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EDITORIAL

THIS year is the Quatercentenary of the School, or, more accurately, the four-hundredth anniversary of the occasion when Queen Elizabeth I granted a charter to James Pilkington, Bishop of Durham, to found a grammar school at Rivington.

It is as a mark of respect for this occasion that 'The Rivingtonian' has abandoned its customary green cover and rather austere lay-out for one that we hope our readers will find more attractive.

This has been made possible only by a generous grant from the funds of the Quatercentenary Committee, by the kindness of the photographic departments of 'Lancashire Life' and Messrs. Tillotsons Newspapers Ltd. and by the skilled advice and willing co-operation of our own staff experts in art and photography, Miss W. Pearson and Mr. R. G. Allenby respectively.

To them and also to the Headmaster and various other members of the Staff, to the officials of the Association of Old Rivingtonians and the Parents' Association, to the House Captains and all other contributors and assistants We offer our sincere thanks.

We are also pleased to acknowledge our receipt, during the past year, of copies of 'The Balshavian', 'The Boltonian', 'The Bolton School (Girls' Division) Magazine', 'The Chorleian', 'The Haywardian', 'Lumen' and 'The Wigan Grammar School Magazine'.

School Notes

SEVERAL changes of Staff have occurred during the past school year. In September 1965 we welcomed our new Senior Mistress, Mrs. Kay and two new masters, Mr. Harrison, to take charge of Biology and Mr. Lever as a part-time teacher of Latin. Since it had not been possible to find a successor for Miss Davies, our Music mistress, who had officially retired at the end of the previous term, she kindly consented to help us out by keeping at her post until Christmas; since then there has been no one in charge of the subject. A similar difficulty was found in obtaining a mistress for Physical Education but, fortunately, two qualified Old Rivingtonians, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Holt, arranged their domestic duties to enable them to take turns in part-time teaching until Christmas and in January we welcomed our new full-time mistress, Miss Thomas.

We very much regret that Mrs. K. L. Jones, who has given part-time assistance in Physical Education and English since September 1958, has decided to give up teaching at the end of this term, but, of course, she will retain a very strong link with the school and we hope we shall see her on many future occasions. At the same time we are, unfortunately, losing three of our masters, valuable also as members of the Staff cricket team: Mr. Topping, who has been with us for the past five years, teaching French and German, is going to Worsley Wardley Grammar School, Mr. Chatterton, who came in September 1962, is going to take charge of Geography at Abbeydale Grammar School for Girls, Sheffield, and Mr. Hodson, our master for Physical Education for the past two years, is taking up an appointment in public relations with Shell and B.P. Oil Co. Ltd. Also leaving us at the end of this term is Mlle. Verrier, our French assistante whose company and help we have enjoyed throughout the past school year. We wish them all success and happiness in the future.

We also wish much happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Jolley (formerly Miss Cheetham) who were married on April 2nd, and we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall on the birth of a son on October 4th and Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton on the birth of a daughter on May 21st.



IT was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mr. T. Sykes, at the age of 84, on October 17th, 1965. Although it was nearly twenty years since he had retired after forty years' service as gardener and caretaker, he had been, until the past year, a familiar figure at almost all school functions, Old Rivingtonians' Reunion Services and many a School cricket match. How pleased he would have been if he could have shared our Quatercentenary celebrations this year!

On the occasion of his cremation at Overdale on October 22nd the service was attended by Mr. Jenner, a wreath was sent on behalf of the School and our flag was flown at half-mast.

We also regret the death on June 9th of Mrs. Downes who for so long had served on both of the School's boards of Governors and had supported so many of its functions. Her funeral at Ridgmont Cemetery on June 14th was attended by Mr. Jenner.

AS is almost traditional, the Old Rivingtonians had beautiful weather for their Reunion Weekend at the beginning of October. The Old Boys won the football match but the Old Girls lost at hockey. The service was held on the Sunday and was conducted by the Reverend G. W. Wood of Horwich. The school choir led the singing and Ian Smith played the organ.

As usual three services were held in the School Chapel on Founders' Day, Friday, October 29th. Mr. Jenner conducted the two junior services and the Reverend N. W. Peet, Vicar of Rivington, conducted the senior service at which the address was given by the Reverend F. Taylor, Vicar of Daisy Hill.

The day's holiday authorised by the Minister for Education and Science to be observed during 1965, in commemoration of the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215, was taken on Friday, December 3rd.

There was a departure from the normal in that only two Christmas Parties were held at the end of the Autumn Term. The first, second and third formers had an afternoon party at Rivington Hall Barn. The senior party was held in the evening in the School Hall and enjoyed by all, although there was some disappointment at the absence of any decorations.

Junior and Senior Speech Days were amalgamated this year because of the Quatercentenary celebrations. In the morning a service was held according to the Prayer Book of 1549 which Bishop James Pilkington favoured. The service was conducted by the Reverend W. Morgan who was assisted by Mr. J. Ackers. Sir Harry Pilkington, a member of the same family as the Bishop, presented the prizes and was the guest of honour at the Old Rivingtonians' Dinner in the evening.

Sports Day was held, as arranged, on Wednesday May 23rd but the weather never fulfilled the promise of the forecast. Holme House continued their run of successes in recent years and were well in front of their nearest rivals Queen's. They also became the second holders of the John Watkin Trophy for the U.15 age-group of boys.

The matches between the Staff and pupils were played with the usual enthusiasm, the women being victorious at netball but the men losing both football and cricket. In a mixed doubles knock-out contest at tennis Mr. Harrison and Judith Ormerod ultimately emerged as winners.



DURING the past year, the organ in the Chapel has been played by Ian Smith, Pamela Mason, Margaret Holden, Michael Farnworth and Marilyn Fleming who have also taken turns with Paul Mason in playing the piano in the Hall for morning assembly.

The School swimming baths have been available to pupils during the last weeks of the Summer term both during P.E. lessons and also at dinner times under the supervision of members of Staff who have kindly given up their spare time.

A team consisting of Martin, Ryder, Scott, Stebbings, Draper and Heaps from the third form has been entered for a forthcoming fishing competition. This is in fact the annual inter-schools angling championship organised by Wigan and

District Northern Anglers' Association. It is to be fished in Haigh Canal near Red Rock on August 27th and it will be interesting to see how the team fares. This is one of the first activities of the School Angling Club recently formed by Mr. Jenner.

During the summer holidays a party consisting of 42 pupils accompanied by Mr. Morgan, Miss Wilson and Miss Ward are spending two weeks in Italy. They will travel by coach to London and then by train to Folkstone before crossing to Calais. The party will then travel over the French border and through Switzerland to Italy. Four nights are to be spent in Rome, and then a week in Vico-Equense near Naples where a coach will be at their disposal. On the return journey a further two nights will be spent in Florence.

An excellent job has recently been made of restoring the belfry which now stands out very well and is recognisable from quite a distance away. A considerable amount of external repainting has also been carried out during the year.

A very fine gesture was made by the Lower VI girls who operated a school postal service at Christmas and donated the money they earned to Fallbirch Hospital.

As one of this year's Quatercentenary activities, members of the fifth and sixth forms were invited to enter a competition for a prize-winning essay on James Pilkington. Unfortunately there were disappointingly few entries and even these relied too heavily on their sources. The essay which was finally judged to be the best of these bore the name of 'Pathfinder', which proved to be the pseudonym of Sheena Savery of VA, to whom the prize will, therefore, be awarded.



OUR hearty congratulations go to William Harrison (U.VI) who has been offered a place at University College, Oxford, to read Chemistry.

Congratulations also to Beryl Cocker (L.VI) on gaining the A.L.C.M. for elocution; to Susan Hart (IVB) for obtaining an intermediate honours pass in elocution for the L.C.M.; to Pauline Molyneaux (IVA) for passing the Senior Primary examination in elocution conducted by the Poetry Lovers' Fellowship; to Gillian Slovinsky (IVB) for winning the same organization's Junior Silver Medal; to Anne Perkin (IIIB) for obtaining a first and second place and to Janet Robinson (IIA) for obtaining a second place for singing in the Horwich Arts Festival.

We also congratulate Leslie Fairclough (LVI) on being awarded a Duke of Edinburgh's bronze medal; Susan Povey (IVB) on winning the J. A. Blears Cup for Home Nursing in Lancashire (Area 2) of St. John's Ambulance Brigade; Linda Higginson (IIIB) on winning the Westhoughton Nursing Cadet Divisional Prize for an essay on 'Life in the St. John's Ambulance Cadets'; and Gwyneth Hewis (VC) on gaining the Unitarian President's Award.

Finally we congratulate Gordon Grice and Michael Fleming (L.VI) on playing for Blackburn Rovers Junior team; David Stevens (VA) for winning the 2nd team catching prize and Derek Derbyshire for winning the 3rd team batting prize awarded by the Bolton and District Cricket League.

THE following have been prefects this year:

Girls:

Head Girl: Jean Ivill

Deputy: Celia Winnard

Prefects: Kathleen Birchall, Pauline Bradshaw, Christine Dougill, Kathryn Grundy, Margaret Harwood, Cathryn Higham, Susan Jackson, Kathleen Leach, Pamela Mason, Carol Metcalfe, Sandra Murphy, June Ormerod, Joyce Ponton, Kay Rudkin, Janet Thomas.

Boys:

Head Boy: John F. Seager.

Deputy: Richard Bridge

Prefects: W. Harrison, E. Hornby, G. Butterworth, R. Craven, P. Fletcher, I. Howarth, T. Higham, K. Jolley, M. Laws, S. MacIvor, S. Marshall, K. Parker, A. Simkin, R. Smith.

THE number of pupils on the School roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 535, 241 of them boys and 294 girls.

WE wish success and happiness in the future to the following pupils who have left since June, 1965.

Summer Term, 1965: Carol Ashcroft, Carole Ashton, Marie Allison, Thomas Ambrose, Pauline Bromley, Margaret Bullough, Frank Barnes, Eric Ball, Jean Berry, Rita Bibby, Jean Bilsborrow, Jean Boydell, Madeline Bullough, Elaine Burr, Robert Bullough, J. B. W. Bailey, Pamela Barnes, Kathleen Cadman, David Catterall, Hilary Chadwick, Elaine Crossland, Roy Carney, Stuart Dando, Vivien Dennett, June Dennison, Patricia Dick, Philip Drinkwater, Kathleen Elliott, Joyce Edwards, Raymond Evans, David Fairhurst, David Farnworth, Joan Gilbert, Valerie Harrison, David Hawkins, Anne Hibbert, Cynthia Hearsey, Lyn Harrison, Kathleen Hollowell, Marion Hook, Graham Houghton, Terence Hyland, Joy Hollowell, Paul Hancock, Susan Isherwood, Pamela Johnston, Brian Krikken, Kathleen Kenwright, Dennis Leech, William Long, David Lightbown, Christine Longworth, Joyce Lewis, Joan Lang, Linda Marshall, Carole Martin, Doreen Mason, Douglas Mason, Paul Millard, Barrie Malpas, John Marsden, David Makinson, Susan Major, Margaret Matthews, Margaret Nash, Katherine Oldham, David Pilkington, Diane Prescott, John Parkinson, Linda Planner, Jennifer Povey, Brian Pilkington, John Rosbottom, Sandra Rilet, Jennifer Roughley, John Simkin, Maureen Smith, Terence Spencer, Anthony Schofield, Pauline Seddon, Pamela Sharrock, Eileen Stevens, Kay Stocker, George Stryker, Margaret Stryker, Leslie Speake, Norman Taylor, David Tickle, Peter Tickle, Sandra Thomason, Valerie Thomason, Duncan West, Jennifer Wilding, Linda Wood.

Autumn Term, 1965: Andrew Johnston, Christine Pimblett, Stephen Robinson, Janet Hodgkiss, Pauline Fairclough, Dorothy Johnston, Eric Laycock, Jean Marsden, Anne Kay, James Hartley, Kenneth Seddon, Madeleine Walkden, Jane Wright, John Walsh.

Spring Term, 1966: Lynda Holt, Marion Roberts, Paul Weston, Gloria Scholes, James Hannis, Paul Wilkinson.

WE heartily welcome the following pupils who have entered the School during the past year:

Autumn Term, 1965: Form IA. Joyce Adamson, Judith Allen, Howard Bates, Karen Bebbington, Sheila Brown, Stewart Charters, Christine Chivers, Dinah Coates, Elizabeth Eckersley, John Greenhalgh, Susan Haslam, Linda Heaps, Jeffrey Hewitt, Peter Holt, Alan Howarth, Linda Hunt, Lynn Marshall, Kathryn Martin, Colin Matthews, Carol Mercer, Jayne Partington, Richard Robinson, Julie Sanders, Anne Sharples, John Sherbourne, Richard Thompson, Sandra Trevor, Susan Vaudrey, Nigel Walsh, Christine Westhead, David Wolf, Clive Woodcock.

Form IB. Michael Adamson, Kathleen Atherton, Ann Berry, Neil Boyle, Joyce Calderbank, Lynn Caldwell, Christine Clayton, Sandra Dootson, Carol Farmer, Linda Ferguson, Richard Fort, Kathryn Ann Gittins, Brenda Haworth, Howard Haydock, Pauline Hayes, Brian Horsley, Glenn Hunt, Andrew Johnston, James Mayor, Stephen Oakes, Janet Page, Christine Pimblett, Jane Ratcliffe, Bryan Rogers, Jennifer Simm, Kathleen Sledge, Howard Smith, Kathryn Steventon, Eric Stryker, Linda Walkden, Hazel Webster, Michael Westhead.

Form IC. Pamela Ashcroft, Ginette Bates, David Blackburn, Maureen Brook, Christine Chadwick, Christine Colwell, Denise Cowap, Linda Dudley, Kathryn Gittins, Fred Green, Malcolm Harrison, Thomas Hartley, Julia Haslam, Susan Holding John Hollowell, Lynda Holt, David Horsley, Jean Howarth, Leonard Leaf, Pamela Nash, Hilary Parr, Alan Perry, Caroline Plowes, Shelagh Prescott, Kathryn Rutter, Geoffrey Sale, Geoffrey Schofield, Karen Speight, Trevor Steele, David Stockdale, Stephen Woods.

Other Forms: IIA. Anthony Bennett, **IIIB.** Gregory Park, **LVI.** Linda Park, John Howe, John Metcalfe, Paul Wilkinson.

Honours List

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1965

Advanced Level: T. Ambrose (E. G†. F.), C. Ashcroft (E. B.), J. B. W. Bailey (M.P.C.), F. W. Barnes (M*†. FM*†. P*), R. G. Bridge (C.), Pauline Bromley (M. P. C.), Margaret Bullough (E. S.), Kathleen Cadman (E.), D. Catterall (G.), S. R. Dando (M. P. C.), Kathleen Elliott (S.), R. Evans (M*. FM. P.), Joan Gilbert (E), P. Hancock (M.), W. Harrison (M. P*. C*†.), D. Hawkins (M. P. C), Anne Hibbert (E. L. F.), Catherine Higham (LVI) (M.), T. C. Higham (LVI) (M.), E. Hornby (G†. M.), Jean Ivill (M. FM.), B. E. Krikken (S.), D. Leech (G. M*. P.), D. R. Makinson (M. FM.), B. Malpas (M. P. C.), J. T. Marsden (M. FM. P.), Linda Marshall (B.), Carole Martin (E.), Doreen Mason (B.), D. A. Mason (M. FM.), P. L. Millard (M. C.), D. W. Pilkington (M.), Diane Prescott (E.), J. Rosbottom (M. P. C.), J. F. Seager (LVI) (M*), A. Simkin (LVI) (M.), J. Simkin (M. FM. P.), Maureen Smith (C. B.), L. J. Speake (G. M.), T. A. Spencer (M. FM.), N. Taylor (M. P. C*), D. H. Tickle (M. FM. P.).

Key; B - Biology, C - Chemistry, E - English Literature, F - French, G - Geography,
H - History, L - Latin, M - Mathematics FM - Further Mathematics, P - Physics,
S - Scripture Knowledge, * - Distinction, † - Grade 1 in Special Paper.

Ordinary Level: (Form V) (Number of Subjects passed is given in brackets; †denotes number in addition to subjects passed last year in Form IV): Leslie Airey (5)†, Marie Allison (2), Mary Ambrose (6)†, Rosemary Antrobus (7)†, E. D. Ball (4)†, Eileen Bateman (2), Jean Berry (1), Rita Bibby (1), Jean Bilsborrow (4), Jean Boydell (4), Diana Bridge (7)†, A. C. Brown (3), Judith Bush (4)†, R. Carney (7), Elaine Davies (2), P. A. Drinkwater (6)†, Joyce Edwards (3)†, L. Fairclough (5), D. Fairhurst, (3), Maureen Gibb (7), G. S. Grice (1)†, J. Hannis (1), A. B. Harrison (2), Lyn Harrison (4), D. Hart (5), J. H. G. Hartley (1), Jean Hatton (4), A. Hawkins (7)†, P. J. Holgate (3), Kathleen Hollowell (5), Sylvia Holt (5), G. Houghton (5), S. L. Hulse (1), Pamela Johnston (4), I. W. Jolley (5)†, Kathleen Kenwright (3), Angela Kirkman (4)†, Joyce Livsey (6), Christine Longworth (4), Susan Major (3), Jessie Makinson (2), D. W. Martin (3), S. Matthews (3), Jean Monks (6)†, Sheila Moss (6), Kathleen Nash (2), Katharine Oldham (5)†, J. B. Parkinson (1), Susan Pennington (6)†, Joan Phethean (6)†, B. Pilkington (6)†, Valerie Pilling (7)†, Jennifer Povey (3), Kathleen Rainford (6)†, Jennifer Roughley (6)†, K. Seddon (3), Pauline Seddon (4), Pamela Sharrock (1), Patricia Smethurst (2), I. G. Smith (6)†, G. J. Southworth (1), Eileen Stevens (3)†, Kay Stocker (5)†, Madaleine Walkden (3), J. M. Walsh (4), E. Whittaker (5), Jennifer Wilding (2), Linda Wood (1), S. Wood (6)†, Christine Wragg (5), Dorothy Wright (5), Jane Wright (2).

Ordinary Level, June (Form IV) ('A' sets in French (F) and Mathematics (M)): Brenda Adamson (F), T. R. Ashcroft (F. M), C. J. Barnes (F. M), E. Chadwick (F), Audrey Cooper (M), Linda Dougill (F. M), Audrey Green (F), Glenis Green (F), B. D. Griffiths (F. M), Dorothy Grime (F), S. T. Hambleton (F. M), J. M. Haworth (F. M), Wendy Heaton (F), J. Kay (M), Joan Lang (F. M), Gillian Pomfret (M), Barbara Ratcliffe (F. M), Sheena Savery (F. M), Lynda Sharp (F. M), D. Stevens (M), Valerie Tabron (F. M), Christine Yates (F).

