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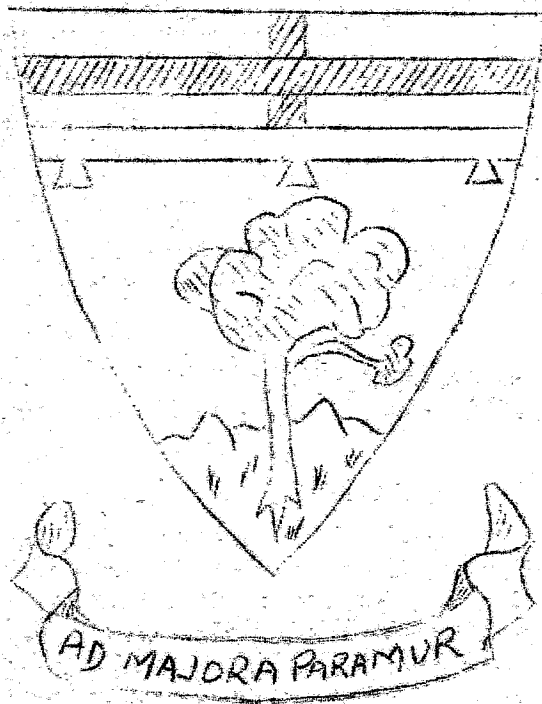
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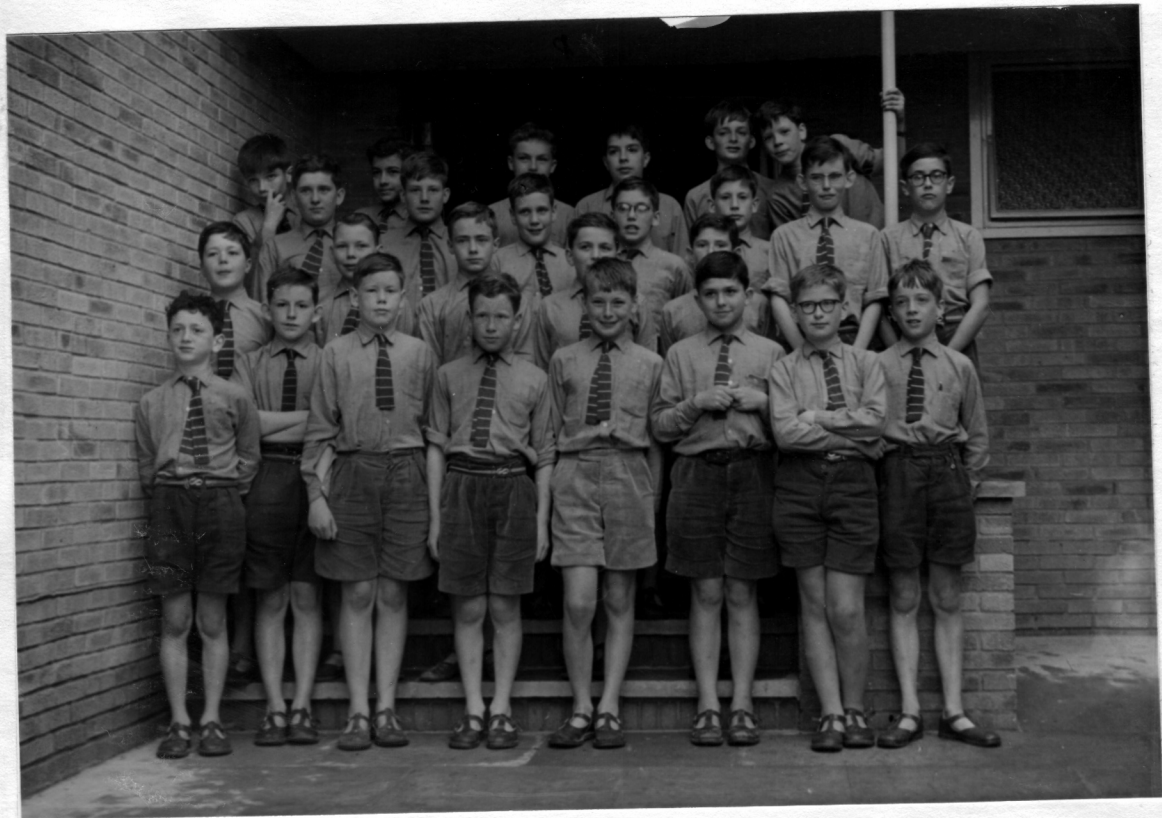
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Reading from left to right. BACK ROW: Paul Aylett, Ean Mackay, Michael Lyons, Charles Thorne, *Christopher Baynham, Richard Cooper (v/c);
 THIRD ROW: John McCracken, Brian Evans, Richard Sykes, *Ian Pinks, Eugene O'Reilly (v/c), Julian Derrick, Philip Joyce;
 SECOND ROW: Christopher Field, John Sinclair, Anthony Cooper, Nicholas Weibel, *Martin Gibson;
 FRONT ROW: Domenico Pini, Anthony O'Sullivan, Stuart McEwan, *David Crane, Gerard Johnson, *Anthony Harding, Philip Barber, Ashley Croft.
 *= captain; v/c= vice-capt.

The Editor would like to thank these boys very much for the really splendid help they have given him in producing the Barrow Hills Journal. Every one of them has done his share and some have produced fine work. We all wish them luck at St. Georges and a successful career there.

THE BARROW HILLS JOURNAL

A SUMMARY OF THE TERM

After last term which was so short, this term seems to have been very long, though it has passed very pleasantly because there has been so much activity.

We must say a 'thank you' for the weather. On each of the three occasions when it was vital to have good weather we have been blessed with a really fine day. Corpus Christi, the day of the History Outing, and Sports Day, - all three were sunny and warm, without undue heat.

Once again we had a variety of infectious complaints which interfered a bit with the cricket. Matron deserves a word of thanks for the cheerful way in which she has coped throughout a whole year in which there cannot have been many days when the infirmary was empty. However we have heard it said that it is one of the primary duties of a Prep School to see that every child has had the most common infectious complaints before they go on to the Senior School. Several children have managed to clear two of them out of the way this year.

Early on in the term the builders left after many months work here. We now have a very fine refectory which is easier to serve and clean, and is so much lighter, drier and quieter than the old one. It is interesting to note that there were a certain number of nostalgic regrets for the old refectory which now serves the Community as a refectory and Common Room.

Parents visiting us must often think how pleasant it must be to live in the depth of the country, surrounded by miles of common land, heath and National Trust property. There is another side to the coin. At least in your suburban garden you can grow your roses in peace & the reasonable certainty of seeing some flowers for your trouble. Here every shoot is eaten when it sprouts and long before it reaches flowering stage by deer. They come at night or very early in the morning, and were it not for the fact that many of the climbing roses are too high for the deer to reach, there would not be a single flower in the rose garden. It is very discouraging for Mr. Roshier, our gardener.

There have been a lot of fine days for swimming and many boys must have made good progress in their efforts to swim. Fr. Anthony was seen practically every day with a boy on the end of a thing like a fishing rod, teaching them to swim. It was good to see some boys from the first and second forms as competitors for the Payne Cup.

Among the various specimens that appeared on the class-room window ledge was a very fierce some Larva of the Great Diving Beetle. When it had been observed practising its ferocity and satisfying its enormous appetite for some time, it was returned to its pond to slay in peace.

NOTES & COMMENTS

The flow of articles and contributions for the Journal continued without ceasing throughout the term. The Editor had wondered whether the fine weather would mean less writing for the Journal, but in fact it has merely meant that there has been more to write about. The First and Second Forms have not sent in much this term. It is a pity because they can do good work when they want.

It has been possible to produce this Journal with over 50 pages and three photographs through the kindness of a parent who wishes to remain anonymous, who sent a donation of £3 to the Journal. We would like to thank them very much and hope that this issue comes up to their expectations.

We have also received several kind and encouraging letters which help to make the producing of the Journal a pleasure. It is also possible from these to judge what things different people like. We are always pleased to hear from any of you.

Once again we were rather short of copies by the end of last term, so we have increased the circulation to 180 copies. We can't increase the numbers much beyond this if we are to continue to have photographs in each issue.

This term there have been several very kind gifts to the LIBRARY. We would like to thank CAPT. & MRS R.J. CRANE for a generous donation. MR. ADRIAN has given over 40 books; MR. H.S. TAYLOR, who is a frequent donor, has again made a gift of books. RICHARD SYKES has also given books. MRS A.N. DERRICK has given 10 copies of Country Life and an Illustrated London News. CHRISTOPHER FIELD has given a large load of books which he will not be able to take with him to Canada when he goes there shortly. We would like to take the opportunity of wish him and his parents a successful and happy move.

To all these we offer our very grateful thanks for remembering our library when they had books to dispose of. Most of the boys do a considerable amount of reading and fresh sources of interest are very welcome.

FERGUS DONALDSON has very kindly given a Racing Game to the GAMES ROOM, while MR. ADRIAN has given Monopoly and Attack. We appreciate their kind thought for the boy's indoor recreation.

DEATHS

We offer our sympathy and prayers to BRO. BENEDICT whose father died on 20th April, and to JONATHAN & MARK COX who lost their mother at the end of May, and also to Christopher McLean on the death of his grandfather.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to John CATCHPOLE on the birth of a brother, Mark; also to John SHEA on the birth of a brother, William James.

NEW BOYS

We welcomed the following new boys this term:

REMO RANDOLFI to Form III

SIMON PINKS, the brother of IAN to Form II;

ANTHONY PARKES to Form II

Ian Riggs, who had been with us for only two terms, did not return to the School this term.

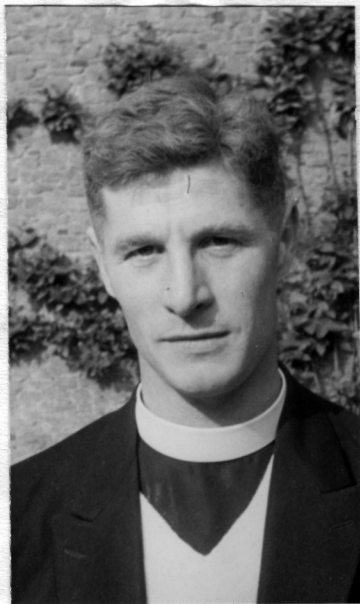
THE CONFESSIONALS

The two Confessional Boxes in the School Chapel have now been equipped with coloured signals. When the priest sits down in the priest's section, a green light goes on to indicate that a penitent may now enter the penitent's section. When the penitent kneels down to make his confession the green light goes out and a red light comes on to show that the confessional box is occupied. When the penitent rises the red light goes out and the green light goes on again.

These signals work automatically, being switched on and off by the act of sitting on the seat and kneeling on the kneeler.

These lights are of great practical advantage, as those wishing to go to confession can now see at a glance, firstly whether the priest has arrived to hear confessions and secondly whether there is already a penitent in the box or not.

We are very grateful to Mr. Taylor, who thought out the circuits and did the wiring, and to Fr. Anthony who made the spring seats & kneelers and fitted the switches.

FR. ANTHONY

At Easter 1940 PETER RUNTZ, the second son of James C.M.Runtz, an Old Georgian, entered St.George's College. He started in Form I and made regular progress, getting his School Certificate in July 1946.

He was particularly notable at school as an all-round sportsman. At Rugby, at which he gained his colours and a Cap, he is described as 'a most polished player, with a natural swerve and a devastating tackle'. At hockey, at which he also gained his colours, his stick-work was said to be first class. At cricket, he once again gained his colours, and was reported as being 'swift and sure in the field, & his wicket-keeping was often brill-

iant.' It is not surprising that he won the Senior Fielding Cup. As a youthful gymnast he had been one of the Junior Display Team and he followed up this by winning his colours three years later. At his very first Sportsday, his name appears among the winners and was frequently there in the years to come.

Within three months of leaving St.George's he was called up for National Service. He joined the Royal Signals. He had previously been a member of the Army Force Cadets in which he became a Corporal.

On leaving the Army in July 1949, he joined his father's Insurance business. Experience of life in the Army and in business confirmed a growing conviction that there was a much better and a higher way of life; so on the 3rd November 1951 Peter Runtz entered our Novitiate at Weybridge & took the name ANTHONY.

From 1952 to 1954 Mr.Anthony was Junior House Master in St.George's. He then went to the House of Studies at Melle in Belgium, where he followed the Theological Course. After successfully completing this course he was ordained Priest by Bishop Cowderoy of Southwark in the New Chapel at St. George's College, on 29th June 1958.

From 1958 until July 1963 Fr. Anthony was again Junior House Master in Weybridge. By attending Ministry of Education courses in the teaching of gymnastics and physical education he was able to add to the natural talent he possesses, the more important ability to impart to others the secrets of success. He had also followed courses in the teaching of woodwork, and for some years was responsible for that activity at St. Georges. We have seen what he can do in this line here at Barrow Hills in the Chapel and outside on the trellis-work.

Although Fr. Anthony has only been on the staff at Barrow Hills for one year, he has been identified with so many of the children's activities, Gym, Games, Sports, Swimming, that all the boys and the rest of the Staff will greatly miss him when he goes to take up his new appointment in California, U.S.A.

As House Master Fr. Anthony was particularly kind and tolerant with the boys and often ready to go to considerable lengths to help them in many different ways. Furthermore the boys could not have had a priest who was more zealous for their spiritual well-being than he has been.

To his new sphere of activity Fr. Anthony takes with him the best wishes for his happiness and success of all at Barrow Hills. Boys, the Staff and Community join in wishing him many years of fruitful work among the American people. He can count too on the prayers of those who have known him here at Barrow Hills.

A BRIGHT START TO THE TERM By J. ELTON

It is the 23rd of April, the beginning of the Summer Term and many plants are sprouting. In spite of the fact it was raining when I arrived back, the next day was bright and sunny. The two cherry trees which are visible from the study windows by the goldfish pond had blossom on them. The goldfish and golden orfe are fun to watch. Once they were chasing each other so much that it seemed they must be fighting amongst themselves.

