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## SCHOOL NEWS

At the beginning of the session, Mrs Harrison, Mr Green and Mr Hale joined the Staff. At Easter Mrs Hayes left us after a number of years in the Mathematics Department. At the end of the school year we said farewell to Mrs Bannister, Mrs Ramsdale and Mr Hale.

We were to suffer further losses with the retirement of both Mr Jenner after 19 years as Headmaster and Mr Jones, the Deputy Headmaster.

For the new session Mrs M. Kay will hold appointment as Acting Head Teacher, and Mr. Greaves as Deputy Head.

This year Speech Day and Junior Prize Distribution were combined, and on Wednesday, 21 June, under the chairmanship of Councillor J. Hargreaves (the new Chairman of the School Governors). The prizes and certificates were presented by a former Head of the Mathematics Department, Mr. A.A. Howell, B.Sc.

On Sunday, 2 July a new organ was dedicated by the Rev D. Redhead, Vicar of Rivington. At a Service held in the School Chapel, a congregation of about seventy parents and friends of the school attended the dedication, at which the new organ sounded for the first time, played by Mr C.H. Smith.

## News of Old Rivingtonians

Edward Swires-Hennessy (1962-69): B.Sc Hons (2nd class Grade I) in Statistics/Economics, Aberystwyth University. He has been appointed a trainee statistician with HM Government.

### Engagement

Edward Swires-Hennessy (OR) to Susan Woan

### Marriage

David Robinson (OR) to Norma Christine Heyes

### Birth

To Olive (nee Cartmell) and David Cowell (both OR) a daughter, Allison Sarah.

## Atque Vale!



Mr Jenner was born in a remote region of Radnorshire, some distance from the township of Rhayader. At the age of 12, he moved with his parents to East Kent, where he attended Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

He gained a scholarship to Jesus College, Oxford, where he read Chemistry from 1931 to 1935. He captained his college team in Rugby and cricket and toured with the Greyhounds, a University Rugby XV. Mr Jenner taught at Kendal Grammar School and later at Keswick Grammar School, where he was Senior Science Master. In 1953 he was appointed Headmaster of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School.

Mr Jenner was Captain of Horwich Golf Club for 1957 - 8, and for many years he has been associated with Rotary International. During the month of July, 1972 he attended the Rotary International Assembly which was held at Lake Placid, New York. This was to take part in a course of training prior to taking up duties as a District Governor for the year 1972 - 3 of an area comprising 69 Rotary Clubs ranging as far afield as Horwich to Crewe and St Helens and Prescott to Glossop and Buxton.

We shall long remember Mr Jenner's tenure of the headship at this school, his understanding of staff and pupils and their needs and his activities both on the stage and on the cricket field. We wish Mr Jenner a long and happy retirement, and hope that both he and Mrs Jenner will have many years of contentment in their new home which is at present under construction in the Lake District.

## Mr. G. H. Jones



The end of the summer term saw also the retirement of Mr G H Jones, whose service to the school extends over a period of 27 years. Mr Jones for many years held the post of Head of the Geography Department, and latterly served the school as Deputy Headmaster. We wish him well in his retirement.

## Football 1971 — 2

### First Eleven

Played 29 Won 11 Lost 15 Drawn 3

The season began with an anticipated up-hill climb following the loss of seven of last season's "all-conquering" eleven. The first three games brought an equal number of defeats; the stern opposition being presented by Wigan G.S., Thornleigh College and Canon Slade. This introduction forced the many new members of the team to realise how highly competitive First Eleven football is in the Bolton area. Only one win was recorded in the first three months of the season and eventually the team began to realise the wisdom of Mr Wright's plea for maximum attendance at training and practice sessions. We were at last rewarded with a 5-2 win over Bolton School, thus continuing our one hundred per cent record since fixtures between our two schools were renewed in 1969. After Christmas the side began to train harder and became more organised, and some favourable results were recorded. As defenders of the Mackereth Cup the team should be



congratulated for the determination it showed in the two matches with Bury G.S. After leading by three goals the Bury side was reduced to a three-all draw after extra time. In the replay at Rivington, the team again took a three-goal lead only to lose 5-3 after extra time. We were pleased and consoled to see our opponents and friends win their way through the next two rounds and into the final.

In the Stand G.S. six-a-side tournament we were represented by Oldham, Gore, Snape, England, Walmsley, Walsh and Cooper. Here we achieved some success by beating Thornleigh College in the first round, but were unfortunately defeated by Hayward School in an exciting second round encounter.

Gary Cooper is to be congratulated on being a regular member of the County Eleven and Peter Snape for his Bolton and District representation. School colours were awarded to Woods, Walsh and Walmsley for their consistently high standard of play, their reliability and not least their regular attendance at training.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr Wright for his patient coaching and expert advice and also the many members of staff who referee our matches. Our thanks also to the girls who have selflessly prepared our refreshments throughout the season.