Ordinary Level, June (to supplement previous certificate): Carole Ashcroft (C.), Carole Ashton (E.E.Lit.), Kathleen Birchall (S.), D. Catterall (B.), Elaine Crossland (E. M. C.), T. W. Dootson (P. E.), K. Fear (A. P.), Elaine Hall (P.), Valerie Harrison (A.), Christine Haydock (M.), Cynthia Hearsay (F.), S. W. MacIvor (F.), Sandra Murphy (F.), Diane Prescott (A.), Sandra Rilet (E. H. M. C.), Kay Rudkin (E.M.), Lesley Speake (D.Sc.), Janet Thomas (M.), Susan Wood (S.).

Ordinary Level, November (to supplement previous certificate): P. R. Balfour (G.), A. C. Brown (Ec.B.), D. Derbyshire (E.Lit.F.), L. Fairclough (B. M.), K. Fear (F.), M. S. Fleming (E.Lit.), G. S. Grice (E. P. Dr.), J. Hannis (E.), A. B. Harrison (H.), D. Hart (E.), J. H. G. Hartley (E.), P. J. Holgate (E. C.), S. L. Hulse (M.), J. M. Kay (F.), D. W. Martin (H.), K. Seddon (E.Lit.), J. H. Walsh (E.Lit.M.), Mary Ambrose (MM.), Judith Bush (M.), Elaine Davies (H.), Jean Hatton (E.), Mary Morris (E.M.), Sandra Murphy (M.), Kathleen Nash (M.), Pat Smethurst (E.C.), Madeleine Walkden (D.Sc.), Christine Wragg (D.Sc.), Dorothy Wright (E.Lit.), Jane Wright (D.Sc.).

Key: A - Art, B - Biology, C ~ Chemistry_ Dr — Geometrical and Engineering Drawing, D.Sc - Domestic Science, E - English Language, E.Lit — English Literature, Ec - Economics, F — French, G - Geography, H - History, M — Mathematics, MM - Pure Mathematics and Mechanics_ P - Physics, S' - Scripture Knowledge.

PRIZES

War Memorial Prizes: J . Simkin, Jean Ivill.

Chairman's Prizes: F. W. Barnes, Valerie Pilling.

Headmaster's Prize: W. Harrison.

Saxelby Prize for Geography: T. Ambrose.

Shawcross Prize for History: Pamela Mason.

Parents' Association Prizes for Meritorious Effort: D. Leech, D. Hart, Margaret Bullough, Susan Hart.

Bonnor Prizes: F. W. Barnes (Mathematics), R. Bridge (Chemistry), W. Harrison (Physics), Anne Hibbert (English and French), B. E. Krikken (Scripture), Maureen Smith (Biology).

Special Prizes: J . Butterworth (Woodwork), Maureen Gibb (Cookery), Jean Hatton (Cookery), I. W. Jolley (Engineering Drawing), Carole Martin (Art), Dorothy Shepherd (P.E. - Girls), J . Simkin (P.E. - Boys), D. Tickle (Music).

Form Prizes:

Lower VI—A. Seager, Susan Jackson.

V - Attainment: Mary Ambrose, Rosemary Antrobus, Joan Phethean, Jean Monks. Effort Maureen Gibb, L. Fairclough.

IV - Attainment: T. Ashcroft, B. D. Griffiths, Sheena Savery, Valerie Tabron. Effort: R. Hanson, D. Tilley.

III(A) - I. S. Brook, J . Hilton, J . Rosbottom. **(B)** - P. J . Roberts, Marion Burrows. **(C)** - Susan Hart.

II(A) - Barbara Moss, Judith Redford, Denise Allsopp. **(B)** - Angela Steventon, Carol Whittle. **(C)** - Geraldine Webb.

I(A) - Jean Tomlinson, Christine Hall. **(B)** - D. Kitts, L. W. Huson. **(C)** - Gillian Sharp, G. P. Benson.

Activities and Organizations

THE LIBRARY

THE School Library has been open for the greater part of the year and available to all for the purposes of private study, reference and light reading. However, it is hoped that the enthusiasm which marks the visits of the lower forms to the library will remain with them as they proceed up the School and not tend to dwindle as has been the case in previous years.

As regards the number of books in our library, the already excellent stock has been added to by generous gifts from Whittingham who gave us "The Mink Book" and from Mrs. Kay who gave us "Facts about Germany" and "The Blue of Capricorn."

Finally I would like to thank Miss Gleave for giving so much of her time to the work of the library, Susan Wood, my assistant, for her work and also those members of the Lower Sixth, both boys and girls, who helped with daily library duty and collection of magazines.

Susan L. Jackson (Upper VI), Head Librarian.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MOVEMENT

SINCE the C.E.M. received very little support in the earlier part of the year, it was ultimately decided to amalgamate with the newly formed Debating Society for a trial period and therefore help towards the success of this venture.

On February 9th a party of Sixth-formers attended a conference on "Race Relations in Britain" at Smithills Grammar School. Various speakers, who all had connection with the racial problem in Manchester, gave very interesting and enlightening talks. After tea everybody dispersed into discussion groups. The conference ended with a question time.

The conference was followed up with a debate on Racial Discrimination at the next meeting of the Debating Society.

We were unable to attend the other two conferences as they coincided with the commencement of the school examinations.

Pamela Mason and Christine M. Haydock (Secs.), U.VI.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairmen: S. W. McIvor, Kathryn Grundy.

Secretaries: Brenda Giles, Christine Holden.

Committee: Cathryn Higham, Jean Ivill, Celia Winnard, Margaret Harwood, P. Fletcher, R. Smith.

AT the beginning of the Spring Term, with the help and encouragement of Mr. Chatterton, the senior pupils formed a Debating Society. When we had overcome our initial shyness, several interesting debates were held. Despite the fact that we were a newly-formed society, two guest speakers were invited. Our first guest was Mr. Stephen Murphy from the Independent Television Authority who spoke about "The effect of television on viewers." After several postponements, we were eventually able to have with us Rev. D. H. Wright, the Divisional Education Officer who joined with us in a discussion about "Comprehensive Education."

On behalf of all those who attended and enjoyed the meetings, we should like to thank Mr. Chatterton for organising the Society and Mr. Morgan and Mr. Savage for their much-valued opinions.

Brenda Giles and Cathryn Higham, U.VI.

MUSIC CLUB

ON Friday dinner times during the Autumn and Spring terms the Music Club has met in the Music Room.

We listened to a large selection of records by various composers ranging from classical to modern. Some of the records were supplied by the staff and some by the pupils. During the Easter term we listened to records of the life stories of some of the composers.

On behalf of all the members of the Music Club I would like to thank Mr. Lowe for organising and presiding over these meetings.

Pamela Mason, U.VI.

HOBBIES CLUB

THIS year it was decided that Hobbies Club should be held for one hour on Thursday evenings after school, as there would be more time for members to get on with their work.

Attendance has been fairly consistent throughout the year. However, only very few girls continued to come and therefore the numbers were made up mainly by boys from the third form upwards.

All members have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, making their coffee tables, guitars, bookstands, cupboards, bowls and stools.

We thank Mr. Cowell for sacrificing some of his spare time and Mr. Jenner for the use of the woodwork room and also for showing his interest by dropping in from time to time for a chat.

Kathleen Rainford, L.VI.

JUNIOR DRAMA GROUP

THE Drama Group this year did not perform a play at the Youth Drama Festival as they have done for the past two years. This was because the Festival coincided with the field course in Snowdonia, which involved quite a few members.

During the winter some good plays were read. Next year we hope to compete in the Festival again.

We all thank Miss Ward for taking over as producer from Miss Wilson.

E. Swires-Hennessy, IVB.

Dr. BARNARDO'S HELPERS LEAGUE

ON April 21st the School received a visit from Mrs. Dale, who, on behalf of the Society, accepted the sum of £53. 16s. 6d. from collecting boxes held by members in school. As a result of the talk given by Mrs. Dale on the work of the Homes, 23 new members were enrolled.

M.K.

GYM CLUB

GYM Club was introduced this year to cater for those boys with rather more ability and interest than the norm. All members were given free access to the apparatus and generally were able to improve their personal performance quite considerably. Initially it was hoped to put on a display on Quatercentenary Day but owing to the large number of visitors expected, it was made impossible to use the Gymnasium.

The following boys were members of, and regular attendees at, Gym Club:

Rosbottom, Atkinson, Matthews, K., Broadstock, Roberts, P., Cornes, Moss, D., Asbridge, Fox, Mercer, Jolley, Fletcher, Chivers, Speake, Chesney, Allen, Handley, Horsley, D.

R.M.H.

FILM SOCIETY

THIS year Mr. Chatterton has continued with the Film Society which proved so popular last year. These educational films attracted many into the Geography room at the lunch-break. So many people wanted to see the film "Food or Famine" that it had to be shown several times. Other films were repeated for a second time because of the demand.

Amongst the most interesting were films such as “Mekong” which described how the river is being utilized by man and “Living Pattern” showing the conservancy of wild life in Britain. This interest in our own country continued with “Our Native Shore”, describing aspects of the coastline of the British Isles and also “Wind on the Heath”, showing the National Parks of England and Wales.

Of technical interest was the film “Polyolefins” which illustrated the wide use of plastics in the modern world. Other films which were enjoyed by all were “Wave, Coral and Rock,” “Fire Below” and “Top of a Continent” which told of Northern Canada.

On behalf of everyone who attended and enjoyed these films we must thank Mr. Chatterton for giving his time to arranging and showing them.

Mary Ambrose and Judith Bush, LVI.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

NOT to be outdone by the television companies with their “Top of the Form,” “L “University Challenge” and other programmes, we held our own general knowledge contest during the Autumn and Spring terms to find the ‘Brain of R.B.G.S. 1966’.

Held at form, level on an inter-house basis, this revealed unsuspected breadth of knowledge in some and at the same time elicited not a few answers that were often as amusing as they were wildly inaccurate. The contest, which was devised purely as an amusement, seemed to be enjoyed by most and was well-supported, except for a few faint hearts in the upper part of the school.

The first round was a written paper to enable each house to select its four best candidates, who then competed in an oral round to decide the house champion. These three champions then contested the final round to decide the over-all winner of each year-group.

The results were as follows:-

VI -	1. Jean Ivill (P),	2. Janet Thomas (Q),	3. Jolley (H).
V. -	1. Kay (P),	2. Pat Smethurst (Q),	3. Barnes (H).
IV. -	1. Rosbottom (P),	2. Markland (Q),	3. Ryder (H).
III. -	1. Roberts (P),	2. Darbyshire (H),	3. Royle (Q).
II. -	1. Cox (H),	2. Benson (P),	3. Kirton (Q).
I. -	1. Haydock (H),	2. Rogers (P),	3. Schofield (Q).

THE RIVINGTON CAMPANOLOGISTS .

DURING the last couple of years there has been an increase in the number of young people learning to ring, so that, instead of just two or three ringers who attend the school, we now have at least ten, not including Old Rivingtonians.

The past school year has seen the Quatercentenary celebrations, and we could not let this occasion pass by without making some contribution: therefore on May 15th, just two days after Speech Day, six ringers, three past and three present members of the school, assembled at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, to ring a peal of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 5,040 changes, which was successfully concluded two hours and fifty one minutes later. The ringers stood as follows:

R. Keith Lister (1962-) - Treble, Pauline Moss (1951-57) - 2nd, David Moss (1962-) - 3rd, James E. Andrews (1962-) - 4th, James Blackburn (1919-23) - 5th, Bernard Moss (1953-60) - Tenor. Conducted by Bernard Moss.

Subsequent to this a practice was arranged after school at Horwich on May 20th. Although every ringer who attends the school could not be present, the time was not wasted and some (we hope) helpful tuition was given to two learners from Horwich in the handling of a bell and to two learners from Westhoughton in simple change-ringing.

Although there have been no practices since, owing to the work caused by examinations, we hope to continue and eventually form a recognised society.

J. E. Andrews, IVA.

Visits

PLAYS AND FILMS

29th September, 1965 **“Twelfth Night”** **Library Theatre, Manchester**
Form VI

THIS performance was rendered unusual by the fact that the cast wore Edwardian costume instead of the more usual tights and doublets. It looked very pleasant but it did not add anything to the interpretation of the play. Kendrick Owen, who played Sir Toby Belch, and Wilfrid Downing as Sir Andrew Aguecheek were very popular with the audience because they used every comical line and gesture to their fullest extent. The remainder of the company acted well, especially J o Maxwell Muller portraying Olivia.

Christine Dougill and Kay Rudkin, UVI.

January 11th **“The China Princess”** **Bolton Little Theatre**
Form I.

THE play was written by Allen Cullen and most of the action took place in the grounds of a king’s palace. The most popular characters were the lion and the bear, but the whole performance was most entertaining. The play lasted from 7-30 to 10-30 p.m. and there were two intervals in which refreshments were served. We thank Mrs. Pawley for making this enjoyable visit possible.

Linda Dudley, IC.

January 20th **“Macbeth”** **University Theatre, Manchester**
Form V.

THIS was our first visit to the newly-constructed Manchester University Theatre where we saw a visiting professional company, the Century Theatre, give a most enjoyable performance of “Macbeth”, staged ‘in the round’. The characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth were portrayed most admirably and there was evidence of a modern influence in the presentation of the play.

Vivienne Gaskell, VC.

February 23rd **“Don Giovanni”** **Odeon, Bolton**
Forms V and VI.

THIS was a film version of MoZart’s opera, “Don Giovanni.” The performance was quite interesting and as it was sung in Italian, information was given at intervals as to what was about to happen. However, as the duration was three hours, it became rather trying, but a few musical stalwarts managed to sit it out and they agreed afterwards that it had been worth the effort.

Angela M. Kirkman, LVI.

March 2nd

“The Wild Duck”

Library Theatre, Manchester

Form VI.

THE opening of this play by Ibsen Was splendid, thanks to a well-designed set, and there was no attempt to mute the comic element. The characterization, was quite convincing on the whole except for Kendrick Owen’s Hjalmar Ekdal, whose appearance and voice would have been more suited to a comedy than to the tragedy the play is supposed to be. However, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole party.

Carol A. Metcalfe, UVI.

March 17th

“She Stoops to Conquer”

Liverpool Playhouse

Lower VI.

THE acting in this play which was written by Oliver Goldsmith was convincing, - for the most part, especially in the role of Kate Hardcastle and the actor playing Marlow lived up to the image of the bashful, stuttering man excellently. Constance Neville and Hastings were well portrayed in an interesting sub-plot. But perhaps the most outstanding character was Tony Lumpkin, whose mischievous spirit and joviality were superbly conveyed. The life of country folk in the late eighteenth century was clearly seen through the fine, colourful costumes, scenery and manners.

Kathleen Rainford, LVI.

March 23rd

“The Royal Ballet”

Odeon, Bolton

Form VI - Girls

THIS film of the Royal Ballet starred Margot Fonteyn and Michael Soames. The programme consisted of the second Act of “Swan Lake” and the whole of “The Firebird” and “Ondine.” This film was enjoyed by all for it enabled us to see international ballet stars who rarely visit the provinces.

Janet H. Thomas, UVI.

April 18th

“Richard III”

Odeon, Bolton

Lower VI.

THIS was the famous film version of Shakespeare’s “Richard III”. The cast included such famous people as Sir Laurence Olivier, who portrayed the scheming hunchback, Richard, admirably, and Claire Bloom, a charming Lady Anne. An outstanding scene was the battle between the men of Richard and those of Henry Richmond at the end of the play. However, the whole of the performance was excellent

Beryl Cocker, LVI.

April 27th

“The Rivals”

Library Theatre, Manchester

Lower VI.

THIS performance was of the usual high standard expected of this company. Philip Bond as Captain Absolute was ideal for his part and he brought out the amusement very well. However, many were disappointed in Sir Lucius O’Trigger. After seeing Kendrick Owen in so many productions, it is easy to recognize his highly individual style which was not very suitable for the role of Sir Lucius. Mrs. Malaprop was not quite what we had hoped for, but on the whole, the performance was very enjoyable.

Mary Ambrose and M. Fleming, LVI.

May 9th

**“The Taming of the Shrew” Bolton Little Theatre
Form VI.**

THIS is not a play for ardent feminists for it shows how a man asserts his position as lord and master of his wife, but this ever-improving company provided a romping and colourful evening which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Jean Ivill, UVI.

June 15th

**“Othello” New Oxford Cinema, Manchester
Form VI - Girls.**

OWING to G.C.E. commitments only a small party was able to see this magnificent film version of Shakespeare’s great tragedy. The whole performance was compelling throughout and particularly impressive was the acting of Sir Laurence Olivier as the jealous dark-skinned Othello, of Albert Finney as the cool villain, Iago, and of Maggie Smith as the innocent Desdemona.

Mary Ambrose, LVI.

Most of the credit for arranging these visits is due to Mr. Coward and we would like to thank him and all the other members of the staff who were kind enough to accompany the many parties to see the numerous and varied productions

Carol Metcalfe, UVI



CONCERTS Etc.

14th September

The Hallé Orchestra Victoria Hall, Bolton

A GROUP of senior pupils attended this Hallé concert. The conductor was Maurice Handford and the leader Martin Milner, who originates from Bolton. The programme included Dvorak’s “Carnival Overture,” the most important and frequently performed of his overtures which appealed because of its dash and brilliance. The group also enjoyed the Symphonic Poem “Don Juan” by R. Strauss, based on a poem concerning a restless man whose ideal is perfect love, and “Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov. The orchestra also played Mozart’s “Symphony No. 34 in C” with minuet and trio. This symphony is usually regarded as a three-movement Work but more recently the manuscript of a minuet and trio has been found and the complete version was given at this concert.

Christine M. Haydock, UVI.

13th December

The Hallé Orchestra Free Trade Hall, Manchester

THE orchestra at this Youth Concert was conducted by Lawrence Leonard. The leader was Martin Milner and the soloist in Tchaikovsky’s Piano Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor was Ronald Smith who gave a superb performance. Arnold’s Overture “Tam O’Shanter,” Mozart’s “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” and Gershwin’s “American in Paris” were greatly enjoyed by the school party. Kodaly’s “The Dances of Galanta,” although brilliantly played, was not enjoyed as much as the rest of the programme.

Pamela Mason, UVI.

15th December

“The Messiah”

Victoria Hall, Bolton

A SMALL party went as usual to hear the annual performance of Handel’s “Messiah” by the Bolton Choral Union. This year the male section of the choir was strengthened by the Rossendale Male Voice Choir. The soloists were Glenys Dowdle, soprano, Jean Allister, contralto, Edward Byles, tenor, and Richard Rees, bass. The conductor was Mr. P. A. S. Stevens, the leader Fred Brough and the solo trumpeter Derek Garside. The party spent a very enjoyable evening and agreed that it was one of the best performances of “The Messiah” they had heard at the Victoria Hall.

Christine M. Haydock, UVI.

24th May

The Hallé Orchestra

Free Trade Hall, Manchester

THE second Youth Concert was conducted by Sir John Barbiroli. The concert opened with Wagner’s Cverture to “The Mastersingers.” This was followed by the “Peer Gynt Suite” by Grieg. The school party enjoyed this immensely especially the movement, “The Death of Ase.” Grieg’s “Piano Concerto in A minor” was excellently played by Liv Glaser. Everybody was greatly impressed by Rayson Whalley’s playing of the cymbals in the last movement of Tchaikovsky’s “Symphony No. 4 in F minor.”

