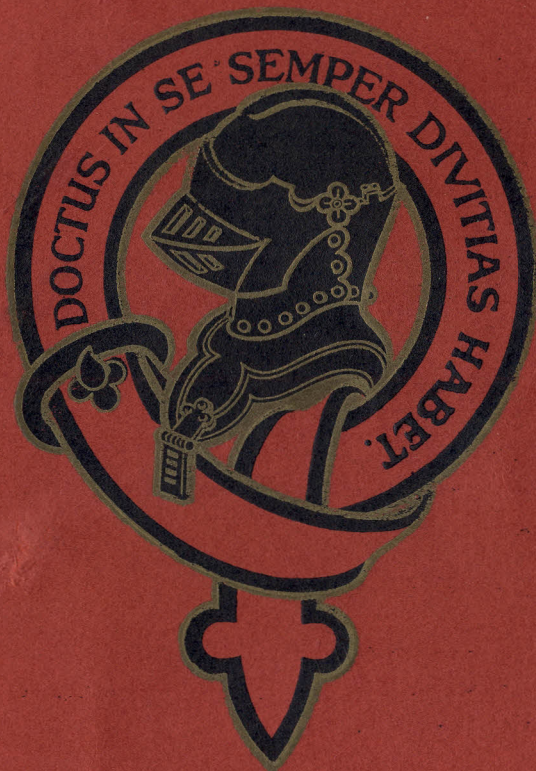


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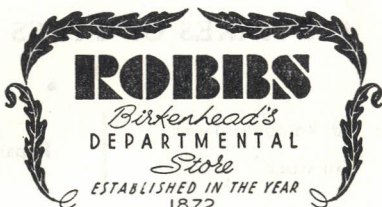
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Summer term began	May 7th
Half-term	June 11th and 12th
Occasional holiday	June 29th
Summer term ends	July 20th
Autumn term begins	September 3rd

EDITORIAL.

IN the first century B.C. the Roman poet Lucretius (the original expounder of the atomic theory) delivered himself of this shattering statement, "NIL POSSE CREARI DE NILO", meaning "Nothing can be created out of nothing"; and doubtless he considered that sweeping remark a repartee to crown all repartees. Yet, how wrong he was! Daily, every schoolboy in existence can prove it. "Nothing" in schoolboy speech covers everything—everything, that is, that a schoolboy is ever caught (or not caught) doing.

"What are you doing, Jones?" demands the master.

"Me, sir? Nothing, sir," replies the virtuous Jones.

In this instance, "nothing" means drawing an unflattering picture of the Head, or kicking the boy in front, or carving initials on the lid of his desk, or "cogging" from his neighbour, sucking sweets, chewing gum, playing with a ruler, a pocket-mirror, a burning-glass, a grass snake, a white mouse, a stamp collection, or a water-pistol, or merely going to sleep out of sheer boredom!

Then, think of exams. How often have you, your very self, sat in front of an examination paper containing a question, an essay question for example, on which you knew nothing, absolutely nothing! A question such as, "Write for one hour on 'STARS'." And yet, at the end of the prescribed period, you have handed in an effort of which you were justly proud and for which you received high marks and higher praise.

"Nothing can be created out of nothing," indeed, when here is the writer without a single idea in his head on any subject under the sun, and here also, out of nothing, out of nothingness utter and complete, here is the **Editorial!**

VALETE.

5B. Swaine, P.M.

STAFF NOTES.

THIS term we welcome Mr. B. J. Connah, B.Sc., who has been appointed Senior Mathematics Master, and who, after taking his degree at the University of Manchester, has seen service at Kirkham Grammar School and Chester City Grammar School. Mr. Connah has speedily become one of us, and we trust he is enjoying his stay in B.I.

We have to record, however, the departure of two familiar figures from the Common Room. First of all, Mr. R. P. Bolton, B.Sc., is leaving us after a stay of more than twenty-one years, during which his good-natured and sympathetic temperament have made him deservedly popular among his colleagues. A more industrious and better tempered school-master never existed: his departure to the High School will be regretted by all. His ability in solving even the most difficult of crosswords had become legendary among us, and will be a matter of wonder for a long time to come. We wish him happiness and success in his new post.

Mr. J. H. Thompson is also leaving us at the end of the term. Since joining the Staff in 1956, Mr. Thompson has been Senior Modern Languages Master and Housemaster of Tate. In both capacities he has been indefatigably vigorous. He will be missed by all his colleagues and especially by the lunch-time bridge coterie. He leaves us to take charge of the Modern Languages Department at Penistone Grammar School, and has the best wishes of all of us here for his future career.

Monsieur J. Lemosse (University of Paris), our French Assistant, is returning to France after his one year stay at the Institute. We have enjoyed his residence with us, and he has been deservedly popular. We trust he has liked being here as much as we have liked him, and he takes with him our sincere regard.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

SPORTS Day this year was Thursday, April 12th, an early date but one which was fully justified by the excellent weather and bright sunshine. It is true that a cold wind detracted a little from the comfort of the spectators, but it made the conditions better for the competitors, the people who really matter. As usual Mr. J. D. Hall and his coadjutors ran the whole affair with their habitual excellence, and despite Westminster's steadily increasing lead, or perhaps because of it, the events were keenly contested, and many close finishes resulted. In the result, Westminster scored 474 points, Tate 256, Atkin 255, and Stitt 186. The Victor Ludorum was J. S. Fraser of Westminster with 29 points.

The Mayor of Birkenhead, Alderman Mrs. Dorothy Melville, J.P., who had presided with such grace at Speech Day, again honoured the School with her presence, and distributed the cups to the fortunate winners. Unfortunately the medals had been delayed in the post, and had to be presented a few days later.

The Ladies' Committee once more provided the principal guests and the Staff with an excellent tea, and deserve our praise and thanks not only for this occasion but for all the days on which they so willingly give their support to the School.

INITIATIVE AND ENDURANCE TEST.

DURING the Easter holiday a voluntary test was arranged for the sixth successive year. As in 1961, there were two tests, a Senior and a Junior. The number of entrants was almost the same as last year's, there being 28 Seniors and 16 Juniors, the former being Sixth and Fifth-formers, and the latter Fourth-formers.

The Seniors, who set out at midnight on April 25th, had to report back by 10 p.m. on April 28th. In the interim they were to follow these instructions:—

1. On the outward or return journey walk from Birkenhead to Chester or from Chester to Birkenhead in as short a time as possible;
2. Visit as many cathedrals as possible south of a line Hereford to London, making in each cathedral a sketch of some outstanding feature;
3. Get an interview in the places visited with as many of the following as possible: A Cathedral Dean; A Mayor; a Chief Constable;
4. Sleep out one night;
5. Keep an account of route, expenses, etc.;
6. Live on as little as possible;
7. Write a full account, together with details of equipment, expenses, and evidence, to hand in on the first day of the Summer Term.