The Chestnut trees are not leafless any more and many flowers such as bluebells, daffodils and primroses are flowering.

The workmen have almost finished the outside of the New Wing and are beginning to put the finishing touches on the inside. They have to fix pipes and wires and paint the inside before it is ready for use.

The blackboards in the first and third forms have been painted with a lighter green paint which makes the chalk easier to see as it is not so shiny.

Everything is bright and clean and ready for the new term.

A RACE FOR CHARITY

by J.Derrick

Form 1V

"Big Cycle Race. Admission 3d

Prize: 3/- box of Chocolates. Apply to P.Mathe. On Wednesday.
For Charity."

These somewhat cryptic lines are what we read on a poster pinned up on the letter rack on Monday 27th April. P.Mathe & P.Dunne had organised a cycle race to help the Blind.

We all had our favourites but when the list of racers and markers was put up, I think that the majority of votes was for I.Pinks. However we were disappointed, as you will soon see.

After tea we hurried down to the Sports Field where the race was to be held. The riders got their bikes and tested them with a few circuits of the track, while Fr.Anthony and a few helpers stuck in the posts to mark the course. The Course was three times round the smaller field and had some ups and downs and one or two twisty corners.

The cyclists lined up and, "they're off!" echoed from all parts of the field. Down the first straight P.Balfour was in the lead, but at the first corner disaster struck for Pink's admirers. Toomey-Wilson took the corner, but just as he got round, Pinks bumped into his back wheel. Actually it was little more than a touch, but it was enough to put him out of control. He wobbled and then Aylett bumped into him. That did it; Toomey-Wilson carried on but Pinks was out of the race & Aylett got so far behind that he retired.

While this was happening G.Johnson took the lead, but John Sinclair pulled well ahead in the second lap, though J.Gibson tried very hard to catch him up, but was handicapped by having a bike that was too big for him. Sinclair was the winner.

As a result of this race and another one a little later, ten shillings was collected and sent to a Home for Blind Children. We got a nice letter of thanks back wishing us all "Good Cycling."

MUSIC EXAM

Congratulations to JULIAN DERRICK who has passed Grade III of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examination, and to ASHLEY CROFT and PHILIP DUNNE who have passed Grade I.

THE MONTH OF APRIL FROM THE DIARY

24th Today is the first day of term. Everyone was busy unpacking and carrying their clothes downstairs, usually losing half of them on the way. The builders were at work still, this time finishing off the arches of an arcade by the changing room. There are two new boys, S.Pinks and Randolfi. Pinks was seen playing cricket during most recreations, but Randolfi is rather quiet. During the hour rec. all the forms were called out, beginning with the Fourth Form to collect Library books.

The nets were busy as cricket is very popular. However I played knives and tennis. Lots of people were asking Fr.James when the gardens would start. Many boys have seeds and trowels ready. As it was my birthday I was hoping to find a cake at tea. However I was disappointed when I found there wasn't one in the refectory. The person who fetches them told me later that he had forgotten it. I will get it tomorrow I hope.

After tea we were allowed to go on to the field. There was a general rush to the bicycle shed. I had free-study because of my birthday, and I got permission to go and do a bit of weeding in my own garden. I hurried down to the bamboo enclosure clad in Wellingtons and football shorts as a protection against stinging nettles. I soon made out my garden, for next to it was a group of dead sunflower stalks, six foot high. I did a bit of weeding till it was time to go in. (A.CHOFT).

25th The day started brightly, but to our dismay it began to drizzle during the last class. As a result, our first games period had to be passed in the Playroom Block or in the playground if you had Wellingtons. By after tea the drizzle had stopped, so about half the school went down to the field to play cricket. The other half were with Fr.James sorting out the gardens; (J.DERRICK).

This morning we saw Bro.Benedict had come back. We were all sorry to hear of the death of his father; (A.COOPER).

26th When the lights went on the whole dormitory jumped out of bed, said the prayer and raced downstairs. Then after washing, by putting a drop of water on their faces and darting back upstairs, changed and made beds all in extraordinarily quick time. In the afternoon we played the first game of cricket of the season; (M.GIBSON).

After breakfast everybody rushed for spades and other tools for the gardens. Instead of films we had reading study. After supper we went outside, but word came around the Fr.George wanted us in the study for another reading study. Everybody sighed at this; (B.EVANS).

27th In the morning rec. R.Cooper, Derrick and myself played tennis up against the Playroom Block. Soon a ball went over the roof, and immediately we shouted, "Sykes!". Then we ran round and sure enough

Sykes had the ball; this happened several times, for the other side of the Playroom Block os where those who are punished march; (A.HARDING).

Fr.Dunstan lectured us about Confession, hard balls against the walls and leaving paper lying around. He also told us about the new refectory into which we hope to be moving in a few weeks. D.Pini got news from his sister that she had been invited to tea by John Lennon of the Beatles; (C.FIELD)

28th My partners and I went down to our garden only to find it waterlogged after the heavy rain. When we walked on the earth we sank down about a foot. During this rec. while digging we discovered an ant's nest. I borrowed the nearest watering can, rushed to the pump, filled it with water and hurried back. Twice I had to do this before we could flush the ant's nest out completely; (P.JOYCE).

29th For breakfast there was fried bread and bacon. I hoped secretly that Derrick would not turn up and ask for the fried bread that I owed him, but my hopes were dispelled when Derrick tapped me on the shoulder and held out his hand. In Latin class Fr.James asked me why I was so full of glee. Only Pinks, Gibson and I know and we havn't told him yet. (G.JOHNSON).

Today we had a cycle race on the field. To enter you had to pay 4d. The first prize was 3/- and any money over was to be sent to Charity. Sinclair won the race. There is to be another race on Saturday; (E.MACKAY).

30th Today Evans and I were digging a trench for a water-pipe along the side of the back drive. It was very wet and muddy and the water was quite deep. We got bogged in and Mr. Adrian had to help us get our boots out; (J.MCCRACKEN). It was a sunny day and after breakfast many people were down in the gardens weeding, watering or just putting on the finishing touches to their previous day's hard labour. After lunch many people played on the field, some bowling or batting in the nets, others cycling on the smaller field. It was during this rec. that I put my hand into my pocket to get my knife, but in doing so I also found a big lump of marzipan which I had been given yesterday. There was Benediction in the evening with a sermon by Fr.James.

Q. What's the difference between R.Cooper and an umbrella ?

A. You can shut an umbrella up !

THE ALDERSHOT FESTIVALby J. DERRICK
Form four.

This annual event was celebrated this year on the 2nd May. We set off in a convoy of five vehicles:- Mr. Taylor's Rover, Miss Bennett's Renault, Mrs Taylor's Riley Elf, The school's Minibus and the school's Consul.

When we got to the Hall, we quickly saw that it was far inferior to the one we sang in last year. As we trooped inside we found that it was rather small and it was difficult finding a place. Eventually however we settled down and the festival began.

The under 10 year olds choirs competed first. The first choir of this age group came up and sang the two songs reasonably well, but they were quite outclassed by choir number two. Then it was our turn.

They lined up and sang the first song. They sang the second one even better than the first. Then the Adjudicator, Mr. ROY HICKMAN gave us some hints and helps on singing and how to sing high notes and on phrasing. He then told each choir what he thought about its singing and finally gave us our marks:-

Under Tens Song A. 'The Friendly Cow'

 Song B. 'Ruffy & Tufty'

"Song A. Lovely clear voices here but rather serious faces ALL the time. Try to phrase your singing without all these breaks for breathing and allow your phrases to build naturally and warmly and try not to accent weak syllables so much. All high notes were not quite high enough. 77 points

Song B. This is beautiful singing, so neat and shapely, always with good tone; but those elves were a little too heavy footed and except for the fine cake, which was the best of the class, this was almost on one level of expression. 80 points

Total Points 157 out of 200; Position Third out of Four.

The under 12 year olds were to sing 'London River' & 'From a Railway Carriage', two songs which were a complete contrast to each other. The first was slow and broad, while the second was very fast.

When the first choir had returned to their places, it was our turn. We all tried to do everything Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hickman had told us, but still it was not good enough and we were placed third out of seven:

Under Twelves Song A. 'London River'

 Song B. 'From a Railway Carriage'

'Song A. Good, solid round tone and a good beginning to the song. In the quiet section, a good legato; and quite well in tune but rather syllabic. Climax was rather over-careful and just a little lacking in warmth and excitement in the tone. Keep up into the middle of the notes. 81 points

Song B. Good strong patter-- good strong even rhythm; phrase shaping could be better if you keep awake enough. Save your voice at the beginning of a soaring phrase to build into a crescendo. Quite a good ending. All were in a good mood. 85 points.

Total Points 166 out of 200; Position, Third out of Seven.

When Mr. Hickman had given his opinions and marks, all seven choirs joined together and we sang one of the songs with Mr. Hickman conducting.

We then came home in time for the third and fourth classes of the morning.

OPERATION TONSILS

by PETER BUTTRESS
Form III, aged 10

My parents decided that I should have my tonsils and adenoids removed during the Easter holidays because I had had so much tonsillitis last term.

On the 14th April my mother took me to Nuffield House in Woking. The next day I had only a light breakfast, because I was going to have the operation at 2 O'clock.

I had two injections before I went to the theatre. I woke up about 11p.m. and was sick. My throat was very sore for two or three days, during which time I had only ice-cream and thin bread and butter to eat.

There were four of us in the room. We had T.V. and a little radio beside each bed. I had plenty of room to stretch in my bed because it was seven feet long. The others in the room with me were two little girls of five years and a boy of eight. The boy was at Ferndon School.

While I was waiting for my parents I did a drawing of the room showing where everything was. I was not able to return to school on the 23rd April, and had three extra weeks at home.

As Laurence Bayford had had his tonsils out at about the same time, he came to stay with me and we had a good time together.

BABY FISH

At the end of June there were quite a few tiny goldfish visible in the end pond. They had only just hatched. If they manage to escape being eaten by their parents, the water-boatmen and the Diving beetle larvae, we should be able to see them grow up next term. At the moment they are only just visible.

OUTSIDE THE HEADMASTER'S STUDY

It frequently happens that boys are to be seen waiting outside the Headmaster's door for justice and retribution to fall upon them for some misdeed. We felt it would be interesting to record the thoughts of some of them as they wait, perhaps the worst part of the whole ordeal.

A.M.CROFT writes, "Slowly the minutes pass. You are standing beside the grandfather clock in the hall, waiting for the moment of torture. Your companion next to you does not seem nearly as terrified as you are. You can only stand waiting, hoping you won't get a 'six' and wondering how long the Headmaster will take. Time seems to hang in space; the clock ticks the seconds away slowly, tick...tock...tick...tock. There is nothing to do, say or think. The clock is driving you mad; tick...tock...tick...tock. At last the Headmaster comes. He tells you to come into his study. Going to a corner, he brings out his best cane. Several swishes follow. You feel a stinging pain, then all is over and you walk out trying to look as if nothing had happened.

P.BARBER writes: "Tick-tock, tick-tock goes the grandfather clock. You are half asleep; suddenly it chimes the hour and you realise you have been there for half an hour. When you hear the Headmaster's footsteps behind you, your knees begin to knock and your teeth to chatter; a shiver goes down your spine. Then the dreaded 'Come in!' is heard. A moment later: swish, whack - and it is all over."

N.WEIBEL writes: " 'Why did I throw that mud at him? Oh why did I have to do it? Here I am now, and I suppose I deserve it.' These are the kind of thoughts which pass through the punished boy's head. He has been told to stand outside the Headmaster's study for throwing mud. Then he shivers, - he can hear footsteps; relief, they are made by another priest. All this time the old grandfather clock makes the agony worse with its persistent tick-tock, tick-tock. At last the Headmaster comes and you are taken into his study, expecting the worst."

P.JOYCE writes: " 'Stand outside my study !' This is the beginning of the unpleasant pastime of a whacking. As you stand next to the grandfather clock which is by the Headmaster's door, with the clock's continual tick-tock, tick-tock you feel your heart beating away faster than before. Every now and then it beats with a few tremendous thumps at the thought of the door opening and the words 'Come in'. When the moment comes and you go in, a cold shiver runs down your spine. Thump, thump goes your heart, and in a few sharp moments it is all over.

"THE CHALK GARDEN"

by D. PINT

Form Four

One day my sister asked me if I wanted to go and see John Lennon, one of the Beatles. So I got nicely dressed, hoping to see him. When I came to put on my coat I thought, 'If I bring my camera I could take some pictures of him.'

We called for a friend who was coming too, and then took a bus to Empress Gate, which is where John Lennon lives. It was very cold. I got my camera ready to get some pictures of him. There were a lot of girls waiting for him. Most of the girls had brought his book 'John Lennon, in his own write.' The girls who were waiting were hoping to get his signature in their books.

It was getting dark and we had been waiting for an hour, - then an hour and a half, - then after two hours we went, sad because we had not seen him. But that was not the end of our day.

We were told by a friend that if we took a tube to Leicester square we would be in time to see Hayley Mills, the star of 'The Chalk Garden', John Mills, her father and Deborah Kerr going in to see the Premiere of the film.

When we came out of Leicester Square station, we saw lots of crowds around the entrance of Leicester Square Theatre, so we joined the crowd.

My sister, seeing that I was small, asked a nearby policeman if we could push in. He let us. Then the great moment came. Hayley Mills steps out of the car. I took a picture of her, but the flash made her shut her eyes. John Mills was next. He was growing a beard for his next film.

Then a man came up to my sister and asked her if she and her little brother (which was me) would like to go in. My sister at first thought he was pulling her leg, but he wasn't. He gave my sister two Guest Tickets.

I felt ever so shy being watched by the crowd just walking in with a whole lot of film stars.

That was the luckiest day I have had.