Pamela Mason, UVI.

We thank Miss Davies, Mr. Lowe and Mr. Cowell for arranging these visits and for other members of Staff who also accompanied us.

Pamela Mason, UVI.



LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS

History Lectures - Bolton School

ON Wednesday, November 10th, the Sixth-form History class attended two very interesting lectures at Bolton. These concerned “Russia in the Nineteenth Century” and “The Study of History” respectively. Our thanks go to the girls of Bolton School for providing us with excellent refreshments.

Susan L. Jackson, UVI.

Senior Geography Conference - Bolton School

THIS year’s Senior Geography Conference was held in November at Bolton School. The emphasis this time was on field work as it is now far more prominent in the senior geography syllabus. The speakers included Professor A. E. Smiles, Dr. T. J. Chandler and Mr. B. R. Hall who gave very interesting lectures which were enjoyed by all concerned.

Margaret Harwood and Brenda Giles, UVI.

Preston Art College

IN February a small party of fifth and sixth formers interested in taking an art course at the Harris College visited the new college in Preston. We were taken on an organised tour of all the various departments and had a chance to see some of the students at work. We all found it most enjoyable and I think the visit helped to increase the interest of the few would-be artists amongst us.

Christine Holden, UVI.

Lower Sixth Geography Conference - Canon Slade G.S.

THE annual conference, organised by the Bolton branch of the Geographical Association, was held at Canon Slade Grammar School in February of this year. A small party from Rivington contributed to the large gathering of sixth-formers.

After a welcome by the Headmaster, the introductory lecture, entitled "University Geography" was given by Professor Bowen, head of the Geographical Department at Aberystwyth University.

The introductory lecture, which lasted over an hour, was followed by tea, prepared in the school dining hall. After tea members attended a variety of lectures given by members of the Geographical Department at Aberystwyth. The lectures included "Ice Margin Deposits", "Cliff Coastlines", and "Coastal Conservation."

The final lecture of the conference on "Urban Geography" was given by Mr. H. Carter of Aberystwyth University dealing with the growth of Cardiff.

Judith Bush, LVI.

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition - Manchester

IN March a party of fifth-and-sixth-formers visited the John Rylands Library, Manchester, to see an exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Fourteen scrolls were on view, ranging in age from 250 B.C. - 68 A.D. In addition, there were some Essene Sectarian documents, also cooking utensils, table service, silver coins, a canteen used by workmen and travellers, and other interesting exhibits which have been excavated. It is unlikely that the opportunity will recur in our lifetime to see these ancient Scrolls, since they have now been returned to the Palestine Archaeological Museum, Jerusalem for permanent display, and we were indeed very fortunate to have had the opportunity of seeing them.

Kathleen Birchall and June Ormerod, UVI.

Art Exhibition - Manchester

DURING the Easter Holidays, a party of four Upper-Sixth artists were taken to the Daily Mail Children's Art exhibition at the Art Gallery in Manchester. The work in the exhibition was both interesting and amusing and was, on the whole, of a very high standard. We all found it extremely inspiring and spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Kathryn Grundy, UVI.

Keele University

ON Tuesday, 17th May the members of the Lower-Sixth Biology set went on a visit to Keele University in Staffordshire. After a conducted tour of the University grounds, we had a very enjoyable meal in the refectory. We found the biology department very impressive and after a tour of this we attended a lecture given by Professor Gemmel. Finally we paid a visit to the Physics department and after coffee in the Union, we left for home.

L. Fairclough and I. Smith, LVI.

Manchester University

ON July 4th, a party of Lower-sixth members visited Manchester University and were conducted to the Whitworth Hall for a general welcome and address on the University given by one of the principal lecturers. After this, We were conducted to different theatres for lectures on various topics including "What We do in medicine," "The Psychology of Time" and "A divided Berlin." These were the lectures which the members of our group attended and all were said to be very interesting and enjoyable. Tea was provided afterwards in the refectory.

Angela M. Kirkman, LVI.

We should like to proffer thanks to Miss Gleave, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. Chatterton, Miss Pearson, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Lowe and Mrs. Kay for arranging our outings and accompanying us.

Cathryn Higham, UVI.

TOURS AND EXPEDITIONS

17th-24th April

Snowdonia

Forms IV, V and VI.

THE party of 35 arrived at Plas-y-nant, on the afternoon of the seventeenth of April, where we were greeted by the hostess, "Auntie Lena" who soon made us feel welcome.

Next morning we went by coach to Llyn Ogwen Where we walked up the bed of a stream, and were then faced with deep snow and a blizzard - not a very pleasant introduction to Snowdonia at all. Everyone then climbed part of the way up to Devil's Kitchen, where some of us were lucky to see an impressive wall of icicles. Unfortunately, the adverse weather conditions prevented us from proceeding onwards to Llanberis, and we returned to our base.

On Tuesday We intended to conquer Snowdon, but failed. After a successful start, we were confronted by a blizzard whilst on a dangerous narrow path with a drop of 2000 feet on either side. When the snow became too thick, we had to abandon our climb, and returned to "Plas," some of us passing through a forest where We were chased by an angry woman and her dogs!

Wednesday was very welcome as it was a rest day. We spent the morning exploring Caernarvon and its castle, and the afternoon on the beach at Portmadoc.

Some of the party managed to conquer Snowdon by way of Pen-y-Pass on Thursday, but only the more energetic ones made the attempt.

On Friday morning we had an interesting conducted tour of the Gwydyr forest, and in the afternoon we visited a hydro-electric power station near Festiniog.

We returned home on Sunday the 24th, very tired, but having all had a holiday which we will never forget.

On behalf of the rest of the party, I should like to thank Mr. Chatterton for organising the holiday, and Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. Topping and Miss Ward for accompanying us and helping to give us such an enjoyable experience.

Janet H. Thomas, UVI.

5th July

Malham

Form III.

THE main objective of this trip was to study the features of limestone in the Malham area.

From Malham we proceeded to Gordale Scar which involved a precarious climb up the Waterfall and several of the girls were relieved to reach the top without mishap. The route then lay

along Gordale Beck to Malham Tarn. In this area typical limestone features such as disappearing streams, dry valleys and 'dead' waterfalls were noticed.

Above the 300 feet high Malham Cove an extensive area of bare limestone pavements proved a fascination. We then returned to Malham village and after refreshments we boarded the coach for home.

We should like to thank Mr. Chatterton for organising the trip and also Mr. Savage and Miss Thomas for accompanying us.

G. Leece, IIIA, and Linda Higginson, IIIB.

Visitors

French pupils from Figeac August, 1965

[In return for the hospitality shown to a party of our pupils who visited Figeac in France during the Easter holidays in 1965, a party of French pupils came to Horwich and district during the following summer holidays as the guests of some of our pupils and their parents. A report of this visit could not be included in the last issue of 'The Rivingtonian' - Editor]

THE excitement began at a coach-station in Manchester where a group of . nervous pupils from Rivington awaited their French correspondants. Finally they arrived and were driven to their respective homes around Horwich.

During their stay several special outings were made. We were invited to visit the Heinz factory at Kitt Green where we all enjoyed an interesting and educational day. Mrs. Cooper also arranged a trip one night to the television mast at Winter Hill where, I am most sure, the people concerned spent an entertaining evening. The Parents' Association arranged for a coach to take us all to Chester but at the Zoo there our visitors chose to photograph long-haired boys instead of animals! They were also taken to clubs and coffee-bars, also to the skating-rinks where we were astonished to find them asking for size 36 boots.

Their stay lasted for nearly three weeks and on the last night we went to Bolton to see them off to London by coach. Many tears were shed as the coach drew away but we will always remember the hours we spent together, made possible by several members of the Staff and parents to whom we are most grateful

Susan Hart, IVB.

County Music Staff 4th March

A SHORT orchestral demonstration was given in the School Hall to a large number of pupils during the course of the morning of the 4th March by a number of instrumentalists on the County Music Staff.

The programme began with the Overture from 'The Barber of Seville' by Rossini, followed by the 'Praeludium' by Jarnefelt. John Field's Rondo for Piano and Orchestra then preceded the suite from 'The Bartered Bride' by Smetana and the concert ended with the lively Galop from 'Jeux d'Enfants' by Bizet.

In addition to playing these pieces the orchestra, at one point in the programme, played each instrument in turn to acquaint the audience with their particular name and sound. The visit, as a result, proved both entertaining and instructive.

Christine M. Haydock, UVI.

The Staff Play

“THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE”

CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

DICK TASSELL	P. CHATTERTON
RAINBOW	J. WALTON
RUPERT BILLINGS	R. T. ALLENBY
GODFREY POND	A. J. M. JENNER
MISS EVELYN WI-ITCHURCH	MISS M. CHEETHAM
MISS GOSSAGE	MISS E. WILSON
HOPCROFT Mi.	GARY LEECE
BARBARA CAHOUN	MISS W. PEARSON
JOYCE HARPER	MRS. J. RIMMER
THE REVEREND EDWARD PECK ...	W. MORGAN
MRS. PECK	MISS A. GLEAVE
EDGAR SOWTER	F. TOPPING
MRS. SOWTER	MRS. E. ROBERTS

Producer - Elsie M. Jenner

Partly as a means of raising money for the School's Quatercentenary Fund, and partly, I am sure, for the sheer joy of it, some dozen members of the Staff, together with one pupil, underwent a strenuous but enjoyable course of rehearsals under the experienced direction of Mrs. Jenner, culminating in their presentation of "The Happiest Days of Your Life" by John Dighton, on September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, 1965. This new venture, unique, I believe, in the history of the School, was received with enthusiastic applause by the delighted audiences who filled our School Hall each evening.

Although the muddles of war-time evacuation which provide the basis for the plot of this hilarious comedy must have been outside the experience of most of those Who saw this production and, indeed, of most of those who played in it, very little exercise of imagination was needed to relish its mixture of farcical situations and amusing caricatures. Outstanding among the latter were those of the harassed headmaster, Godfrey Pond, courageously and convincingly undertaken by Mr. Jenner; the 'jolly-old-hockey-stick' type of games mistress, Miss Gossage, admirably 'guyed' by Miss Wilson; and the formidable 'battle-wagon' of a headmistress, Miss Whitchurch, played with suitably grim determination by Miss Cheetham, now Mrs. Jolley. Much amusement was also provided by the amorous encounters of Dick Tassell (Mr. Chatterton) and Joyce Harper (Mrs. Rimmer), the evasive stratagems of Rupert Billings (Mr. Allenby), the frequent comings and goings of the bewildered groundsman, Rainbow (Mr. Walton) and the anxiety, alarm and indignation of the two sets of parents, the Pecks (Mr. Morgan and Miss Gleave) and the Sowters (Mr. Topping and Mrs. Roberts) at the extraordinary efforts made to conceal from them the fact that the premises were shared by both boys and girls. Only two of these pupils

were actually seen: young Hopcroft Mi (in real life a genuine third-former, Gary Leece) and the equally young Barbara Cahoun, played with an incredibly juvenile air by Miss Pearson.

The single set, a masters' common-room with more than the usual number of doors, was constructed by Mr. Cowell and painted by Miss Pearson, both of whom were assisted by a willing band of pupils who also helped backstage under the direction of Mr. Crabtree in charge of sound effects and lighting. Props were efficiently handled by Miss Ward; booking was in the capable hands of Mrs. Pawley; various members of the Staff and senior pupils gave assistance with the make-up; other pupils directed by Mrs. Kay acted as ushers and programme-sellers, and refreshments were prepared and served by the cleaning staff.

Mrs. Jenner and all those concerned are to be congratulated on this production which, I hope, gave as much pleasure to them as it did to others.

H.C.



A scene from "The Happiest Days of Your Life"

The House Championship

RESULTS

House Championship Shield won by Holme House.

Work and Conduct:	1. Holme 2367;	2. Queen's 2170;	3. Pilkington 1992.
Sports etc:	1. Queen's 424;	2. Pilkington 419;	3. Holme 408.
Total:	1. Holme 2775;	2. Queen's 2594;	3. Pilkington 2411.

Football:

1st round

Holme v. Queen's:	1st Holme won 3-1;	U.15 Holme won 3-1;	U.13 Draw 2-2.
Holme v. Pilkington:	1st Pilkington won 2-1;	U.15 Pilkington Won;	U.13 Pilkington won.
Pilkington v Queen's:	1st Pilkington won 3-1;	U.15 Pilkington won 2-1;	U.13 Pilkington Won 8-1.

2nd round

Holme v. Queen's:	1st Holme Won 3-1;	U.15 Holme won 5-1;	U.13 Queens Won 6-4.
Pilkington v. Queen's:	1st Pilkington won 5-1;	U.15 Pilkington won 6-1;	U.13 Pilkington Won 6-1.
Holme v. Pilkington:	1st Pilkington Won 2-1;	U.15 Holme won 6-0;	U.13 Draw.

Final (Old Rivingtonians'

Cup):	1. Pilkington,	2. Holme.	3. Queen's.
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Hockey:

Holme v. Queen's:	1st Draw 2-2;	2nd Queen's Won 6-0.	
Holme v. Pilkington:	1st Holme won 6-0;	2nd Holme won 4-2.	
Pilkington v. Queen's:	1st Queen's Won 2-0;	2nd Queen's Won 5-0.	
Final:	1. Queen's,	2. Holme,	3. Pilkington.

Cross-Country:

Junior Cup:	1st Pilkington 172;	2nd Queen's 239;	3rd Holme 274.
Senior Cup:	1st Pilkington 109;	2nd Queen's 122;	3rd Holme 144.
Standards:	1st Pilkington 28;	2nd Holme 20;	3rd Queen's 19.
Final:	1. Pilkington;	2. Queen's;	3. Holme.

Athletics:

Sports Cup:	1. Holme 280;	2. Queen's 248;	3. Pilkington 174.
John Watkin Memorial Cup:	(U.15 Boys): Pilkington.		
Standards:			
Boys:	1. Pilkington 182;	2. Queen's 179;	3. Holme 148.
Girls:	1. Holme 74;	2. Queen's 67;	3. Pilkington 47.
Total:	1. Queen's 246;	2. Pilkington 229;	3. Holme 222.

Rounders:

Holme v. Pilkington:	U.15 Holme won 1½-1.
Holme v. Queen's:	U.15 Holme Won 3-2½
Pilkington v. Queen's:	U.15 Queen's won 3½-1.
Holme v. Queen's:	U.13 Queen's Won 5-2.
Pilkington v. Queen's:	U.13 Queen's Won 4½-0.
Holme v. Pilkington:	U.13 Holme won 2½-0.
Final:	1. Holme and Queen's (tie) 3. Pilkington.

Basketball:

Pilkington v. Queen's: Pilkington won 28-12.

Pilkington v. Holme: Holme won 10-4.

Queen's v. Holme: Holme won 20-4.

Final: 1. Holme, 2. Pilkington 3. Queen's.

Tennis:

(Holme won 2 sets, Queen's won 1 set, Pilkington won 6 sets).

Final: 1st Pilkington, 2nd Holme, 3rd Queen's.

Cricket:

Queen's v. Pilkington; Queen's 31, Pilkington 32 for 3, Pilkington won.

Pilkington v. Holme: Pilkington Won.

Holme v. Queen's: Holme 27, Queen's 28 for 3, Queen's won.

Final (Sanderson Cup): 1. Pilkington, 2. Queen's, 3. Holme.

General Knowledge:

1st Pilkington, 2nd Holme 3rd Queen's.

HOLME HOUSE REPORT

House Staff: Miss Ward, Mrs. Jolley, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Lowe.

House Officials: Captains: Margaret Harwood, A. Simkin, Vice-captains: Cathryn Higham, J. Jolley, Games Captains: Margaret Harwood (Hockey and Tennis), A. Simkin (Football), P. Sherrington (Cricket), R. Craven (Cross-Country and Athletics), J. Seager (Basketball), Secretary: Christine Holden.

THE House has enjoyed another very successful year both in academic and sporting results and has retained the House Championship Shield for the seventh consecutive year.

The girls were a very close second in both hockey and tennis and equal first in rounders, while the netball matches had to be cancelled. The boys were a poor third in both cross-country races, third in cricket, despite Mort's efforts, second in football, but Won the basketball tournament in its first year.

The Sports Cup was won for the fourth year in succession. Although general enthusiasm was a major factor, individual efforts by Janet Fitton, Moira Fitton, Broadstock and Cox cannot be overlooked.

We would like to thank all House Staff and members for the contributions to this year's results and to congratulate W. Harrison on his Oxford examination success.

Finally we would like to welcome all new members to the house, especially Miss Ward, a valuable addition to the House Staff.

Margaret Harwood and A. Simkin.

PILKINGTON HOUSE REPORT

- House Staff: Mrs. Pawley, Miss Bury, Miss Wilson, Mr. Greaves, Mr. Allenby, Mr. Topping, Mr. Walton, Mr. Harrison.
- House Officials: Captains: Kathryn Grundy, E. Hornby, Vice-Captains: June Ormerod, R. Bridge, Games Captains: Maureen Gibb (All), G. Grice (Football), T. Dootson (Cricket and Basketball), R. Smith (Cross-Country), R. Bridge (Athletics).

WE should like to welcome all new members to the House and wish every success to those who have left during the past year.

The results of the girls' games have been disappointing again this year in the fact that we were only successful in tennis. We hope that with more enthusiasm from the middle school girls we might have more success in future.

On the whole the House has been very successful in the boys matches in that we were placed first in cricket, football and cross-country and second in basketball. There have been many individual successes but our over-all success has been due to an excellent team spirit.

Once again our main defect was our performance on Sports Day when we retained third place, but we hope to do better next year with help from our many promising juniors who won for us the John Watkin Memorial trophy.

All members of the House are sorry to hear of the departure of Mr. Topping this summer, a loss which will be felt by both House and School. We appreciate his past services and wish him success and happiness in his future post.

Finally we would like to offer our sincere thanks to the House Staff for their continued interest and help in our House activities.

Kathryn Grundy and M. Fleming

QUEEN'S HOUSE REPORT

- House Staff: Mrs. Rimmer, Miss Gleave, Miss Pearson, Mr. Coward, Mr. Cowell, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Chatterton, Mr. Savage.
- House Officials: Captains: Joyce Ponton, S. Maclvor, Vice-Captains: Carol Metcalfe, D. Darbyshire, Games Captains: Jean Monks (All), S. Maclvor (Football), P. Fletcher (Cross-Country and Athletics), D. Darbyshire (Cricket and Basketball), Secretary: I. Haworth.

ONCE again it is our sad duty to report only a mediocre success in the past year despite valiant efforts by House teams.

Special praise to the girls who won the hockey and rounders and performed remarkably well on Sports Day in which we were placed second. The boys were less successful, achieving only second position in the cricket and cross-country. Our thanks to Derek Darbyshire who has worked enthusiastically for the House.