The Juniors started at midnight on April 25th, and had to report back by noon on Saturday, April 28th.

Their instructions were that they should

1. Visit as many of the lakes in the Lake District as possible;
2. Sleep out one night;
3. Walk at least 15 miles one day, noting starting and finishing places and times;
4. Live on **two** meals a day;
5. Collect evidence of places visited;
6. Keep an account of route, expenses, etc.;
7. Write a full report to be given in on the first day of the Summer Term.

Among the Juniors, E. L. Pye and M. L. McNulty not only accomplished most but also provided the best evidence and an excellent report, and in consequence were easy winners. Competition among the Seniors was very keen, and judging became a long and complicated procedure. Some candidates did not sleep out, some produced insufficient evidence, one pair did not walk from Birkenhead to Chester (or Chester to Birkenhead), some visited few cathedrals, and several pairs were too easily put off from getting the required signatures. A few produced no sketches. The eventual winners were T. P. Swift and D. J. Davies of 5B

SENIOR

INITIATIVE AND ENDURANCE TEST

1962.

AFTER leaving Bidston Hill we walked down to the tunnel entrance. From here we started to walk along the New Chester Road on our way to Chester. We started thumbing lifts, but we were not very successful. When we reached the New Ferry by-pass a black Austin A55 car stopped by us and the man inside asked where we were going. We replied that we were going to Chester and then on to London. He said that he was going to London at 8-30 next morning, and if we would meet him at Chester Town Hall next morning he would take us to London. We kept on walking towards Chester, and when we were on the outskirts, a black Austin car stopped by us, and by the registration number, UYW 954, we realised that this was the same car as before.

When we had climbed in, the driver told us he had changed his mind and he was going to London that night. He then introduced himself as Mr. Lowe, and we introduced ourselves. Mr. Lowe then asked us what we were doing, and we told him of our strange quest. Then to our surprise he told us he was the Mayor of Deptford, London, and that he would help us as much as he could.

On the other side of Chester we stopped for a drink, and then we carried on.

We passed through Newport, Cosford, and Albrighton. We passed through Wolverhampton at six-fifteen and on through West Bromwich and Birmingham. At seven forty-five we entered the M.1., and twenty minutes later we stopped for a few minutes for a snack, and then resumed our way to London. At eight fifty-eight we left the M.1., turned on the A.1., and drove into London. Once there Mr. Lowe insisted on showing us London. We saw Marble Arch, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, the Admiralty, the Houses of Parliament, Scotland Yard, and a lot of other places. Then we drove to Southwark Cathedral and gained our first piece of evidence, a signature and a small book.

Then we went to a large house, and Mr. Lowe left us for a few minutes. When he came back, he said, "The Lord Mayor is busy now, but I obtained his signature for you, and those of the Mayors of Hammersmith and Southwark."

Then Mr. Lowe drove us to Clapham, where we parted company.

We started walking and reached Wimbledon, but we couldn't get a lift because vehicles won't stop in heavy traffic. So we decided to get the train to Esher. This cost us 1s. 10d. each. From Esher we got a lift in a lorry to Guildford, where we obtained the police station stamp, the Mayor's signature, and a few leaflets from the Cathedral.

We walked from the Cathedral to the main road. Here we obtained a lift in a green Austin van to outside Petersfield. We then walked two

miles towards Petersfield. Then we got another lift in a Black Jaguar saloon car to one mile outside Winchester. At eight-thirty we pitched our tent and slept soundly until seven-thirty next morning. When we got up, we packed our belongings and walked the remaining mile into Winchester. When we got into the town centre, we had a wash, and then we went to the police station, and obtained the station stamp. Then we went to the Cathedral and obtained a verger's signature.

At eight-fifteen we started to walk towards Salisbury, and on the walk out of Winchester we had a bottle of milk each. At about eight-thirty a.m. we passed through Weeke. Later, at about a quarter to nine, we got a lift in a Vauxhall saloon. The lady in the car said she would take us to Salisbury and, if we wanted, to Wells. We decided to go to Wells, which was not our original plan, but we had plenty of time. At Salisbury we visited the Town Hall and the Cathedral. Then we went on to Wells.

At eleven-forty a.m. we arrived at Wells Cathedral. At this Cathedral the Dean was in, and so we went to see him. The first thing he said was, "Oh, no! Not another two from Birkenhead." He then told us that Swaine and Graham had been there earlier. We then obtained his signature and left Wells.

We walked for about five miles before getting a lift in a lorry to Bristol. At Bristol Cathedral we obtained the Cathedral stamp and started to walk out of Bristol. We walked five miles along the A.38 road to Gloucester. Along this road we passed the Bristol-Siddeley aircraft works. On the outskirts of Bristol we went into a roadside cafe for a drink, and as we were going out a lorry driver asked if we would like a lift to Gloucester. We accepted and got into his truck. At eight-thirty p.m. we arrived at Gloucester. We went to the town hall and Cathedral but they were closed, and so we asked a policeman for his signature. He obliged, and we went on our way. After walking one mile we got a lift in a black Vauxhall Victor to Ross. Here we spent our second night in an old hut.

At seven-thirty next morning we walked about half a mile before we got a lift in a wagon for about two miles. When the driver dropped us a van following him gave us a lift of about four miles. We walked for about five minutes before getting another lift into Hereford. We arrived at the Cathedral at a quarter past eight. Here we obtained a few leaflets and a Canon's signature.

We then left Hereford and started walking towards Leominster. Outside Hereford we got a lift to Leominster. From here we walked six miles before getting a lift in a green van to Ludlow.

From Ludlow we walked another two miles before getting a lift in a red van. The driver said he was going to Glasgow, and that he was going through Liverpool and so our luck was in. We were brought all the way to the tunnel entrance. On the way home we passed through Shrewsbury, Wrexham, and Chester. We arrived home at twenty to two, and phoned the headmaster.

Our equipment included bedding, food, maps, knives, torches, and a spare pair of jeans.

Altogether we spent 9s. 10d. on our journey.

T. P. SWIFT, J. D. DAVIES, 5B.

JUNIOR INITIATIVE AND ENDURANCE TEST 1962.

