloom it looks very much like a rearing horse and rider. There are no large stalagmites though. The river is underground for a quarter of a mile from here.

The Hepste is not so romantic. It seeps into the river bed. About two miles further downstream a tributary enters the dry river bed and thunders over a waterfall and disappears into a swallow hole. This is formed by the limestone collapsing into the tunnel below. About thirty yards further down the whole river pours out from under a shelf of rock with great force.

The waterfalls are also very interesting. Sgwd-yr-Eira (or Spout of Snow) occurs just downstream of the above mentioned waterfall. It is similar to the Niagara Falls in its construction, though it is much smaller. It was formed by the river flowing over the hard rocks and reaching a fault, beyond which lay soft rocks. Thus the fall was formed. A layer of soft rock was also under the hard rock and this was also worn away, so that the hard rock overhangs. In this way one can walk behind the fall and it is, indeed, the driest way to cross the river here.

Some other waterfalls are Cwm Pwll-y-Rhyd on the Little Neath, Sgwd Clun-Gwyn, Sgwd isaf Clun Gwyn, Sgwd-y-Pannawr on the Mellte, and Sgwd Gwladys and Sgwd Einon-Gam, on the Pyrddin (another river).

Sgwd means " waterfall " in English.

Sgwd Clun-Gwyn is a good example of lateral migration. The water tends to collect on one side of the gorge owing to the inclination of the rocks over which it flows. Thus the river tends to grow wider owing to the erosion of the soft shales on one side.

The whole district is very interesting and it can be well recommended. If one wants to stay, there is a Youth Hostel at Ystradfellte.

John H. Wilson (Upper IV)

WHITSUN, 1949

"YOU will find nothing has changed at Whitsun. The chief ingredients are cups of tea and talk, with a few energetic people hitting, or missing, a ball; while the others still go on talking." So spake the sage who had not missed a Whitsun for years, but I wondered. I know the programme looked the same except for a mysterious jump in dates in the middle from June to May.

Nothing changes? Immediately this was proved to be false when meals were served in the Dining Hall instead of the Boys' Playroom. This change was certainly for the better, and was definitely a triumph of ogranisation for the catering staff. The second innovation was the introduction of special games on Whit-Monday for the younger members of the School. These, too, were much appreciated.

All the usual activities took place according to the programme. On Saturday morning the present scholars swam faster than either the veteran or young Old Scholars, thus winning the Swimming by a large number of points. The encouragement they received from those on the side was sufficient to raise the roof, which has been put forward as the cause of the present weakness among the girders.

In the afternoon the Old Boys 2nd XI retrieved some prestige by defeating the Boys XI, but the Tennis Tournament was cancelled because of the weather. The weather did not dampen the spirits of those who attended the dance in the evening. Here conversation was most effectively checked while the band was playing. (Perhaps next year there could be more piano and less *forte*?).

The full Meeting House on Sunday morning, and again a crowded Assembly Hall in the evening, underlined the deeper fellowship which binds the Old Scholars to the School and to the Association.

Monday's weather was ideal for playing or watching cricket and, although the game was drawn, the School were in a very favourable position, having declared at 174 for 8 wickets, while the Old Boys had reached 97 for 8 wickets. The highlight of the game was J. E. Follett's 107 not out for the School—surely the first school century for forty years, and only the second scored in these matches. The evening came all too quickly. Christine

Kent and Fordham beat Hazel Appleton and Soar in the finals of the Tennis Tournament; the entertainment was full of original items and the bonfire was rather like the Whitsun weather—damp and dull to start with, but later a blaze of glory.

Finally, Tuesday morning, with the hurried farewells and the trek back to every-day life.

What! You haven't been down to Whitsun recently? My dear sir (or madam), nothing ever changes—just cups of tea and talk ....

GENERAL MEETING

IT has always been my ambition to be twins. All the same it came to me as a bit of a shock that I was both "Staff" and "Parent" and that, as the latter I could wander round at this year's G.M. and have a look at what I and my pupils had prepared for my education and delight as the Visiting Father of a Pupil of the School.

This Jekyll and Hyde existence left me approving strongly of what we had done, though I found myself more than a little critical of my own efforts. I must write myself a strong letter on the matter when I have time.

On Saturday, the Meeting for Worship seemed to set the tone for the whole week-end. The communal activities in spirit gave way imperceptibly to those of physical rivalry and intellectual refreshment. The Address after Meeting, by Dr. John Stroud, Head Master of Deacon's School, Peterborough, on "The Impact of Examinations on the Schools" was admirable, I was told. Alas! that my duties as Dr. Jekyll prevented my hearing it. I should have been glad to see if my views as Mr. Hyde agreed with the speaker on a matter of import to us both. The discerning visitor would have had no doubt as to the School's official opinion, for the announcement made prior to the lecture on the recipients of awards for leisure hour activities, cunningly hinted at our conviction that all work makes Jack and Jill more than a little dull. If this really needed underlining, it was done most effectively in the afternoon when some stern battles on the sports field were fought out gamely before quite a large crowd of evidently happy onlookers. On Monday morning, my classes showed a marked tendency to take the matter a step further .... but perhaps that is not really relevant here.

After dinner a concert of orchestral and choral music in the Hall effectively "stopped the show". One small child, spokesman for the many who were unable to get in, vociferously demanded to know why grown-ups were allowed all the best things, a shrewd if unintentional assessment of the performance. The adult problem, however, was how to see even a fraction of the good things on show, in the time available. It seemed to me that our exhibitions

were even richer than usual, and at the risk of appearing to be anything but impartial, I'll try to imply the rest by reference to a few particular cases.

In the Art section, George Rosenberg's " crowds at fires," Graeme Johnston's set of pictures, Jennifer Edward's model of a hand, and Ann McGowan's " tired hoboe " (for want of a better title), caught my eye. Next door, in the Bio. Lab., a wealth of material capped by a fine detailed model of a Cretaceous Landscape by energetic workers from the Upper IV's caused trouble for the traffic controller on duty. John Jacobs' reconstruction of the tragic end of a swift, and an astonishingly painstaking exhibit of shells showing mutations by the markings, collected by Adam Kendon, come to mind as particularly interesting to me, even among so many fine things. It was pleasant to see collaboration between various sections of school activities here. Christine Brown, Joan Palmer, Manfred Zeigler and Robert Palmer, had exercised their mathematical skill to display the data collected by the Bird-ringing and -watching enthusiasts in a form easily digested by the Public, while the Photographic Society had outlined the process of ringing in simple pictorial form.