THE NEW WING

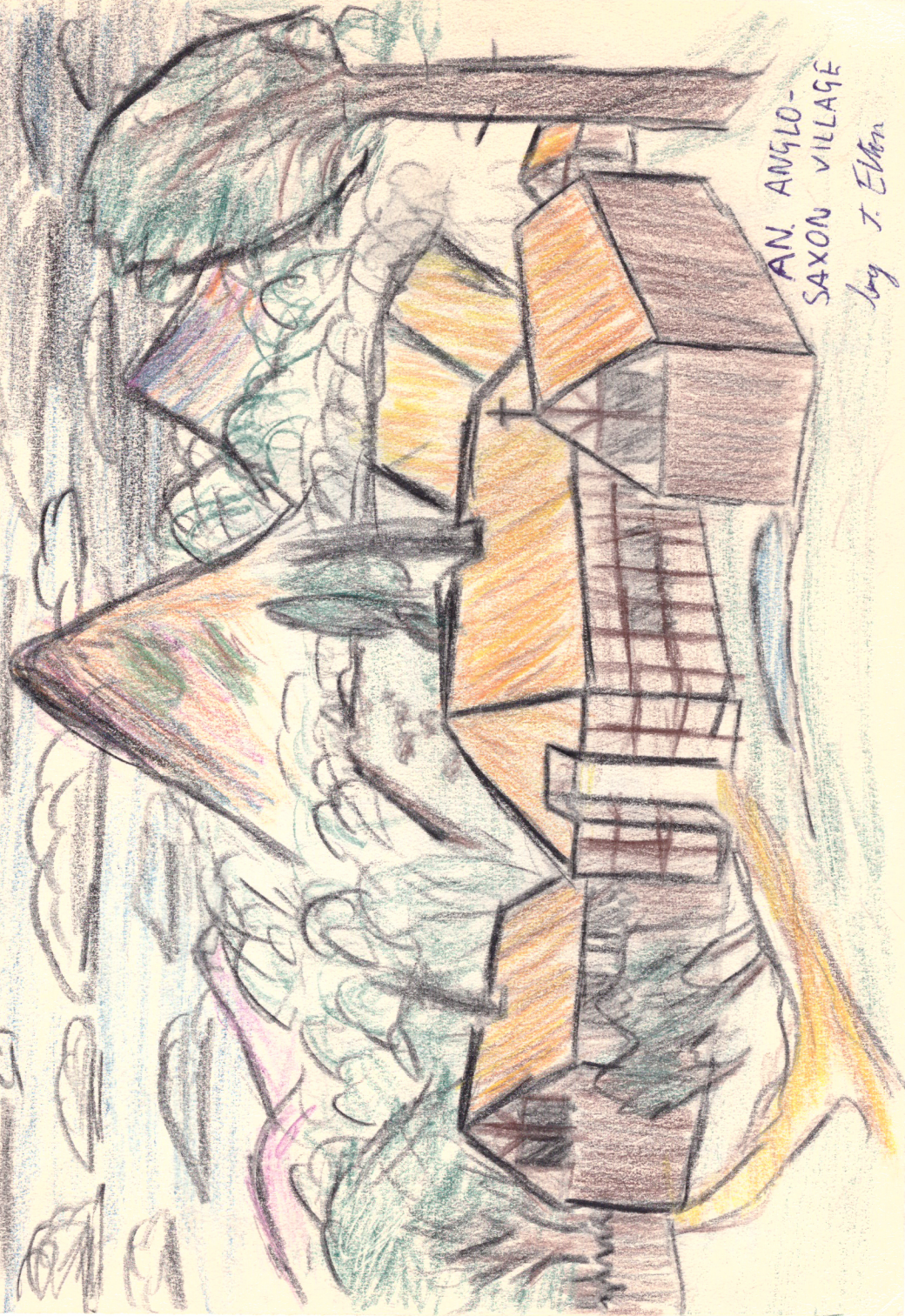
by J. GIBSON

Form III

The new building has shot up since last term. In the refectory we have got a special ceiling, which kills a bit of the noise we make. The building is oblong in shape. As well as the new wing we also have an arched shelter over a part of the courtyard so that we can change our football boots and suchlike without getting our socks wet. I think the building is rather modern to fit in with the rest of the house.

AN. ANGLO-
SAXON VILLAGE

by J. Elton



THE NEW REFECTORYby J.DERRICK
Form Four.

We have just moved into the new refectory, a large spacious airy room which is part of the new wing recently finished.

The ceiling is of the sound proof sort, with eight rectangular lights. One side is taken up almost completely with windows, and on the other side there are windows at the top of the wall. There are also two large windows at the end of the room.

The tables are arranged in two rows, five on each side. The food is conveyed from the kitchen by means of trolleys which are wheeled up to the tables and then the food is taken off the trolley.

There is one thing that is strange; we always go in and out of this new refectory in dead silence. What are we coming to ?

MORE ABOUT THE NEW REFECTORYby G.JOHNSON
Form Four

As you enter the new refectory it appears larger than the old refectory. This is quite true, as it is about 70 foot long and 20 foot wide. It is also very light and clean looking.

For my part, I must say I prefer it. It is quieter as it has a sound insulated ceiling. It is not so homely as the old refectory, but we will soon get used to it.

The walls are cream and the skirting a reddish brown wood. The floor is tiled with pink, dark rose and black tiles, which look very nice.

Altogether I think the new refectory is very good.

A FEW REGRETSby I.PINKS
Form Four

I like the new refectory because it is much neater looking and you do not have to go upstairs to reach it. However there are certain things I miss now that we have moved.

I miss the statues and alcoves that were in the old refectory. I also miss the extra food I used to get, because in the old refectory I was in charge of a table with fewer people on it than the other tables. Mine had ten people and all the others had twelve. The kitchen used to send up enough for twelve.

On changing refectories, all deals with people who were on your table and have been shifted to another in the move have been cancelled. That means that on the next feast day I get done out of two ice-creams.

"DICKIE"
The story of a snake

by R.COOPER

"Under the fence, go to the end of the field and there's the river." These were the last words of Lt.Cdr Derrick as he left us. We were now at the edge of the woods that belong to Martin and Julian Derrick's uncle Dennis. It was Sunday 10th May and Harding and myself were having a visit with the Derricks. After a picnic at Forest Green, we had gone to visit their uncle who lives in the country near Newdigate.

Just before tea Harding, Martin Derrick and I had decided to go for a ramble. Cdr.Derrick came with us as far as a small clearing in the woods. He left us there with the directions to find the river, which we planned to explore.

We reached the river and saw an island. As this part of the river was fordable, we waded across to the island which was a fair size. On the other side we found a frail bridge connecting it to the mainland. We decided to cross it. Martin went first and put his foot through and had a bootful of water.

We explored further and came across another island, which Martin called 'Nettle Island' as it was covered with nettles.

It was great fun exploring. We had gone about a mile up the river, when we decided we ought to return home. We headed back to Nettle Island Crossing. It was here that the excitement started.

We were crossing to get back on to Nettle Island, when Harding shouted to me, "Look out, there's a snake in the water!"

I wheeled round. It was darting about in the water and was very fast. I stooped to catch it, but as I wasn't too sure as to what it was, I waited for my chance to get a proper hold on it. At last I grabbed it by the middle and put my fingers round its neck. Now I had it in the way I have seen naturalists on the T.V. hold poisonous snakes. I coiled its body round my arm and we ran home very excited.

When we showed it to Derrick's aunt, she thought it was an adder. Derrick's uncle gave me a jar and we put in some water, grass and a bit of brick. Then we put him in, very cautiously, for everybody thought that Dickie, as we had now named him, was an adder.

After a wonderful tea we had, unfortunately, to go. When we got back to school we asked Fr.James to identify him. He said that it was a Grass Snake and gave me a large tin to keep him in. Dickie will be going home with me in a few days for half

term and will live in a large aquarium, half land, half water. Dickie is a male Grass Snake, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet long and very handsome.

*** This is not quite the end of the story. While Dickie was out in the sun in his tin, he escaped through the wire mesh while his owner was in class and was at liberty for two days. Then Miss Bennett found him slithering along the paving stones on his way to the new refectory, so she returned him to his owner who managed to get him safely home after all.

CLEANING THE SWIMMING POOL by E.O'REILLY & C.THORNE

One P.T. class we were told to go down to the swimming pool to help to clean it out. When we got there we were particularly struck by the vile smell coming from the deep end. O'Reilly, the bravest, went into the pool bare-footed. The shallow end had been cleared but there was an inch or so of green scum in the deep end.

Following O'Reilly's example, we went down and shovelled the scum and slime into a bucket which was handed up and poured into a bigger cart & emptied elsewhere.

Then we got the hose going and with scrubbing pads we cleared the green algae off the sides.

When we had got it all clean, we went off and darted into the showers as we smelled to high heaven. It took us quite a time and much scrubbing to get the smell off our feet.

The motor pump is now working and clean icy water is being pumped up from the spring into the bath. Soon when the weather warms up we will enjoy the reward of our hard labour.

A WRITING AWARD

Congratulations to PATRICK PENNOCK who was given an AWARD OF MERIT as the writer of the best entry from Barrow Hills in the 1964 National Handwriting Competition. He was competing against several people in the the Fourth Form, including D.Crane who received an Award two years ago.

MISS KEAN

Just after the term started Fr.George got word that his sister, Miss Kean had had a stroke. Miss Kean has been a great benefactress to both St. George's and Barrow Hills, so it was only fitting that many prayers and Masses were offered for her speedy recovery. We are happy to know that she is making an excellent recovery and is now able to walk again. We all wish her a complete and lasting recovery.

THE MONTH OF MAY FROM THE DIARY

1st Today os the feast of St. Joseph the Workman. After breakfast someone said that there was going to be High Mass, but it was just a rumour. During several of the recs Field, Bingle and O'Sullivan were helping Fr. Anthony dig a ditch which will be 80 yards long and 2ft6ins deep, to take a main water pipe from the entrance to the back drive to the pavilion and on to Mr. Roshier's cottage, I think. We had a cake each at tea and Free Study as it was a sort of half feastday. Fr. George was away with his sister, who is in hospital, so Fr. Dunstan took us for lesson study; (I. PINKS).

This year only two people from the fourth form are going to the Aldershot Festival. They are J. Derrick and A. Harding. After lunch most of the boys in the Festival Choir had to go down to the gym to have a practice. Cards were given out in Science class. Most people got Pinks or Greens, but there was a Buff; (S. McEwan).

2nd We had to get up twenty minutes earlier this morning because the Aldershot Festival people had to leave at half past eight. The people who were not going thought that it was a mouldy swiz. That was not the end of the trouble either as there were two Maths classes running, since Fr. James was away with the Aldershot choirs; (C. THORNE).

3rd As I was passing the back stairs on my way over to the Playroom Block after letter-writing, I saw Andrew McMillan surrounded by a small crowd of boys. He was shown round the new refectory and parts of the new wing. He sat on my table at lunch, so I heard a great many things about St. George's College, some good, some bad; (N. WEIBEL).

4th Nothing of interest happened until the hour rec. when there was a battle in the woods with mud bombs and nettles as weapons. Of course they couldn't do without a first aid post, so I ran around with a white handkerchief tied to my penknife (a flag of truce) and had bunches of Dock leaves to give to those who were stung. I got hit by one or two stray mud bombs. The day ended with one of those horrible things called a bath. (P. BARBER).

5th During Mass this morning at the side altar McCracken knocked over the cruets, so Fr. Dunstan only got a very little wine to offer up. I asked Mr. Taylor when he would start the Record Club and he said 'Next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock; (C. BAYNHAM).

6th I woke up fairly early this morning, but late enough to see the sunlight filtering through the curtained windows. I was still a bit tired, but as the gentle light did not hurt my eyes, I stayed awake. During English class boys read out their compositions; some were very interesting. In French class tape recorded some people's French speaking, but the recorder kept on going wrong and he only just managed to get Baynham's recording. When I was in the games room I heard the new boy, Randolfi, playing the piano; he is very good. (R.COOPER).

On Monday the gardens were flooded and mine has not yet recovered. During Latin class there were many outbreaks of rain. In fact we thought there might not be any games, but Fr. James said it would do the flowers good - he ought to see mine! Tomorrow is a feast day and already some preparations are being made. You can see the Tizer crates stacked against the pantry wall; (P.AYLETT).

7th Today is Ascension Day, and as on a feast day we get good food, we had a very nice breakfast. After half an hour's recreation, we had High Mass during which J. Derrick and A. Harding sang a duet, Maria Virgo. Three old Barrowhillians came to visit us, M. Ashcroft, John Vassallo and M. Powell. They stayed all day till after Benediction. (A.COOPER).

After lunch Gibson and I took Ashcroft round the school. Fr. Anthony then organised a game of cricket, his team v. Pinks's team. Fr. Anthony's won. For tea we had Tizer, cakes and oranges. It was raining after tea and so the remaining recs were indoors. It was a very enjoyable day; (D.CRANE).

8th Today we awoke to find the sun beaming through the curtains. After breakfast there was a rush for tools for the gardens. Two birds were caught in one of the nets in one garden; (B.EVANS). At gym class we went down to the field and had throwing practice. A team of two people each stood about 50 yards from each other and tried to hit a stump in the middle. This was very hard and Fr. Anthony promised the winning team 6d. The record club started after Rest today. It is organised by Mr. Taylor. Cards were given out today, one boy got a White. Four B are rather in disgrace and are about to have a 'severity week'. (A.CROFT).

9th At the moment we are making a novena to the Holy Ghost in honour of Whitsun. We sing the hymn 'Come Holy Ghost' after Mass each morning. (J.DERRICK). During the afternoon, instead of playing games, O'Sullivan, Thorne Sinclair and myself started to dig a trench. After about half an hour we had to go and help Fr. Dunstan mixing cement.

10th After the long Sunday morning rec we have letter writing study. The Captains do this in the Fourth Form. When I went in there I found Mr. Adrian and a small boy. Soon I realised that the boy was taking an entrance exam. I could see Mr. Adrian was having a little difficulty explaining something to him. At last after a little time the boy realised how to do it. When he eventually finished whatever it was, Mr. Adrian told him he had to do some reading. He started off quite well, reading the words off quite quickly; then he began to get slower and slower, until he was taking a long time over each word. When I was coming in after games I was told that R. Cooper had brought back a Grass Snake. Soon afterwards Cooper came walking in to the fourth form carrying a tin. In it was Dickie. There were so many people around that when he opened the tin, I only managed to get a glimpse at Dickie. (M. GIBSON).