WE arrived at Bidston Hill at midnight on Wednesday the 25th April, and we received our notebook containing a printed list of our instructions. A quick cycle to the tunnel gave us somewhat of a start over the other competitors, and by 12-30 a.m. we had disposed of our bicycles and were at the Mersey Tunnel entrance. We were given a lift through the tunnel and we started to walk along the A.59, the main road to Preston. We were soon given a lift by a Welsh sales representative, and at 1-20 a.m. he put us down near Hooles, nine miles outside Preston. We were immediately picked up by another car whose occupant agreed to take us into Preston. We had to walk through the centre of Preston, but at 3-00 a.m. a petrol lorry stopped for us, and for the next fifteen minutes we were hunched over a number of uncomfortable oil cans in the lorry's tiny cab. The driver eventually drove into a transport cafe, and so we thanked him for the lift and started to walk in the direction of Lancaster. It was not long afterwards when we were picked up by a Commer lorry leaving the cafe. The driver was a pleasant man, and he was pleased to take us through Kendal into Windermere, which we reached at 4-30 a.m.

From here we decided to start walking towards Ambleside, which lies at the head of Lake Windermere, and we were soon given a lift to the bottom of the Kirkstone Pass. At 8-00 a.m. we stopped for our first meal, after which we were given a lift in a Triumph Herald to Keswick, passing Rydal Water, Grasmere, and Thirlmere on the way. We left Keswick in the same car, passed Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake, and were finally dropped at the bottom of the Horister Pass at 9-00 a.m. When we had reached the top of the pass, we were hot and exhausted, and so we washed and replenished our water supply in a large clear stream. At 10-15 a.m. we were given a lift to Buttermere and Crummock-water and then back into Keswick via the Whinlatter Pass.

At 11-40 a.m. we left Keswick and set off in the direction of Ullswater. After a short lift we were near the Ullswater Road, and, after five miles' walking without a lift, we decided to walk our fifteen mile hike, although we were already very tired. We passed Ullswater and Brothers Water, struggled up the infamous Kirkstone Pass, and we finally finished the hike near the Kirkstone Pass Inn at 6-10 p.m. We sat down by the roadside and waited for a lift. Half an hour later we were given a lift into Ambleside where we found a comfortable barn, had our second meal, and slept throughout the cold night in the warm straw.

After a good night's sleep we set off towards Conistone Water at 7-45 a.m. on the Friday morning. We got a short lift to the Conistone Road, along which we had to walk for nearly four miles before being given a lift Conistone at 8-45 a.m. We had our first meal of the day at 9-30 a.m. after which we had to walk the length of Conistone before being given a much-

needed lift to the main Newby Bridge Road. We washed in a small stream before we were given a lift to Newby Bridge. We walked on for about four miles until at 3-30 p.m. we were given a lift past Levens Bridge and along the M.6. We were put down ten miles north of Preston, but we soon got a lift into the town centre. We made our way through the shopping centre, and at 5-30 p.m. we stopped outside Preston for our second meal. We spent that night in a cold, open, porch of a bowling club after having been refused permission to sleep in a barn.

We awoke at 5-00 a.m. on the Saturday morning, had our meal, and set off along the Liverpool Road. At 6-30 a.m. we obtained a lift into Liverpool and through the tunnel into Birkenhead, where we reported to the Headmaster's house.

The weather was excellent, and we enjoyed ourselves immensely. On our own behalf and also on behalf of the other competitors we should like to thank all those who organised the competition.

E. L. PYE. M. F. McNULTY, 4A.

THE FAIREST CAPE.

AFTER climbing arduously up the long, tortuous path that leads up to the Kloof Nek Cable Station, the cable station from which the cableway takes visitors up to the summit of Lable Mountain, I felt very tired, but in a short time the pure, invigorating mountain air filled me with new vitality, and I felt a sense of adventure.

While awaiting the arrival of the cablecar, on this fine sunny day, I stood and watched the small puffy clouds as they floated gently across the sky high above the mountain, contrasting their white with the azure sky.

At last I arrived at the summit of the mountain, after a very exciting and thrilling journey in which the cablecar at times appeared to be approaching dangerously near the steep, rocky, deeply scored mountain side, only to soar higher and higher past the mountain slope to its final destination.

From the mountain top my gaze was directed to the distant horizon northwards, to the giant, snow-capped, serrated peaks of the Hottentots' Holland mountain range, and on all other sides was the boundless horizon of the oceans, which faded into distant clouds.

Northwards across Table Bay lie the rolling Blaubeerg Hills with the golden sands of Blaubeerg Strand at their feet and their smooth sides covered with sage-green vegetation.

Nearer at hand several ships were approaching Cape Town, leaving silvery, white, foaming trails across the placid, dark-blue sea. About one and a half miles off-shore lies the flat, grey, volcanic Robin Island. A trail of white foam indicated the departure of a ferry boat from the island. These ferries ply between the island and Cape Town.

Half way round the eastern side of the bay a strip of golden sand stretches almost to Cape Town docks. Behind the docks there is a large area of open land called the foreshore, on which there are gigantic railway marshalling yards and several power stations, which give off plumes of grey smoke from their high chimneys night and day.

About half a mile inland lies the white, smokeless city of Cape Town, sparkling like a jewel. The modern part of the city with its towering skyscraper buildings faces the bay, and the old part in the Colonial Dutch style is nearer the mountain. In the middle of the city stretches a large patch of dark green, which is the botanical garden, containing the National Art Gallery and Museum, and is known as the Gardens. These Gardens were laid out by Jan Van Riebeck, the first Governor of the Dutch settlement at the Cape, for provisioning ships of the Dutch East India Company on the long voyage to India or back to Europe. Adjacent to the Gardens are the Houses of Parliament.

Westwards are the two hills, Signal Hill and Lion's Head, that bound the city on the western side. These two mountains are covered by green, scrub vegetation, and out of this protrudes the solid, rounded grey, rock Lion's Head. At the foot of these hills lies the holiday resort, Sea Point.

Southwestwards stretches the Twelve Apostles mountain range with the Chapman's Peak drive that clings precipitously to the mountain, winding its sinuous way high above the treacherous jagged rocks below, where roaring breakers smash into a line of creamy spray.

Southwards the Table Mountain slopes gradually backwards and forms a range of mountains, the Table Mountains Constantia Range, which is the "backbone" of the Cape Peninsula. This range of mountains levels out about forty miles away into the Cape Point Nature Reserve, which terminates at Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. Lying on the western side of the range there is a bay called False Bay, so called because early mariners frequently sailed into it thinking they were sailing into Table Bay. On the eastern side there is a smaller bay called Hout Bay. At one end of Hout Bay there is a large promontory called the Sentinel, which looks similar to the Rock of Gibraltar on a smaller scale. At the foot of the Sentinel there is a small fishing village called Hout Bay.

On the northern slopes of the Table Mountain many jagged, evil looking rocks jut out. On the western slope there are numerous gaping, precipitous crevasses and several dark, abysmal chasms. About half-way up the northern slope of the mountains are several reservoirs that supply the city with water.

On the plateau itself acres of proteas of many varieties and multitudinous varieties of smaller wild flowers, there being over two hundred known varieties of heath alone, stretch in a glorious profusion of colour until they are lost to view.