The latter group had work on show in Croydon House, too, for Uwe Gerstl has prepared a collection of mounted photographs showing school activity over the past twelve months, and these contrasted admirably with Sylvia Palmer's paintings and drawings which had pride of place on a complete wall. The restriction on the imagination of the artist who uses a camera instead of brush or point was in good evidence, but that the old and new forms of graphic art are complementary, if a full record is to be made of day to day activity, was clearly emphasised by these exhibits, both of which received leisure activity awards.

A further award was made for a Craft exhibit by Robert Palmer. This was shown in the Woodwork Room amid a host of similar efforts. Two in particular, by James Dutton and Michael Frizzell were as good as anything I have ever seen by boys of the same age, while Robert Dutton's " turned " lamp-stand was another excellent piece of work.

My activities in Croydon House were somewhat restricted by Miss Cottrell's insistence that I could not sample the tempting display of food (incidentally, I never discovered what happened to it afterwards), and my interest in the needlework scarcely extended past the usual state of bewilderment that anyone could start with two sticks and a ball of wool and make the wool tie itself firmly into a garment with holes in the right places ! Not only had they done so here, but they had given you the impression that they had long since passed the stage where " Vogue " had any thing to tell them. I regretted that I saw no socks left about there. A couple of home-made surveying instruments in the porch of Croydon House raised some interest—I believe that many parents refrained from explaining what they were for in order not

to handicap the teaching staff (I know I did), a very kindly gesture ! This was a convenient place to finish the tour, for a few steps led me to the Tea Department set up in the Assembly Hall, whence, like a giant refreshed, I sallied forth to watch the Cricket, hoisting my double colours to the top of the mast and cheering furiously and indiscriminately for " Parents and staff " against the School. The Junior School discreetly admonished me for Displaying Enthusiasm at a Cricket Match and I relapsed into the required degree of apathy and watched my team force a diplomatic draw.

And so to bed, albeit, like dormitories 5 and 6, with reluctance. Next year, I promised myself I really will ease off a bit. This is a futile good resolution, as I know from experience. I shall continue to believe that the forthcoming G.M. *must* be made the best ever, just as I always have done, and I shall thereupon work a regular eight-day week.

There will again be the consolation that for one glorious day (duties permitting), I can pose as a Parent and go round enjoying the show as if I did not know what made it tick.

GAMES

FOOTBALL, 1948-49.

					Goals.	
	P.	*W.*	*D.*	*L.*	*F.*	*A.*
1st XI ..	17	6	2	9	43	58
Under 15	10	6	3	1	36	12

THE second half of the season was marred, to some extent, by epidemics, but both of the above sides managed to complete most of their fixtures, and in addition, the Under 12's and Under 14's also played two matches each, the result in every case being a draw. A Staff and School XI defeated St. John's College 2nd XI (2—0), and the Old Scholars (1—0).

The figures printed above give us good reason to suppose that the weakness apparent in the 1st XI's defence will be remedied when some of our Under 15 defenders have added a little more to their stature and experience. Covering has often been at fault, and to find a cool head allied to a sure kick, and the speed and football brains requisite in that most necessary art of arriving at the ball before an opponent does, has proved far too rare and difficult a discovery amongst boys of genuine 1st XI age. Goom and How have, nevertheless, acquitted themselves quite well on the whole, and Spendlove was a much improved player by the end of the season. Sturge, in goal, was never safe, but quite often showed us a brilliant save.

The task of a wing half back and inside forward makes formidable demands both on skill in ball control and stamina. Benham did exceptionally well in standing up to the strain of 1st XI football in these positions and fully earned his Colours, which he

received in March, together with How and Brown. Dutton (J). handicapped by his lack of years and weight, showed himself a genuine footballer, and should do well in seasons to come. Webb also had quite a good season, but the fourth player for these positions was just not there. No one else was really quite ready, though several boys did their best—notably Clymo (R.) and Fieldgate.

Front line forwards are always difficult to find in a small school, so we must consider ourselves fortunate that Brown has now become a very competent leader of the attack (he also scored 22 goals, besides 5 for the Staff XI), and that Cadman and Atkins are promising youngsters. It remains to say, however, that a patchy forward line, a weakness in the half-back line, and a defence never wholly dependable, could not and never can mean much success. To maintain a high standard of 1st XI football, we must produce ten good players per age group. Our present Under 15 and Under 12 groups should just manage this; the Under 14 and Under 13 XI's will find their job made difficult owing to insufficient numbers.

1st XI Colours :—

R. Brown, D. Webb, P. Benham, M. How.

1st XI :—

Sturge; Goom, How; Fieldgate, Spendlove, Dutton, J.; Cadman, Benham, Brown (Capt.), Webb, Atkins.

Under 15 :—

Abrey; Burman, Dale; Appleton, Rosenberg, Frizzell; Fairbanks, Dutton, R., Ziegler, Clymo, R. (Capt.), Honigmann.

ATHLETICS

DURING the Spring Term we were dogged by wet weather but managed to complete our long and middle distance, programmes. Fast times were hardly to be expected, but D. Fairbanks did particularly well to win the Junior (Under 15) Cross-Country for Lister in 14 min. 15.6 secs., and thus establish a new record for that event. Clymo, R. (Tuke) who finished second, also beat the previous record time.

Our Summer Term programme incluedd 62 more events, 38 of which were decided during Finals Week at the end of May. The remainder constituted our programme for General Meeting.

Outstanding performances during Finals Week were the jumping of the Under 14, Under 13 and Under 12 winners of the Girls High Jump, and the throwing of E. Dunstan and R. Dunstan in the Boys Under 11 and 12 Throw events. The three girls—J. Rose, M. Pilgrim and J. Hunn, respectively—all equalled the Girls Under 14 High Jump Record, and it is hoped we shall yet find them the time for a concerted attack on this record, now jointly held by five people.

The programme at General Meeting included as special features a number of House Relays, and for the first time, some Girls

Hurdles events. Pickard, winner of the Boys Under 13 Hurdles, deserves special mention of his success, due entirely to a very good style indeed. Roth threw both the Javelin and the Discus with skill and assurance to win both events, whilst R. Brown was most unfortunate to be only two yards the wrong side of the Senior Throw record. In the Senior Sprints, How and Atkins had two very hard-fought tussles, while Cadman, winner of six events in the Athletic season, proved the most successful sprinter of his age. Judy Baker's high jump was a promising effort; so, too, was the sprinting of Chetsingh and M. Pilgrim in their respective events. Best of all, perhaps, was E. Yardley's long jump of 14 ft. 3 in., thus establishing a new school record for the Girls Under 14 event. C. Moon, who was second, also passed the previous best.