12th Today to R. Cooper's dismay he found that his pet grass snake had escaped from his wire topped tin. He had only had it two days. How it had escaped nobody seemed to know. At the end of the rec. certain people had to go to the doctor for 'jabs' of Tetanus and Diphtheria. (P. JOYCE).

13th We woke up with thoughts about the match this afternoon. The sky was grey and blotchy all morning and Donaldson was sure it was going to rain. Still, the team went to Douai Junior School. At lunch we were told that we were going to move into the new refectory. It is very big, there are fewer people on a table, but more tables. It is lighter than the old one. Much to everyone's dismay, there were hair-cuts this afternoon. Our first meal in the new refectory was tea. Everything has to be brought in on a trolley and not by lift as before. (G. JOHNSON).

14th During Latin class the Headmaster entered together with the Religious Inspector. The latter was very tall and had huge feet. He asked us many questions including 'what is Grace?' This was answered by Evans, it is his favourite Catechism question. During French class Fr. Dunstan told us that he had had a long talk with the Inspector and he seemed to have no complaints. After supper I was told to usher in some ladies to the chapel for a special service of enrollment for the Union of Catholic Mothers. After this I served at Benediction. (E. O'REILLY)
Everybody is looking forward to the half term which is starting tomorrow. (A. O'SULLIVAN)

- 15th Today is the day everybody has been waiting for, Half Term. When I look round I see everybody's face happy. The classes passed well too. Mackay's garden is winning in the Best Garden competition. (D.PINI).
- 19th We came back to school after an enjoyable Whitsun weekend. When we got back we had reading study to end the day. (C.THORNE).
- 20th Lloyd has got measles, so Fr. Anthony came round during lunch to find out which of the cricket team has had it. Those who have not cannot go on the away match. This meant that P. Pennock and Harding could not go. Many people went to their gardens to see how they are getting on and what has come up while we have been away. As Fr. George is back, Fr. Dunstan no longer takes evening lesson study. (N.WEIBEL).
- 21st We lost the match yesterday, but J. Gibson scored sixty. There are three new games in the gamesroom, two sets of Monopoly and Steeple-chase. Super National Hockey has been repaired and Aylett and I played the first game after tea. J. Derrick had his birthday today, the first to do so in the new refectory. (R.SYKES).
- 22nd Tomorrow there will be a match against St. Georges College. This evening Fr. Anthony rang them up to find out if they wanted to come because of the Measles infection which was going around the school. Fortunately the answer was Yes. It was J. Cox's birthday and he gave out cake and ice lollies. (C.BAYNHAM).
- 23rd This morning during Mass we prayed for Mr. Adrian who is going to be ordained a Sub-deacon. After lunch the team arrived from St. Georges and with them were many Old Barrowhillians from last year. We showed them round the New Wing, and talked to Crane and Gibson who are in quarantine for Mumps at the top of the new building. We talked from down below. (A.COOPER).
- 24th Today it was very sunny and lots of people went down to the gardens during the first rec. Unfortunately there are some cases of Measles and the infirmary is full up. The game of miniature ice hockey is very popular, - so popular in fact that the two bats have been broken and new ones have had to be made. During reading study I worked out the under 13's averages, J. Gibson has a batting average of 41.5, while Crane has a bowling average of 5 runs per wicket. (A.CROFT).
- 25th In religion class Fr. Dunstan told us that he had had two very sad telephone calls. Jonathan and Mark Cox had lost their mother, and Field's mother had been taken ill and was in hospital. I am sure we were all deeply moved by these tragedies. At night prayers we said the De Profundis for the repose of the soul of Mrs Cox. (J.DERRICK).

26th I have been practising for the Corpus Christi procession with a lot of other people who are taking part. Field went off to hospital to see his mother. In study R.Cooper was trying to take a photograph of a pigeon, but it would not keep still. (M.LYONS)

27th People awoke feeling happy because it was a games day. There was a Procession practice for the servers before the game, but some didn't know. I was one of them. We went charging down to the field to get ready for games and beg the nets and after all that we had to come up again tired and worn out. After the practice we had about an hour's games. During the rec after games, Fr.James was down at the gardens giving the weekly marks for the prize at the end of the term. (P.JOYCE).

28th Today is the feast of Corpus Christi. We had grapefruit bacon & eggs and fried bread for breakfast. After High Mass we had a general rehearsal for the Procession this evening; lots of us got bored as we kept having to practice the approach to the Altar of Repose. We ate a hearty dinner; after Rest we had recreation till tea. The procession followed at 6 o'clock and passed without any mistakes by choir or servers. I was tired and went to sleep very quickly after lights-out. (G.JOHNSON).

29th I woke up to find the sun glaring through the windows; it was the start of a beautiful day. During P.T. class we were allowed on the field to play in the nets, while some other boys cleared out the swimming pool; I was one of them. When I got down there I found that the shallow and medium parts had been cleaned but the deep end was filthy. It was very green and I was working in my bare feet. During the day many people found notes in their lockers or desks telling them to beware of something or other. The biggest organisation is 'ZLT'. (E.O'REILLY)

30th During the morning study Fr.Anthony came in to say that there was going to be an Apostleship of Prayer meeting during reading study to-morrow. He also wanted to know which boys were willing to help Fr.Dunstan work on the tarmac. In the dormitory O'Reilly & Lyons (Sherlock Holmes and Watson) were trying to solve the mystery of 'ZLT'. (I.PINKS).

31st The swimming pool is being filled up and today was going to be the first day of swimming. As luck would have it it began to rain and it rained all day. (D.P. I).

THE SHORE

by G. JOHNSON

Form Four.

The dawn turned into day, as the early sun dispersed the morning mists over the calm sea. The tide had just gone out and the rock-pools on the shore were full of tiny sea-creatures; crabs, shrimps and various kinds of seaweed. A large crab scuttled back after the receding waves.

The seagulls, guillemots and razorbills had awakened the day with their calling. One seagull was teaching her young to fly by pushing them over the edge of the nest. Some were gathered round the various little oddities the tide had washed up. The first holiday-makers began to come to enjoy a day by the sea.

The beach was crowded until late afternoon, then it was empty. Twilight fell and the waves began to creep back up the way they had gone. By night time it was full-tide, the little waves were lapping against the rocks.

A boat passed the shore, its bows throwing phosphorescent water to the side. Suddenly the still night was broken by the pitter-patter of rain on the sea. There was a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder and the wind whipped up the water into towering breakers which hovered in the air and then crashed down on to the rocks below. Driftwood flew everywhere and the wind howled and screamed like a demon. A great wave surged through the beach huts and carried them away. Spray and rain filled the air and the small boats at anchor were tossed about like corks.

Soon the wind and sea subsided and dawn threw light on the destruction of the storm; the ebbing sea tide went out again, leaving the beach strewn with sea creatures and driftwood, the remnant of the storm's ferocity. The shore was peaceful again.

LOST JUNK

by A. M. CROFT

Form four.

On Monday 25th May, Charles Thorne, James Spencer and I decided to have a look under the Pavilion floor. The Pavilion is built on a raised wooden platform covered with boards. Between each board there is a half-inch gap and people are always losing odds and ends which drop through the floor boards.

When we looked down through the cracks we saw lots of junk to our great delight, but the question was, how to get it out?

I had a brainwave. Using a stick with a piece of sellotape on the end, I went 'fishing' and soon caught a whole pile of things. They include six and a half pencils, Lang's Easter term library card, a model aeroplane propeller, a halfpenny, a Beatie card, a penny, a badge, a bit of shoe lace, a cheese label and a biro.

There are still, without a doubt, many more things that we did not manage to salvage. The fishing is still good.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Several days before the Feast, Fr.Jude informed us who was serving in the procession. On Wednesday we had a practice and two people were dismissed.

During Study Fr.James took the choir round the route and rehearsed movements and singing. On the morning of Corpus Christi there was a practice for the whole school.(I.PINKS).

On Thursday May 28th it was the feast of the Body of Christ. Although the day began off misty, the sky cleared and by ten o'clock it was cloudless. (J.ELTON).

I had just finished a large and sustaining Feast Day lunch and was walking rather heavily, I may say, up to my dormitory for the customary Feast Day Rest, when I was called by Fr.Jude. He wanted Weibel and myself to help him turn the library into a robing room for the servers of the Corpus Christi procession.

We arranged the cassocks with names pinned on them on chairs round the room, and then found the correct sized cottas. Soon we had everything ready.

Seeing that Bro.Gerald, who is the Sacristan, was looking rather worried, we offered to help him with some other things. Obviously he was very pleased. Not till we started did we realise the amount of work Bro.Gerald puts into this event every year.

The main thing that had to be done was the erection and preparation of the outside altar. The actual erection was done by Bro.Benedict and Fr.Kemble. What we had to do was to find suitable candles and candlesticks, altar cloths and such like. One thing I remember we had to do was to find an old portable Tabernacle to fill in the centre and also to act as a throne for the Monstrance. There was a beautiful altar frontal made of cloth of gold and the usual white linen cloths on top of the altar.

We arranged six large candles and two sets of Benediction Candelabra symmetrically. With some vases of flowers on the shelf, the altar now looked very nice indeed.

We also had to assemble the swinging torches for the 8 torchbearers. We really enjoyed helping Brother and for our labours he gave us a packet of Quality Street and a drink. We certainly enjoyed it.(R.COOPER)

Before the Procession we had to go upstairs to wash. After that we put on our blazers and a sash which we were to wear

for the occasion. Meanwhile the servers went to the library to put on their cassocks and cottas.

When everybody was ready and lined up on the drive, the beginning of Benediction took place and the priest took the Blessed Sacrament and bowed and then the servers led the way out of the sanctuary door into the drive. (P.JOYCE).

As the Procession moved off we started to sing 'Soul of My Saviour' and that lasted until we were on the lawns behind the fourth form. Then we began 'Sweet Sacrament Divine'. The singing was accompanied by Gouldstone ringing the bells every ten seconds. (G.JOHNSON).

It was very hot that afternoon and to add to the heat we were wearing blazers and sashes as we walked very slowly round to the lawn which leads to the Grecian Theatre where there was an altar. Fr Dunstan gave the Benediction but in the open air it was difficult to hear him; it was as if he was half a mile away. (P.BARBER).

Then we carried on our way past the swimming pool, up the small drive and back to the chapel where we had another longer Benediction.

The Procession turned out a complete success and the weather had been perfect. (C.BAYNHAM).

GARDENS

by P.JOYCE

Form Four.

On the first Saturday of this term gardens were allotted to those who wanted them. This was done after tea. Before that there had been a mad rush for them, everybody itching to get a look at their last year's garden and some newcomers hoping for a brand new one.

All the gardens were overgrown with weeds and surrounded with stinging nettles and grass which we hacked down with sickles.

Everybody was as busy as a bee with spades, forks and other garden implements, digging up the weeds and grass. In some of the gardens, flowers were still growing from last year's efforts; Lupins, Strawberry plants, Primroses and Pansies were uncovered when the weeds were removed.

For the next few days there was always a rush for the tool-shed as gardening, having just started was the top pastime, although as the weeks passed by the rush stopped, as by then only the really serious gardeners were there often.

During this period there were some very heavy thunderstorms, which caused floods in some low-lying gardens. In one garden all the newly planted seeds were washed out and work in that garden was greatly held up.

There will be prizes for the best gardens. Each week or so Fr. James goes round and gives points to each garden. At the end of the term he adds them up and the one with the highest number of points is the winner.

The leading gardens look very nice with their strips of wood edging the paths and dividing them. Apart from various flowers, there are lettuces, radishes, spring Onions, Strawberries and Raspberries to be seen in the gardens.

GARDEN NOTES

by I. PINKS

Form Four

At the beginning of the term about 60% of the school was busy gardening, but now about half that group has lost interest.

Fr. James, who grew a lot of very big radishes last year, has not started on his plot, and I doubt if he will ever start. His excuse is that he is too busy, (more likely too sluggish!).

There are some good ideas in several of the gardens. Donaldson has built a fence with a gate around the perimeter of his garden. The fence is made of bamboo and string. Mackay has got a string boundary stretched all round his plot.

Several gardens have rockeries with small plants flowering in them. Three gardens have ponds. In one of them, the Vassallo Bros. there are some goldfish.

Field's garden was completely under water during the flooding, and was then trampled on by people trying to be helpful and drain it. Pini's garden, which is a fair sized one, is covered by a horrible weed called Polygonum. Polygonum, or Red Weed as we call it, grows at an incredible speed and spreads rapidly. It has invaded several of the neighbouring gardens. The thing which makes it difficult to get rid of is that it has awfully long roots and runners.

Several people do not have gardens, but grow mustard and cress in tins on the window ledge in the drying part of the changing room.

THE THUNDERSTORM OF 12th JUNE

by J. DERRICK &

G. JOHNSON

On Friday night in the washroom R. Cooper remarked that it was raining. Mr. Adrian said that there would probably be a thunderstorm. Cooper and I immediately asked how he knew that, so he treated us to a scientific explanation. I said that he had better join the B.B.C. weather service.

I was just turning over to get to sleep when I fancied I saw a flash of lightning; I was right. The storm had started. Seconds later there was a grinding crash and we were involved in the biggest and most frightening storm I have seen.

Soon the night-lights flickered and went out. Suddenly there was a bright flickering lightning flash, followed by a clap of thunder. Baynham had had a window open. He asked me if he should shut it. I dared him to. He jumped out of bed and reached for the handle. Suddenly there was a great flash of lightning; Baynham slammed the window, jumped into bed and remarked that it was spooky.

By now the storm was at its height and the lightning was almost continuous, accompanied by great claps of thunder as the storm raged on. Each peal began with the sound like a tree falling down and then there followed the usual crack and roar.

Some people managed to sleep through it all,- Pinks and O'Reilly among others.

At last the thunder died down but the lightning was still going on continually like a flickering lamp. As this too began to die down, I fell asleep.