By this time the sun is beginning to set, and as twilight falls the white clouds change colour and become tinged with a rosy pink, followed by a deep red, and finally a canary yellow. Across the bay the sun, now a fiery red sphere, casts a golden glow across the water before sinking below the western horizon. As the darkness envelops this spectacular view, Cape Town is seen to be emblazoned by thousands of lights at the end of this perfect spring day, and we can agree with Sir Francis Drake, who said, "This is the fairest Cape I have seen in all the circumference of the earth".

J. GREGORY, IVA.

A MEMORABLE VISIT TO WALES.

ON the morning of Friday, 27th April, a party of nine boys, to be led by the Rector, assembled outside Woodchurch Rectory. Our luggage was packed on to the roof-rack of the Dormobile, and we left at 9-30 a.m., singing our goodbyes to Woodchurch.

After we had crossed the border into Wales, the weather brightened, and soon we had the brilliantly sunny weather which lasted all through our holiday — in fact, we saw no rain at all during the week. We stopped at some of the picturesque towns en route for badges, and gave them all the benefit of some of our singing.

When we arrived at Bala Lake, four of our party changed, and plunged into the ice-cold water for a period of thirty seconds exactly!

Eventually we arrived at Aberystwyth, still singing joyfully. We stayed long enough to send cards home, then made our way to Devil's Bridge "Pencoed" Youth Camp, which belongs to the Holiday Fellowship. The camp holds eighty, and we found that a good percentage of the would-be mountaineers already there were girls. We were shown our chalet, unpacked, and sat down to an excellent dinner at 7-30 p.m. After that, we all went for a walk to see the Devil's Bridge — actually three bridges surmounting one another and forming a unique spectacle. We did some climbing for a bit in the Rheidol Valley and then went back, to bed.

The next morning, Saturday, we rose at 7-30 and after breakfast set out on a huge hike on a grilling day — the map-readers well to the fore. We saw much of the Forestry Commission planting and came across lovely falls and pools where we enjoyed ourselves greatly. On the way to the River Ystwyth, our destination, we came to Maen-Arthurwood, where there was an extremely steep scree. It was an exciting scramble down. At last, we reached the weir, where we lunched and had a wonderful bathe. For the return, the party divided into two groups. The Rector, Adrian Triggs, Harold Pendleton and I made one group; and the remaining six the other. On our way we made an arrow on the ground to help the other party. Half an hour later, we came across the same arrow — a dispiriting moment! At this point, we all realised how tired and thirsty we were, and decided to return to the camp by the same route that we had come. This was a very steep climb. After this, we reached an isolated farm house, where a kind old lady (who told us that she, her grandfather and his grandfather had been born there) offered us a pot of tea. We most gratefully demolished three cups of tea each and a plate of dripping sandwiches.

Being now full of life again we set off for a most enjoyable journey home. For much of the journey the Rector and I talked of the kindness of this old lady. I don't think either of us will ever again be so glad to see a tea-pot!

After dinner at 7-30 p.m. we listened to Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "The Pirates of Penzance," played on the Rector's gramophone records — an enjoyable evening, strengthening us in our hopes that we may join in the performance of this opera at a later date.

On the Sunday morning the Rector celebrated Holy Communion outside our hut at 8 a.m.; for some present, their first out-of-doors Communion. Then we all went for Matins to the local parish church at

Ysppyty Cyffyn, which was packed. We sang with tremendous gusto, as did all the Welsh farming community present. The Vicar there was very nice to us, and many people said how glad they were to see us and hear us. In the afternoon we swam in the sea at Aberystwyth, with its pebbly (and painful!) beach. Later we went to the Rheidol Valley, to see the dam and beautiful falls. We had a small climbing adventure over the rapids.

On Monday we went to Borth, a small seaside village seven miles from Aberystwyth with a lovely sandy beach four miles long. At low tide a submerged forest may be seen. We were the only people to be seen on the whole of that lonely beach. The bathing there was delightful. Later, we played an eighteen-hole round of putting, which we all much enjoyed — won by the Rector and Geoff Brown.

On Tuesday, Geoff Brown and Tim Cooke went on their 1st Class Venturer's Hike, leaving at 6-30 a.m. Our sympathies went with them! The rest of us went to Hafod, a great Forestry Commission estate, where we had lunch and bathed. In the afternoon we visited Frongoch Pool and also Parson's Bridge, where we climbed the rapids.

On Wednesday, the Rector summoned the camp to rise at 8-10 a.m., which gave us all five minutes to wash, dress and be seated for breakfast! We managed to be in for grace, though certain members of the party appeared somewhat dingy in appearance!

After breakfast the Rector drove us all to the foot of Plynlimon, the third highest mountain in Wales (2,468 ft.). We walked up it in forty-five minutes and had a commanding view of the area from the summit. The sources of the rivers Wye and Severn are to be found on this mountain. We had our lunch in a cairn at the summit — for it was cold up there! — and came down in thirty-five minutes.

In the afternoon we went for a ride to the Elan Valley, which supplies Birmingham with water — a distance of seventy-five miles. At Rhayader the Rector treated us to a large meal. We enjoyed exploring this small town, as we did many others (and their parish churches) on our trips.

On Thursday we went to the mouth of the Dovey Estuary, with its lovely sandhills and bathing. Some gathered shells, others did gymnastics, most had a dip in the sea. We later went for our last visit to Aberystwyth, to buy presents — not forgetting well-packed gramophone needles for the Rector! Whilst there we decided to buy food for a party that evening. This was the menu: doughnuts, four different kinds of cheese, cider, lemonade, two large sponge cakes, Ryvita, cockles, chocolate biscuits, grapefruit, sweets. After dinner at 7-30 p.m. and supper at 9-30 p.m. we started to eat our feast. We were at least an hour eating — a memorable occasion, but no one was ill.

Now the last day had come and we rose on the Friday at 6-30 a.m. to pack. Not one of us wanted to leave this lovely spot where we had had such a wonderful holiday. But the Rector duly packed us in and we had a good run home, stopping for a meal at Corwen.

I speak for all who shared in this excellent holiday in conveying to the Rector our deepest thanks for making it so enjoyable.

D. J. WALFORD.

SOCCKER OR RUGGER?

49, Upland Road,
Upton, Wirral.
19th September, 1962.

The Editor,
The Visor,
Birkenhead Institute,
Birkenhead.
Dear Sir,

Soccer or Rugger.

Those of us who are old enough to remember the days when Birkenhead Institute tried to play soccer, and who believe that, if there is a sillier game than rugger, we have yet to see it, are concerned lest the article in your magazine truly reflects the level of intelligence in U.6.A.

Yours faithfully,

F. A. OXTON.

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This quotation from Horace may be freely rendered "Teaching increases inborn power."