P. Snape

## **Second Eleven**

Played 26 Won 7 Lost 16 Drawn 3

On the whole the past season has been an unsuccessful one for the Second Eleven, though it has not been without its interesting occasions, such as when we inflicted the first defeat of the season upon a very skilful Smithills side. There was also a very good game against a strong Burnley side in which the score of 5-1 against us was not a true reflection of the balance of the game. However, we were a very inconsistent side; the reason for this was that we were plagued by injuries and absenteeism.

In a mid-season spell we suffered from "second-half relapse"; on one occasion the half-time score was 1-1 but the final score turned out to be 9—1 against us!

It was at this time that we evolved a new tactical play by switching attack to defence, the result being that our opponents were unable to score so freely.

The match which evoked the greatest interest was that against Chorley College, a team far superior to ourselves. The score (12-2) was largely due to the merciful nature of our opponents. The match became a very complicated tactical affair as both sides changed from defence to attack. Our centre-forward and centre-half both scored in this match.

Even though results were not always heartening, the redeeming aspect of the season was the immense enjoyment derived as well as the satisfaction gained from hard work put into the games by all members of the team.

D. Urmston

## **Third Eleven**

Played 2 Won 0 Lost 1 Drawn 1

We - the Third Eleven - were an experiment, to see if non-school-team players would be invigorated by the occasional inter-school event. Invigorated we were; our goal record of eight for and ten against in two games indicate what “crowd-pullers” we proved to be. We re-introduced something to school football; we played to win but also played for fun. There was an absence of pretence - we were even stupid enough to applaud the opposing goalkeeper for making skilful saves!

One incident I must describe. With only five minutes remaining the score-line read Rivington 3, Derby School 3, when our fast long-range attack over the water-logged third team pitch left the referee stranded in the centre circle. Simm’s shot hit the foot of the derby School post and Turner’s curly toes met the rebound only two feet from the goal line. We were not totally surprised to see the ball rise almost vertically, either just under or just over the netless goal. The situation posed a considerable problem for the referee, who realising that we were thoroughly honest sportsmen, asked our advice. All eleven Derby School players were convinced that the ball sent over the bar and an equal number of Rivingtonians (including the somewhat distant goalkeeper) were adamant that the ball went under the bar. The resultant “bounce up” on the edge of the area was perhaps a fair outcome.

A. Schofield

## **Under 15 Eleven**

Played 19 Won 6 Lost 10 Drawn 3

On the whole the season proved to be a successful one. It began rather badly, as expected, but later the results became more encouraging.

Our performances in the Area Cup contest did justice to the team, although we did lose narrowly in the final.

Dismissing our poor performances, I must mention our best one. This was against Worsley Wardley G.S., when we won 6-3. The game reflected all our skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship and was easily our best match.

Statistics show that we scored 63 goals and conceded 75. Many of our defeats were by narrow margins, and in consequence were thoroughly enjoyable. We finished the season with a romping 6-2 win over Leigh G.S. This was an unusual game, since we were trailing by two goals at one stage.

In conclusion, the First Eleven players must take care, because a number of Under 15s will be looking for vacancies in their team next season.

S. Partington

## **Under 14 Eleven**

Played 4 Won 1 Lost 0 Drawn 3

This has been a good season; not one of our matches was lost.

The opening game away at Horwich C.S., our neighbouring rivals, was perhaps the best. It featured 6 goals and a hat-trick. The Rivington side took an enthusiastic 0-3 half-time lead as the result of a Parkinson hat-trick, the result of good play on the part of Everett, Haydock and von Wielligh. In the second half, however, Rivington allowed Horwich back into the game, which ended in a 3-all draw.

In the second game when we were at home to Westhoughton C.S. Rivington showed little of their real form, and allowed opponents to take command. We had to fight hard for a 2-2 scoreline with goals from Makinson and Parkinson.

The home match with Horwich found both teams looking for victory. The game started at a hot pace, but as the result of some fine play we were leading 3-0 by half time. In the second half a beautifully “chipped” goal by von Wielligh rounded the game off in fine style. Our other goals were scored by Makinson and Parkinson.

The last game of the season found us off form, and in a match littered by golden chances we were held to a 1-1 draw.

If this team can maintain the skill and flair they showed this season, the school should have an excellent Under 15 Eleven

A. Parkinson

## **Under 13 Eleven**

Played 17 Won 7 Lost 7 Drawn 3

The opening match with Wigan G.S. produced a forward who had only just arrived from Leigh G.S., and was later to become a successful member of the team. No-one enjoyed our end-of-season 4-1 defeat of Leigh G.S. than Steven Lawton.

Over-all the attack managed to score slightly more goals than the defence conceded. M. Mitchell was the leading scorer with 15 goals, closely followed by Ashton with 12.

Probably the best match was the one in which the team finally lost the Thornleigh College by 5 goals to 3. The lead changed hands four times before the end of a thoroughly enjoyable and exciting match, Thornleigh scoring their last two goals in the final five minutes.