THE BEST GARDEN COMPETITION

Judging took place at six dates throughout the term. Points out of ten.

GIBSON & REILLY	$8 + 8 + 9\frac{1}{2} + 9\frac{1}{2} + 10 + 10 = 55$ pts = 1.
Mackay & Lang	$9 + 9 + 9 + 9 + 8\frac{1}{2} + 8\frac{1}{2} = 53$ " = 2
Aylatt & Joyce	$7 + 8 + 7\frac{1}{2} + 8 + 9 + 9 = 48\frac{1}{2}$ " = 3
Donaldson & O'Sullivan	$6 + 7 + 8 + 8\frac{1}{2} + 9 + 9 = 47\frac{1}{2}$
Forcer, Fox & Dunne	$7 + 6 + 7\frac{1}{2} + 9 + 9\frac{1}{2} + 8 = 47$
Randolf	$5 + 4 + 8 + 8 + 9\frac{1}{2} + 9\frac{1}{2} = 44$
Weibel & Thorne	$4 + 6 + 7 + 7 + 7\frac{1}{2} + 7\frac{1}{2} = 39$
Witkowski	$5 + 5 + 7 + 6 + 7\frac{1}{2} + 7\frac{1}{2} = 38$
Baynham	$- + 5 + 7 + 7 + 8 + 8 = 35$
Austin, Willis & Livingston	$4 + 5 + 5 + 6 + 6 + 7 = 33$
Adams	$4 + 3 + 6 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 28$

Two SPECIAL PRIZES were given to be awarded to gardens, which though not among the best, nevertheless showed great effort & interest. They were awarded as follows:

1. Forcer, Fox and Dunne who had the following flowers from seed flowering in their garden; Virginia stock, Dwarf Nasturtium, Candytuft, Annual scented stock.
2. R.Randolfi, for the care and arrangement of vegetables, especially the proper staking of green peas.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Donaldson & O'Sullivan, who had a very nicely arranged garden with the best Clarkia & a fence.
M.Witkowski, who had fine Nemesia, but too many weeds.
N.Weibel, who had a colourful variety of flowers.

THE HISTORY OUTINGWO BURN A B B E Y.

In History class two weeks before the Outing, Fr. James told us that we would be going to WO BURN A B B E Y, the home of the Dukes of Bedford for over 300 years. At the end of the class he gave us as our lesson to find out as much as we could about the Abbey and the Russell family. We did so, and found that it was most useful in helping us to enjoy our visit.

Tuesday June 9th came at last. When we got up on Tuesday morning everybody was full of excitement. We put on our best suit trousers and after breakfast we got our blazers.

Two coaches drew up to the front door. They had comfy seats with white covers over the tops. With all round vision and skylights, they were certainly lovely vehicles. It was a quarter past nine when the coaches came, and after all the food and drink and other supplies were stowed aboard we started on our way, with the fourth form in the first coach and the third in the other.

On our journey we passed through Windsor and had a good view of the Castle and also saw Eton College. Halfway through the journey, the coaches stopped at a lay-by and everybody got out to have their mid-morning milk.

We had crossed two bridges over a motorway, when suddenly we turned up off the main road and drove towards another. It was the M.1. All along there were signposts: 79 miles Birmingham; or Services 14 miles. These and cars and rolling hills were all we could see. Eventually we turned off the M.1 and drove towards Woburn. (N. WEIBEL, M. GIBSON, C. FIELD.)

THE PARK

by E. O'Reilly & M. Gibson.

The journey passed quite quickly and soon we were entering the Park of 3,000 acres around Woburn Abbey. It was lovely Parkland with tall oak trees dotted about. I could see hundreds of deer. I also saw a Sarus Crane, and because we were going to have lunch near where it was, I thought it would make a lovely picture for my camera.

Passing through the Parkland, we found a suitable spot for our picnic lunch. We all got out and waited on the grass for the food. No-one could dislike the food awaiting us. When Fr. Dunstan had prepared the meal, we lined up, third form first, and received three sandwiches, a sausage roll, an apple and a banana, chocolate bis-

cuits and drinks of all sorts.

When we had had our fill, we got back into the coach and continued on our way along the road through the Park until we arrived at the car park.

THE ABBEY

by A. Harding & N. Weibel

On entering the Abbey itself our gaze fell on a peculiar room whose ceiling was covered with countless shells, all of which had been arranged in beautiful patterns. On a table in the middle of this Grotto was some valuable hand-painted Davenport china.

This led us to the China Room, in which there were many dinner services. The most outstanding one was the dark blue and gold hand painted Sevres service given to the wife of the 4th Duke by Louis XV. This dinner service was valued at over £18,000 at the time it was presented. In this room was also a portrait of Louis XV himself, which he had given to John the 4th Duke of Bedford, who was ambassador to France.

THE CHINESE ROOM (by E.O'Reilly.) This room was very interesting. It was probably a bedroom for visitors. In about 1750 when the 4th Duke was redecorating the Abbey it was given a new Mantelpiece and a new moulded ceiling. At the same time the walls were hung with hand painted Chinese wallpaper brought specially from China in an Indiaman.

THE FLYING DUCHESS'S ROOM (by J.Derrick). Some inquisitive boys peeped into the next room. They were immediately drawn, as if by an invisible hand, into the room, for it was the Flying Duchess's room. There were numerous models of her plane, a Moth. She had been very interested in animals and there were some lovely pictures of cats, dogs, lions and even tigers. There were also some beautiful tapestry screens woven by the Duchess.

The next rooms were THE STATE ROOMS where Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had stayed. They were very fine and had magnificent ceilings. In Queen Victoria's State Bedroom there was a four-poster bed and the wall was hung with blue silk damask, but it has greatly faded now as we could see, from a part which had been hidden by a mirror and has not faded. In her dressing-room there was a silver gilt toilet service made in the reign of Charles II.

The last room in the suite of State Apartments was the State Dining-room. We all wondered how people could eat so much; Five wine glasses per person and rows of knives and forks for each person. We did not all go to the Canaletto Room as it was in the Private Apartments, but went on to the Long Gallery. There were many paintings which one often sees in History books of Mary Tudor and Edward VI and the Armada portrait of Queen Elizabeth I, but these were the originals.

In the Book Room there were hundreds of very valuable books on Natural History. In the centre of the room was a glass case with large books

laid open in it. One of them was a bird book in which every picture looked as though it had been sewn on silk.

As we went out of the Book Room we entered a long corridor. It was Paternoster Row, so called because it was built in 1626 on the site of a corridor in the original abbey, where monks walked up and down attending to their devotions.

There are many famous paintings of members of the Russell family in this corridor and all the way up the staircase. At the top of the staircase was the Dukes' Corridor, so called because along it are hung portraits of all the Dukes of Bedford.

All too soon we were in the last room, the souvenir room. nearly everybody bought a souvenir; pen-knives with Woburn Abbey printed on them, key rings, stag's heads on shields, the coat of Arms of the Dukes of Bedford painted on a shield, little hunting knives were some that I noticed that had been bought.

PETS CORNER by P.Barber & P.Joyce.

When we had left the Abbey we split up into parties. Some went to the small Zoo called Pets Corner while others went to the Model Railway.

In a paddock in Pets Corner there was a llama and two donkeys which were very friendly. Then we went over to look at a big parrot with a dangerous looking beak. Suddenly my attention was caught by a big black nose sticking out of a stable. It was a very large brown dog. I don't know what breed it was, but I think it might have been a Great Dane.

In a brick shed there was a hen with some fluffy chicks. In other pens there was an owl, a fox, some monkies, kittens, tortoises and mice.

We all joined together to go to the Amusement Park and Working Models. We were soon called away and boarded the coaches again. After about a quarter of a mile, we stopped to get out for our picnic tea.

Everyone baled out and all helped to unpack sandwiches, iced buns and chocolate biscuits. When everyone was well satisfied they ran about and also went down to a near-by lake. Then it was time to scramble back into the coach.

Many young rabbits raced for cover as the coach rolled on through the Park. Gaily coloured pheasants walked in the grass and dappled deer graze in herds under the oak trees. The fawns were so small that only their heads could be seen above the tall grass. (J.M.BENNETT).

We passed through banks of rhododendrons and on to where the bison lay chewing the cud, undisturbed by the passing coaches. At Woburn there is the only herd of Pere David deer in existence. There are eleven different species of deer in the Park. It also contains some descendants of the wild white cattle of Britain.

The journey home was quicker than the earlier one. Nobody was sick, but plenty had aching feet and everybody went to sleep very quickly after one of the best days we have had. (I. PINKS & J. E. BENNETT)

THE CANALETTO ROOM by R. Cooper.

As this room is one of the Private Apartments, the plan was for the School to pass it by. I was sad at missing the room, for I had especially wanted to see the Canaletto canvases. I really love his paintings and the detail and brilliance of them. He is one of the few artists whose work I truly like.

I was so dismayed that I racked my brains for a way of seeing the room. In the end I decided to ask Fr. James who was conducting the tour. He, in turn, asked the Headmaster to give me permission to go on my own to see them.

Delightedly I made my way back through the Long Gallery to the entrance to the Private Apartments, where I paid my sixpence and went through the first of the rooms, the Breakfast Room. In this room are several fine paintings, including five by Reynolds. In the centre was a round table ready laid, presumably for breakfast. The next room was my destination, the Canaletto Room.

This beautiful dining-room acquires its name because it contains twenty one of Giovanni Antonio Canal's (otherwise known as Canaletto) beautiful scenes of Venice. They are set in threes in specially prepared panels of red material framed round with a gilt frame. The framed paintings are set in these panels.

Canaletto came to England in 1746 and painted 24 scenes of Venice for John the 4th Duke of Bedford. They were first hung in his London house, and when this was pulled down in 1800, the pictures were brought to Woburn.

All the pictures are uniform in dimension except one single large canvas which shows the Embarkation of the Doge of Venice for the ceremony of the Marriage of the Adriatic.

I really enjoyed these pictures and for me they were the best things in Woburn Abbey.

MR. ADRIAN RECEIVES MAJOR ORDERS

Mr. Adrian has in the short time he has been at Barrow Hills become so familiar a figure, and is associated with so many different activities, that one forgets that these are spare time activities, as it were, and that his main preoccupation



RECEIVING THE DIACONATE FROM THE HANDS OF
THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

is the study of Theology and the preparation for the priesthood.

Mr. Adrian, who was a boy at St. Georges from 1950-1955 after working for a time in an accountants office, entered the Josephite novitiate in Aug. 1956. He studied at St. Mary's Training College and gained a Teacher's Certificate. He then went to Melle, Belgium, where he studied Theology for two

years before returning to England to continue his Theological studies at St. John's Seminary Womersh. It was for this reason that he has been living at Barrow Hills for the past year.

On May 23rd Mr. Adrian received the first of the Major Orders, the Sub-diaconate, and on the 4th July he was Ordained Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Cyril Cowderoy, Bishop of Southwark in the Seminary chapel at Womersh. In the photograph you see him receiving the Dalmatic, the vestment worn by the Deacon at High Mass.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Adrian and look forward to the culmination of all his work and study, when next year he will be Ordained a Priest.

It is through the kindness of Mr. Adrian that we are able to enjoy photographs in each issue of the Barrow Hills Journal, and we would like to thank him for printing the 540 prints needed for this issue, no small task.

THE BATH LEAK

by P. JOYCE

In the middle of the summer

Our bath tap sprang a leak;

Our clever Scottish plumber

We had to go and seek.

The water spouted everywhere,

We nearly went insane;

In fact we gave up in despair

And turned off at the main.

At last he got to our house

And started straight away;

He fiddled like a little mouse

Until it was O.K.

For working with so great a speed

With all his tools and gear,

We thanked him very much indeed

And gave him lots of beer.

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THE MONTH OF JUNE FROM THE DIARY

1st Today is the first of June and it started with a few pinches and punches for the first of the month. All day the weather has been dismal, but I managed to force myself to go down to the gardens to see what state they were in. There I met O'Reilly and we had throwing competitions with the large stalks of red weed. After getting rid of this horrible weed, I turned my attention to the flooding which had become a new danger. Joyce's garden is partly flooded, Mackay's is also & Field's is completely under water. (N. WEIBEL)

The day started with a bit of thunder with the odd flash of lightning. The lily ponds are much fuller than usual because of all the rain we have had. We were not allowed to play on the field because it was too wet. (J. SINCLAIR).

2nd It has been dark and gloomy all day. Ashley Croft has got Measles for the second time. This has given a fright to the boys who have not had measles and shaken those who have. Two warners coaches arrived this morning, but they should be here next Tuesday for the History outing. (R. SYKES).

3rd There was no swimming to-day as it was too cold. There was a match against Cranleigh, which we lost. (P. AYLETT).

4th In English I read out my composition on the Corpus Christi Procession. Fr. James liked it and awarded me some much needed plusses. For my English exercise I wrote ten pages on the slate quarries of North Wales. (R. COOPER).

5th During gym class we went on the field and those who were in the match against Pennthorpe had to split up into pairs and practise the straight, leg and off drives. (D. CRANE).

During the rec. after tea a very nice dog came on the field and played with the cyclists, biting their feet, but not to hurt. I was cleaning the pads for the match tomorrow;

(B. EVANS).

6th Today I got up wondering who was to be scorer for the match against Pennthorpe, as Croft was in bed with measles. I hoped it was me, and afterwards I found that it was. It was very cloudy and drizzly, and when we got into the coach there were doubts as to whether we would play. On the way Crane, Cooper A. and Cox felt sick. I think we were all glad when the 20 mile journey was over. We were shown into the changing room and got ready. Then we went down to the pitch; it was a lovely one, but as it was clay soil and it was raining hard, the game was postponed. We had a delic-

ious tea of scones, cakes and rolls and then we went up to the house again. When we got back to Barrow Hills we discovered that we had left the cricket bag at Pennthorpe. (J.DERRICK.)