SOCCKER OR RUGGER?

MR. STEEDMAN in an amusing article in the Easter **Visor** gave us his impressions of the differences between soccer and rugger.

While I may agree with him to some extent in his criticism of soccer, I fear that he can only see his own point of view. The biggest failing in his articles is his comparing unlike things, **professional** soccer with **amateur** rugby. A professional soccer player is an entertainer of the public and is paid as such. If he scores a goal, then he, quoting Mr. Steedman, "stands for many minutes with his hands in the air waiting to be engulfed by the kisses and hugs of his team mates". Let us face it — he is only playing up to the spectators as all entertainers do.

The writer of the article suggests that bottle throwing occurs at only English league football games and that it happens at **all** English league football matches. This is incorrect: it happens in other countries, and in this country at games other than soccer, and is due, not to the type of game played, but to the mentality of a very small minority of the spectators, who are a disgrace to any sport. That more such people are found on league football grounds is due to the fact that soccer draws larger gates than rugger. A minor point may be that, except in certain areas, rugby is the game of the public and grammar schools, and attracts as spectators those who have a good standard of manners and education.

To compare like with like, I wish to remind Mr. Steedman that there are in this country a great number of **amateur** soccer clubs whose code is as high as that of the Rugby Union clubs, including implicit obedience to the referee and the rules of the game, **and** three cheers from both sides at the end of the game.

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HOUSE NOTES			

ATKIN

ALTHOUGH Atkin's performance this term has not been as bad as in previous years, it has still to improve a great deal to oust Westminster from its apparently unassailable first place in the Coronation Cup competition. Since last term's House Notes were written, the Cross-Country Run, the Athletic Sports, and the Cricket matches, have been completed.

Although, as a House, Atkin's performance was not outstanding, certain individuals' achievements are noteworthy.

In the Cross Country, Atkin finished third, behind Westminster and Stitt. Although most competitors made a good effort, Edbrooke (5A) and Williams (2B) are specially to be congratulated, the former coming third in the Senior race, and the latter winning the Junior.

A fortnight later, the Annual Sports were held, and, although Westminster's winning was almost a foregone conclusion, the competition for second and third places between Atkin and Tate was very keen, Tate finally beating Atkin by 1 point as a result of its better performance in the relays. Hill (5B) deserves congratulations for his fine performance, being runner-up to Fraser in the competition for the Victor Ludorum.

The Senior cricket team has had a very successful season, losing only to Westminster. Walker (4A) was largely responsible for these victories with his very consistent bowling.

It is to be hoped that Atkin's overall improvement will be maintained in the future, and that the very promising juniors will extricate the House from the plight the Seniors have landed it in.

J. R. M. GURDEN.

STITT

THE term, and, indeed, the whole year, has been a very disappointing one for Stitt. Since the beginning of the term Stitt have achieved the distinction of finishing last in the Athletics Competition and in the Cricket Competition — two events in which Stitt have shone in former years. The Senior Cricket Team was unfortunate in losing to Atkin, beat Tate, and made a better impression on Westminster than either of our two rivals; the Junior XI lost all three matches.

This has been the pattern of the results in all competitions—the Senior half of the House has borne itself reasonably well and has achieved a certain amount of success, which was promptly nullified by their Junior colleagues. The moral of this tale of woe is that the Juniors—in whose ranks I am convinced there is a considerable quantity of potential talent (although latent at present)—must make every effort to realise their responsibilities within the House and endeavour to re-instate Stitt in its rightful position—at the top of the Championship Table.

In concluding, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking our Housemaster, Mr. D. S. W. Jones, who has supported us in all our tribulations with unflagging enthusiasm, and in addition I should like to thank all the boys who have represented the House during the year, especially K. C. Harding (U.VI.), D. Ratcliff (5A), J. Kellett (5A), and A. Woods of 3B, who have upheld the honour of Stitt in every Inter-House event this year. If every boy in the House were to strive to emulate these four, the Coronation Cup would soon be within our reach once more.

G. O. GREGORY.

TATE

DURING the last half of the Easter term, after the last House notes were written, two major School sporting events took place. The first was the annual inter-house cross-country race, and the second, the annual inter-house athletics match.

The result of the cross-country race was disappointing, as Tate was only third, while in the previous year we won the event. However, Keating of 4B must be congratulated for individually winning the Intermediate Section of the race.

In the Athletics match the result was far more encouraging; for Tate came second in the final placing, despite strong opposition. Nevertheless, we were unable to prevent Westminster from winning by a convincing margin.

On our return to School after the Easter holidays the second week of the summer term saw the beginning of the Senior House Cricket matches. Unfortunately the Seniors did not do too well; we cannot even boast a draw. The matches were lost by 9 wickets to Westminster, by 5 wickets to Atkin, and by 2 runs to Stitt. From these results it can be seen that the match against Stitt was the closest, and, indeed, this match proved to be filled with excitement both on and off the field. After the match was over Tate was declared the winner, according to the scorers, by one run. However, after several recounts it was decided that Stitt was the eventual victor.

Thus the honour of the House in cricket was left the Juniors to uphold and this they did with three magnificent wins; over Westminster by 19 runs, over Atkin by 9 wickets, and over Stitt by 3 runs. Copeland and Bargin deserve special mention for their superb bowling.

In the final placings of the inter-house cricket competition Tate were equal second with Atkin.

The emergence of Tate as champion house in Junior Cricket coupled with their achievements in other spheres is an encouraging sign, as it means, if this record of success and near success is continued throughout the years to come, that Tate will once more reestablish herself in her rightful position as Champion House.

J. A. G. WILLIAMS.

WESTMINSTER

BEFORE the last **Visor** appeared the Athletic Sports and Cross Country competitions had been completed, but unfortunately were completed too late to be reported.

Possibly the highlights of the year for the House were these two events. In the Cross Country the House regained the Championship it lost to Tate last year. It was a fine all-round effort, and all boys are to be congratulated. The House has the individual winner and runner-up of the Senior event in the persons of J. S. Fraser and T. J. Graham (the latter ran despite a back injury).

In the Athletic Sports the House won by the large margin of 218 points from the nearest house. The following are to be congratulated in the number of points they gained:— Brown (38), Oldham (32), Caplin (30), Fraser (29 and Senior Victor Ludorum), Watson (24), Evans (25), Colgan (22), Steedman (20), Beattie (21), McNulty (21).

With the House coming second in the marksheet at Christmas the retention of the Coronation Cup is assured.

In the Senior Cricket the House won all three games by 9 wickets and 8 wickets (twice). Willan headed the bowling averages with 20 wickets for 41 runs. Steedman headed the batting being undefeated in all games for a total of 42 runs. It is hoped that the Juniors will do as well.