It is good to be able to mention all these names and to think of not a few others, who have done and are doing their best to re-establish the Athletic traditions of the School. We hope next year to compete against other schools, and there seems every promise that Athletics is returning to its rightful place—a major game and a major activity of the life of the School.

The results of the Athletic season are given below. House points were as follows (total 200) :—

Lister, 68.1. Mennell, 65.4. Tuke, 66.5.

SPORTS, 1949

* *denotes New School Record.* † *denotes existing Record equalled or broken.*

1.	Boys Senior 440 yards			
	Atkins (M)	How (L)	Gerstl (M)	63.0 secs.
2.	Boys Under 15—440 yards			
	Roth (M)	Honigmann (M)	Appleton (M)	63.6 secs.
3.	Boys Senior 880 yards			
	Brown (T)	Comber (T)	Goom (T)	2 m. 25.2 secs.
4.	Boys Under 15—880 yards			
	Roth (M)	Honigmann (M)	Burman (L)	2 m. 29.4 secs.
5.	Boys Senior Mile			
	Godden (T)	Brown (T)	Goom (T)	5 m. 23.6 secs.
6.	Boys Senior Relay			
	Mennell	Lister	—	1 m. 57.4 secs.
7.	Boys Senior Cross-Country			
	Brown (T)	Webb (L)	Comber (L)	21 m. 41.8 secs.
8.	Boys Under 15 Cross-Country			
	Fairbanks* (L)	Clymo† (T)	Roth (M)	14 m. 15.6 secs.
9.	Boys Senior High Jump			
	Goom (T)	Godden (T)	Baker (T)	4′ 9½″
10.	Girls Senior Long Jump			
	W. Hopkins (M)	A. Marriage (L)	A. Kendon (M)	12′ 9″
11.	Girls Under 15 Long Jump			
	N. Sargant (M)	E. Marriage (T)	C. Morgan (M)	14′ 2″
12.	Boys Under 15 Throw			
	Cadman (L)	Clymo (T)	Dutton (M) Fairbanks (L)	82 yds. 1′ 3″
13.	Boys Under 14 Throw			
	Bennett (M)	Dale (T)	Gutwein (T)	62 yds. 2′ 7″
14.	Boys Senior Hurdles			
	Atkins (M)	Faralewski (L)	Holmes (T)	17.3 secs.

15.	Girls Senior Hurdles			
	C. Morgan (M)	N. Sargant (M)	S. Fry (L)	18.0 secs.
16.	Boys Under 15 Hurdles			
	Cadman (L)	Abrey (T)	Honigmann (M)	17.2 secs.
17.	Boys Under 14 Hurdles			
	Chetsingh (M)	Bennett (M)	Gutwein (T)	17.2 secs.
18.	Boys Under 11 Hurdles			
	Risdon (T)	Brown (M)	Greene (L)	18.0 secs.
19.	Boys Under 15 High Jump			
	Cadman (L)	Dutton (M)	Fairbanks (L)	4′ 4½″
20.	Girls Under 13 High Jump			
	M. Pilgrim† (L)	D. Moseley (M)	V. Wiseman (T)	4′ 1½″
21.	Girls Under 12 High Jump			
	J. Hunn† (T)	P. Cadman (L)	A. Dawe (L)	4′ 1½″
22.	Boys Under 11 Throw			
	E. Dunstan (M)	Bell (M)	Atkinson (L)	59 yds. 0′ 4″
23.	Boys Under 12 Throw			
	R. Dunstan (M)	Baker (T)	Tregear (L)	55 yds. 1′ 7″
24.	Boys Under 13 Throw			
	Wood (L)	Skelton (T)	Pickard (T)	52 yds. 4′ 1″.
25.	Boys Under 11 Long Jump			
	Risdon (T)	Brown (M)	Weaver (L)	12′ 1½″
26.	Boys under 12 Long Jump			
	Dunstan (M)	Baker (T)	Tregear (L)	13′ 0½″
27.	Boys Under 13—220.			
	Watson (L)	Brown (T)	Pickard (T)	31.4 secs.
28.	Girls Under 14 High Jump			
	J. Rose (L)	B. Barber (T)	S. Pyne (T)	4′ 1½″
29.	Boys Senior Long Jump			
	Brown (T)	How (L)	Spendlove (M)	16′ 11″
30.	Boys Under 15 Long Jump			
	Cadman (L)	Fieldgate (L)	Honigmann (M)	16′ 5″
31.	Boys Under 14 Long Jump			
	Bennett (M)	Gutwein (T)	Dutton (M)	15′ 1½″
32.	Boys Under 15—220			
	Cadman (L)	Fieldgate (L)	Choppin (L)	28 secs.
33.	Boys Under 14—220			
	Chetsingh (M)	Bennett (M)	Gutwein (T)	29.6 secs.
34.	Girls Senior 220			
	P. Thomas (M)	N. Sargant (M)	J. Baker (M)	30.4 secs.
35.	Girls Under 14—220			
	N. Pilgrim (L)	B. Barber (T) C. Moon (L)	—	32 secs.
36.	Girls Under 14—100			
	J. Rose (C)	C. Moon (L)	B. Barber (T)	15.4 secs.
37.	Boys Under 13—100			
	Skelton (T)	Watson (L)	Brown (T)	13.8 secs.
38.	Boys Under 12—100			
	Dunstan, R. (M)	Harvey (L)	Baker (T)	14.6 secs.
39.	Boys Under 11—100			
	Dunstan, E. (M)	Greene (L)	Brown (M)	14.2 secs.
40.	Girls Under 11—100			
	P. Davis (T)	H. Lane (L)	G. Crawford (L)	16.3 secs.
41.	Girls Under 12—100			
	J. Mabbott (M)	A. Dawe (L)	P. Cadman (L)	14.0 secs.
42.	Girls Under 13—100			
	M. Pilgrim (L)	D. Holttum (L)	J. Wyatt (L)	13.7 secs.
43.	Girls Under 12 Long Jump			
	J. Mabbott (M)	P. Cadman (L)	A. Dawe (L)	13′ 1″
44.	Boys Under 11 High Jump			
	Dunstan, E. (M)	Weaver (L)	Greene (L)	4′ 2″
45.	Boys Under 12 High Jump			
	Tregear, R. (L)	Harvey (L)	Newton (T)	3′ 10″