Our failure on the sports-field and in the classroom is largely due to a lack of enthusiasm among the majority of the middle-school and it is hoped that their attitude will change before they become senior members of the House.

Our thanks to the House Staff who have offered every encouragement to us. Also our best Wishes to Mr. Chatterton who leaves us this year to take up a new position.

Joyce Ponton and S. Maclvor.

The Quatercentenary = 1566 -1966

QUATERCENTENARY COMMITTEE

Mr. J. Ackers (Chairman), Counc. J. Jolley, Mr. T. Hope, Mr. T. B. Shaw, Miss K. Gregory, Mr. J. K. L. Jones, Mr. J. Walton, Miss A. Gleave, Jean Ivill (Head Girl), John Seager (Head Boy), Mr. F. T. Walsh (Treasurer), Mr. A. J. M. Jenner (Secretary).

THIS has been a busy year for the Committee. It was decided early in the year that it would not be possible to proceed with any of the three projects for which the appeal had been made. It was necessary to write to all donors giving the reasons for this decision and offering to return the donations. This entailed a lot of work for the Treasurer and Secretary, but the operation was completed well before the great day arrived.

Meanwhile the Committee had decided that, as the occasion could not pass without being marked in a significant way, the best course of action was to provide suitable furnishings for the Hall platform. A table, three chairs and a lectern of the best quality oak were specially made by Catholic Goods Ltd. of Preston and were used for the first time on Friday, May 13th at Speech Day.

The Committee was very gratified at the general support it received. The Kitchen Staff provided a magnificent Bible for the lectern, which is now in regular use.

In addition the "Men of the Trees" Society presented the School with four trees - two scarlet oaks, one maple and one lime tree. These were planted in various places round the School. In view of the fact that the Society later gave us a splendid commemorative plaque it will be necessary to replant them in a group in the late autumn with the plaque to indicate their significance.

Mrs. Doris Pilkington also gave us a shield to be competed for by forms and the basis of the competition for this has still to be worked out.

The History of the School was republished and the copies arrived early in May. At the time of writing distribution has not been completed. The Committee was able to obtain three presentation copies of the History in time for Speech Day. One was given to Mrs. Margaret Kay, who wrote the original History, one was presented to Sir Harry Pilkington and one was retained for the School Library.

The Committee has worked for a number of years on the consideration of the Quatercentenary Celebrations and hopes that the ultimate result of its deliberations will meet with approval.

A.J.M.J

THE QUATERCENTENARY DAY - 13th MAY, 1966

To the superstitious - in the modern sense of the word, not with the sectarian connotation it had for Bishop Pilkington - the choice of Friday the 13th as the special day for celebrating the four hundred years of the School's history must have seemed like a deliberate flouting of fate. As it turned out, hardly a better day could have been chosen; apart from an occasional shower, the sun shone and the School flag fluttered proudly in a light refreshing breeze. The date was, in fact, determined by that of the first positive event in the life of the School for it was on the 13th May, 1566 that Queen Elizabeth I, at the request of James Pilkington, Bishop of Durham, granted a charter for the foundation of a free grammar school at Rivington.

It was fitting, therefore, that one of the first things which the Headmaster, Mr. Jenner, did on this day was to send a telegram to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the following message:

“The Chairman and Governors, Headmaster, Staff and pupils of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School, Horwich, Lancashire, on the occasion of the Quatercentenary of its Foundation by Royal Charter send loyal greetings.”

In reply to this message the following telegram was delivered at the School early in the afternoon:

“12.15 Buckingham Palace. -
The Chairman, Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School,
Horwich, Lancashire.

I have received the Queen’s commands to express to you and the Governors, Headmaster, Staff and pupils of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School, Horwich, the sincere thanks of the Queen for the message of loyal greetings which you have sent to Her Majesty on their behalf. The Queen warmly congratulates the School on its achievements during the last four centuries and sends her best wishes for the years to come.
Private Secretary.”

During the morning a special Service of Thanksgiving for Bishop Pilkington and the whole four hundred years’ life of the School was held in the School Chapel and was voluntarily attended by about a hundred and forty pupils. On this occasion the Rev. W. Morgan, a member of the Staff, officiated and was assisted by a sub-deacon, Mr. J. Ackers, Chairman of the Governors, who is a lay reader in the Church of England, and by a server, David Anderton of IIIA. The service was one of Holy Communion, the ‘rite’ used being that of the 1549 Prayer Book which it is thought both Bishop Pilkington and Queen Elizabeth I preferred to that of the 1552 Prayer Book, although it was the latter that was eventually recommended by the royal commission (on which the Bishop served) to be adopted as the established Book of Common Prayer. To recapture still further the atmosphere of Bishop Pilkington’s day, the vestments worn in this service were of the type then in use. having been copied from a set of vestments depicted on a sixteenth-century brass, and the singing was sixteenth-century plain-song.

The proceedings in the afternoon followed, with modifications, the pattern of our normal Speech Day, but there were unmistakable signs that this was a very special occasion. Long before the official starting time of 3-15 far more parents and friends than usual were looking for points of vantage but accommodation in the assembly hall was so very severely limited that many had to be content with watching closed-circuit television sets which had been temporarily installed in two adjoining classrooms. Similar provision was made in the gymnasium for most of the pupils, only those who were to receive prizes and certificates being accommodated in the hall.

The platform party, too, was much larger than usual; in addition to many Governors and members of the Staff, there was a large number of special guests, chief of whom were Sir Harry and Lady Pilkington. Sir Harry, one of the country's leading industrialists, formerly chairman of a royal commission and Chancellor-designate of the new University of Technology at Loughborough, is a member of the Lancashire family to which the founder of the Rivington Grammar School belonged. It seemed entirely fitting, as Mr. Jenner subsequently remarked, that we should have a person of the same distinguished name to honour us on this occasion. Other guests included Dr. and Mrs. W. Kay, Mr. Tom Price, M.P., and Mrs. Price, and the civic heads of the various districts served by the School, Horwich U.D.C., Chorley R.D.C., Adlington U.D.C., Blackrod U.D.C., Aspull U.D.C., and Westhoughton U.D.C.

Also upon the platform, in full view of those assembled in the hall, stood the specially made commemorative furniture in light oak, newly acquired by the Quatercentenary Fund Committee - a table, three chairs and a lectern, the latter bearing a Bible presented by the Kitchen Staff of the School.

The proceedings began with Mr. Ackers, who presided, calling upon the whole assembly to stand for a short and simple service to dedicate the furniture and Bible for "the work and worship" of the School. This service, which was conducted by the Rev. W. Morgan, included the famous prayer which Bishop Pilkington composed and prescribed in the original statutes of the School for evening use and which is traditionally used on Founders' Day.

After welcoming the guests, Mr. Ackers read out the message of loyal greetings which had been sent to the Queen and the congratulatory reply which had been received. He then called upon the Headmaster to deliver his report on the past school year.

In the conclusion to his survey of events and activities, Mr. Jenner referred to the original purpose of the School as it was conceived by its founder and expressed in its charter of foundation: 'for the bringing up, teaching and instructing of children and youth in Grammar and other good learning, to continue forever,' and he declared that this was still and would continue to be our aim "whatever educational idealogies might be fashionable." "Educational aims," he observed, "usually reflect the social and economic needs of society" and he instanced the greater emphasis put on the teaching of mathematics in the eighteenth century to meet the increasing demand for skill in navigation. He declared his belief that in the future, as in the past, the School would prove equal to the educational demands made on it; it could claim to have responded to the more recent call for mathematicians and would, no doubt, be equally responsive to the "great and urgent demand" that would arise before the end of the present century "for biologists and bio-chemists to feed the rapidly exploding world population."

Mr. Ackers then introduced our chief guest, Sir Harry Pilkington, and called upon him to present the certificates and prizes. In the course of his speech which followed, Sir Harry referred to Bishop Pilkington as a man "full of ideas and ideals" whose general rules for education were still relevant today. Besides the Bishop, he claimed to have another connection with the School, for his great-great-grandfather was one of its governors. Glancing at the School's long and chequered history and thinking, too, perhaps, of the shadow of uncertainty which lies over its future, he observed that the survival and growth of human institutions could only be achieved by their

adaptability to change. Extending the reference of this observation to the position of Britain in the modern world he deplored the complacency with which we had rested on our past laurels, regarding other countries as backward whilst they have been overtaking us. He warned the pupils that they were living in a highly competitive world, that the country had to rely upon the products of its brains and work and that it was the job of their generation to help the country to compete again on equal terms.

A vote of thanks to Sir Harry Pilkington was proposed by the Rev. G. V. H. Elliott, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Horwich and seconded by John Seager, the Head Boy. As a souvenir of the occasion a copy of the recently-issued second edition of "The History of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School" was presented to Sir Harry and a bouquet of flowers to Lady Pilkington.

Afterwards tea and light refreshments were served in the domestic science room, under the supervision of Miss Bury, and in the canteen. Owing to the length of the afternoon's proceedings and the relatively short interval between them and the evening's celebrations, it was not practical to provide any form of organised entertainment for our guests. Three interesting displays, however, had been arranged and these received many visitors in the short time available. Exhibited in the woodwork room were various models, including book-stands, coffee-tables, guitars and wooden bowls, made by members of the Hobbies Club and of normal woodwork classes under the direction of Mr. Cowell. A wide variety of pupils' work in the visual and plastic arts was displayed by Miss Pearson in the art room and an interesting exhibition of original documents relating to the School, kindly lent for the occasion by the Lancashire Public Records Office, was set out by Miss Gleave in the music room.

The final stage of the day's celebrations took the form of a Quatercentenary Dinner which was attended by nearly five hundred people - old pupils, parents, members of the Staff and their wives, friends, senior pupils and some special guests, including Sir Harry and Lady Pilkington, Mr. Tom Price, M.P., and Mrs. Price, and Capt. Victor Lamb, R.N., C.B.E., a former Head Boy. The great oak beams of the old Hall Barn at Rivington provided a suitable setting, and throughout the evening the School's Charter of Foundation was prominently displayed on the platform to mark the occasion. After the meal and the toasts, the floor was cleared for dancing and a general air of jollity prevailed. Not least among the delights of the evening was the opportunity of meeting again former pupils and members of the Staff living in other parts of the country.

The task of organising this enjoyable event fell to a special committee consisting of representatives of the Association of Old Rivingtonians, the Parents' Association and the Quatercentenary Committee. They, and particularly Mr. Walton, are to be congratulated on its success. A fuller account will be found in the Old Rivingtonians' section of this issue.

So ended the great day on which we commemorated the past four hundred years of the School's life. Speculation concerning its future must have crossed many minds on that day. Probably the most valuable of these reflections is the one which found its best expression in the words which Mrs. Kay wrote at the end of her preface to the recently published second edition of her "History of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School" and which I now take the liberty of quoting:

“Finally, in View of the changes about to take place in the School’s life, let me emphasize the last sentence on page 136: ‘Our State could not have a firmer basis on which to build an educational system than that of its grammar schools,’ And again on page 115: ‘The salvation of the School lay in the way in Which, like the English Constitution, it adapted itself to changing circumstances. Its tradition is a long one, but the School is none the less alive, and every live school nowadays is a centre of hope.’ May this be as true in the future as it has been in the past!”

H.C.

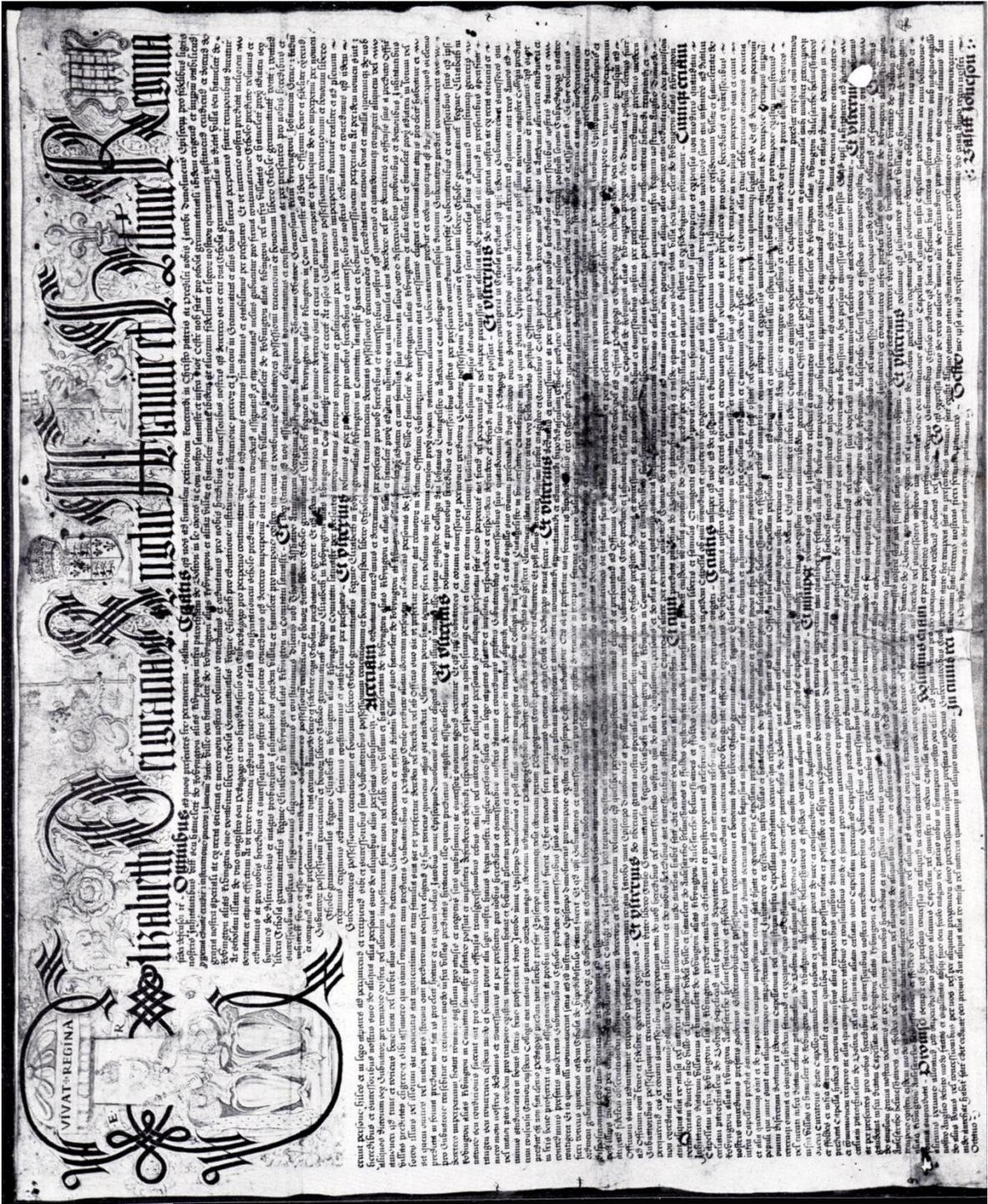


‘THE HISTORY OF RIVINGTON AND BLACKROD GRAMMAR SCHOOL’

Margaret M. Kay

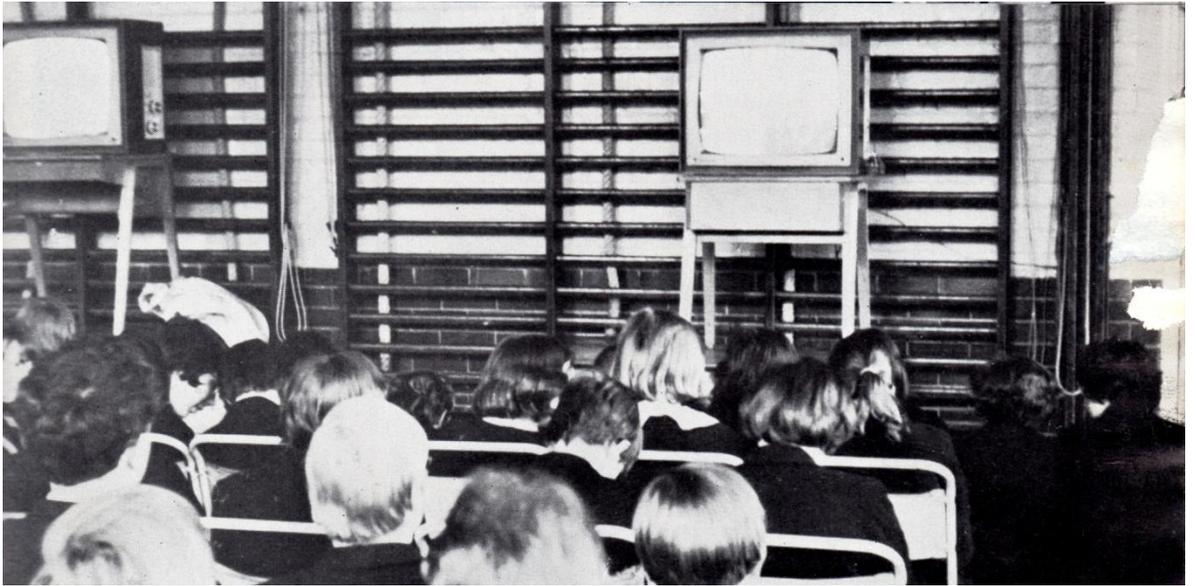
IN the light of recent celebrations, the youngest and humblest pupil cannot be unaware of the long and distinguished history of our school. We are very fortunate in that over thirty years ago a former pupil, Margaret Ashton, now Mrs. Kay, chose to write a thesis on the history of Rivington Grammar School for the degree of Master of Education at Manchester University. As a result of diligent research Mrs. Kay produced a scholarly and entertaining account of the School’s history from its foundation in 1566 until the completion of the extensions in 1931, and readily acceded to Mr. Jenner’s request that she revise the work and allow him to continue the story up to 1966 to mark the Quatercentenary. Besides being of interest to the general reader, this second edition of the “History of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School” should prove especially valuable to future students of the Tudor Period in school and university.

The present generation of Rivingtonians groaning under the burden of G.C.E. Examinations may find that their lot compares not unfavourably with that of their forbears some four hundred years ago. The average Elizabethan schoolboy faced a daily twelve hour grind of Latin grammar and religious instruction] Promotion was strictly by merit, organised games were unknown, punishments by modern standards harsh and an excessively high standard of behaviour expected. In spite of this regime, however, many a pupil, like his spiritual descendants, seemingly found the time and energy ‘to run from one form to another in school’ instead of sitting ‘quietly in his ain place’, . . . even when the master is absent’.



THE SCHOOL CHARTER
granted by Queen Elizabeth I.







A corner of the Art Exhibition

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The Headmaster presents his Report.

The School Staff in Quatercentenary Year.

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PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGE 33

Top left: J. W. B. Bailey receives his "A" level certificate.

Top right: The Head Boy and Head Girl inspect an advance copy of the School History.

Centre: Closed circuit television in the Gymnasium.

Bottom left: Sheena Savery receives her Form Prize.