Finally I should like to thank all members of the House for a memorable and pleasant year, and also I should like to thank Mr. Hughes for his help and co-operation. The House can consider themselves extremely lucky to have such a good House Master, and as a last word I should like to wish my successor the best of luck, and I am sure he will keep the Blue flag flying.

A.S.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

THE annual races were held in three parts on 23rd March 1962. Three hundred and twenty-six boys ran and completed the course. Individual winners were:—

Junior Race: J. Williams of Atkin House;

Intermediate Race: A. Keating of Tate House;

Senior Race: J. Fraser of Westminster House.

House Placings in the various groups were:—

Juniors 1. Westminster.

2. Stitt.

3. Tate.

4. Atkin.

Inters. 1. Tate.

2. Stitt.

3. Westminster.

4. Atkin.

Seniors 1. Westminster.

2. Atkin.

3. Stitt.

4. Tate.

The final results and placings were:—

1. Westminster.

2. Stitt.

3. Tate.

4. Atkin.

Thanks are due to Mr. L. T. Malcolm who organised the events so efficiently.

J.D.H.

ATHLETICS 1962.

THIS year we managed to concentrate our Athletics programme into the second half of the Easter term and Sports Day was held before the Easter holidays. Again we were fortunate with the weather and had a fine sunny day, a little cold perhaps, but ideal for the athletes. No new School records were created, but six new Best Performances were recorded in various events. Pole Vaulting was introduced for the first time in the form of an exhibition event, and G. Clays of the Lower 6th cleared 8 feet. Again the Ladies' Committee are to be thanked for their catering efforts, and all enjoyed the afternoon.

Town Trials and Championships.

As a result of trials held on our field and at Park High School, three of our boys were selected to represent Birkenhead in the Cheshire Championships at Crewe on June 23rd. E. Evans, 100 yards; B. Hill, Long Jump; J. Fraser, 880 yards.

In the Senior Mile J. Fraser of the Upper 6th broke the School record with a time of 4 mins. 44.8 secs., (previous record by Fraser 4 mins. 50.1 secs.) after having won the 880 yards in 2 mins. 10.8 secs.

In the Senior and Intermediate Championships the School finished third in each section, and all are to be congratulated on their efforts.

v. Wallasey Technical Grammar School.

The match this year was restricted to Lower 6th and 5th year boys, and despite a poor start the School managed to win the match by 115½ points to 102½ points. School firsts included:—

M. Jacobs: High Jump, 5' 0".
 E. Evans: 100 yards, 11 secs.
 C. Thornton: Javelin, 130' 5".
 B. Hill: Long Jump, 18' 6".
 D. Pritchard: Shot, 32' 7½".
 T. Graham: Mile, 5 mins. 24 secs.

County Championships 1962.

At the Cheshire Schools' Athletics Championships held at Crewe E. Evans was second in 110 yards in 10.5 secs., and J. Fraser was 2nd in 880 yards in 2 mins. 6 secs. Both are to be congratulated on their fine effort. J.D.H.

FIRST XI CRICKET.

Wellington School — Draw. B.I. 125; Wellington 69 for 6.
 Holt High School — Cancelled. Rain Storm.
 Wirral Grammar School — Loss. B.I. 67; Wirral 68 for 3.
 Chester Grammar School — Loss. Chester 155 for 9 dec.; B.I. 67.
 Rock Ferry High School — Draw. Rock Ferry 113; B.I. 69 for 4.
 Calday Grange Grammar School — Draw. B.I. 106; Calday 66 for 7.
 Wallasey Technical Grammar School — Win. Wallasey 47; B.I. 48 for 2.
 Alsop High School — Win. B.I. 141 for 5 dec.; Alsop 34.
 Park High School — Draw. Park High 131 for 3 dec.; B.I. 67 for 9.
 Ellesmere Port — Draw. Ellesmere Port 100 for 7 dec.; B.I. 67 for 8.

THE cricket season, shorter than ever this year because of the lateness of Easter, started with the usual mixture of rain and gales, and attempts to hold practices were frequently thwarted. The comparatively new team therefore went into the first match somewhat of an unknown quantity and scored 124 runs, Hansen making 44 and Steedman 21. Wellington School had made 69 for 6 at the close.

Put in first by Wirral Grammar School, the School could muster only 67 runs, and this total was passed for the loss of 3 wickets.

At Chester, the home side made 155 for 9 declared, the School's fielding being well below standard. On batting, B.I. started well enough but collapsed later, being all out for 67, Hansen making 27.

Having won the toss, Rock Ferry High School elected to bat and made 113 runs, the School making 69 for 4 wickets before stumps were drawn.

Batting first against Calday Grange Grammar School, the School made 106, Hamlet and Lindop making 25 and 22 respectively, and Steedman hitting a lightning 37. When fielding, the School began extremely well, good catches being made by Hansen, Brown (2), and Steedman (2), Steedman's first being a brilliant effort. With 35 minutes to go, Calday were 31 runs for 7 wickets, but their batsmen managed to hold out and force a draw. Parry took 4 wickets for 29 runs.

The first win came with the game against Wallasey Technical Grammar School, who were all out for 37 runs, Steedman taking 6 wickets for 25 runs, and Parry 4 wickets for 17 runs. The School then hit 48 runs for the loss of two wickets, Hamlet making 26 not out.

Against Alsop High School, the School won the toss, batted first and made 141 for 5 declared, Steedman hitting 55, Hamlet 24 and Hansen 20. Alsop were then dismissed for a total of 34, Parry taking a wicket with his second ball and finishing with 4 wickets for 16 runs, and Steedman taking 4 wickets for 11 runs. The bowlers were helped by two very good catches by Lindop and a smart run out by Ratcliff.

After this very convincing win the School came close to defeat when playing Park High School who declared at 131 runs for 3 wickets, the bowling and fielding helping to swell the total. On batting, the School at one time were 43 for 8 wickets with half an hour to go but a good stand between McKittrick and Parry, who put on 24, saved the day.

The thanks of the team are due to the Ladies' Committee for providing teas throughout the season, the groundsman for his work on the square, and Forshaw for his in the score book.

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

DURING the latter half of this school year, the Geological Group of the Geographical Society has been meeting every week in the Geography room under the chairmanship of Mr. Taylor.

Our work during this time has been mainly devoted to the study of fossils and the way in which to identify the different species. This has been a fascinating subject to study, and our minds have been greatly enlightened by the sound and convincing words of Mr. Taylor. It is a pity however that the numbers at these meetings are not as great as we should like, and we should be very pleased to see a few more come along.

On behalf of the Society we should like to thank Mr. Taylor for his interesting talks, and hope that next term there will be more along to listen to them.

THE CADER IDRIS TRIP.