46.	Boys Under 13 High Jump			
	Bidwell (T)	Brown (T)	Wood (L)	3′ 9½″
47.	Boys Under 15—100			
	Cadman (L)	Matthews (T)	Fieldgate (L)	12.2 secs.
48.	Boys Senior 100			
	Atkins (M)	How (L)	Baker (T)	11.8 secs.
49.	Girls Senior 100			
	P. Thomas (M)	W. Hopkins (M)	J. Henty (M)	13.6 secs.
50.	Girls Under 15—100 yards			
	V. Baker (M)	A. Smith (M)	M. Elsworth (M)	13.2 secs.
51.	Boys Under 14—100 yards			
	Chetsingh (M)	Rosenberg (M)	Bennett (M)	12.3 secs.
52.	Girls Under 14 Hurdles			
	J. Rose (L)	S. Pyne (T)	E. Yardley (T)	16.6 secs.
53.	Boys Under 13 Hurdles			
	Pickard (T)	Watson (L)	Brown (T)	16.5 secs.
54.	Girls Under 13 Hurdles			
	M. Pilgrim (L)	E. Paul (M)	J. Goodrich (T)	16.7 secs.
55.	Boys Under 12 Hurdles			
	Baker (T)	Saul (T)	R. Dunstan (M)	17.2 secs.
56.	Girls Under 12 Hurdles			
	E. Lane (L)	A. Dawe (L)	V. Baker (T)	18.3 secs.
57.	Boys Under 15 Javelin			
	Roth (M)	Dutton (M)	Cadman (L)	104′ 2″
58.	Boys Senior Throw			
	Brown (T)	Goom (T)	Webb (L)	93 yds. 0′ 2″
59.	Boys Under 15 Discus			
	Roth (M)	Burman (L)	Palmer (L)	88′ 7″
60.	Girls Senior High Jump—*Cancelled*			
61.	Girls Under 15 High Jump			
	V. Baker (M)	D. Jones (L)	S. Latchford (T)	4′ 1½″
62.	Boys Under 14 High Jump			
	Bennett (M)	Gutwein (T)	Rosenberg (M)	3′ 10″
63.	Girls Under 14 Long Jump			
	E. Yardley* (T)	C. Moon† (L)	B. Barber (T)	14′ 3″
64.	Boys Under 13 Long Jump			
	Brown (T)	Nash (L)	Wood (L)	13′ 9½″
65.	Girls Under 13 Long Jump			
	M. Pilgrim* (L)	E. Paul (M)	G. Acker (T)	14′ 0½″
66.	Boys Senior 220 yards			
	Atkins (M)			
	How (L)	Spendlove (M)	—	28.0 secs.
67.	Girls Senior Relay (3 × 75)	Tuke	Mennell	30.2 secs.
68.	Boys Under 12 Relay (3 × 75)	Lister	Tuke	31.8 secs.
69.	Girls Under 12 Relay (3 × 75)	Lister	Mennell	32.2 secs.
70.	Girls Under 15 Relay (3 × 75)	Lister	Mennell	
71.	Boys Under 14 Relay (3 × 75)	Mennell	Tuke	

	L.	M.	T.
Points ..	186 ..	167 ..	142
Percentage ..	37.6 ..	33.7 ..	28.7

CRICKET

1st XI Record (to June 29th)

Played 12. Won 1. Drawn 7. Lost 3.

THE above record with its preponderance of drawn matches might well lead one to suppose that this summer we have played matches of shorter duration or that we lacked the necessary aggression in our bowling and fielding, or that too many 'safe' declarations have been made. As a matter of fact, none of these is primarily the cause.

Batting on school wickets this season has for the most part meant wary and watchful defence if one would stay any length of time at all, and as one watched one could only hope that the wicket would not play one too dirty a trick and provide the unplayable ball. To cut was a risky matter; to hook, almost suicidal. And thus it has been that run-getting has never been very easy. Twelve matches produced only nineteen scores of 15 or more by our boys, of which only 3 exceeded the thirties. Yet several of these boys are quite competent batsmen, so we who are interested in the cricket of the School must hope and work for better things on the square next season. By then, the new processes carried out last Spring should provide us with a respectably good wicket.

First XI bowling has been quite accurate on the whole, and all four of our leading bowlers have returned good figures at times. Fielding has not been quite up to standard this year, as nearly half the First XI lack the anticipation and quickness off the mark which always distinguishes the good fielder. Goom has tried hard behind the stumps and at times done quite well, but he will be the first to agree that there is no real wicket-keeper in the School. Indeed, there is in general a dearth of boy wicket-keepers. I can't recall having seen a real one all the summer in any boys' game. Brown's captaincy has been excellent. He has placed his field well, handled his bowling with great skill and generally provided a most enthusiastic lead. The team has been fortunate in its captain.

The usual batch of Staff games were played, providing a number of pleasant and recreative occasions. In the Whit-Monday match, the School made 174 for 8 declared, and the Old Scholars 97 for 8; the match was thus drawn.

Summary of Matches

1st XI *v.* Braintree C.H.S. Home. Match drawn.
School, 112 (Webb 27, Goom 28, J. Dutton 25 not out).
Braintree, 78 (Clymo 3 for 10).

Newport G.S. Away. Lost by 6 wkts.
School, 57 (Fairbanks 15 not out).
Newport, 61 for 4 (Clumo 3 for 19).

Soham G.S. Away. Match drawn.
School, 91 (Brown 16, Baker 18, Webb 16).
Soham, 68 for 6 (J. Dutton 3 for 15).

Cambridge C.H.S. 2nd XI. Home. Lost by 4 wkts.
School, 26.
Cambridge, 33 for 7. (Cadman 5 for 13).

Newport G. S. Home. Match drawn.
School, 45 for 8.
Newport, 114.

J. E. Follett's XI. Home. Match drawn.
School, 74 for 8 (Webb 40; Timms 18 not out).
J. E. F.'s XI, 75.

St. Christopher. Away. Match drawn.
School, 70 for 5 dec. (Cadman 32 not out).
St. Christopher, 10 for 2.