Bottom right: Sir Harry Pilkington and Mr. J. Ackers take refreshments.

James Pilkington, Bishop of Durham, desired that all pupils should grow in learning and virtue 'that they may in short time proceed to higher kinds of learning' and he clearly regarded a grammar school education as preparation for the ministry. On the whole the Founder's instructions have been faithfully discharged. The close link with the Church has been maintained, and many pupils have achieved distinction in various professions, while others, more numerous, have quietly exerted an influence for the good of the neighbourhood. We have, indeed, inherited noble traditions from the past and as we face the prospect of sweeping changes in the future 'it becomes increasingly the duty of all those associated with the School not only to hand on the traditions undiminished but to endeavour to add fresh lustre to the records of the past'

A.G.

Physical Education

FOOTBALL 1965-66.

THE following boys have represented the School at football at various times during the season 1965-66.

1st XI. - Harrison, W. (Capt), Fletcher (Vice-Capt), Fairclough, Simkin*, Grice*, MacIvor, Darbyshire*, Fleming*, Jolley, Smith, Harrison, A., Hornby, Balfour, Seager, J., Seddon, Lonsdale, Dootson, Southgate. (Awarded colours this season *).

2nd XI. - Sherrington, P. (Capt.), Fairclough, Southworth, Fleming, Hambleton, Kay, Southgate, Chadwick, Marshall, Seager, J., Parker, Hart, Lonsdale, Balfour, Mort, Seddon, Dootson, Stevens, Hanson, Sharratt, Leversedge, Crompton, Atkinson, Mawdesley, Ashworth, Seager, A., Hough.

U.15 XI. - Atkinson (Capt), Hilton, J., Cowburn, Roberts, Crompton, Walker, Pearson, Glover, Phethean, Sherrington, D., Mawdesley, Gregory, Scott, Hilton, M. J., Worthington, McSorley, Rogers, Scarisbrick, Chivers, Hough, Whiteside, Fox.

U.14 XI. - Bolton (Capt.), Leigh, Heaton, Leece, McSorley, Scarisbrick, Rogers, Garstang, Whiteside, Leversedge, Mercer, Worthington, Chivers, Murray, Caldwell, Warburton.

U.13 XI. - Caldwell (Capt), Farnworth, Gregory, Harrison, Hartley, Chivers, Kitts, Chesney, Cox, Pendlebury, Fletcher, Howarth, Leaf, Haydock, Dyer, Crutchlow, Hurst, Walsh.

U.12 XI. - Leaf (Capt), Howarth, Greenhalgh, Holt, Matthews, Walsh, Woodcock, Adamson, Haydock, Horsley, Westhead, Hartley, Perry, Steele, Woods, Hurst, Davies.

The records of the respective teams are:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XI	28	14	5	9	82	54
2nd XI	26	13	2	11	79	62
U.15 XI	10	3	1	6	31	42
U.14 XI	13	5	2	6	46	32
U.13 XI	5	2	0	3	13	29
U.12 XI	11	4	1	6	40	42

1st and 2nd XI results.

Date	Opponents	Venue	1st	Venue	2nd
1965					
Sept 15	Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Lost 0-1	Home	Won 4-3
" 18	Thornleigh College	Away	Won 3-2	Home	Won 4-0
" 25	Chorley G.S.	Home	Lost 1-2	Away	Lost 2-3
" 29	Derby School, Bury	Home	Won 6-1	Home	Lost 3-5
Oct. 2	Old Rivingtonians	Home	Lost 2-3	Home	Lost 2-4
" 9	Leigh G.S.	Away	Drew 1-1	Home	Won 3-2
" 16	Edge Hill T.C.	Home	Lost 1-5	Home	Lost 0-7
" 20	Ashton G.S.	Home	Won 6-1	Away	Won 2-1
" 23	Eccles G.S.	Home	Won 2-0	Home	Won 7-0
Nov. 1	Colwyn Bay G.S.	Away	Won 3-1	-	-
" 2	Llangefny Compr. S.S.	Away	Won 5-3	Away	Won 7-2
" 3	Friars' School, Bangor	Away	Won 3-2	Away	Won 7-2
" 4	David Hughes Sch. Anglesey	Away	Won 3-2	Away	Won 5-0
" 13	Canon Slade G.S.	Away	Drew 1-1	Away	Lost 1-3
" 17	Farnworth G.S.	Away	Won 4-3	Home	Won 5-2
" 24	Hayward G.S.	Away	Lost 2-3	Away	Won 5-0
" 27	Bury G.S.	Home	Won 8-0	Away	Lost 2-3
Dec. 11	Baines G.S.	Away	Lost 2-3	Away	Lost 0-7
1966					
Jan. 8	Hindley G.S.	Away	Won 5-1	Home	Won 3-0
" 15	Baines G.S.	Away	Lost 0-3	Away	Lost 0-3
" 26	Bolton G.S.	-	-	Away	Won 4-1
" 29	Chorley G.S.	Away	Lost 1-3	Home	Lost 2-4
Feb. 2	Farnworth G.S.	Home	Won 5-1	Away	Drew 1-1
" 5	Thornleigh College	Home	Drew 2-2	-	-
" 12	Leigh G.S.	Home	Drew 1-1	Away	Lost 0-1
" 16	Hayward G.S.	Home	Won 4-1	Home	Drew 4-4
Mar. 9	Derby School, Bury	Away	Lost 2-3	Away	Won 4-0
" 12	Preston G.S.	Away	Drew 4-4	Home	Lost 2-4
Apr. 4	Staff XI	Home	Won 5-1	-	-

Once again, the 1st and 2nd teams have had a good season, despite a few unfortunate and undeserved defeats. Of last year's 1st XI only two left school and this is reflected in the results in the 1st half of the season, since it did not take as long as usual to obtain the correct blend of football. The details of the tour to Wales are given below, so it is sufficient to mention that the 1st XI won all their four games, and the 2nd XI all their 3; this was a good indication of the team-spirit prevalent in both teams, since 4 matches in 4 days and 3 matches in 3 days for the 1st and 2nd XIs respectively is a hard programme, but both teams came through still playing good, determined football in the last matches.

For the first time, the Bolton Area Grammar Schools arranged a tournament among the schools in Bolton Area. We were unfortunate in that we played our first game in this competition when the School was badly hit by influenza, and several of the 1st XI were unable to play; consequently we were defeated in the first round and proceeded no further in the tournament. Our visit to Chorlton six-a-side met with no better fate as we were again despatched in the first round by the team which went to the final; the Stand six-a-side was cancelled owing to inclement weather.

During the year, Fletcher, Darbyshire and Harrison, W. have represented Bolton Grammar Schools XI in several matches.

The U.15 and U.14 XI's have had a satisfactory season on the whole, and there are several indications from these teams that the 1st and 2nd XIs will be able to maintain their good records in future years.

Special praise must go to the U.14 and U.12 XIs; the U.13 XI did not manage to win a match last year, but, thanks to the unselfish labours of both Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Harrison, both the U.14 and U.12 XIs are teams to be reckoned with, as their results show.

As always, we must all express our gratitude to Mr. Hodson and Mr. Walton (1st and 2nd XIs), Mr. Savage (U.15 XI), Mr. Harrison (U.14 XI) and Mr. Crabtree (U.13 and U.12 XIs) for cheerfully giving up many hours for our benefit in training and coaching us; also to the many other members of Staff who have refereed our matches, and finally to all the young ladies who have undoubtedly found it much harder work to force us to wash up than to provide the excellent refreshments

W. Harrison (Capt).

The North Wales Football Tour 1965.

The 1965 football tour began on a typical November morning of wind and rain when the 1st and 2nd XI football teams, accompanied by Messrs. Hodson, Walton and Harrison, braved the elements to do battle against footballing opponents in N. Wales.

In the afternoon the 1st XI met their first rivals in Colwyn Bay G.S. Hampered by a strong wind the 1st XI soon trailed by a goal but kept the score down until the interval. A half-time tactics talk by our team manager, Mr. Walton, inspired a worthy retaliation and the 1st XI recorded the first win of the tour by 3-1. After refreshment at the school the party left for the headquarters in Llandudno.

Tuesday provided games for both teams and handsome victories were obtained over rivals Llangefni Comprehensive School. The 1st XI match could well have been called the 'Battle of Llangefni' because of the number of incidents by the home team. After having 4 goals disallowed the 1st XI, captained by Fletcher, romped home with a 5-3 win; the 2nd XI gained their first win of 7-2.

Our hosts on Wednesday were Friars' School, Bangor, and they provided us with two very exciting fixtures. Playing on Bangor University fields the 1st XI were soon in trouble and trailing by a goal. After two quick goals the 1st XI maintained a superior position until the interval. An

unfortunate own goal put Bangor back in the game but, nevertheless, the 1st XI gained a well deserved win minutes before the final Whistle. The team, captained by MacIvor, Won 3-2 and the 2nd XI boosted their goal average with a 7-2 victory.

Our last fixtures against David Hughes School, Anglesey, on Thursday presented a great challenge to both teams. Two very weary but determined teams took the field with the knowledge that our undefeated record had been related along the 'jungle telegraph' by our previously vanquished opponents to our rivals and inspired the insatiable desire in them that we should taste the bitter flavour of defeat. Inspired by our captain, Harrison, who headed three goals before the interval, the 1st XI took complete command of the game. On resumption we were hindered by a clash of colour in the mud-spattered red shirts of our opponents which looked red and black when We were playing into the sun and, also by a very heavy pitch. During an endless second half, in which We poured out our last dregs of energy, the home team. scored two goals but went down 3-2. At the final whistle twenty-two Rivington bodies hobbled, limped or crawled to the dressing room. The 2nd XI had won 5-0 and so we had maintained our undefeated record. In an after-tea address, our International referee, Mr. R. Williams, complimented the 1st XI by saying they were the finest schoolboy team to visit N. Wales. Back at our hotel only the champagne and caviare were absent from our celebrations and, indeed, judging by our high spirits, one would have thought we had conquered the whole of Wales.



The North Wales Football Tour Party, 1966

On Friday we left Llandudno after lunch and arrived home in time for tea. This for some was their first tour, for others the last of many but for all, I am sure, it was the best. For this our sincere and unanimous appreciation goes to our guardians, Mr. Hodson, Mr. Walton and Mr. Harrison for their tolerance and their organization of a very enjoyable and successful tour.

Stuart MacIvor, UVI.



HOCKEY

Captain: Margaret Harwood.

1st XI (G.K.) C. Wragg, (R.B.) S. Savery, (L.B.) C. Yates, (R.H.) M. Gibb, (C.H.) J. Ponton, (L.H.) J. Livesey, (R.W.) J. Alker, (R.I.) M. Harwood, (C.F.) D. Shepherd, (L.I.) K. Rainford*, (L.W.) B. Ratcliffe. (* Awarded colours this season).

2nd XI—J. Monks, C. Barton, J. Ivill, E. Davies, June Ormerod, S. Stott, B. Adamson, L. Carter, A. Cooper, Jean Monks, R. Antrobus, S. Pennington, L. Dougill.

U15— G. Muir, S. Lowe, E. Leaf, J. Perry, S. Westwell, B. Moss, S. Bridge, A. Shallicker, J. Laing, J. Sharples, C. Hampson, D. Allsopp.

U.14—M. Howarth, G. Harrison, J. Tomlinson, S. Johnson, A. Steventon, B. Shepherd, C. Adamson, S. Thomson, S. Whittle, J. Irwin, J. Bibby, J. Fitton, K. Daniels, M. Fitton, J. Monks.

Results

Opponents	Venue	1st	2nd	U15	U14
Derby School, Bury	Home		Cancelled		
Hayward G.S.	Away		Cancelled		
Bolton County G.S.	Home	Won 4-0	Won 3-0	-	-
Old Rivingtonians	Home	Won 8-2	-	-	-
Derby School, Bury	Away	Drew 2-2	Won 3-1	Won 12-1	-
Upholland G.S.	Away	Lost 0-4	Lost 1-8	-	-
Ashton G.S.	Home	Lost 2-4	Lost 1-8	-	-
Canon Slade G.S.	Away	Lost 1-3	Lost 1-8	Won 5-2	Drew 3-3
Wigan High School	Away	Won 5-1	Won 5-0	-	-
Darwen G.S.	Home		Cancelled		
Smithills G.S.	Home		Cancelled		
Leigh G.S.	Home		Cancelled		
Smithills G.S.	Away	Lost 1-2	Won 4-0	Drew 1-1	Won 1-0
Balshaw's G.S.	Away		Cancelled		
Wigan High School	Home		Cancelled		
Upholland G.S.	Home		Cancelled		
Darwen G.S.	Away	Lost 0-2	Lost 0-2	-	-
Canon Slade G.S.	Away	Lost 2-6	Lost 0-5	Lost 0-2	Lost 0-1
Bolton County G.S.	Away	Won 4-2	Lost 1-4	-	-
Balshaw's G.S.	Home	Lost 1-3	Lost 2-3	Won 1-0	-
District Bank	Home	Won 3-0	-	-	-
Ashton G.S.	Away		Cancelled		
Worsley Wardley G.S.	Away		Cancelled		
Chorley G.S.	Away		Cancelled		

The records of the respective teams are:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
First	13	5	1	7
Second	11	4	1	6
U.15	6	4	1	1
U.14	3	1	1	1

The senior Hockey season has not been quite as successful as in previous years, although all the teams have played well and enthusiastically. Many of our matches had to be cancelled and it would seem that our worst opponent has been the weather.

Special credit must be given to the junior teams who have often forfeited members to fill up places on the senior teams; but despite this handicap they have played very successfully.

The Hockey Tournament was held this year at Whalley Range G.S. and our team came second in our section. However, the 1st XI was once again successful in a very enjoyable match against the Old Rivingtonians. A highlight to the season was a win against the District Bank 1st XI.

On behalf of the teams I would like to welcome Miss Thomas who joined us at the beginning of the spring term and I would like to thank her and other members of Staff who accompanied us during the autumn term.

M. Harwood (Capt)



NETBALL

Captain: Joyce Ponton.

Vice-Captain: June Ormerod.

1st Team - (G.K.) June Ormerod, (G.D.) Joyce Ponton. (W.D.) Joyce Livesey, (C.) Margaret Harwood*, (W.A.) Kathleen Rainford, (G.A.) Maureen Gibb*, (G.S.) Susan Pennington. (" Awarded colours this season).

2nd Team - (G.K.) Christine Barton, (G.D.) Jean Alker, (W.D.) Jenifer Monks, (C) Jean Monks, (W.A.) Audrey Cooper, (G.A.) Sheena Savery, (G.S.) Christine Yates.

U.15 Team - (G.K.) Elaine Birchall, (G.D.) June Sharples, (W.D.) Ann Shallicker, (C) Janet Perry, (W.A) Susan Vestwell. (G.A.) Jeanette Lang, (G.S.) Joan Leeming.

U.14 Team - (G.K.) Gillian Harrison. (G.D.) Susan Lowe, (W.D.) Carol Hampson, (C.) Denise Alsop, (W.A.) Janet Fitton. (G.A.) Barbara Moss, (G.S.) Sheila Johnson. Res. Gail Muir.

Results

Date	Opponents	Venue	1st	2nd	U15	U14
Sept. 18	Farnworth G.S.	Home		Cancelled		
" 25	Mt. St. Joseph's G.S.	Away	Lost 11-16	Cancelled	Lost 5-6	Lost 7-11
Oct. 6	Hayward G.S.	Away	Drew 14-14	Won 14-10	-	-
" 30	Leigh G.S.	Away	Lost	Won	Lost	Lost
Nov. 20	Hayward G.S.		Lost 10-12	Lost	Lost 10-14	Lost
Dec. 4	Smithills G.S.	Away		Cancelled		
Jan. 8	Farnworth G.S.	Home	Lost 3-14	Lost 1-14	Won 9-8	Won 7-6
" 29	Smithills G.S.	Home	Lost 16-20	-	Lost 11-27	-
Feb. 12	Mt. St. Joseph's G.S.	Home		Cancelled		

Although the season has been rather unsuccessful, the results hardly do merit to the keenness and enthusiasm with which the matches have been played. We did win two matches, though by only a narrow margin. The beginning of the year was very difficult owing to the lack of a permanent gym-mistress, but after Miss Thomas joined the Staff practices were more regularly attended but unfortunately it was too late to have any appreciable effect on the results. We lost the Staff match, although we did our best against “veteran” players. I would like to thank all the players and those who practised in their endeavours to try and win.

Joyce Ponton (Capt.).

CROSS-COUNTRY **Inter-Schools Matches**

During the season 1965/A66 the School maintained their high standard of Cross Country running, losing only one of their seven matches. Although our Captain, Smith R., frequently took the individual honour, I feel that in the main our good results were due to fine team effort and that in itself reflects great credit on our runners. Colours were awarded to Mansfield.

R.M.H.

Sept. 15th v. Bolton County G.S. (Home) Seniors.

Won 37-43. School positions: Smith (1 - 18m. 57.4s.), Mansfield (3), Charnock (4), Balfour (8), Fear (10), Jolley (11), Hawkins (12), Robinson (13).

Oct. 23rd ‘Fred Norris’ Trophy Race.(Moss Bank Park) Juniors.

Winner: Hayward G.S. Rivington placed 7th. School positions: Phethean (3), Leigh (46), Warburton (48), Murray (49), Pearson (50), Garstang (59), Matthews (70), Pryce (76), Dixon (80).

Oct. 27th v. Chorley G.S. (Home) Seniors.

Won 26-56. School positions: Smith (1 - 19m. 6s.), Charnock (2), Mansfield (3), Darbyshire (5), Fletcher (6), Fear (9), Balfour (11), Hawkins (12), Jolley (15).

Dec. 4th Triangular Match V. Wigan G.S. and Bolton C.G.S, Seniors

1st Rivington 39, 2nd Bolton 40, 3rd Wigan 57. School positions: Smith (2), Mansfield (5), Charnock (8), Phethean (9), Darbyshire (10), Balfour (14), Fletcher (15),

Juniors: 1st Wigan 24, 2nd Rivington 47, 3rd Bolton 68. School positions: Hester (5), Warburton (7), Garstang (8), Chivers (13), Pearson (14), Bolton (16), Pryce (17).

Cubs: 1st Wigan 20, 2nd Rivington 45, 3rd Bolton 69. School Positions: Leaf (3), Haydock (6), Matthews (10), Walsh (11), Wood (15), Holt (16). Team result: Rivington 45, Bolton 69, Wigan 20.

Dec. 15th v. Derby School. Bury (Home) Seniors.

Won 37-41. School positions: (1 - 18m. 15s.), Mansfield (2), Fletcher (7), Darbyshire (8), Balfour (9), Harrison (10), Fear (13), Jolley (14).

Jan. 26th v. Bolton County G.S. (Away) Seniors

Lost 44-36. School positions: Smith (2 - 24m.40s.), Phethean (3), Mansfield (5), Fletcher (9), Hawkins (12), Charnock (13), Balfour (14).

Mar. 26th v. Wigan G.S. (Home) Seniors.