THE eagerly awaited geological trip to Cader Idris, a not so formidable peak six miles south east of Barmouth, took place on the first day of the Easter holiday this year. The party, comprising ten members of the Sixth form geography set and three members of Staff, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Langley, and Mr. Jones, left Birkenhead in a hired minibus at the wheel of which was Mr. Taylor. Owing to the latter's superb driving skill we were eating our lunch within three and a half hours of starting, beside Tal Y Llyn, a ribbon lake about two miles south of Cader Idris. One point of interest concerning Tal Y Llyn was the presence, on its north side, of an alluvial fan.

At approximately twelve hundred hours Mr. Jones, that celebrated mountain guide, led off on the first stage of the ascent, towards Llyn Cau, the cwm tarn immediately below Cader Idris. We reached Llyn Cau at its mouth, where a small stream left the cwm, so that facing us were the latter's steep sides, reaching up to the top of Cader Idris and the adjoining col.

Climbing up to the col proved to be the stiffest part of the ascent; nevertheless, three o'clock saw us at the top of Cader Idris, admiring the view, somewhat obscured by a light haze. Just discernible to the north-west were the tidal estuary of the River Mawddach and the railway bridge leading to Barmouth, whilst Aberdovey, to the south west, was only occasionally visible through the haze.

Also taking in the panoramic view from the top of Cader Idris was a fourteen-day-old baby who put to shame those members of our party who did not attain the summit. In fairness perhaps it ought to be pointed out that the baby had made the climb by means of a canvas bag, strapped to its parent's back.

The return journey was made over the same route which was used to go up, and nothing new was encountered, worth relating here. The minibus was still there when we got back, and so we returned home forthwith.

GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY MEETING.

Early this term the Geography Society was fortunate indeed in receiving a visit from Doctor Brookes, a lecturer at Liverpool University, who lived up to his reputation by giving a most comprehensive and enlightening talk on Poland. With the help of cleverly selected and photographed slides his talk presented a full and interesting picture of Poland and its people.

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REUNION DINNER.

THE next Reunion Dinner is to be held at the Masonic Temple, Clifton Road, Birkenhead, on Saturday, 6th October. Once again, Old Boys will be travelling from many parts of the country to spend the evening together, renewing friendships made at School and strengthening their ties with the School of today. Tickets, price one pound each, may be obtained from Mr. L. T. Malcolm, 5 St. Seiriol Grove, Birkenhead.

The annual golf match was played recently at the Wirral Ladies' Golf Club, Noctorum, when the 'W. J. Pyke' Cup was won by Paul Simpson. Play was followed by a buffet supper and the evening proved most enjoyable. The thanks of members are due to Harold Owen who organised the event well and who is to organize next year's match, probably at Bidston.

The annual cricket match against the School is to be played at Ingleborough Road on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th July.

Once again the Headmaster has invited a representative of the Association to the School on the last day of the summer term to present the Old Boys' Sports Prizes.

The Committee were delighted to hear recently from Mr. W. Rennie, who left B.I. in 1919, and to learn of the advancement of another Old Boy, Mr. G. R. Weir, B.Eng., M.R.I.N.A., a colleague at the Ministry of Transport. Mr. Weir was promoted in April to the post of Chief Ship Surveyor of the Ministry, which is, of course, responsible for the Regulations governing the safety and habitability of all U.K. merchant shipping. Mr. Weir took his engineering degree at Liverpool University and served his apprenticeship with Cammell Laird and Company in 1919-24. While there he was awarded a Lloyds Register scholarship in naval architecture. After a short period on the staff of Alfred Holt and Company, he joined the Board of Trade as a ship surveyor in 1931. During the second world war Mr. Weir worked at the Ministry of Shipping and Admiralty, and in 1945 he was appointed Assistant Director of Merchant Shipbuilding. He returned to the Ministry of Transport in 1946 as a Senior Ship Surveyor, and was appointed Deputy Principal Sea Transport Surveyor in 1952. From 1953 to 1959 he was on loan to the Admiralty as Deputy Director of Merchant Shipbuilding and Repairs, subsequent to which he became Principal Surveyor for Tonnage at the Ministry, which post he vacated to become Chief Ship Surveyor.

Both Mr. Weir and Mr. Rennie are travelling north for the Reunion Dinner in October.

The Committee take this opportunity of reminding members of the large range of Old Institution goods which can be obtained from Messrs. Bibby and Perkin, Grange Road, Birkenhead. This includes the Association tie (black with open gold visors in diagonal lines, in a new and much improved material, for which an Association membership card must be produced), scarves, tie pins, cuff links, tankards, and car badges.

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WITH the 1961/62 season now finished, we can look back on one of the most successful seasons in the history of the club.

The first team have played consistently good football and, although they have not retained the championship, have finished in second place, one point behind Prescot G.S.O.G., but way ahead of any other club, 7 points in fact. They also reached the final of the Senior Trophy—I say reached because in the final they played their worst game for many seasons, succumbing to Prescot once again to the tune of 8-0; so in two successive finals they have been beaten—maybe it will be third time lucky next season.

All credit to the first team though, because it can be said that only one team beat them—that being Prescot—three times—sweet revenge for last season when Prescot were beaten three times by us.

The club was honoured in playing a game against a league trial XI which we won 5-3, Alan Jones scoring 4. In the annual league game against the Lancashire and Cheshire leagues, the club had three representatives, Dave Lee, Frank Stalker, and Mike Parry, the result being a 4-4 draw.

The first team's record this season was:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
22	15	5	2	80	44	35
4 Cup games		2 Friendlies		TOTAL 28.		

The consistency of the 1st team this season is reflected in the appearances of its members. They called upon only 13 regular members, and eight played in 22 or more of the 28 games played—the only ever present being Paul Lomax.

Leading scorers were Dave Lee with 26, Frank Stalker 19, Roy Povall 14, and Alan Jones, 10.

The club's leading scorer, however, was Roy Povall with a grand total of 28, 14 for the first team, 4 for the second, and 10 for the third team. He was very closely followed by Dave Lee with 27.

The second team had easily their best season for a very long time, finally finishing in second place after leading the table for the greater part of the season, but, like the first team, failing to make it at the end, dropping valuable home points.

Most of the credit for the team's excellent record must go to Jack Kernaghan, for his unfailing efforts, both on and off the field. He has led the team to many fine wins; some by the odd goal, but some very convincing.

With the first team having so few changes, the second team have been able to field a more regular side than in previous seasons, but, even so, only one player had a 100 per cent. appearance record, namely Jack Kernaghan, but Alan Harding, Brian Ball, Alan O'Connor, and Ian McMaster all had over 80 per cent. Their record for the season was:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
20	11	6	3	64	40	28

The leading scorers were Geoff Greaves 13, Alan Jones 10, Jackie Phipps 8, and Brian Ball 7.