Old Scholars. Home. Lost by 23 runs.
School, 69.
Old Scholars, 92.
Harlow College. Home. Match drawn.
School, 67 for 6. (Webb 19, Cadman 23).
Harlow, 101. (J. Dutton 5 for 25).
Parent-Teachers XI. Home. Match drawn.
School, 124 for 8 dec. (Webb 16, Cadman 54, J. Dutton 18 not out).
Parents, 63 for 7 (Webb 4 for 16).
St. Christopher. Home. Won by 8 wickets.
School, 153 for 5 (Brown 51, Cadman 20, Baker 25, J. Dutton 16 not out).
St. Christopher, 44. (Clymo 4 for 3, J. Dutton 3 for 6).
Soham. Home. Lost by 7 wickets.
School, 35.
Soham, 79 for 6 (Fairbanks 3 for 3).

Under 14 XI Record (to June 29th)

Played 10. Won 3. Lost 7. Drawn 0.

In spite of the large number of defeats, the Under 14 XI contains several useful batsmen and bowlers, but the lower half of the team has not yet produced any batsman who can play forward consistently, and most of these players have got themselves out with wild strokes. However, all the team has been keen in the field and with more experience on better wickets we should, next season, see some results from the constant nets practice.

The team lacks an accurate fastish bowler. This was particularly noticeable in the match against St. Christopher, when they had to face a bowler of this type for the first time, and were dismissed very cheaply in both matches.

Rosenberg has taken his duties as Captain seriously and, when he was away, R. Dutton showed, in the first match against Harlow, that he had all the necessary powers of leadership.

Summary of Under 14 XI Matches

Un. 14 XI *v.* Braintree C.H.S. Home. Lost—74–129.
(Rosenberg 26, Bennett 16 n.o.; Gutwein 7 for 41).
Newport G.S. Home. Lost—78–83.
(Frizzell 5 for 34; Bennett 19).
Soham G.S. Away. Won—68–50.
(Frizzell 6 for 13; Gutwein 16, Dutton, R., 16).
Braintree. Away. Lost—34–47.
(Gutwein 8 for 10; Dutton, R., 14).
Newport G.S. Away. Lost—33–54 for 2 wkts.
Cambridge C.H.S. Home. Lost—22–64.
(Rosenberg 7 for 12).
St. Christopher. Away. Lost—26–88 for 3 wkts.
Harlow. Home. Won —65–40.
(Dutton, R., 30 not out, and 6 for 9).
St. Christopher. Home. Lost—17–140 for 5 wkts.
Harlow. Away. Won—101 for 7 dec.–36.
(Frizzell, 30 and 3 for 2; Bennett 19 not out, Wood, C., 16, Skelton 14).

BOYS' SWIMMING REPORT, 1949

PROSPECTS of a really successful season looked very bright at the beginning of term, for we had only lost two members of last year's team and, moreover, with Whitsuntide falling so late, there was more time for practice in readiness for the match against the O.S.—an eagerly-awaited event which we had high hopes of carrying off this year, after our long series of defeats. The result proved our hopes to have been justified, for the scores were : School 30 pts., Veteran O.S. 19 pts., Younger O.S. 14 pts.

The next objective was to have been the match against the Granta Swimming Club of Cambridge—the climax of the season for they are doughty opponents who have so far proved just too good for us. It was, therefore, a great disappointment not only to the team, but also to the whole School, when the Baths had unexpectedly to be closed because the roof was in a dangerous condition. As a compromise it has been possible to arrange to hold the Granta match in the Town Baths and make it a triangular contest by competing against the Town Club at the same time. This should prove to be a most exciting event. But the closing of the Baths has put an end to a term of exceptional keenness and widespread improvement, and has made necessary the abandonment of the House Competitions, and possibly the Life Saving Exams. as well.

HOCKEY AND NETBALL, 1948—1949

Summary of Results

1st XI.

Date.	*Opponents.*	*Result.*	*Score.*
1948			
Oct. 2nd.	Old Scholars..	Lost	4—2
,, 30th.	Cambridge Town Ladies	Drew	2—2
Nov. 13th.	Royal Wanstead School	Won	18—0
1949			
Jan. 21st.	Cambridge County High School	Lost	10—0
Feb. 5th.	Cambridge Town Ladies	Lost	2—1
,, 26th.	Braintree High School	Lost	4—2
Mar. 12th.	Herts and Essex High School	Lost	10—0
,, 19th.	Chantry Mount	Won	8—0
	'A' XI.		
1948			
Nov. 20th.	Cambridge Youth Club	Lost	4—2
Mar. 5th.	Old Scholars..	Lost	3—0
,, 26th.	Royal Wanstead School	Won	9—0
	2nd XI.		
1949			
Jan. 21st.	Cambridge and County High School ..	Lost	11—0
Mar. 12th.	Herts and Essex High School	Lost	13—1

The 1st and 2nd Hockey XI's were as follows :—

	1st XI	2nd XI
G.	J. Newman	H. Wright
L.B.	G. Jackson	W. Hopkins
R.B.	A. Marriage	E. Marriage
L.H.	A. Kendon	C. Morgan
C.H.	J. Baker	O. Sheeran

	1st XI	2nd XI
R.H.	E. Rice	S. Whiteman
L.W.	S. Fry	J. Nash
L.I.	B. Barber	N. Sargant
C.F.	P. Spear	C. Moon
R.I.	E. Collinson	J. Henty
R.W.	P. Thomas	J. Edwards

Netball

UNDER 15 TEAM.

1948			
Nov. 13th.	Royal Wanstead School	Won	20—12
,, 20th.	Chantry Mount School	,,	7—6
1949			
Feb. 16th.	Castle St. Voluntary School	,,	10—3
,, 23rd.	Castle St. Voluntary School	,,	9—5
Mar. 19th.	Chantry Mount School	,,	14—8

UNDER 13 TEAM.

1948			
Nov. 20th.	Chantry Mount School	Lost	19—0
1949			
Feb. 16th.	Castle St. Voluntary School	Won	8—2
,, 23rd.	Castle St. Voluntary School	,,	3—2
Mar. 19th.	Chantry Mount School	,,	5—3

Many matches were unfortunately cancelled, which rather spoiled the Hockey and Netball season. The Under 15 Netball team deserves congratulations for an unbeaten record and the Under 13's for their unexpected but pleasing revenge over Chantry Mount.

TENNIS AND ROUNDERS, 1949

Tennis

Results of matches played up to June 30th :—

1st VI.