7th During breakfast Fr. Anthony asked the House Captains if they wanted to play the House Match to-day despite the bad weather. They decided that they did, so we were hoping that the weather wouldn't get any worse, but hopes were high as patches of blue sky were seen among the many clouds. Our luck was in and the match was played and we (Kean) won. (M.GIBSON). In the fourth form during the evening Reading study Fr. Jude was playing classical music on the radiogram to members of the third and fourth form. We had the Trumpet Voluntary and Land of Hope and Glory amongst others. (M.LYONS).

8th Today I woke up feeling rather happy as tomorrow is the History outing. After lunch I was just about to go for a music practice when I remembered: nose drops from Matron, and a choir practice with Fr. James. The nose drops were terrible, I almost got drowned. Swimming started in the rec. before tea, but before that the Headmaster gave us a lecture about things we were not to do in the pool. The swim passed all too quickly. After tea the Headmaster gave out extra money for those who were going on the History outing tomorrow; 4/6 for the third form and 5/- for the fourth form but the Captains got 6/-. Instead of study in the evening there was a talk on Woburn Abbey by Fr. James. Quite an interesting day it has been. (A.HARDING).

9th To-day the third and fourth forms went on their annual History outing. The weather was perfect with a clear blue sky from the start. An account of the days events will be found on page 24. (P.JOYCE).

10th We woke up this morning with a 'back to work' feeling after the very enjoyable outing to Woburn Abbey. (G.JOHNSON). It was very hot like yesterday. We had a good game of cricket and then swimming. The water was very warm and we had a long period in which to swim. Fr. James was down at the gardens allotting points. (S.McELAN).

11th It was a beautiful day today, for there was barely a moment when the sun was not out; so it was not surprising that during swimming almost everyone turned up to get as much benefit from the cooling waters as possible. During Geography class Fr. Dundtan was out, so Fr. George took his place. As I have already mentioned it was a hot day, and after writing out answers and drawing out graphs for forty minutes, it became rather stuffy and tiring, so Fr. George, noting that we had all been working very well, let us stretch our aching limbs and have a chat for five minutes. It is a pity Fr. George does not take us more often, but I am told that he can be rather fierce when he wants to be. An essay on Woburn Abbey finished the day. (E.O'REILLY).

- 12th During the night we had a storm which was pretty fierce. O'Reilly and myself were fast asleep while all this was going on. When Cooper A. went to cover up O'Sullivan who had got uncovered, 'mole' grabbed him and threw him on to Weibel's bed. Weibel who was half asleep got the fright of his life. (I.PINKS).
- 13th We woke up to find hardly any traces of the thunderstorm we had last night. It is the Queen's Birthday and there were rumours of Free Study, but they were false. (J.SINCLAIR).
- 14th Only a few people went on visits today. During the before dinner rec, the rain stopped; a few people went down to the gardens. Lang's and Joyce's were flooded again. Fr. James was going to sell some flower seedlings he had bought at Guildford Market on Saturday, but the rain prevented him. We had another musical evening with Fr. Jude; some of the records were quite good. I went swimming to-day. It was freezing at first. (N.WEIBEL).
- 15th Fr. Anthony was out for most of the day. He had gone to the American embassy because he is going to California. Fr. Jude took tea and the Headmaster swimming. (P.BARBER)
- 16th All day long Sports preparations were being made. O'Sullivan, Evans, Field and I were helping Fr. Anthony on the field. Our first job was to put up the tape, and when we had finished we went down to the Long Jump. Here Fr. Anthony painted the board and mowed the grass, while Cooper and I got some sand to fill up the pit. When we had finished that, we put up poles along the jump and then made a measuring board for the jumps. (C.BAYNHAM).
- 17th Everybody was hoping the weather would hold for the Heats for the Sports. Apart from the heats of several events, the Final of the Long Jump was to take place. Rest finished, we went down to the field where we saw that everything was prepared for Sports Day. I went down to the Long Jump pit and found Fr. James and several boys already there. When my turn came I jumped but twisted my ankle in the first jump and had to withdraw. Matron said it was a sprain, so no Sports day for me. (R.COOPER).
- 18th During lunch we could hear distant thunder, but it never came near. Although it was still raining slightly, we were allowed to go swimming. Not everyone made use of this opportunity but when you got in it was quite warm. (D.CRANE).
- 19th People were building dams in the playground, filling them with puddle-water and letting the water gush down the banks.

We went down to the fields for P.T. class and cleaned our gym shoes. Then some people helped Fr. Anthony put up the flags on the posts. Other people put up Mr. Taylor's 4 loud speakers. Now everything is up and the only fear is - the weather, will it rain? During Science class Pini was playing with his pet snail. he keeps it in a jar but it is very restless so Pini lets it out during class. (A. CROFT).

20th SPORTS DAY. We all awoke feeling very excited. During the last two classes in the morning the fourth form went down on the field to help and to tidy up. (E. MACKAY). After dinner we trooped up to Rest. Suddenly in came Fr. Anthony to say that we were to go down to wash. We then changed into our whites. Ribbons were given out, blue for Kean, green for Murtough. Then we lined up and went downstairs. We changed into our blazers and put on our gym shoes. Down to the field we went in two ranks, Kean on one side, Murtough on the other. There is a separate account of the Sports themselves so I will not speak of them here. After a good tea of tizer two cakes and an apple, we changed and went home dog-tired with our parents. (J. DERRICK).

22nd Today was the first day back after the short Sports week-end. During the first two recesses of the day many boys were displaying the prizes that they had won on Sports day. We had swimming before tea. Crane, who had won a rubber canoe on Sports day, used it in the swimming pool. The canoe is too small for him and he kept tipping over. When I had a go I didn't do much better; Joyce is the best at using it. After tea the third and fourth forms had to carry chairs from the gym. (M. GIBSON).

23rd While I was playing with Mackay I hit a ball to him, and he swung back his racquet to hit the ball, not knowing that Knight had moved just behind him. He had hit Knight in the face. We rushed to his aid and found he was bleeding from the mouth and nose, so we took him to Matron. At first we let him walk, then we made a human chair and carried him. Meanwhile Mackay rushed down to the cottage to see if Matron was there. When we got to the Dispensary we found that Matron was not there. Then we heard a rustle behind us and there was Matron. We left Knight lying on the couch. Later we learned that he had been taken first to the Doctor and then to the Dentist, but that no teeth were broken and he didn't have to have a stitch. His lips are completely swollen though. (A. HARDING).

24th We played the match against Pennthorpe that had been postponed because of rain. They scored 81 for 9 declared, and we scored 61 for 5. A draw and the best match of the season. At the end of the match their Umpire, a former M.C.C. player treated us to 6d

worth of sweets each at their tuck shop. (P.JOYCE)

25th I woke up to see a misty back lawn; I thought to myself that it would be lovely in the afternoon, because mist in the morning is a sure sign of a nice afternoon. I learned to my horror that the swimming pool has been emptied. At tea Darkins had his birthday cake, which was a fruit cake with icing on - delicious! (G.JOHNSON).

26th In the morning rec. it was 'all out' as usual but there were some bitter complaints to Fr.Jude that it was jolly cold and we should be allowed in. But Fr.Jude stood firm and so the complainers drooped away moaning and groaning as they went. (E.O'REILLY).

27th The weather was unusually hot and the swimming pool unusually cold. It had been cleaned out and now fresh water was pouring in. Although it was only $\frac{3}{4}$ full, we were allowed in but we were not allowed to dive or jump off the diving board. (P.AYLETT).

28th I awoke with a very happy feeling as there is no class till Tuesday. Just before games somebody spotted a beetle about an inch long with two big pincers. During swimming I did a fabulous Honey-pot, showering everybody near the swimming pool. (C.THORNE). McCracken and I were very pleased to serve Fr.David's Mass this morning. He came over from the hospital to say it. He is having a very serious operation on Monday. (B.EVANS).

29th ST.PETER & PAUL. Today is a whole holiday. After a large breakfast I made my bed and then prepared myself for the High Mass. The choir sang very well indeed today. Mr. Adrian was Deacon at High Mass for the first time. During the before dinner rec. the two Vice-Captains went with Fr.Anthony in the school bus to Milton's to fetch some more teak for the trellis. In the afternoon we had the Swimming Competition for the Bemister Trophy and the Payne Cup. Two first formers swam nearly the whole length of the bath under water! Today we had the two new prayers which the Pope has ordered for the first time. At Communion the Priest now says "Corpus Christi" and the receiver says "Amen". In the Divine Praises we now say, "Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete." (N.WEIBEL)

30th The day started with an unusual Monday feeling; unusual because it is Tuesday. Donaldson won the swimming cup, & Kean the Trophy. Donaldson also managed to get his Helicopter working, after some bother about the rotary blades going the wrong way round. (P.BARBER)



A King's Ship of the
14th Century.

G. Lacey.

THE SWIMMING COMPETITION

As it was the feast of St. Peter & Paul, there was a holiday. In the afternoon the Swimming Competition was held. Among the 20 entrants there were two first formers, two second formers and the rest were either in the third or fourth form. (A.CROFT).

The whole school went down to the swimming pool and the competitors were told to change, the rest stayed on the grass round the swimming-pool, Kean on one side, Murtough on the other. (P.JOYCE).

There were two competitions, the Inter-house Competition between Kean and Murtough for the BEMISTER TROPHY, which consisted of 4 relays;

1. Free Style; 2. Crawl; 3. Breast Stroke; 4. Back Stroke.

In the Individual Competition for the PAYNE CUP there were five different things to do. 1. Forward dive; 2. Honey-pot; 3. Somersault; 4. Swimming two thirds of the length of the bath under water. 5. Floating for 30 seconds. (M.GIBSON).

It was a nice hot day, just right for a swimming competition. The competitors were allowed a short swim to let them get used to the water. (N.WEIBEL)

The competitors stood at the diving-board end waiting for the start. The Judges were; Fr. Dunstan, who stood in the centre of the Murtough side, and Matron and Miss Bennett, who took up positions in different places. Fr. Anthony took charge and stood by the entrants. Andrew Bennett sat at the shallow end to make sure there were no 'short lengths' in the relays and Fr. George, who sat on the small raised lawn at a desk, was the scorer. (R.COOPER).

After a few moments Fr. Anthony blew his whistle for the first event, the Free Style Relay. Kean won by about 5 yards. The forward dive was next. Nobody except Harding, Donaldson and S. Walters did a really good one. The Crawl Relay was won by Kean. Then followed the Honey-pot (J.DERRICK). When Evans came to do this everyone backed away a good few feet in case they were soaked. This was rather lucky, because he certainly made a splash. Evans was followed by Isherwood who almost emptied the pool. (E.O'REILLY).

In the Somersault many of the competitors landed on their backs instead of on their feet, but some did quite good dives. The next and final Relay was the Backstroke, won by Kean. (D.CRANE).

Before the 30 seconds float, Fr. Anthony made Evans and J. Spencer empty the air out of their trunks. (J.DERRICK). We were all in fits of laughter watching Evans slowly sink.

In the end we learned that FERGUS DONALDSON had won the PAYNE CUP, which everyone thought that he well deserved; KEAN won the BEMISTER TROPHY. After this exciting competition everyone was allowed to go in and have a swim. (A.CROFT). (See over for individual scores.)

SWIMMING COMPETITION POINTS

1. FERGUS DONALDSON	43.1	11. S.Walters	33.9
2. C.Baynham	41.9	12. C.McLean	33.3
3. D.Crane	40.1	P.Mathe	33.3
4. M.Gibson	38.8	14. J.Scammell	32.9
5. J.Cox	38.6	15. A.Harding	32.1
6. J.Spencer	38.3	16. M.Walters	31.3
7. J.Gibson	37.6	17. M.Spencer	29.4
8. B.Evans	35.8	18. O.Lang	27.9
9. P.Dunne	34.8	19. J.Isherwood	27.4
10. A.Bingle	34.3	20. P.Forcer	22.8

KEAN won the BEMISTER INTER-HOUSE TROPHY by 16 pts to 6.

THE THOMAS ROSSITER KEANREADING PRIZES

Form	Maximum	Aud	Fl	Exp	Acc	Tot	Pl
		20	40	20	20	100	
1. P.Cassidy		17	30	17	17	81	2
G.Newell		20	27	16	15	78	4
P.Robigo		18	31	15	15	79	3
S.TIGHE		16	35	16	17	84	1
2. P.Bubb		18	32	18	17	85	2
P.Piercey		17	22	18	11	68	4
H.SIMON		16	38	19	19	92	1
C.Sadgrove		18	32	17	15	82	3
3. G.Moore		19	16	17	6	58	4
J.ISHERWOOD		20	34	19	18	91	1
F.McCabe		17	16	18	8	59	3
J.Scammell		19	21	15	7	62	2
4. P.Aylett		18	23	17	8	66	4
R.COOPER		20	36	19	18	93	1
G.Johnson		19	33	19	12	83	3
R.Sykes		18	34	16	16	84	2

JUDGES COMMENTS: Audibility and clarity: Very Good. Form I inclined to speed through the piece instead of taking their time. Fluency: Good generally, particularly in Form IV who had a difficult piece. Expression: More expression could have been used by

all competitors in Direct Speech. Little change of speed was noticed, which would have resulted in the reading being much more alive.

Accuarcy: best in Form I, Good in Form II, only Fair in Form III and surprisingly Poor in Form IV.

The Judges were: Fr.George, Miss Tomlinson and Mr.Whooley.

FR.CHARLES BORELLI

All the boys know Fr.Borelli, the Parish Priest of Haslemere, for he comes each week to be one of the Confessors at the disposal of all on Thursdays. What they may not know is that he is an Old Georgian & and a very great friend and benefactor of the Josephites in general & this Community in particular.

On Wednesday June 3rd Fr.Borelli celebrated the 25th anniversary of his Ordination. His parishioners gave him gifts of a radiogram, records and a cheque, and a party was held at the Haslemere Hall where there was dancing to the music of the Modenaires. Earlier there had been a Thanksgiving Mass and Te Deum at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere.

We offer him our congratulations and thank him for all he has done for us; we hope that the next twenty-five years will pass as happily for him as these have done and that he will continue to be a frequent and very welcome visitor among us.

FR. DAVID

We learned on 15th June that Fr.David was going to go into Milford Chest Hospital to undergo a serious operation to remove a growth from his lung.