Won 35-47. School positions: Mansfield (2), Smith (3), Charnock (5), Darbyshire (6), Phethean (9), Kay (10), Hawkins (11), Hambleton (12). Juniors: Lost 27-28. School positions: Hester (1), Warburton (2), Leigh (6), Murray (9), Cornes (10), Whiteside (11), Pearson (14), Martindale (15). Cubs: Won 18-41. School positions: Leaf (1), Pryce (2), Banks (4), Matthews (5), Mayor (6), Hart (7), Hirst (12).

Mar. Triangular Match v. Leigh Central and Horwich C.S. 2nd Year.

1st Horwich C.S. 'A' 46, 2nd Leigh C.S. 75, 3rd Rivington 82. School positions: Pryce (3), Chivers (10), Leaf (11), Hartley (12), Hirst (20), Crutchlow (26), Chesney (29), Cunningham (31), Wolf (34), Fletcher (39). 3rd Year: 1st Rivington 38, 2nd Leigh C.S. 65, 3rd Horwich 68. School positions: Murray (2), Warburton (3), Garstang (4), Leigh (8), Dixon (9), Whiteside (12), Rogers (22), Stonier (24), Scarisbrick (27), Pomfret (28). 4th Year. 1st Horwich C.S. 37, 2nd Rivington 68, 3rd Leigh C.S. 95. School positions: Phethean (1), Hester (5), Pearson (7), Matthews (17), Asbridge (18), Laycock (20), Cornes (21), Urmston (24), Atkinson (25).

Final results of the Season (Seniors)

Matches 7 Won 6 Lost 1.

R.Smith (Capt).

Inter-House Competition - Standards on March 3rd.

Junior (2½ mile in 17½mins.).

1. Pilkington 19; 2. Holme 12; 3. Queen's 9.

Holme:

Pearson, Heaton, Hilton, J., McSorley, Haydock, Pomfret, Ryder, Pendlebury, Woods, Cox, Sherrington, Fletcher.

Queen's:

Warburton, Leigh, Pryce, Cornes, Banks, Anderton, Hurst, Firth, Cunningham.

Pilkington:

Murray, Bolton, Chivers, Matthews, Leaf, Hartley, Whiteside, Scarisbrick, Holt, Matthews (Junior), Stonier, Moss, Rossbottom, Worthington, Crutchlow, Stebbings, Oakes, Rogers, Walsh.

Senior (3½ miles in 23½mins.).

1. Queen's 10; 2. Pilkington 9; 3. Holme 8.

Holme:

Hambleton, Harrison, Hawkins, Simkin, Mort, Dixon, Craven, Howarth.

Queen's:

Mansfield, Darbyshire, Balfour, Jolley, I., Fear, Howarth, Dickinson, VLee, Hart, Ashcroft.

Pilkington:

Phethean, Kay, Harris, Smith, Fleming, Bridge, Hornby, Charnock, Dootson.

Inter-House Competitions - Championship Races, March 8th

Junior (Record: Wilkinson, C. (P.) in 12 mins. 16.6 secs., 1957).

1. Pilkington 172; 2. Queen's 239; 3. Holme 274.

Individual winner: Hester (H) in 13 mins. 31.2 secs.

Senior (Record: Wilkinson, C. (P) in 18 mins. 5.0 secs.. 1960).

1. Pilkington 109; 2. Queen's 122; 3. Holme 144.

Individual winner: Smith, R. (P) in 18 mins. 52 secs.

R.M.H.

Girls' Cross-Country.

For the first time ever, under the supervision of Miss Thomas, several members of the second form represented Horwich and District Sports Association in the Lancashire Junior Cross-Country Championships at Shevington on March 5th.

The Horwich team had a considerable success, mainly owing to vigorous training, and was placed first. Individual placings were: M. Fitton (2), S. Thorne (26), J. Bibby (56), B. Shepherd (79).

Special notice should be given to Moira Fitton and Shirley Thorne who gained County Badges for their meritorious effort.

In a competition versus Wigan Harriers, St. Joseph's and Horwich County Secondary School, we were narrowly beaten by St. Joseph's who achieved 55 to our 58 points.

Denise Allsopp and Gail Muir.

ATHLETICS

Inter-School Matches.

As a result of outstanding performances for the School Athletics team the following boys have been awarded their colours:- Craven, Dootson, Darbyshire, and Moira Fitton has been awarded the Smallwood Trophy.

(* denotes new School record).

May 6th v. Leigh G.S. and Hayward Schools (at Leigh).

Result: 1. Leigh and Rivington tie, 3. Hayward.

School Places: Senior: Harrison - 100 (2), 220 (2); Darbyshire - 440 (2); Smith - 880 (1), mile (3); Craven - H.Jump (2); Seager - H.Jump (3); Mansfield - Mile (2); Bridge - Shot (2); Sharratt - Shot (3); Jolley - Javelin (3); Dootson - Discus (1); Howarth - Discus (3); Fairbrother - L.Jump (2); Relay (2).

Junior: Mawdesley - 220 (2), Discus (1); Phethean - 440 (2). Javelin (3); Gregory ~ 220 (3), Shot (2); Hester - 880 (3); Fox - H.Jump (1); Relay (1). Cubs: Cox - 100 (2), 220 (1); Pryce - 440 (2), L.Jump (1); Chivers - H.Jump (2).

May v. Balshaw's G.S. and Chorley G.S. (Relays), (Home).

Won 5 out of 10 relays. Lost the Balshaw Trophy to Chorley G.S. to whom we offer our warmest congratulations.

1st Year Girls :	1. Chorley,	(Rivington disqualified).
1st Year Boys :	1. Rivington,	2. Chorley.
2nd Year Girls :	1. Chorley,	(Rivington disqualified.)
2nd Year Boys :	1. Rivington.	2. Chorley.
3rd Year Girls :	1. Balshaw's,	2. Chorley 3. Rivington.
3rd Year Boys :	1. Rivington.	2. Chorley. (Balshaw's disqualified.)
4th Year Boys :	1. Chorley	2. Rivington
4th Year Girls :	1. Rivington,	2. Chorley.
Senior Girls :	1. Rivington,	2. Chorley, 3. Balshaw's.
Senior Boys :	1. Chorley,	2. Rivington_ 3. Balshaw's.

May 9th v. Bolton C.G.S., Worsley Wardley G.S. and Darwen G.S. (Home)

Result: 1. Rivington (164), 2. Worsley (70), 3. Darwen (48). 4. Bolton C.G.S; (42)

School Places: Senior: Harrison - 100 (1), 220 (1); Darbyshire - 440 (2); Smith - 880 (1), Mile (1); Mansfield - Mile (2); Charnock - 880 (3); Dootson - Discus (1) *130' 10"; Bridge - Shot (2); Fleming - Javelin (1); Craven - H.Jump (1); Seager - H.Jump (3), Tr.Jump (1); Fletcher - L.Jump (1); Relay 1.

Juniors: R. Gregory - 100(2), 220 (3), Discus (2); Mawdesley - 220 (2); Phethean - 440 (2). Javelin (2), L.Jump (3); Hester - 880 (1); Fox - H.Jump (2); Broadstock - L.Jump (1); Green - 1st yr. 100 (2)_ 220 (1); Cox - 2nd yr. 100 (1), 220 (1); Gregory - 100 (2), 220 (3); Relay (1).

June 3rd v. Bolton School, Bolton C.G.S., Wigan G.S., Hindley G.S: and Smithills Schools

An unfortunate fall in the Senior Relay robbed us of victory but the School Team could feel Well satisfied with their performances in the biggest match of the kind ever held at Rivington.

Final Result: 1. Bolton School (142), 2. Rivington (138), 3. Wigan (130), 4. Smithills (99), 5. Bolton C.G.S. (88), 6. Hindley (53).

School Places: Senior: Harrison - 100 (3)_ 220' (1); Darbyshire - 440 (2); Smith - 880 (1); Mansfield - Mile (2); Dootson - Discus (1)*; Sharratt - Shot (1); Jollev - Javelin (2); Craven - H.Jump (1)*; Fairbrother - L.Jump (3), Tr.Jump (2); Relay (5).

Junior: Phethean - 440 (2), Javelin (3); Hester - 880 (2); Worthington - Discus (3); Fox - H.Jump (1); Broadstock - L.Jump (3); Mawdesley - Tr.Jump (2); Relay (3). 1st Year - Walsh e 100 (3), 220 (2). 2nd Year - Cox 100 (2), 220 (1).

June 9th Horwich and District Schools Athletics Championships at Hindley Green County Secondary School.

The following schools took part - Rivington and Blackrod G.S., Horwich C.Sec., Hindley C.Sec., Hindley Green C.Sec., Westhoughton Boys, St. Joseph's C.Sec.

This year for the first time trophies were competed for as follows, with the School winning all four:

Horwich Rotary Club Trophy (Junior Boys): 1. R.&B.G.S. (40), 2. Horwich C.S. (28),3. Hindley C.S. (10), 4. Westhoughton Boys. (4), 5. Hindley Green C.S. (2).

Horwich Rotary Club Trophy (Junior Girls): 1. R.1&B.G.S. (41), 2. St. Joseph's (15), 3. Horwich C.S. (14). 4. Hindley (8), 5. Hindley Green C'.S. (3).

Westhoughton Rotary Club Trophy (Intermediate Boys): 1. R.\&B.G.S. 78, 2. Westhoughton Boys 28, 3. Hindley Green C.S. 26, 4. Horwich C.S. 14, 5; Hindley C.S. 6, 6. St. Joseph's C.S'. 4.

A. J. M. Jenner Trophy (Intermediate Girls): 1. R.1&B.G:S: 32, 2. Horwich C.S. 24, 3. Hindley Green C.S. 22, 4. Hindley C.S'. 10, 5. St. Joseph's C.S. 6:

School Places: Under 14 Boys: Cox - 80 (1), 220 _(2); Chivers - Cricket Ball (3). H.Jump (1); Pryce - L.Jump (1); Caldwell - L.Jump (2); Relay ~ (1).

Under 16 Boys: Gregory, R. - 100 (1), Tr.Jump (2); Rogers - 100* (3); Worthington - Discus (.2); Sapsford - Discus (1); Leigh - 880 (3); Phethean - 440 (1), Mile (1); Hester Mile (3); Fox - H.Jump (2); Broadstock - H.Jump (1), L.Jump (1); Relay (1).

Under 17 Boys: Sharratt - Discus (2), Shot (1); Seager - H.Jump (1); Stevens - H.Jump (1), Shot (3); Cowburn - Javelin (1); Fairbrother - Tr.Jump (1). L.Jump (2); Hambleton - Tr.Jump (2); Dickinson - 220' (3); Kay - 440 (1), L.Jump (1); Harris. - Mile (1), Relay (1).

Girls Under 14: M. Fitton - 80 (1). 150 (1); C. Boardman - 80 (2), 150 (2); J. Tomlinson - L.Jump (1); S. Thorne - L.Jump (2); Relay (1).

Girls Under 16: C. Hampson - Discus (3); G. Muir - H.Jump (1); S. Bridge - 150 (1); J. Sharples - 150 (3); J. Fitton - L.Jump (2); Relay (1).

Girls Under 17: B. Radcliffe - H.Jump (1); J. Laing - H.Jump (equal 1); H. McGowan L.Jump (1); J. Alker - 100 (1), 150 (1); J. Perry - 100 (3); Relay (1).

Inter-House Competition

AFTER having to postpone our Sports Day from Wednesday, 25th May, owing to inclement weather we were able to have our Championships on the following Thursday.

Although conditions were not conducive to outstanding performances a high standard was again achieved by the competing athletes and a number of School records were broken both before and on Sports Day. Cox (Holme House) deserves special mention for improving both the Under 13 Boys 80 yard record and the 160 yards record. As well he equalled Mr. M. Crabtree's fifteen-years old record of 15' 1" in the U.13 Boys Long Jump. Other record breakers were Worthington (P) Under 15 Boys Discus and C. Boardman (Q) in Under 13 Girls 160 yards and U.13 Girls 80 yards. Carol now holds three School records, having established the U.12 80 yards record in the 1965 Sports.

Results

(* Denotes new School record. *E Denotes equal of School record)

Events decided before Sports Day

Girls' Events

1. High Jump. Under 13 - 1st. S. Vaudrev (P). 2nd C. Chadwick (H), 3rd C. Boardman (Q) Height 3' 9"
2. High Jump. Under 15 - 1st B. Hester (H). 2nd J. Fitton (H), 3rd G. Muir (Q) and D. Allsopp (H) Height 4' 1"
3. High Jump. Over 15 - 1st J. Laing (Q), 2nd L. Carter (H), 3rd B. Ratcliffe (Q) 4' 5"
4. Rounders Ball. Under 13 - 1st E. Robinson (Q), 2nd S. Higham (H), 3rd C. Swift (Q) 114' 3"
5. Rounders Ball. Under 15 - 1st S. Johnson (P), 2nd S. Westwell (P), 3rd J. Bibby (Q) 145' 2"
6. Rounders Ball. Over 15 - 1st K. Rainford (H). 2nd E. Davies (H), 3rd J. Ponton (Q) 155' 4"
7. Discus. 14 years - 1st C. Hampson (H), 2nd D. Allsopp (H), 3rd G. Harrison (P) 59'
8. Discus. Over 15 - 1st J. Ponton (Q), 2nd E. Bateman (P), 3rd L. Speak (Q) 72' 5"
9. Long Jump. Under 13 - 1st C. Boardman (Q), 2nd E. Robinson (Q), 3rd K. Rutter (Q) 13' 3½"

Boys' Events

1. High Jump. Under 13 - 1st Green (H)_ 2nd Wickham (Q). 3rd Walsh (P) and Adamson (P) 3' 11"
2. High Jump. Under 15 - 1st Broadstock (H), 2nd Jolley (H), 3rd Chivers (P) 4' 5"
3. Long Jump. Under 13 - 1st Cox (H), 2nd Green (H), 3rd Bennett (Q) 15' 1"*
4. Long Jump. Over 15 - 1st Fairbrother (Q), 2nd Fletcher (Q), 3rd Simkin (H) 19' 6"
5. 880 yds. Over 15 - 1st Smith (P), 2nd Fletcher (Q), 3rd Kay (P) 2m. 7.6secs.
6. Cricket Ball. Under 13 - 1st Banks (Q)_ 2nd Haydock (H), 3rd Baker (H) 170' 2"
7. Javelin. Over 15 - 1st Jolley (H). 2nd Fleming (P), 3rd Smith (P) 132' 6"
8. Javelin. Under 15 - 1st Cowburn (Q). 2nd Eatock (Q), 3rd Rogers (P) 106' 2"
9. Shot .Over 15 - 1st Stevens (P), 2nd Sharratt (Q). 3rd Bridge (P) 39' 0"
10. Discus. Under 15 - 1st Worthington (P), 2nd Sherrington D. (H). 3rd Rutter (Q) 99' 9"
11. Long Jump. Under 15 - 1st Broadstock (H), 2nd Cowburn (Q), 3rd Stebbings (P) 17' 3"
12. One mile. Under 15 - 1st Hester (H), 2nd Leigh (Q). 3rd Warburton (Q) 5 mins. 16.9 s.

Events decided on Sports Day

1. 440 yds. Over 15 B0ys - 1st Smith (P)_ 2nd Darbyshire (Q), 3rd Harrison (H) 56.5 secs.
2. High Jump. Over 15 Boys - 1st Craven (H), 2nd Jolley K. (Q), 3rd Balfour (Q) 5' 2"
3. 440 yds. Under 15 Boys - 1st Broadstock (H), 2nd Stebbingg (P), 3rd Warburton (Q) 68.4 secs
4. Long Jump. Over 15 Girls - 1st J. Sharples (H), 2nd D. Shepherd (Q), 3rd M. Harwood (H) 15' 2"
5. Discus. Over 15 Boys - 1st Haworth (Q)_ 2nd Dootson (P), 3rd Smith D. (P) 121' 7"
6. 80 yds. Under 12 Girls - 1st C. Chlvel'5 (P), 2nd J. Simm (Q), 3rd A. Berry (P) 11.9 s.
7. 80 yds. Under 13 Girls - 1st C. Boardman (Q). 2nd E. Seager (H), 3rd K. Brown (P) 10.5 secs.*

8. 80 yds. Under 13 Boys - 1st Cox (H), 2nd Hollowell (Q), 3rd Walsh (P) 9.9 secs.*
9. 100 yds. Under 14 Girls - 1st M. Fitton (H), 2nd C. Hampson (H), 3rd S. Thorne (P) 12.9 secs.
10. 100 yds. Under 15 Girls - 1st J. Fitton (H), 2nd B. Moss (P), 3rd -S, Westwell (P) 12.9 secs.
11. 100 yds. Under 16 Girls - 1st J. Sharples (H). 2nd S. Bridge (P), 3rd J. Laing (Q) 13.1 secs.
12. 100 yds. Over 16 Girls - 1st D. Shepherd (Q)_ 2nd R. Antrobus (Q). 3rd J, Alker (Q) 12.8 secs.
13. 100 yds. Over 15 Boys - 1st Harrison (H), 2nd Darbyshire (Q)_ 3rd Marshall (P) 110.9 secs.
14. 100 yds. Under 15 Boys - 1st Broadstock (H), 2nd Stebbings (P). 3rd Worthington (P) 11.9 secs.
15. Long Jump. Under 15 Girls - 1st J. Fitton (H)_ 2nd J. Tomlinson (H), 3rd S. Westwell.
16. Hop, Step and Jump. Over 15 Boys - 1st Fairbrother (Q), 2nd Seager (H), 3rd Fletcher (Q) 40' 1"
17. 160 yds. Under 13 Boys - 1st Cox (H), 2nd Walsh (P), 3rd Hurst (Q) 21.35 secs.*
18. 160 yds. Under 14 Girls—1st M. Fitton (H), 2nd C. Hampson (H)_ 3rd S. Thorne (P)
19. 160 yds. Under 15 Girls—1st J. Fitton (H), 2nd D_ Allsopp (H), 3rd S, Thompson (Q)
20. 160 yds. Under 13 Girls—1st C. Boardman (Q), 2nd E, Seager (H), 3rd S. Higham (H)
21. 220 yds. Over 15 Boys—1st Harrison (H). 2nd Darbyshire (Q)_ 3rd Marshall (P) 25.4 secs
22. 220 yds. Under 15 Boys - 1st Broadstock (H), 2nd Leigh (Q), 3rd Stebbings (P) 28.4 s.
23. 220 yds. Over 16 Girls—1st D. Shepherd (Q). 2nd J. Alker (Q) and R. Antrobus (Q)
24. 220 yds. Under 16 Girls - 1st S. Bridge (P), 2nd J, Sharples (H) and J. Laingv (Q) 33.0 secs.
25. 880 yds. Under 15 Boys - 1st Hester (H), 2nd Leigh (Q), 3rd Warburton (Q) 2 mins. 24.6 secs.
26. One Mile. Over 15 Boys - 1st Smith (P), 2nd Mansfield (Q), 3rd Charnock (P) 5 mins. 4.4 secs.
27. 4 x 110 yds. Relay Under 13 Girls - 1st Queen's, 2nd Holme, 3rd Pilkington.
28. 4 x 110 yds. Relay Under 13 Boys - 1st Pilkington, 2nd Queen's, 3rd Holme.
29. 4 x 110 yds. Relaaay Under 15 Girls - 1st Holme, 2nd Pilkington, 3rd Queen's.
30. 4 x 110 yds. Relay Under 15 Boys - 1st Holme, 2nd Pilkington, 3rd Queen's.
31. 4 x 110 yds. Relay Over 15 Girls - 1st Queen's, 2nd Pilkington, 3rd Holme.
32. 4 x 110 yds. Relay Over 15 Boys - 1st Holme, 2nd Queen's, 3rd Pilkington.