Date.	*Opponents.*	*Result.*	*Score.*
May 14th.	Chantry Mount School	Won	62—55
June 15th.	St. Christopher's School	Lost	61—38
,, 18th.	Cambridge and County High School ..	,,	83—16
,, 25th.	Saffron Walden Training College	,,	12 sets—8 sets

2nd VI

June 15th.	St. Christopher's	Lost	69—30
,, 18th.	Cambridge and County High School ..	,,	71—28

1st Tennis Six

1st Couple	..	E. Collindon and S. Fry
2nd ,,	..	A. Kendon ,, M. Sergeant
3rd ,,	..	A. Marriage ,, P. Spear

Rounders

Not many inter-school matches have been played, but friendly games against the Old Scholars and various mixed games between Forms point to the growing popularity of this game.

Our Under 13 team achieved a splendid victory over Cambridge and County High School by 5 rounders to 3½, while the Under 15's were beaten 3—1 by Chantry Mount.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. NEW ZEALAND

THERE was this year, as on preceding years, an expedition by the senior members of the School to Cambridge to see the University play the touring team. This year the touring team were the New Zealanders.

As usual, there were two parties going; those with money to spare going by bus, and the energetic ones going by bicycle. As last year, the cyclists reached Fenners before the bus, which we felt was quite an achievement. When we got inside the cricket ground we found that the University was batting. Having found a suitable spot, we settled down to watch them gradually lose their batsmen, until by lunch-time they had lost nine wickets.

During the lunch interval the School was given their dinner, which was warmly welcomed by all. After play had resumed, it was not long before Cambridge University was all out for one hundred and seven. After another short interval, the New Zealanders went in to bat. They lost three wickets very quickly for nineteen runs, but once they had dug themselves in, it did not take them long to reach, and pass, the University's score. When the time for close of play had come, the touring team had a score well above a hundred.

This was the signal for the School party to leave, either to find the bus, or to search for their bicycles. We, the cyclists, arrived back at School in various stages of exhaustion, feeling near to death. When we had managed to hobble along to the dining room, we had a well-earned supper.

SCOUTS

THE Scouts are at present leading a very uneventful life and are unfortunately unable to go to camp owing to the absence of a Scoutmaster. However, the one big event of the term has been the Essex Show. Saffron Walden and District were asked to supply about forty Scouts to act as messengers. The School Troop was offered twelve places and naturally accepted them.

All Scouts going met outside the Abbey Hotel at quarter past eight on Wednesday, June 9th, and marched to the Show, where we were detailed off to our various jobs. After the morning's activities were over we were supplied with a free dinner and allowed to wander around the Show.

C. Holmes (Upper V)

GUIDES

WE were very pleased to welcome Enid Murray last September as our Lieutenant, and her enthusiasm at once made itself felt in the Company. The great drawback to our Guiding during the winter months however, was the shortness of meetings, as we could barely manage to squeeze in an hour between school and tea. The longer meetings this term have made a marked difference to achievement, and ten Guides have obtained their

Second Class, while a number more will have completed the tests before the end of term. The Chelmsford Rally has done quite a lot to ginger us up ! Judith Baker, who had passed three-quarters of her First Class test before she came to us, completed it a fortnight ago, and her badge arrived the very morning of the Rally ! By next year we hope that there may be several more First Class Guides in the Company and that a large number will have proficiency badges to show for their efforts.

Before the end of term we are planning to have a joint Camp Fire with the Scouts, and on July 28th we hope to join Miss Johnson's Company for a camp at Poddington in Bedfordshire. Memories of last year's week at Pangbourne are still cherished and, if the present hot spell continues, our second Friends' School Camp should be as successful as the first.

The Guide Rally at Chelmsford

On Saturday, June 25th, the Guides attended a Rally at Chelmsford. The bus left School at 11.15, nearly leaving behind one member of the party. Reaching Hylands in time to eat our dinner under a tree, we were thankful of the shade because of the heat. On our way to the district ' home ' we lost certain of the Company, who were later found to have visited the ice-cream stall.

At two o'clock we assembled for the march past, which was to be taken by Princess Margaret and Lady Baden-Powell. About half-an-hour later we heard the band welcoming them. One of the company who watched the March Past said what an impressive sight we made, with the Rangers in their white hats, followed by a mass of navy. The colour parties, making a background to the scene, were very smart. There were 6,000 Guides and many visitors present, including numbers of camera and television men.

After the March Past there were displays of signalling and country dancing as well as exhibitions of needlework and cookery. These were all visited by the Princess and the Chief Guide. When Princess Margaret inspected the Model Camp she discussed camping with two members of our senior patrol.

Having eaten tea we sat round a camp fire where Princess Margaret joined in our songs and presented various trophies, including the Strathcona Cup. We hope to improve our efforts in this direction next year ! Lady Baden-Powell spoke in a very sincere way about what we could do to better conditions in the modern world. The County Commissioner, Miss Daniels, then congratulated us on our smart turn-out and general efficiency. We ended with ' Taps ' and then returned in the bus with some of the 1st Saffron Walden Company, having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing, despite the heat.

Margaret Ball
Wendy Hopkins (Upper V)

THE SENIOR LITERARY SOCIETY

THE meetings of the Spring Term began very well with a visit from Miss V. V. Brown of Exhall Training College on January 28. Miss Brown spoke to the Society on the subject of "Modern Poetry," and read extracts from poems which have been published within the last twenty years.

John Woods interested the Society in the meeting of February 14th with an essay on "Music and Religion," and he illustrated his points by playing the appropriate gramophone records.

On March 7th the evening was devoted to the reading of Sheridan's play, "The School for Scandal."

The final meeting of the term, which took place on March 21st, was concerned with a debate on the motion, "That this house supports the Abolition of Capital Punishment." We welcomed two members of the Abbey Lane Congregational Church, of whom Mr. Bunting opposed the motion. After a lively discussion between members it was found that the motion was carried by 21 votes to 14. We are pleased to report that the standard of debates in the Senior Literary Society recently has improved considerably and it is hoped that even more members will be encouraged to contribute in the future.

The one meeting of the summer term took place on May 30th, and consisted of short, unprepared speeches given by members from subjects previously unknown to them. These speeches caused much amusement among members and provided a suitable ending to the year's meetings.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Summer Term, 1949

THE revised policy of the Society, whereby formal meetings are discontinued in the Summer term and the energies of members directed instead to field-work, appears to have been justified by the results so far obtained.