While he was there in the period before his operation he was able to come to Barrow Hills to say Mass one Sunday. He underwent the operation on the feast of St.Peter & Paul and a small benign growth was removed. He should be able therefore to make a complete recovery.

Many Masses have been offered for his recovery, and the boys, many of whom know Fr.David, who only left Barrow Hills in 1962, have prayed publicly for him at the end of the Mass each morning.

We understand that Fr.David is making a good recovery, though he he still has considerable discomfort. We wish him a quick return to his former very active state.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The Model Railway Club wishes to thank Mr.& Mrs AUSTIN for their gift of two TRIX RAILWAY CARRIAGES. These kind gifts are much appreciated.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS
SAT. JUNE 20th

THE PREPARATIONS By N. Weibel & P. Joyce

There was a great deal of work done to make the field look like it did. Firstly all the poles had to be taken down from the Pav. roof, the lanes of the running track had to be marked out and the poles were set up along the perimeter of the track.

When the field had been carefully mowed by Bro. Benedict with the gang-mower, we started putting up the tape and bunting. Putting up the tape was a tiresome job; first of all you had to wind it round the pole, then loosen it to make the sag the same as the rest.

On Friday morning we helped Mr. Taylor put up the Loud Speakers on either side of the pavilion. Wiring them up was the next job. Mr. Taylor got some wire from his box and asked us to wire it on to the speakers. I wired the speakers to the terminals on the pavilion, while Sinclair and McCracken fixed the wire on to the speaker. When we had done this, Mr. Taylor turned on the electricity. A light went on the switch board and everything was ready. Mr. Taylor switched on the speaker and told us to listen while he changed the volume, and to tell him when it sounded best. We went on to the square to listen and told him by putting our thumbs up or down, when we could detect places where you could'n't hear the speakers properly.

Mr. Roshier was also busy making a flower display round the pavilion with pots of Fuchsias, Geraniums some blue flowers & small trees of about two feet in pots. All the pots were cleverly hidden with green shoots.

A few last minute jobs were the setting out of the prizes on shelves covered with red cloth so that parents and boys could see what was to be won.

At last everything seemed ready, even the weather was good.

The SPORTS by E. O'Reilly, M. Gibson
and P. Joyce

After washing and changing into our sports clothes we went down to the changing room and collected our blazers and put on our gym-shoes. We walked down to the field in two files.

On the field I (Gibson) took up my position as Fr. Jude's runner or messenger. Thorne was the other one. Our job was to take messages to Fr. James.

Sitting just outside the pav. on the veranda, was Fr. George busily occupied in writing down points for the Inter House Competition. Next to him was Fr. James with the microphone calling out all the events and the winners of those just run.

Bro. Gerald was busy selling comestibles at the tuck shop. This attracted a long queue waiting to get their teeth into a Mars Bar or some other tasty and inviting confectionary.

Then there were the parents. Some of them were watching their sons win races, or, as the case may be, losing them. Others were busily bustling from one place to another, and some of the more unfortunate ones trying to comfort their babies' ceaseless wants and necessities.

The times and results were announced as the afternoon passed. The inter-house relay was exciting but proved an easy win for Kean House. During the Throwing the Cricket-ball, one of the competitors threw the ball somewhat astray and it landed among the onlookers, just missing a lady.

The afternoon sped by, though it got held up by the Flower Pot race, which seemed to take much longer this year. Finally the Wheelbarrow & Three-legged races and all the events were over.

THE PRIZE GIVING by R. Cooper

As soon as the results of the Sack Race, the last event, had been announced, the order that all boys must move chairs to form a semi-circle in front of the pavilion boomed out. In three minutes all was ready.

Fr. James sat at the microphone, with Fr. George beside him, working out the House Points. In the centre was SIR JOSEPH MATHIEU-PEREZ, an old boy of St. Georges College, who had kindly come to give out the prizes.

Sir Joseph was a boy under Fr. George and became a distinguished lawyer, finally becoming Chief Justice of the West Indies.

Sir Joseph has a grandson here, Paul Robigo, and had the pleasure of handing him a prize.

The Captains handed the prizes to Sir Joseph, who presented them to the winners with perhaps a word or two. Then Sir Joseph sat down and the Headmaster made a short speech thanking the different people and being sorry that Lady Mathieu-Perez had not been able to come, because of indisposition. Sir Joseph replied with an amusing speech giving some memories of his life at school. A bouquet was presented for Lady M-Perez.

When all was over parents and children rose and stood still for 'The Queen'.

All the parents and hungry athletes trooped up to the School for tea which for us consisted of Tizer, cakes and an apple.

So finished a very happy afternoon during which there was plenty of sunshine and no rain.

PRIZE WINNERS

(Winners of events marked * score for the MAPLE LEAF TROPHY.)

Long Jump 'A' * 1. A. COOPER(K), 2. M. Gibson(K), 3. C. Baynham(K).

13'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Long Jump 'B' 1. D. CRANE(M), 2. D. Lang(M), 3. F. Donaldson(M).

12'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Long Jump 'C' 1. J. GIBSON(K), 2. J. Catchpole(M), 3. A. Bingle(K).

12'3"

100 Yards 'A' * 1. B. EVANS(K), 2. A. Cooper(K), 3. C. Baynham(K).

ROSSITER CUP 13.1 secs

100 Yards 'B' 1. J. MACLENNAN(K), 2. J. Cox(M), 3. G. Moore(M).

MOORE CUP 13.5 secs

100 Yards 'C' 1. J. GIBSON(K), 2. J. Catchpole(M), 3. P. Buttress(K).

14.7 secs

75 Yards 'D' 1. P. ROBIGO(K), 2. D. Heslam(M), 3. A. Parkes(-).

11 secs

75 Yards 'C' 1. J. GIBSON(K), 2. J. Catchpole(M), 3. P. Buttress(K).

10.9 secs

220 Yards 'A' * 1. B. EVANS(K), 2. A. Cooper(K), 3. C. Baynham(K).

31.7 secs

220 Yards 'B' 1. J. MACLENNAN(K), 2. D. Crane(M), 3. G. Moore(M).

34.2 secs

Throwing the * 1. F. DONALDSON(M), 2. A. Cooper(K), 3. C. Baynham(K).

Cricket Ball 55yds 2'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Inter-House 1. KEAN (A. COOPER, M. GIBSON, C. BAYNHAM, B. EVANS)

Relay Race 62.6 secs

O'GRADY CUP 2. MURTOUGH (D. Crane, G. Lacey, G. Moore, J. Cox)

Flower Pot 'C' 1. A. BINGLE, 2. H. Simon, 3. R. Forcer

Flower Pot 'D' 1. C. TINKER, 2. Ph. Pennock, 3. M. Derrick.

Wheelbarrow 1. (D. HESLAM 2. (M. Cox 3. (A. Bingle

'C' & 'D' (N. PENNOCK (N. Bayford (J. Catchpole.

Wheelbarrow 1. (G. MOORE 2. (J. Cox 3. (G. Johnson

'A' & 'B' (J. MACLENNAN (P. Dunne (E. Mackay.

Three-legged 1. (J. LANGSTON 2. (M. Smith 3. (N. Bayford

'C' & 'D' (P. LIVINGSTON (P. Buttress (M. Cox

Three-legged 1. (P. JOYCE 2. (S. McEwan 3. (C. McLean

'A' & 'B' (D. CRANE (A. Harding (G. Moore.

Sack Race 1. A. HARDING 2. C. Baynham 3. D. Crane.

'A' & 'B'

Girl's Race 1. H. WITKOWSKA 2. B. Norton, 3. P. McEwan.

THE MAPLE LEAF TROPHY (Victor Ludorum): A. COOPER 14 points

THE TAYLOR CUP (Inter-house Competition) KEAN 70 pts

Murtough 39 pts

THE ARMSTRONG-DASH WRITING PRIZE

The six best papers were chosen by Fr. James and then handed to three other judges who gave points to each according to their respective judgments.

ORDER OF MERIT

P. PENNOCK	6 + 6 + 5 = 17	Position : 1
A. BINGLE	5 + 5 + 6 = 16	" : 2
J. COX	4 + 4 + 4 = 12	" : 3
F. DONALDSON	3 + 3 + 3 = 9	" : 4
J. SCAMMELL	2 + 2 + 1 = 5	" : 5
W. VENABLES	1 + 1 + 2 = 4	" : 6

The three Judges were Fr. George, Miss Cunningham & Miss Tomlinson, but the points above are not given in that order.

ANDORRA

by PAUL AYLETT

Form IV

In summer Andorra is quite warm but in winter it is a different matter. It is bitterly cold then and in most of the higher regions it snows heavily.

My family decided to go to Spain one year via the Andorra Pass. We had just left France and were driving steadily up one of the winding roads which lead to the pass. Sometimes we met a cart of hay pulled by an old horse, which was more bone than flesh. If we saw an advert, it was seldom repeated less than 15 times along the length of the road.

When we reached quite a high altitude, I had a tummy ache. My father stopped the car at the nearest cafe and we went in. The bar reeked of garlic and tobacco smoke. We went up to the bar and my father asked for two brandies. "Two ?" said the barman. My father pointed down at me. Since this was some time ago, my head hardly reached up to the counter. The barman leaned over the counter and saw me.

Brandy is often a most effective cure for tummy upsets in foreign parts and is certainly a pleasant cure. He gave me the brandy which I drank.

We then continued on our way. Some time later my father was trying to pick up some speed to cross a snowdrift in front of us. We would have got across, but a man in a car ahead waved frantically for us to stop. My father put on the brakes and stopped right in the middle of the snow drift. The man in the other car was very sorry and poured out apologies. I forget what his reason for stopping us was, but anyway there we were in the middle of the drift.

There was a cafe by the roadside and a couple of men came out to help us. One was a Spaniard another was a Frenchman and an Andorran came along too, and there was Dad. All were heaving away trying to free the car

from the snow-drift. The rest of the family in the meantime went to the car which had stopped us and were invited in. It was very cold outside.

At last the combined efforts managed to heave our car out of the drift. We thanked them and soon we were on our way down to Spain. Let me give a piece of advice; never cross Andorra in winter if you can help it.

NEWS OF OLD BARROWHILLIANS

Once again we have had visits from a large number of our Old Boys. We were very pleased to see ANDREW McMILLAN who came and spent a whole day with us.

On Sat. 23rd May a large group came with the cricket team from St. Georges. They included G. FLOWER, R. O'MEARA, B. MOORE, H. BULFORD, J. VASSALLO, J. RICKORD, M. ASHCROFT, A. WICKENS, J. CASSIDY, who was playing in the team, and M. ADAMS.

From an earlier period, we were very pleased to see RICHARD DOWDEN and MICHAEL DOWDEN.

The Editor received quite a number of letters and managed to answer most of them. He would like to thank all who wrote to him.

R. O'MEARA writing about Istanbul where he lives says;

"On arriving at Istanbul and driving into the city, one begins to realize he is at the cross roads of Europe and Asia. The history of the city unfolds itself as one passes through the Old City Wall, which was built by Constantine. Shortly after the wall the well known Blue Mosque and the dome of Santa Sophia can be seen.

Istanbul has a population of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ million people, and among the minorities are about 90,000 Greeks. Because of the situation in Cyprus, where Greek opposes Turk, and because relations have been strained, the Turkish Government during the past few weeks has deported several hundred Greeks and several Orthodox priests from Turkey. Furthermore those Greeks with businesses who are still in Turkey have had their shops marked to warn Turks not to purchase goods at those shops.

Although the situation is very tense, life carries on as normal. As far as I know, the Turks' main concern is for a peaceful solution with neighbouring Greece."

R. CHILDS says in his letter that he plays quite a lot of tennis, but finds Sundays rather boring on the whole. He has not had a buff yet and has managed to keep 5th in the form.

He also wondered if anybody had heard from Allen of Fawls yet. The Editor got a note from Allen at Christmas. He is still remembered in IVA.

The Editor got a letter from MICHAEL VENABLES, who hoped that his brother in the third form was being made to be 'well organised' as he had been made to be in form four. He is!

GREGORY FLOWER wrote a very interesting letter and gives quite a bit of news; "During our Corpus Christi procession a cow joined in to sing Amen, which made us and the St. Maur's girls laugh. It is quite regular for people to faint in the chapel, even when all the windows are open. When the Bishop came several people fainted including one next to me.

This term we are having our exams late, so there will not be a week before the end of the term during which we do nothing. We are even having one of them on the last day of term.

Please give my regards to everybody and to Bros Ben and Gerald."

MICHAEL POWELL and M. ASHCROFT came over together one day and spent the afternoon here. It is surprising how some people have grown!

THE UNDER 11 CRICKET TEAM REPORT by Mr. Adrian

Although we only played two matches during the season, the standard of cricket in both matches was very high. Our batting was strong; we scored 63, batting for over an hour and a half against Haslemere Prep.

PHILIP PENNOCK will eventually make a good captain; he has the important quality of not being selfish, and in the first match only bowled two overs. D. HESLAM bowls accurately on a good length. He took seven wickets in the first match. J. GIBSON lacks concentration in his batting; he is a very good wicket-keeper. J. SCAMMELL makes an excellent opening batsman, granted that there is attacking support from the other end. D. LANG with a little more practice will make a good fast bowler. J. COX should practise his spin bowling seriously; it will be very valuable next year. J. ISHERWOOD despite his large proportions is a good fielder and, when called upon is a useful bowler.

The remainder of the team, G. MOORE, H. O'NEILL, C. CHALLIS-THOMPSON, and J. DERRICK, whose enthusiasm and vigorous play helped to make this team a really successful one.

We played two matches, winning the first and losing the second.

THE ROBIN by J. ISHERWOOD, Form III.

Past the heath and up the hill
Comes the Robin to my sill;
Unto him I give a crust
Unto me he gives his trust.