Final Scores: 1st Holme (280 pts), 2nd Queen's (248 pts), 3rd Pilkington (174 pts)

So once again Margaret Harwood and W. Harrison received the cup from Mr. Jenner on behalf of Holme House.

The John Watkin Memorial Trophy for competition among boys in the under 15 age group was awarded to Pilkington House.

R.M.H. and M.C.T.



CRICKET

THE 1966 season was one of much success and showed promise for the years to come. With a well balanced team, we lost only two fixtures, although quicker batting at times would have produced more victories.

Darbyshire was both the Captain and mainstay of the team, giving fine performances both with the bat and the ball. However, throughout the season there has been an excellent team spirit and a combined effort with everyone playing his part.

The season terminated with the annual match against the Staff. On a wicket that proved to be lively at first the Staff were soon in trouble but, owing to some good batting by Mr. Savage and Mr. Haworth, the Staff declared with their score respectably in the nineties. Some excellent batting and bowling by Darbyshire gave the School a victory with the winning run being scored in the last over of the game. We would like to thank the Staff for such a thrilling game to end the season.

Losing only one of their six matches and winning the other five the 2nd Team under the guidance of Alan Simkin maintained the high standard of cricket in school.

The team would like to express their gratitude to Mr. Hodson and other members of Staff for the interest they have shown and for umpiring the matches. We are also indebted to the girls for the time they have given in providing the refreshments

K. Jolley.

1st XI Matches
(* denotes not out)

Date	Opponents	Score	School Score	Result
May 14	Ashton G.S.	35 - 7	82 - 0 dec. (Lonsdale 48*, Darbyshire 32*)	Draw
" 18	Burnley G.S.	51 (Darbyshire 4-14)	55 - 8	Won
" 28	Smithills Schools.	47-7 dec. (Mrt 4-9)	51 - 2	Won
Jun. 3	Wigan C.C.	86 - 5 dec.	87 - 2 (Darbyshire 41*, Fleming 26)	Won
" 4	Ashton G.S.	56 - 5	95 - 3 dec. (Darbyshire 38*, Lonsdale 30)	Won
" 8	Farnworth G.S.	120 - 6 dec. (Fleming 4-29)	74 (Lonsdale 38)	Lost
" 18	Old Rivingtonians	23-3	69 - 7 dec.	Aban.
" 28	Urmston G.S.	164 - 9 dec.	77 (Darbyshire 45*)	Lost
" 29	Darwen G.S.	74	75 (Jolley 25)	Won
" 30	Chorley G.S.	139	102 - 6 (Darbyshire 42, Fleming 28)	Draw
Jul. 4	Hindley G.S.	(Darbyshire 7-8)	100 - 4 dec. (Darbyshire 50*, Lonsdale 39)	Won
" 5	Chorley G.S.	105 - 5 dec. (Darbyshire 4-46)	59 - 7 (Darbyshire 28*)	Draw
" 6	Staff	98 - 7 dec. (Darbyshire 4-30)	99 - 5 (Darbyshire 64*) (Mr. Hodson 5-27)	Won

Played 13, Won 7, Lost 2, Drawn 4

Other Matches

2nd XI

Date	Opponents	Score	School Score	Result
May 14	Ashton G.S.	64	56 - 9	Lost
" 18	Burnley G.S.	34 - 7 dec.	38 - 8	Won
" 28	Smithills G.S.	49 - 6	70 - 6 dec.	Won
June 4	Ashton G.S.	34	35 - 2	Won
" 30	Chorley G.S.	42	54	Won
July 5	Chorley G.S.	72	95	Won

1st XI Averages.

Batting: Qualification 15.00 Av.

Name.	Innings.	Not Outs.	Highest Score.	Runs.	Average.
D. Darbyshire	12	8	64*	379	94.75
J. Lonsdale	13	1	48*	207	17.25

Bowling: Qualification 10 wkts.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Darbyshire	145.1	45	316	38	8.31
M. Fleming	102.5	18	224	20	11.20

Catches:

Fielders - Mort 4, Fleming, Lonsdale. Glover 3, Darbyshire, Dootson, Stevens. Harrison 2.

Wicket Keeper—Chadwick 8 catches

The following boys represented the School:-

1st XI - D. Darbyshire (Capt), M. Fleming, K. Jolley, J. Lonsdale*, D. Stevens, S. Leversidge, D. Mort, E. Hornby, T. Dootson, S. Harnbleton, J. Kay, A. Harrison, S. Maclvor, P. Walker, R. Glover, A. Simkin, D. Leigh, P. Mason, M. Garstang.

(* Players awarded colours this season).

2nd XI - A. Simkin (Capt.), A. Harrison, J. Seager, A. Ashworth, S. Maclvor, D. Leigh, K. Parker, R. Smith, G. Southworth, W. Harrison, D. Scarisbrick, J. Kay, B. Mawdsley, P. Mason, A. Rogers, S. Scott, I. Howarth, P. Walker, R. Glover, D. Sherrington, F. Southgate, G. Grice, M. Garstang, J. Hilton, D. Howard.

D. Darbyshire (Capt.).

TEN NIS

Captain: Jean Ivill.

Vice-Captain: Maureen Gibb.

Games Secretary: Kathleen Rainford.

The following people were selected to play for the following teams:-

1st VI - J. Ivill, J. Ponton*, K. Grundy*, M. Harwood*, M. Gibb*, S. Savery, June Ormerod, J. Livesey.

2nd VI - June Ormerod, J. Livesey, Judith Ormerod, C. Haydock, C. Yates, A. Cooper, C. Higham, C. Holden.

Under 15's VI - J. Laing, S. Westwell, H. Hampson, J. Leeming, J. Perry, J. Sharples.

Under 14's VI - M. Holden, D. Allsopp, J. Fitton, C. Harnpson, A. Steventon, B. Moss.

Results:

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result
Apr. 30	Smithills G.S	Away	1st, U.15, U.14 won, 2nd lost.
May 4	(W) - Bolton County G.S.	Away	Cancelled.
" 11	(W) - Hayward	Away	Cancelled.
" 14	Canon Slade G.S.	Away	1st lost 33-48, 2nd lost 25-56.
" 18	(W) - Farnworth G.S.	Home	1st lost 36-45.
" 25	(W) - Hindlev & Abram G.S.	Away	Cancelled.
June 4	Hindley & Abram G.S.	Away	1st lost 40-41. 2nd Cancelled.
" 8	(W) - Bolton County G.S.	Home	1st lost 39-42.
" 11	Balshaws G.S.	Away	1st lost 25-56.
" 18	Hayward G.S.	Home	Cancelled.
" 25	Leigh G.S.	Home	1st won 41-40.
July 2	Chorley G.S.	Home	1st lost 40-41, 2nd Cancelled.

(* Players awarded colours this season).

Our results on the Whole have not been very good but because of sickness and examinations we have not been able to field the same team for two consecutive weeks. The Junior Teams and some 2nd formers show much promise.

In our annual match against the Old Rivingtonians our play matched the Weather which was very changeable. But although they beat us by 54-27 we had quite an enjoyable match.

The Staff match took a new form this year, that of a mixed doubles tournament in which Mr. Harrison and Judith Ormerod beat Mr. Savage and Kathryn Grundy in an exciting final.

I would like to thank the girls who gave up their Saturday mornings to help with refreshments; they are greatly appreciated. We must also thank Miss Thomas who, in her first term, has not had the easiest of jobs organising teams.

Finally I wish next year's teams every success.

Jean Ivill (Capt).

ROUNDERS

1st IX. - A. Cooper, D. Shepherd, J. Perry, E. Davies, J. Ormerod, J. Livesey, K. Nash, K. Rainford, E. Bateman, S. Stott.

U.15 IX. - C. Whittle, S. Westwell, E. Robinson, K. Seddon, A. Shallicker, E. Porter, S. Farrimond, J. Laing, J. Sharples.

U.14 IX. - J. Irwin, A. Steventon, C. Hampson, G. Harrison, J. Fitton, E. Leaf, G. Muir, S. Lowe, B. Moss, J. Bibby.

After last year's good results, this season has been a disappointing one, with five out of the nine matches being cancelled through bad weather.

The first team were again the most successful, winning two out of their four matches while the junior teams were less fortunate. Colours were awarded to Kathleen Rainford.

Our thanks must go to Miss Thomas for her help and encouragement throughout the season, and to Miss Ward and Mrs. Jones who acted as umpires on a number of occasions.

Results:

Bolton County Grammar	Away	Cancelled
Smithills	Home	Cancelled
Hayward	Away	Cancelled
Canon Slade	Away	1st Lost 0-18, U.15 Lost 5½-16
Bolton School	Home	Cancelled
Hindlev and Abram	Away	U.15 Won 9-6, U.14 Lost
Bolton County Grammar	Home	1st Won 6-5
Balshawg	Away	1st Lost 1-7, U.15 Lost
Hayward	Home	Cancelled
Chorley	Home	1st Won 12½-1, U.15 ???

June Ormerod?

BASKETBALL

THIS year the School team experienced a remarkably successful season, the first team winning all but one of eleven matches, and a fifth form team losing narrowly to a strong Chorley side. These good results were due to great enthusiasm and excellent teamwork among the players.

Increased interest in the game stemmed from the team's success and resulted in extra support at home matches and, what is more important, in the addition of House matches and a Staff match to the school sports curriculum. It is hoped that these events will continue to take place in future.

A good pointer for the future is the fact that most of the present team will be returning to school next season and that there is a fine nucleus of fifth-formers capable of stepping up to the first team. In fact, our immediate prospects for the coming season look very bright indeed.

Our thanks are expressed to all who have contributed to the season's success, especially to Mr. Hodson for all his work for the team.

Results—First Team

Thornleigh S.C.	Away	Won	38-10
Bolton C.G.S.	Away	Won	30-19
Bolton C.G.S.	Home	Won	28-18
Ashton G.S.	Away	Won	47-24
Thornleigh S.C.	Away	Won	22-17
Wigan G.S.	Home	Won	34-18
Staff.	Home	Won	34-14
Wigan G.S.	Away	Lost	19-32
Chorley Southlands T.C.	Away	Won	36-1.6
Thornleigh S.C.	Home	Won	30-24
Castle Hill Y.C.	Away	Won	32-31
	Total:	For 350.	Against 223.

Fifth Form Team

Chorley Southlands T.C.	Away	Lost	20-26
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Team Members (with scores).

Seager (134 pts.), Grice (49 pts.), Darbyshire (39 pts.), Sherrington (33 pts.), Fleming (30 pts.), Harrison (28 pts.), Simkin (20 pts.), Dootson (11 pts.), Kay (4 pts.), Lonsdale (2 pts.).

Hambleton, Leversidge and Southworth have also represented the 5th Form Team.

J. Seager (Capt).

BADMINTON

A keen interest was again shown by many members of the sixth form and J. the Badminton Club, held on Wednesdays after school, was especially popular. Despite an initial reminder of our inexperience in the annual game against the Staff, as many matches as possible were arranged with other schools and team members were allowed further practice in the school gymnasium during the lunch break.

As a tribute to our enthusiasm the School team was able this year to record its first ever victories but once again the challenge of our more experienced opponents tended to dictate the issue. Outstanding in all matches were Craven and Howarth whose games were of great encouragement to the other members of the team.

Those who represented the School this year were:- Craven, Howarth, Bridge (Captain), Butterworth, Jolley (I), Wilkinson, Harrison, Smith, Wood and Whittaker. All those who played would like to I take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. Hodson for his kind attention to our needs.

Results: v Staff	Home	Lost	3-6
v Chorley G.S.	Home	Won	7-2
v. Hindley and Abram G. S.	Away	Lost	1-8
v. Hindley and Abram G.S.	Home	Lost	1-8
v. Smithills G.S.	Home	Lost	2-7
v. Smithills G.S.	Away	Lost	1-8
v. Chorley G.S.	Away	Won	5-4

R. G. Bridge (Capt.).

GOLF

THE usual arrangements have continued during the past year for a number of senior boys to receive instruction in golf from Mr. K. L. Jones and the visiting professional instructor, Mr. Holland. This activity is much appreciated and good use has been made of the School's new five-hole pitch and putt course.

R.M.H.

SWIMMING

DURING the past year parties of boys and girls have weekly visited Bolton High Street and Atherton Baths respectively.

The following are to be congratulated on gaining their various awards:-

A.S.A. Personal Survival Silver Medal: Anne Sumner.

A.S.A. Personal Survival Bronze Medal: Anne Sumner, Susan Sumner.

Intermediate Certificates: Susan Bridge, Judith Coates. Susan Griffin, Jeannette Laing, Margaret Monks, Marian Pearce, Janet Perry, Kathleen Seddon, Kathleen Winstanley.

Learners' Certificates were awarded to: Kennerdell, Baker_ Hartley, Caldwell, Pryce. Crutchlow, Ainscough, Steadman, Speak. Dwyer.

M.L.J. and R.M.H.

Original Contributions

JAMAICAN JOURNEY

The dock was all activity,
The engines on stand-by,
The captain blew his whistle
The tugs blew their reply.

The mate on anchor duty stood
The second coiled his ropes
The third within the chartroom stood
Plotting out the course.

The ship set sail from England
On a cold and dismal day
And headed south across the bay
To foreign lands far, far away.

A bonny ship was she
And mightily did she sail
Cutting through the dark grey sea
Oh so proud, so proud is she!

The men they were a jolly lot,
And happily cleaned the hold
To prepare this fine and worthy ship
For cargo they were to load.

And on she sailed across the sea,
Laughing porpoise jumped with glee;
Flying fish in bright array
Skimming turquoise, bowsprit spray.

Dark clouds gathered in the sky,
Wind and waves rose on high,
All hands mustered to look out
As she pitched and tossed about.

As dawn approached it grew more calm
And there before her waved the palm
Off Jamaica's coast of gold
Whose cargo she will load.

Gaily dressed women loading sugar,
Laughing and singing in the sun,
Bunkering oil and stores and water
Arrival day's a busy one.

The cargoes loaded, the ship is trim
The presents are bought for kith and kin,
Friends wave farewell from the quay
Hurrah! for homeward bound are we!

G. Hunt, I. B.

BIRDS

THE sombre rooks, their peace disturbed
Take to the wing with raucous cries
Like scraps of paper charred and torn
Tumble about the sullen skies.

The golden eagle, noble bird,
Fierce-eyed, hook-taloned, hard and cold,
His shadow on the mountain side
Lies heavy on the trembling fold.

The kingfisher haunts the stream
A beautiful bird of plumage bright
Perches on a rock, and hunts for fish
To vanish in a streak of light.

M. Haydock, 1, B

THE WIND

A DARK cold night
With fog in sight
But with the fire warm and cosy
I sat quite stiff, shivering with fright
While the wind was howling with all his might.

My teeth started chattering
With the bin lids rattling
And back gates banging to and fro
I gave a sudden shudder as I heard a noise like thunder
And my chimney pot was torn all asunder.

I went up to bed
My heart, heavy as lead
And my body as stiff as a poker
The wind kept on howling as I tried to sleep
So I snuggled up into my bedclothes deep.

Early next morning
When birds started calling
And all was calm and quiet
I woke to be greeted by the cheerful sun
Who was out to have his turn of the fun.

Ann Berry, I. B.

THE PET DOG'S LIFE

No roughness, no toughness, a pampered life have I,
No biting, no fighting, I'm not allowed to try,
My mistress thinks I'm handsome, my master so does he,
A common or a mongrel dog is not allowed near me.

No sadness, no madness, a lonely life have I,
No freedom, only boredom, I wish that I could die,
I should not like the lone dog's life, it's much too hard for me,
But I should like a mongrel's life, it would suit me to a T.

Brenda Shepherd, II. A

THE SONG OF A FOOL

All the people who see me, say I am a fool;
I've not the sense to govern nor the sense to rule;
I know not how to till the land,
Nor serve my country amidst the desert sand.
I cannot weave, I cannot spin,
Unable to smelt copper, zinc or tin,
Neither large nor exceptionally strong,
But I know the difference between right and wrong.
My life is sure for I am of God,
I will live on when you're beneath the sod,
I have no talents, that is true;
But have I a faith stronger than you.

'A Fool,' IV. A.

EVENING

In the air the ling'ring chimes of even die
And soon the countryside grows calm and still;
The sun, in one last blaze of glory wasted and consumed,
Now slowly sinks beyond the limpid sky
And crowns with rosy clouds the distant hill

And now, borne on the wings of gathering dusk,
A perfume soft and subtle fills the air;
The husky scent of lilies, white against the gloom;
Pervading all, the heady odour of musk,
Roses in the darkness, palely fair;

And lilac blossoms, clustered all in groups,
Still lightly fragrant, let their petals fall:
All bruised by the careless touch of summer breeze:
Laburnum, gilded by the sunset, droops,
In gentle tendrils o'er the mossy wall.

A cloudy drifting veil of perfume shades
The night and cool, delicious, stirs the senses;
Pine trees, redolent with rising sap, exude a perfume
Strangely exotic, sharp with the tang of smoke,
The so sultry breezes still, the evening tenses.

Browsing oxen in the distance low,
Lying heavy on the luscious grass.
Panting farm dogs worry gently at their heels,
The laden mare plods homeward, tired and slow;
Pale and pure, the moon appears at last.

Pauline Bradshaw, U. VI.

THE MERMAID

A beautiful mermaid I long to be
Swimming about in the deep blue sea
Combing my hair in the coral caves
Dashing about in the foaming Waves.
Long tresses of gold reaching to my waist
Forming a frame for a beautiful face,
Eyes of bright blue and a turned in nose,
And lips as red as the reddest rose.
That beautiful mermaid I long to be
Has faded away into the deep sea,
Those long tresses so it did seem
Were only a strange but beautiful dream.

Linda Walkden, I.B.

THE RUBBER PLANT

I had a little rubber plant,
It was so very bare,
Except for drops of sap,
And a leaf here and there.

I placed it in the dining room,
It stood there so forlorn,
Little did we know its power,
Until the following morn.

Dad looked in and stood aghast
At the site that he did see,
For in the place of the rubber plant
There stood a great rubber tree.

It filled the room, it filled the house,
It spread into the hall,
It might have been a T.V. mast
But was more than twice as tall.