The Bird-ringing scheme can be regarded as successfully inaugurated. Up to the end of June over 540 birds of 24 different species had been marked, nestlings and trapped individuals being represented in approximately equal numbers. This total resulted from the activities of some 30 scholars. Of these, J. Dutton, Faralewski and Matthews deserve special mention, both for their sustained effort and exceptional initiative: the construction of effective traps for Corvine birds, the netting of House Martins at the School, and the ringing of nestling Cuckoos, are three of their successes. Jacobs has done useful ringing in another part of Saffron Walden, and several girls have been helpful both in practical field-work and also in the keeping of records. A few workers took rings home during the Easter holidays for use in other districts,

and it is hoped that others will emulate their example in the near future.

A contribution to the work of the Oxford University Department of Zoological Field studies took the form of the systematic, recording of the measurements and weights of all birds obtained in the traps. In addition, advantage was taken of the presence of interesting nests close to the Biology Laboratory to record for the Department the daily changes in the weights of young birds. The weight-history, from hatching to the time of the initial flight, was obtained in the case of several broods, including one of a Blackbird with twice the normal number of young. Work on the Starling, for Dr. Robert Carrick, of Aberdeen University included the tabulation of seasonal changes in the plumage of adult birds; but the number of Starlings obtained so far has been less than expected.

The nation-wide survey of migrant Swifts, organised by Mr. H. G. Hurrell, of the British Trust for Ornithology, extended over the first fortnight of May and resulted in the movements of 7,000 Swifts being plotted throughout Britain. Of these, Walden scholars tracked over 2,000. Nearly 40 scholars took some part in the work, and some who used bicycles journeyed as far as Cambridge Sewage Farm to make observations. A particularly interesting report was received from one group of cyclists whose members succeeded in following up a flight-line of Swifts across eight miles of country. Other groups made computations of the ground-speeds of feeding Swifts and of birds exhibiting strong directional movement. Perhaps the most valuable single observation emanated from C. Brown and J. Palmer, who were lucky enough to see a Swift "drumming," i.e., diving steeply and producing a loud humming noise with its wing-primaries. Very few watchers have ever encountered this phenomen in the Swift, and its value, if any, to the bird's economy is unknown.

Although there is as yet no one in the School who undertakes systematic collecting or rearing, some interest in insects seems to be developing. Clymo and Berny were particularly helpful shortly before General Meeting in obtaining local insects for demonstrations on Variation and Mimicry. Two minor triumphs were the successful raising, in captivity, of the larvae of the Lappet and Emperor Moths, the progeny of insects caught near the School. Dutton intends to make an automatic light-trap so that the nocturnal passage of moths across the district can be studied. All the indications are that Saffron Walden enjoys an exceptionally interesting range of butterflies and moths.

An original piece of field-work carried out by Kendon should be mentioned here. He made a survey of hedgerows in the locality sheltering the two forms of Banded Hedge-Snail and, by collecting numerous specimens from selected zones and recording variations in the markings on the shells, he was able to show the presence of apparent gradations in the varieties through the length of their

range. As a check, he is hoping to repeat his survey in another part of the country.

The summer excursion of the Natural History Society was made this year to Whipsnade Park. Those joining the excursion were selected so that priority was given to scholars who had done active work in their own time for the Society.

Very few members of the two senior forms have shown any interest in the work, but the response from the Middle School has been so good as to promise well for the future of "Natch." The support and encouragement given by friends of the School is much appreciated.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THIS year the School was invited to enter the Drama Festival, and accordingly we selected a cast to present "Elizabeth Refuses," under the direction of Mrs. Whitlow. The later rehearsals were pleasing, and in the actual performance the cast rose to the occasion and received an excellent report from the adjudicator. Alice Kendon, Elizabeth Collinson and Susan Whiteman all gave good performances; Hilary Jackson by no means lowered the general standard, in spite of the short time she had to study the part; while Honigmann, apart from occasional inaudibility, made a satisfactorily smug and pompous Mr. Collins. Mrs. Whitlow's production was very effective, not only in the mere mechanics of acting, but in the creation of atmosphere. To conclude, we can do no better than quote the closing words of the adjudicator's appreciation: "This production gave us all great pleasure, and we shall look forward to their work in the future."

Another performance was given as part of a Saturday evening's entertainment; Eleanor Marriage, whom illness had prevented from taking part at the Drama Festival, gave a good performance as Jane, and the play was much appreciated by the School.

We owe Mrs. Whitlow our thanks for her interest and work in this production.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The fairy plot and colourful costumes of "The Princess and the Woodcutter," performed by members of the Third Forms, and ably produced by Mr. Whitlow, made a good contrast to the Senior Play.

Atkinson as the King showed a fine sense of comedy, and Pat Cadman made a dignified queen. The characters of the three Princes were clearly drawn by Hosking, Scrivener and Sillitoe. But it was with the Princess and the Woodcutter that the sympathies of the audience lay, and when the Woodcutter, Newton, won the hand of the very charming Princess, Jane Morris, all were delighted at the success of their plot, and the happy ending to the play.

It was good to feel the enthusiasm and enjoyment of these young actors, and they are to be congratulated on the success of their first play.

MUSIC, 1948–9

AT the beginning of the year the Orchestra spent most of its time preparing for the Concert in the Spring term to which visitors were welcomed. The programme included the Overture to "Il Seraglio" and an excerpt from the G minor Symphony, both by Mozart, and Suite for Strings by Boyce, as well as solos by Elisabeth Collinson; Bach Partita in B flat, Mary Hollingworth, the slow movement from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto; Eleanor Marriage, Benita Barber, and a duet by Christine Brown and Charlotte Morgan. We were also entertained by the performance of works by Schubert and Handel after Sunday evening meeting.

This term we collaborated with Newport Grammar School in giving a Concert at the Town Hall. The first half of the programme consisted of a number of orchestral items and songs from the Newport Choir, while in the second half the Choirs of the two Schools with the help of some tenors from the Church Choir, joined in a Bach cantata, "Sleepers Wake."

CHELMSFORD

AT the end of last school year Mr. Sturge asked the girls of Lower IV if they would like to compete in the Chelmsford Musical Festival the next summer. It was decided unanimously that this would be a very good idea. Hard practice was begun on the songs half-way through the Autumn term. There were six classes to which entry was possible and we decided to compete in all of these. Five of the classes were songs and the other was sight-singing. The songs which had been previously selected were :—

(*i*) A unison song—"Wanderthirst."
(*ii*) A two-part song—"The Best of Rooms."
(*iii*) A chorus—"Rivulets Flowing."
(*iv*) A madrigal—"Adieu, Sweet Amarylis."
(*v*) A three-part song—"The Flowering Manger."