Owing to the small number of teams in the 2nd Division, by having a bye in the first round of the Junior Trophy their first game was in the quarter finals, in which they went down 5-4 to the eventual league champions, Old Xaverians, at home. In the game they were 4-1 up with 30 minutes remaining for play, but some very bad refereeing decisions gave Old Xaverians the chance to make it 4-3, and two goals in the last five minutes put Old Xavs. through to the semi-final.

The third team did not fulfil the promise of last season, when they were 2nd to Old Xaverians on goal average, but after a poor start to the season they settled down, playing attractive football, and eventually finished in 4th position. Their record was:—

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
16	6	3	7	57	52	15

3 Friendlies and 2 Cup Games.

As in both the 1st and 2nd teams, the team had only one ever present—T. Hughes; but Charlie Thompson, Bob Davies, Doug Jones, Frank Taylor, Neil Sharrocks, Stan Grayson, and Geoff. Leeming all had over 11 games.

Leading scorers were Sharrocks 14, Povall 10 (in 7 games), Taylor 12, and Phipps 7.

In a lighter vein the club played the Rugby club in what is becoming an annual fixture. The result, although I don't think that matters very much, was a 5-5 draw, Roy Dorrity kindly refereeing. The Soccer club in turn beat the Rugby Club at its own game—the result being a 13-5 win for the Soccer club.

This season the Association has opened its new premises at Argyle Street, and we as a club are very much indebted to all those who have helped independent of which section they belong to. The rooms themselves are used regularly during the season after the game and on Monday nights.

The club held its Hot-Pot Supper at the Arrowe Park Hotel on 7th May. This was attended by some 30 members, and it was pleasing to see some of our non-playing strength there, including Mr. Webb and Mr. Malcolm. Whilst this was not quite the success of the previous year, it is hoped to make this an annual event.

Next season we hope the lower divisions will be considerably strengthened in number, and it is our ultimate aim to have games on most Saturdays in the season. With this in mind and possibly a fourth team we should like to see as many new faces as possible from the School. Anybody that plays football please get in touch with Mr. Malcolm or me, and we will do all we can to see that you get a regular game.

Finally I would like to extend the best wishes of the club to the Headmaster and Staff and all the boys in the School; also the very best for the future to all those that are leaving this term.

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AT the time of writing, the pavilion is well on the way to completion. The walls are nearly finished, and one can get a fair idea of its appearance from Woodchurch Road. The roof is next; then the problem of scraping an empty bank for the internal decorations.

The field is showing the new grass, and, provided we have no more heat waves, should be playable at the end of the next season. We have every hope of playing on Solly Recreation ground, just round the corner from the pavilion, for the beginning of the season.

It seems that we have only just saved the club from extinction, because even as I write the Greasby ground is being marked out for Soccer by Tranmere Rovers. With the persistent vandalism prevalent at the Greasby pavilion, they are welcome to it now. Still, it was a near thing.

On Whit Saturday the Barbecue was held at the Greasby ground for the last time, and in future will be held at the field alongside the new pavilion. Car parking is our only problem there. Without doubt, Brian Cadman is to be complimented once again on the success of this 4th Annual Barbecue.

The Annual Dinner in April was well attended, and it seems that a guest speaker will be asked to attend every year from now on. This year Colin Wellings was good enough to accept our invitation. The Jeff Thomas trophy was won by Howard Jones this year. Howard is well known for his playing prowess, but, of course, this is not the main requirement for the Trophy. He has served on the General Committee, been vital to the new Pavilion committee with his professional services, and finally has carried the job of Team Secretary on his shoulder without complaint. It will be remembered that last year there was the classical pregnant silence when the post of Team Secretary was put to the club for nominations, until Howard stepped forward.

The A.G.M. was held at the R.A.F.A. club and the officers for the year are:—

President — E. G. WEBB.

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Chairman of Selection Committee — H. BECKETT.

Two members other than Captains of Selection Committee —

J. EDELSTON and P. A. RYAN.

Team Secretary — V. W. SMITH.

Chairman of Ground Committee — A. BODEN.

Two additional Members of General Committee — N. G.

LITTLE and R. KIRCHENER.

**Chairman of Field Development Committee — T. S
HODGSON.**

It is expected that the Field Development Committee will merge into the Ground Committee during the year. This Committee could be called the Foundation Committee for the new ground, but it should never be forgotten that those in office, even when the club was in Ingleborough Road, should take the credit for making the new ground possible.

Tony Doveston takes the helm, or rather the ball, this year and has already worked out a training scheme starting in July. Schoolboys will be welcome to join in the training, which will be held at the new ground. After completing three hundred press-ups you can then finish off by painting a door or putting the electrics in. Incidentally, the Rugby club hates to beg, but any gifts to help in the pavilion will be gratefully accepted. Your practical help, however, is just as acceptable; so, if you can possibly manage it this Summer, please lend a hand in the various tasks before us, Fencing, Car Park, Electricity, Plumbing, Decorating, etc.

We end these notes by extending an invitation to all Instonians to to use our new lounge in the coming year, including our Soccer friends. We will take anyone's money at the bar. Of course, we should be happier if every Instonian became a full member of the Rugby Club.

OLD INSTONIANS GOLFING SOCIETY.

W. J. PYKE CUP.

THE annual golf competition for the W. J. Pyke Cup was played at Wirral Ladies' Golf Club on Thursday, 31st May. The meeting received the best-ever support, 21 competitors turning out for the event. They enjoyed ideal weather conditions in an enchanting setting. Following the play, a meal was served in the clubhouse. Competitors were joined by the guests of the evening, Messrs. E. G. Webb, R. Hall, E. Sorby, L. T. Malcolm, and A. R. Thacker. The winner of the event was P. P. Simpson, who returned a net score of 70. Mr. E. G. Webb kindly presented the trophy to the winner, and prizes to the runners-up, G. A. Gould, R. M. Delf, and D. T. H. Whalley, each of whom returned 71 net.

Leading scores:—

Winner:

P. P. Simpson	90	—	20	70
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Runners-up:

G. A. Gould	75	—	4	71
R. M. Delf	85	—	14	71
D. T. H. Whalley	76	—	5	71

Other returns:

D. S. Bruce	94	—	20	74
A. Jenks	91	—	17	74
A. M. Phillips	92	—	18	74
J. G. McCoy	95	—	20	75
G. L. Kettlewell	97	—	22	75
F. O. Davies	84	—	7	77
F. A. Jobson	86	—	9	77
W. J. Pyke	99	—	19	78

(One or two of the tail-enders desire to remain unidentified, as they wasted substance and shots in 'exploring' uncharted areas of the course.)

H. H. OWEN.

H. Davies	88	—	10	78
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