Dad woke up all the family
And my sister jumped with glee,
And, dressing very quickly,
Commenced to climb the tree.

As she climbed up through the roof.
She shouted very loud,
“Oh mummy come and help me,”
And then vanished through a cloud.

We stood around and waited,
But waited there in vain,
And gave up hope of seeing
Our little girl again.

We went indoors to think things out,
As in we did go,
Sis appeared behind us,
Her head all covered in snow.

She shouted, “Turn the lights out,
Lock up all the house,”
And following close behind her,
There came a monster mouse.

The mouse came down the chimney,
Dad shouted, “What a Whopper!”
He rushed out to the tool shed
And came back with a chopper.

He tried to cut the mouse in half,
But missed by inches three,
And as the chopper flew through the air,
It chopped down the rubber tree.

Now as I sit and view my plant
How strange it all does seem,
Did it really happen,
Or was it just a dream?

Jane Ratcliff, I.B.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND

Last summer, on the warm beaches of Yugoslavia, a poor girl was thinking of the North winds of England, with despair. This poor girl was myself, haunted by the words Mr. Jenner, your headmaster, had used in a letter to describe this part of the world in which I was going to spend a whole year.

When a friend and I, after crossing the North Sea, then going through London and Birmingham, arrived in what they call "The Potteries" we found the district very much worse than we had even expected!

But later on, after wandering somewhere near a place called Horwich, thinking I was completely lost, when I discovered a lovely black and white little school, I was delighted and cheered up a little, for the first time. And little by little I learnt to like this cold industrial North, first when I went to the Lake District with the amber and golden colours of autumn, then, very much later, on the 1st of April, covered with snow, after everybody had told me I would see more daffodils at once than I had ever seen in my life! (no wonder the weather is such an inexhaustible topic in England!!!) I have also seen Snowdon, and climbed up to the top, in the sunshine, believe it or not!; I have seen the Lancashire moors and the Yorkshire dales and their villages with their narrow windowed, thick-walled houses; I have seen the black and white houses of Cheshire and its numerous antique shops full of copper kettles and willow-patterned plates and vases, and its old churches with their white-washed arches and dark carvings. I have seen all that and I have liked it.

I have also seen the so-much-talked-of fog which I would have been so sorry to miss; but I have had plenty of it, perhaps even a little too much!!

On the whole I have found the North a very hospitable country. Never, in the shops or in the streets, have so many people asked me where I came from and whether I liked England or not, and all the time they were all most anxious to tell me what they remembered of France when they had been there, or what they would like to see if they had still to go. There are those who have only war memories, but they are cherished memories, then there are the younger ones who have been for one or two months during the summer holidays when they were at school, who sometimes remember a few colloquial expressions and always remember a few slang words; and there are the tourists, - not only those who only go to the Eiffel Tower or spend a fortnight on the Riviera, but those who are able to discover a remote little village or an old Roman church, hidden in the middle of the country.

I have also met nice people, not only in the street or at friends' but in "pubs" (I wanted my knowledge of England to be complete, and it would not have been if I had not spent a part of my time in these pubs of which I am so fond!!!).

No, I certainly don't feel sorry for these people isolated on their island (now more than ever!), they have compensations. I used to feel sorry for them with their open fires which burn your face red hot, but leave your back frozen, I felt sorry for them soaked in the rain (actually they all like the rain! even if this idea shocked me immensely at first), but now I don't; they have compensations!!

But if I feel like this it is probably only because I have been lucky enough to be surrounded by people who have tried to make things as easy as possible for me, both at school and in my home, and all my new friends will probably make me feel I want to come back when I have gone.

Catherine Verrier.

THE ART AND SCIENCE OF CHANGE RINGING

When most people think of bell ringers, or campanologists to use the technical term, they imagine a group of cranks who pull haphazardly at the ropes, making a din, which either wakes them up on a Sunday morning or disrupts their evening's entertainment on the practice night.

This is a misconception. Not only is bell ringing an interesting and enjoyable hobby, it is also a worthwhile one, since it is a service to the Church. What is more, a ringer can find friends almost anywhere. Away from home, youth hostelling, hiking or touring, you can climb up any church tower, whose ringers' practice night you have discovered from the handbook, and feel at home and part of the history of the place immediately. For ringing is one of the oldest arts in England: you can ring bells which rang for Waterloo, for the Spanish Armada's defeat and away back to the victory of Crécy, six hundred years ago. Yet it is a modern science too. At the bell foundries you can see the latest scientific techniques used in the casting, tuning and hanging of bells and it is thrilling to watch bells, weighing anything from a few hundredweights to several tons, swinging easily on modern ball-bearings.

The fun begins when you have learned to handle a bell, which is in itself difficult, and can ring with the others. You become tired of ringing in the same order, down the scale and want to learn the art by which the bells ring in a different order each time, each bell following its own path among the others and the work of each with the others building up into a grand kaleidoscope of sound. No one can really explain the satisfaction gained from this pursuit but, as in the words of Canon Gilbert Thurlow, President of the Central Council of Church Bell ringers, "Learning to ring is something worthwhile for life."

J. E. Andrews, IV. A.

The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association held their second Annual General Meeting in October, 1965.

The Committee could look back on a reasonable year, but they would like to see more support being given to the Annual Dance, and also to the Careers Talks arranged by Mr. Jenner. The first of these had been held recently and concerned the Health Service. The three speakers were excellent; the attendance was poor.

Once again the Ladies Committee had done excellent work providing refreshments at functions such as Sports Day, holding coffee evenings, and raising funds at jumble sales. Efforts like these had helped to provide a tape-recorder for school use.

This Association, formed only two years ago to encourage parents to take an interest in the educational and social life of the school, required a more active participation by parents to consolidate its position.

T. T. Mellows, Secretary.

Association of Old Rivingtonians

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

6, Wood Broughton,
Cartmel.
July, 1966.

Dear Old Rivingtonians,

When I last wrote the President's letter in 1954 the Annual Dinner had been held at the Royal Oak Hotel and about fifty members and friends had attended. What a contrast this year's event was with its nearly five hundred! Looking through the list of those present I continue to say "Well, I never saw so-and-so but he's in the list." I hope that all those who joined in the QuaterCentenary celebrations at the Barn enjoyed meeting old acquaintances so much that they will want to come again next year.

What a lot of work went into the organisation of this event. Distance prevented me from taking any active part in all the preparation but I would like here and now to thank most sincerely all those who did so.

Can't we keep up these celebrations for the Q.C. year, not just the day? Can't we fill the Chapel and the Hall at the October reunion? Can't we sell all the ties that Colin has ordered?

And after that?

In a recent letter to me Miss Duxfield said, "Whatever the fate of the School I do hope the Association will continue to flourish." I hope so too.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Farnworth.

ANNUAL REUNION SERVICE, 1965.

The Annual Reunion Service was held on Sunday, October 3rd at 3 p.m. in the school chapel. The service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Wood, Minister of Victoria Methodist Church, Horwich, and the school choir led the singing, which was accompanied on the organ by Miss A. M. Davies. The two passages of Scripture were read by the President, Mr. R. Yardley, and by Miss Ellen Farnworth.

Although the weather was glorious, the attendance did not match it, but, in spite of this we were able to donate a splendid collection of £10 5s. 0d. to the Horwich branch of 'Toc H. The usual tea and biscuits in the canteen after the service afforded an excellent opportunity for everyone to reminisce on the events since the last reunion. Let's hope that next year we can persuade many more school leavers to be present to enjoy our reunion service.

Janet M. Smith.

ANNUAL RE-UNION - HOCKEY

The Annual Hockey Match between The Old Rivingtonians and the School took place on October 2nd, 1965. Unfortunately, the Old Rivingtonians were only able to find one team for the event.

The two teams managed to persevere the full 60 minutes although it Was raining most of the time and the field was more like a mud bath. After a strong start, the School managed to break away and the half-time score Was 4-1 for the School. In the second half the School took a dominating lead and the Old Rivingtonians only managed to score one goal. The final score was 8-2 for the School.

We are hoping that the score is reversed in the coming year and that the Old Rivingtonians get their revenge for their defeats in previous years

Janet Pendlebury.



The Old Rivingtonians Association Committee

RE-UNION WEEKEND - FOOTBALL

Result: Old Rivs. 3; School 2.

The match was played on a pitch made heavy by continuous rain the previous day. This was to the advantage of the Old Boys, particularly in the second half. The School started by playing splendid football and were two goals in the lead at half-time. After half-time the Old Boys scored three quick goals, although the last of these was hotly disputed, and were then forced on to the defensive for the remainder of the game. Taking the game as a whole a draw would have been a fair result to a very sporting but hard fought game.

C. Harrison.

QUATERCENTENARY DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the Old Rivingtonians was a special event this year, since it also celebrated the 400th anniversary of the "Charter of Foundation" granted by Queen Elizabeth on the 13th May, 1566.

480 people attended the Dinner held on the 13th May, 1966 in the Rivington Hall Barn, a building which must have been well known to Bishop Pilkington in his early years.

The Guest of Honour was a descendant of the old Pilkington family, namely Sir Harry Pilkington, and he was accompanied by Lady Pilkington. Among the many Old Rivingtonians and friends, Headmaster and members of school staff were parents of pupils, Tom Price, M.P. and Mrs. Price, Councillor Toohey, J.P., Chairman of Horwich U.D.C. and Mrs. Toohey, the oldest living Rivingtonian, Mr. Horace Holding of Blackrod and his daughter, Head boy John Seager and Head girl Jean Ivill.

After an excellent meal thoroughly appreciated by all present the President Miss Ellen Farnworth proposed the Toast "The Queen."

Head girl Jean Ivill proposed the Toast "The Association" and the President responded.

The Toast "The School" was ably proposed by Captain Victor Lamb R.N. and the Headmaster Mr. A. J. M. Jenner responded.

The Toast "The Ladies" proposed by David Foster was accepted dutifully and in her Response Ann Fletcher referred to being an "Old Riv" not an "Old Girl," a point well appreciated by many present. The Toast "The Guests," proposed by Mr. William Quysner, was an excellent after dinner speech and in the response Sir Harry Pilkington revealed that he had won a slight wager with the President; in fact, Sir Harry took "the biscuit." Well balanced speeches by all and under the able Toast Master, Mr. Clarence Brown.

Dancing to the Woodchoppers Band rounded off a memorable evening concluded by that song of good friends - "Auld Lang Syne."

1566 - 1966

Harry Jones.

OLD RIVINGTONIANS' DINNER

John Seager (Head Boy),
Jean Ivill (Head Girl)
and Mr. J. Ackers
(Chairman, School Governors).



Miss Ellen Farnworth
(President, Old Rivingtonians
Association, Sir Harry
and Lady Pilkington.

Mr. Harry Holden, aged eighty-
seven, attended the school from
1889 to 1891. he is seen here
with Mr. A. J. m. Jenner
(Headmaster) and Mrs. Jenner.



CAR RALLY - Sunday, 22nd May, 1966

Seven cars with their 23 passengers and one dog left our assembly place - the Crown Hotel - at 10-30 a.m. on this dull though dry morning. Mr. Jenner was leading the party, and the first stop was for coffee at Forton Motorway Service Centre, after which the "adventurous" took a trip to the observation tower from which we had a wonderful view. Mr. Jenner then led us through the by-ways of the lower Lake District to the delightful home of our President, Miss Ellen Farnworth and her sister Ella at Woodbroughton, Nr. Cartmel.

Ellen was on "point-duty" whilst we parked our cars. An abundant buffet lunch was generously provided for us and this we all thoroughly enjoyed. Later, one well-trained husband rolled up his sleeves and began to wash the dishes, others joined in to help, and whilst most of the ladies were chatting Mr. Colin Smith entertained at the piano. At 3-45 p.m. we left for a drive round the district led by Ellen, but the weather deteriorated to such an extent that little could be seen of the most beautiful parts of Lancashire. A visit to the old Cartmel Priory was included in the programme, before arrival at the Netherwood Hotel, Grange. What a warm welcome the proprietors gave to us - private lounge, pots of tea, etc? Dinner proved to be a delicious meal, and at about 8-30 p.m. we left for home. This was a splendid day for us and I hope that it will be one of Ellen's happy memories in her Presidential year.

Anne Brown.

CRICKET

1st version

At 2-30 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th came the first of three showers which, eventually were to ruin an otherwise entertaining cricket match between the School and the Old Boys. Thus, the start of play was delayed for some thirty minutes before Darbyshire and Lonsdale were able to open the innings for the School. Cowell began bowling from the Rivington end and it was not long before he had Lonsdale brilliantly caught by the alert Calderbank fielding at second slip. Wickets began to fall regularly to some hostile yet accurate bowling from the eager Old Boys. Captain Crabtree used no less than eight different bowlers in the attack and hence it was suspected that his variation policy was due to the rapid tiring of his colleagues rather than their flexibility.

At 4-15 p.m. tea was taken in order to revitalise the sagging fielders.

After tea, some sensible batting by opener and captain Darbyshire (25 n.o.) and a fine attacking innings by Stevens (19) enabled the School to score 69 for 7 before the second shower brought the teams scurrying into the pavilion.

As the rain ceased, a sporting declaration by the School caused two fine looking batsmen in Calderbank and Smith to open the Old Boys' innings. However, both batsmen were dismissed without scoring before Crompton C. put runs on the board with some lusty blows. Another wicket fell before the third shower. ended the match with the Old Boys at 21 for 3 - the final result was left to the imagination. However, the undoubted victors of the afternoon were the midges which scored more bites than the teams scored runs.

Teams: School: Darbyshire, Lonsdale, Fleming, Jolley, Stevens, Dootson, Leversedge, Mort, Hornby, Chadwick, Hambleton.

Old Boys: Calderbank, Smith, Crompton C., Marshall, Brocklehurst, Chester, Pomfret, Crompton D., Cowell, Jenner, Crabtree.

John G. Darcy.

2nd version

The 'match' consisted of a rain-delayed start, a soggy, midge-ridden game and an abortive end

The details are somewhat vague even at this early stage of writing, the only points of note being a prolonged stay at the wicket by D. Darbyshire who batted throughout the innings of the School, and some masterful bowling by eight members of the Old Rivingtonians team.

The end came (I cannot say unexpectedly) when the whole of the occupants of the field left 'en masse' in their anxiety to avoid acute anaemia, pneumonia or complications of both.

The time was not, however, completely wasted. We did discover that the midges of Rivington are completely immune to ammonia.

M. E. Crabtree

TENNIS

Although the weather was not at its best the Old Rivingtonians were able to meet the School Team at tennis on June 18th, 1966.

The afternoon was most pleasant and enjoyable. The Old Rivingtonians just managed to beat the School in a very closely fought contest.

On behalf of the Old Rivingtonians I would like to thank the School for all the work that was put in to make the week-end a most successful one.

Janet Pendlebury

NEWS OF OLD RIVINGTONIANS

(O.R. denotes Old Rivingtonian unless both are).

Engagements:

On September 6th, 1965	Norman Taylor (O.R.) to Christine Jolly.
On April 3rd, 1966	Jean Margaret Fairclough (O.R.) to Clive D. Pyatt.
On June 24th, 1966	Jeffrey Anthony Barrett (O.R.) to Kathleen Mary Holmes.
On July 8th, 1966	Avis Whalley (O.R.) to John Mitchell.

Marriages:

On August 21st, 1965	Neil Marshall to Kathleen Ann Walton.
On August 21st, 1965	Colin Wilkinson (O.R.) to Sylvia Elizabeth Davies.
On August 21st, 1965	Janet Allsop to George Prescott.
August, 1965	Michael Bailey to Nora Bonney.
On September 1st, 1965	Charles Hill (O.R.) to Carole Ormerod.
On September 4th, 1965	Brian Brittleton (O.R.) to Susan Lamb.
On September 11th, 1965	Gillian Wilkes (O.R.) to James Winrow.
On September 25th, 1965	Linda Hodgson to John Sumner.
On October 2nd, 1965	David Evans to Margaret Lee.
On October 2nd, 1965	Patricia Alsop (O.R.) to Derek Edge.
On October 16th, 1965	David Sutton (O.R.) to Sandra Bailey.
On October 23rd, 1965	Margaret Stansbie (O.R.) to Bryan Riley.
On October 23rd, 1965	Olive Cartmel to Derek Cowell.
On December 27th, 1965	Pauline Turner to Bernard Moss.
On December 27th, 1965	Cyril Crompton (O.R.) to Kathleen Darbyshire.
On January 1st, 1966	Elizabeth Stirling (O.R.) to John Gilbert.
On January 25th, 1966	David Fallows (O.R.) to Eileen Hall.
On April 2nd, 1966	Alida Poll (O.R.) to Eric Foster.
On April 4th, 1966	Kathleen Wood (O.R.) to James Catterall.

On June 4th, 1966	Bronwen Taylor (O.R.) to Alan Lee.
On June 18th, 1966	Kathleen Partington (_O.R.) to Joseph Williamson.
On July 2nd, 1966	Dorothy Allen (O.R.) to David Wm. Lee.
On July 5th, 1966	Ann Openshaw to Keith Hamilton.
On July 16th, 1966	Judith Anne Williams (O.R.) to Ian K. Price.
On July 18th, 1966	Muriel Birchall to Paul Baron.
On August 13th, 1966	Christine Helen Parry (O.R.) to John Brian Holt.

Births:

October, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Aldred (Valerie Parker), a son.
 On December 30th, 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hurst, a second son (Robert Nigel).
 January, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. B. Fallows (Valerie Holmes) a daughter (Amanda).
 On February 25th, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Miles Harrison (Iris Foley), a second son (Timothy Lee).
 On March 7th, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. David Farrington, a daughter (Dawn Michelle).
 On March 18th, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walmsley, a daughter (Claire)
 On April 3rd, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Pomfret (Thelma Partington) a son.
 On June 23rd, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Wolstenholme (Joan Sharrock) a son (Adrian John).
 On July 1st, 1966 to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Wright a son (Simon Andrew).
 On July 2nd, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Challender atdaughter (Jill).
 On July 2nd, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Derek Edge (Patricia Alsop) a son (Steven John).
 On July 13th 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Smith (Janet Shepherd) a son (Craig Stuart Heaton).
 On August 7th, 1966 to Mr. and Mrs. George Rutter a daughter (Gillian Amanda).

Congratulations to:

John H. Cook on gaining a scholarship to the Royal College of Art. specialising in Industrial Design (glass ware).
 Graham S. Wabe on his appointment as Lecturer in Mathematical Economics at the University of Warwick.
 John Farrington B.Sc. Class II (Div. 1) Geography, University of Hull.
 Barrie Tomlinson B.A. Class II (Div. 1) Geography, University of Reading.
 Keith Gorton B.Sc. Class III Mathematical Statistics, University of Liverpool
 Brian Krikken now Lancashire 2nd XI's regular wicket-keeper on his achievement with the 1st XI in the match against Oxford University: caught 3, stumped .

Miscellaneous News:

Jacque Churry, who spent last year at the School (L.VI.) and made many friends among the Old Rivs, is now at Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, and has sent the Editor a copy of "Northeastern News."