UNDER 13's CRICKET REPORT

by Fr. Anthony

I expect you have all heard the saying 'the great thing in life is not to win but to play the game'. The under 13's did just this. They did not win any of their matches, but they tried to play real cricket and above all they really enjoyed it. I think it is true to say that there was a tremendous keenness for cricket this season. There was a very great number who had a bat or ball in their hand during one or other of the recreations of the day. Off the field this enthusiasm overflowed into the class-room where book cricket was the next best thing if one could get away with it!

Some of the results were very close and all members of the team did their best to play the full range of strokes, even at the risk of sacrificing runs. If one can learn the strokes, runs will come in time. The danger among schoolboys is to try and hit out without science. This never pays dividends and becomes less effective as you get older. It needs patience, however, to try and play the correct strokes really well. Much of the spadework has been done this term and the fruits of your work will be more evident in the years to come.

I have enjoyed this term's games very much and thank you for your co-operation. Next year I shall be thinking of you, as I re-learn the art of pitching & play at Baseball. It won't be the same though. Dash it, it's not cricket!

I. PINKS: His batting was disappointing but his wicket keeping improved as he learned to take the ball without snatching.

M. GIBSON: He was rather too dependant on the advice of other members of the team and must learn to make his own decisions; he was a good diplomat.

D. CRANE: With more patience he will make a lot of runs because he has a good eye. His bowling was rather erratic.

F. DONALDSON: A promising and stylish batsman who should do well when he settles down.

P. JOYCE: Bats very well defensively; rather too slow in the

field. E. O'REILLY: A useful tail-ender who could make an opening bat in time. J. GIBSON: Began very well but later did not always come up to expectations. His fielding was excellent.

S. McELEAN: Very keen and a forcing bat on his day.

M. LYONS: Rather nervous at the wicket. His bowling was very

consistent. PAT PENNOCK: It was a pity we did not see more of him because on his rare appearances he was an asset to the side.

G. BAYNHAM: Bowled well at times. His batting was weak.

U.13 v. Douai Junior Sch. May 13th

F.Donaldson	caught	0
P.Joyce	bowled	5
M.Gibson	bowled	0
A.Harding	l.b.w.	0
D.Crane	l.b.w.	7
A.Cooper	bowled	14
J.Gibson	caught	0
J.Scammell	caught	0
P.Pennock	caught	1
I.Pinks	hit wkt	1
C.Baynham	not out	0
	Extras	3
TOTAL		<u>31</u>

Douai 33 for 5 wkts
 Crane 2 for 5
 Baynham 2 for 4
 Gibson M 1 for 17

U.13 v. St.John's Beaumont May 20th

St.Johns 119 for 7 decl.

C.Baynham	1 for 16	
A.Cooper	1 for 28	
P.Joyce	1 for 28	
J.Gibson	1 for 22	
F.Donaldson	2 for 12	
M.Lyons	1 for 7	
F.Donaldson	caught	0
P.Joyce	bowled	2
J.Gibson	not out	60
M.Lyons	bowled	0
B.Evans	bowled	8
A.Cooper	bowled	0
C.Baynham	caught	12
J.Cox	stumped	0
E.O'Reilly	caught	0
J.Scammell	l.b.w.	2
I.Pinks	bowled	0
	Extras	5
TOTAL		<u>89</u>

U.13 v. St.Georges Coll. May 23rd

St.Georges 107 for 7 decl.

A.Cooper	1 for 23	
C.Baynham	2 for 10	
J.Gibson	4 for 11	
P.Pennock	bowled	11
F.Donaldson	Run Out	0
J.Gibson	l.b.w.	23
A.Harding	caught	3
C.Baynham	caught	1
A.Cooper	bowled	3
P.Joyce	Run Out	3
I.Pinks	caught	4
B.Evans	bowled	4
E.O'Reilly	not out	0
J.Scammell	l.b.w.	0
	Extras	14
TOTAL		<u>66</u>

U.13 v. Cranleigh June 3rd

Cranleigh 41

D.Crane	5 for 11	
M.Gibson	1 for 2	
A.Cooper	2 for 10	
F.Donaldson	2 for 3	
D.Crane	bowled	0
M.Gibson	bowled	0
J.Gibson	bowled	0
P.Joyce	run out	4
A.Cooper	l.b.w.	0
F.Donaldson	bowled	0
C.Baynham	bowled	6
S.McEwan	l.b.w.	0
I.Pinks	bowled	2
J.Cox	not out	1
E.O'Reilly	bowled	0
	Extras	1
TOTAL		<u>14</u>

U.13 v. Pennthorpe, June 24th.

Pennthorpe 81 for 9 decl.

M.Lyons 4 for 17

F.Donaldson 4 for 26

P.Pennock	caught	9
M.Gibson	bowled	11
D.Crane	caught	29
P.Joyce	caught	0
C.Baynham	not out	7
F.Donaldson	caught	1
S.McEwan	not out	0

M.Lyons	}	did not bat
B.Evans		
I.Pinks		
E.O'Reilly		

Extras 3

TOTAL for 5 wks 61

U.13 v. Branksome-Hilders,
June 25 th.

Branksome-Hilders 89

M.Lyons 1 for 20

D.Crane 4 for 33

M.Gibson 3 for 23

M.Gibson	bowled	3
A.Harding	bowled	0
D.Crane	caught	20
J.Gibson	bowled	1
C.Baynham	caught	0
F.Donaldson	run out	3
I.Pinks	caught	11
J.Cox	caught	8
M.Lyons	caught	1
E.O'Reilly	bowled	7
B.Evans	not out	0
	Extras	8
	TOTAL	61

U.13 v. St.Georges Coll. July 4th

P.Joyce	bowled	5
M.Gibson	caught	2
D.Crane	bowled	15
J.Gibson	run out	1
C.Baynham	l.b.w.	3
F.Donaldson	caught	2
I.Pinks	caught	0
A.Harding	bowled	4
S.McEwan	bowled	3
E.O'Reilly	bowled	0
M.Lyons	not out	0
	Extras	8
	TOTAL	43

St.Georges 46 for 4 wks

M.Gibson 3 for 13

D.Crane 1 for 8

U.13 v. Brksome-Hilders, May 30.

Branksome-Hilders 27

Heslam D. 6 for 5

Ph.Pennock 1 for 4

D.Lang 1 for 10

J.Cox 1 for 2

P.Jackson	bowled	0
Ph.Pennock	bowled	3
J.Gibson	bowled	16
D.Heslam	bowled	2
J.Cox	l.b.w.	6
D.Lang	run out	14
J.Derrick	bowled	0
J.Scammell	caught	3
H.O'Neill	not out	2
J.Isherwood	caught	0
G.Moore	bowled	0
	Extras	1
	TOTAL	47

HOUSE MATCHESMORTOUGH

1. S. McEwan	b.2	1
2. F. Donaldson	b.1	2
3. D. Crane	b.1	10
4. J. Cox	b.3	5
5. E. O'Reilly	run out	2
6. D. Lang	b.3	0
7. G. Johnson	1.b.w. b.3	0
8. J. McCracken	b.1	0
9. D. Heslam	ct. b.3	0
10. E. Mackay	not out	0
11. P. Aylett	b.1	0
Extras		3
TOTAL		23

M. Gibson 4 for 7
J. Gibson 4 for 5
A. Cooper 1 for 8

KEAN

1. M. Gibson	b.2	1
2. A. Cooper	ct. b.3	4
3. J. Gibson	not out	7
4. P. Joyce	ct. b.9	6
5. A. Harding	not out	10
6. C. Baynham		
7. B. Evans		
8. I. Pinks		
9. R. Cooper		
10. J. Derrick		
11. J. Scammell		
Extras		4
TOTAL		32 for 3 wks

D. Crane 1 for 10
F. Donaldson 1 for 8
D. Heslam 1 for 10

KEAN

1. M. Gibson	1.b.w. b.3	4
2. A. Harding	1.b.w. b.1	1
3. J. Gibson	b.3	15
4. P. Joyce	1.b.w. b.1	0
5. C. Baynham	b.3	4
6. M. Lyons	b.10	5
7. B. Evans	ct. b.1	16
8. I. Pinks	ct. b.1	5
9. R. Cooper	run out	0
10. J. Scammell	not out	1
11. J. Derrick	b.6	1
Extras		8
TOTAL		60

D. Crane 3 for 18
F. Donaldson 4 for 19
D. Lang 1 for 5
G. Johnson 1 for 0

MURTOUGH

1. F. Donaldson	b.*	1
2. J. Cox	b.1	0
3. D. Crane	ct. b.3	27
4. S. McEwan	1.b.w. b.1	1
5. E. O'Reilly	b.*	1
6. G. Johnson	b.1	1
7. D. Heslam	b.1	0
8. J. McCracken	ct. b.*	1
9. E. Mackay	ct. b.5	4
10. D. Lang	not out	2
11. G. Moore	b.1	0
EXTRAS		2
TOTAL		40

M. Gibson 5 for 12
A. Cooper * 3 for 16
J. Gibson 1 for 4
C. Baynham 1 for 6

KEAN HOUSE having won both matches win the Inter-house CRICKET CUP.

U.11 v. Haslemere Preparatory School. July 1st

J.Scammell	bowled	9	Haslemere Prep.	78 for 7
J.Isherwood	l.b.w.	3	Scammell	2 for 18
J.Gibson	bowled	8	Gibson	2 for 26
Ph.Pennock	bowled	13	Moore	1 for 0
D.Lang	caught	1	Derrick	1 for 6
J.Cox	l.b.w.	7		
C.Ch-Thompson	bowled	1		
D.Heslam	caught	1		
J.Derrick	bowled	3		
H.O'Neill	not out	5		
G.Moore	bowled	0		
	Extras	<u>12</u>		
	TOTAL	<u>63</u>		

PICTURE POSTCARDS

Over the years we have gathered together quite a large collection of picture postcards of Historical, Geographical Religious or Architectural interest. We have managed to get these through the kindness of various friends,- boys, parents, teachers and others, who bring along or send those of the picture postcards that they receive that they have no further use for. These cards are very useful for illustrating many of the lessons.

If any of you have picture postcards which you are no longer wanting, we would be very pleased to make use of them.

We would like to thank Mr.H.S.Taylor and the many boys who have given picture postcards to the school collection this term.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Why do the 3rd & 4th forms have more than three lessons nearly every day?

Yours faithfully,

J.Cox.

The reason is of course that there is a great deal of work to be done if you do not want to find that you are behind the other boys of your age when you move on to St.Georges. In any case I think that on most days there are only 3.

WINNERS OF SPECIAL PRIZES

A complete list of Prize Winners will be given in our next issue as it is only possible to give now those winners whose names are known at the time of going to press. The winners of the THOMAS ROSSITER KEAN READING PRIZE AND the ARMSTRONG-DASH WRITING PRIZE have already been given together with the scoring earlier in the text.

The HUBERT COWLEY Mental Arithmetic Prize:

Form I..... JAMES LANGSTON

Form II MARK COX

The WORHAM Tidiness Prize

Form I PHILIP CASSIDY who lost 16 marks
(Runner up: J.Langston,who lost 43 marks.)

Form II MARK WALTERS who lost 15½ marks
(Runner up: J.Catchpole who lost 18 marks.)

The FLEMING Good Conduct Cup:

Winner: EAN MACKAY who lost 54 marks

Runner up: E.O'Reilly who lost 59 marks.

THE CHOIR TEA

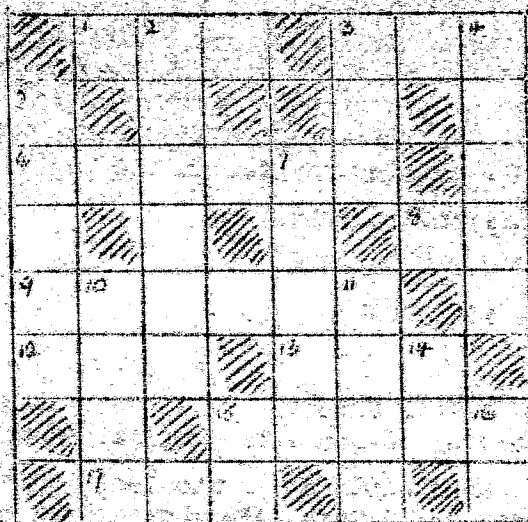
On Thursday July 9th the members of the Choir enjoyed a special tea as a reward for the hours of patient practice during the year. It can be said that this year's choir has been one of the most satisfactory from many points of view. Their voices blended well and the resulting tone was very pleasant. In the pieces for two voices, the parts blended well together. I should like to thank them all for their good work.

VOICE I; *P.Aylett, *B.Evans, N.Weibel, *Pat Pennock, P.Dunne,
F.Donaldson, L.Bayford, G.Moore, C.Sadgrove, W.Venables,
C.Tinker, J.Triay, M.Cox.

VOICE II: *A.Harding,*J.Derrick, *G.Johnson, *J.Isherwood, P.Mathe
D.Heslam, J.Scammell, Ph.Pennock, A.Vassallo, S.Vassallo,
D.Knight, P.Buttress, M.Smith, R.Randolfi.

*= soloist.

On Monday July 13th The Headmaster entertained the Fourth Form to a farewell party in his study. Mr Taylor provided music and sandwiches, cakes, chocolates, fruit and drinks were consumed.



(CROSS
WORD)

made up
by

(PHILIP
JOYCE
FORM IV)

CLUES DOWN : 2. A skillful speaker. 3. Knight of the British Empire. 4. Country fellow. 5. Slightly wet. 7. Undo a parcel. 10. Uncultivated and often heather-clad ground. 11. A musical instrument. 14. A negative prefix. 15. Connected with Shell. 16. A boy's name abbreviated.

CLUES ACROSS: 1. Cut grass. 3. For locking. 6. Not quite transparent. 8. A male person. 9. Even. 12. A rocky hill-top. 13. A note acknowledging a debt. 15. Town in Switzerland. 17. Tear.

OVERHEARD: A TRUE TALE

MOTHER: " Next month I hope to go to a re-union at the Convent where I went to school."

SON: " How depressing! "

MOTHER: " Why? "

SON: " Well you'll all see how old you've grown."

MOTHER: " Not necessarily; we could all see how young we've kept."

IN A IIIb EXAM PAPER

" An abstract noun is a noun which is not cement."