At the beginning of the summer term we realised that there was only a fortnight left for practice before the Festival, which was on Wednesday, May 11th. As we had only had one singing lesson per week, Mr. Sturge valiantly gave up a great deal of his spare time to give us the extra practices we needed.

Miss Ormerod kindly played for us at every practice, although at the Fetsival there was to be one pianist for all the Choirs.

The fateful day dawned and, after an early breakfast, almost immaculate in our School green dresses and blazers, we climbed into the best Viceroy bus which Walden could produce. Accompanying us were Mr. Sturge, Miss Comber and Miss Ormerod, and substantial rations for the day.

We were scheduled to begin at 9.30 a.m. and we arrived in good time at about 9.0 a.m. The Festival was held in the Chelmsford Corn Exchange, which is about three times larger than the Assembly Hall here. The proceedings opened with a brief address by the Honorary Secretary. We had entered for Division B, the Under 15 group. The Secretary explained that only one Choir had entered for Division A, Open, and consequently the Divisions were amalgamated for Class 4 and the sight-singing. There were five other Choirs in Division B, from all parts of Essex. Our most serious rivals, we discovered later, were Harwich High School. After every choir had sung the first song the adjudicator, David Willcocks, made a few comments. When we had sung the second song it was our turn to go out for the sight-singing test. John Challis judged this, and we felt we had not done too badly.

It was about 1 o'clock when we finished singing and, as a park was nearby, we ate our dinner there. After wandering round the town we returned to the Corn Exchange at 2.30 p.m. for a massed concert and the prize-giving. The massed choirs sang the songs which we had sung that morning, augmented by two folk songs and a closing hymn. We were conducted by the adjudicator. A third of the way through we heard some very beautiful piano solos by John Wills, who had accompanied us so well that morning. Just before the close of the concert the prizes were distributed by Mr. D. N. Bungey, of Chelmsford. We learned that we had won a First Certificate for " Wanderthirst," a second for " Rivulets Flowing," and two thirds for the Madrigal and the sight-singing, as well as the Challenge Cup for the three-part song. All these were gracefully collected by our youngest member, M.A.F.

We rejoined the bus at 4 o'clock and we began the riotous journey home, from which most of us emerged practically voiceless.

Although we had done the actual singing, we feel that thanks are due to Mr. Sturge and Miss Ormerod for helping us so very well.

Hilary Jackson
Una Millett (Upper IV)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

THE Photographic Society has not shown much sign of activity on the whole this term, but nevertheless it is still going strong. The girls' dark-room has been well equipped, thanks to a gift from Miss Waring and a grant from the Headmaster. A home-made vertical enlarger has been in such continual use that we might well make a better one. Any offers of help ?



JOHN WOODS—SPRING 1949.
(Double Bass, Senior Orchestra.)
Photograph by M.I.H.
[We are indebted to the Editor of the Miniature Camera World for the loan of the block of this picture and for permission to use it here.]

Uwe Gerstl received an award for the results of his leisure-time photographic activities. He had collected and mounted many prints of the school, our sports, orchestras, choirs and other activities with the idea of starting a school record. These were on show at G.M.

Gerstl and Susan Fry appear to be the only members keeping the photographic board supplied with prints. Next term, when there is less opportunity to be outside, we hope there will be many more photographs of general interest on show.

Judy Baker and Peter Joselin have proved hard-working curators, and in addition to the dark-rooms have handled supplies of material to everybody's advantage. Daylight printing paper is available again and appeared unexpectedly in the Bio. Lab. at General Meeting, when Susan Haselgrove's interesting collection of silhouettes of leaves made on daylight printing paper was on show.

One of the great difficulties we experience in doing as much photographic work as we would like to do, is in the cost of the material. We have made good use of ex-R.A.F. film and paper but what we should enjoy is doing the *work* for other people at *their* expense.

You want the best photographs—we'll take them !

Judith Baker

Joan Palmer (Lower V)

BOYS' READING CLUB, 1948–9

WE started the school year with "A Man's Life," by Jack Lawson, M.P., and "The Cloister and the Hearth," by Charles Reade. "A Man's Life," the simple unaffected autobiography of a miner who "made good" was, I believe, enjoyed by everybody. The longer and more tedious "The Cloister and the Hearth" came in for some scathing criticism from those members who ploughed labouriously but dutifully through the seven hundred-odd closely printed pages, and even worse, from those who gave up half way.

The spring term marked the end of John Wood's time of office as secretary to the Club. As a sign of our gratitude to him for serving so ably in this capacity he was presented with a copy of the "Keys of the Kingdom," by A. J. Cronin, a novel which further enhances Cronin's reputation, if that is possible.

Feeling that the land was a subject we knew little about, we delved into Street's "Farmer's Glory" and surfaced with the impression that he was a better writer than a farmer. To balance the lighter part of our reading we attempted to tackle Shaw's preface to "Androcles and the Lion," a treatise worthy no doubt of the true Shavian tradition, but making little sense to the majority of the Club. In connection with this we read the play, an innovation which was both successful and popular.

At the time of writing we have not had a meeting this summer but the reading of the two books, "South Riding," by Winifred Holtby and "Instead of Arms," an autobiography by Count Bernadotte, are proceeding apace.

A report on Reading Club would not be complete without mention of the ever-increasing flow of new members drawn mainly from the Vth Form and a "thank you" to Mrs. Littleboy for her continued hospitality.

Michael How (Lower VI)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Richard Brown—entrance to Christ's College, Cambridge, to read History.

Anthony Miller—entrance to Selwyn College, Cambridge, to read Medicine.

Alice Kendon—entrance to Girton College, Cambridge, to read English.

Patricia Litson and Valerie Vickery—scholarships to St. Godric's Secretarial College, London.

PIANO.

Grade V	M. Ball	(Distinction).
	C. Morgan	(Credit).
	B. Barber	(Credit).
	P. Spear	
	J. Palmer	
Grade IV	J. Morris	
Grade III	J. Rice	(Credit).
	D. Mosely	(Credit).
Grade I	Scrivener	

VIOLIN.

Grave IV	A. Clymo	(Distinction).
	U. Millett	(Credit).

S. C. Jennings & Sons, Ltd., Printers, Redhill.