Our greatest victory was over Bury G.S., when we won 13-4 and our poorest performance was 8-3 at the hands of Hindley G.S. The team was selected from Drinkwater, Danks, Holt, Dootson, Williams, Sculley, Daniels, King, Lawton, Walsh, Ashton, Lawson, Mitchell, Pendlebury, Abram and Merrick.

P. Daniels



## **Under 12 Eleven**

Played 7 Won 1 Lost 6 Drawn 0

Despite several defeats the Under 12 Eleven have gained valuable experience and, I hope, have learnt from our mistakes in readiness for next season when we shall have the opportunity of playing more matches.

The seven matches played have been evenly contested and because of weaknesses in defence we have conceded more goals than we should have.

All our games have been very enjoyable, and towards the end of the season we started to show improved form and played better as a team.

The team was selected from Birchall (s), White Hodge, Westwell, Sanderson, Birchall (p), Taylor, Higham, Ball, Ronan, Fishwick, Ainscough, Moss, Kirkham and Guffog.

K. Ball

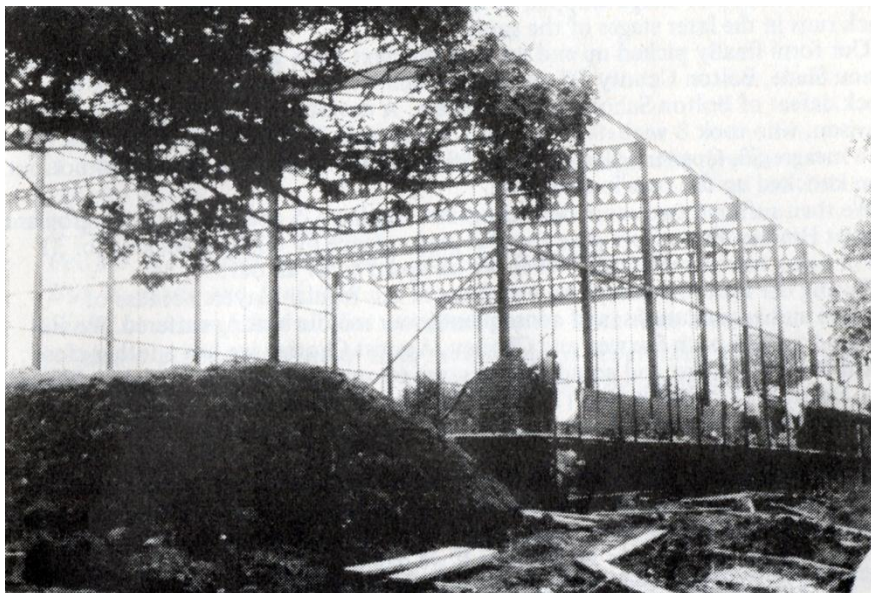
## **The Shape of Things to Come**

The march towards comprehensive education continues unabated. The old Board of Governors of the Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School has now been dissolved and a new enlarged Board of Governors for the Rivington and Blackrod High School established. County Councillor Hargreaves is the new Chairman with Mr J Ackers as the "Deputy Chairman. Advertisements have appeared in the national press for a new headmaster to take up duties on 1 January, 1973 as head of the present Grammar School but head-designate of the Rivington and Blackrod High School.

How will the changes affect us? The new Headmaster is to be asked to formulate a staffing structure for the comprehensive school and existing staff will be fitted into this scheme. Grammar stream pupils will continue in the grammar stream throughout their school career, so the change to a fully comprehensive system will be gradual. We would like to be able to say that the changeover will also be painless, but this is hardly likely in view of the new building and re-modelling of the old building that we shall have to live through during the next school year. The Onward Unit at the back of the Biology Laboratory will, we are told, be completed during the autumn term, so perhaps the Sixth Form at least will have some breathing space. In spite of the setbacks and delays in the building programme it is now thought possible to establish the comprehensive school in September 1973.

One of the many problems that may beset us in the near future concerns Local Government reorganisation. Under the Bill, passing through Parliament at the time of going to press, both the Grammar School and Horwich Sewage Works will be in the new Lancashire County while Horwich County Secondary School and the homes of most of our pupils will be in the Manchester Metropolitan County, Bolton District 12b. It is to be hoped that some redrawing of the boundaries will be possible at an early date.

In spite of the obvious short-term difficulties we look to the new school to accept the challenge the future holds in store for the long-term good of the education of all children in the Horwich area.



## Cricket 1972

The 1972 cricket season can only be described as an indifferent one in which we won five and lost five of our ten games. On the other hand team spirit was at an all time high and the results were not due to lack of enthusiasm and effort from some relatively inexperienced players. Thus there were many close games which could have been won by either side.

The season got off to a poor start with two defeats at the hands of Canon Slade and Farnworth GS. Against Farnworth we scored only four runs less than our opponents and needed 7 runs off the last over. We managed only 3. Woods scored 53 and Robert 19 but Peter Snape chipped in with a useful 12 not out when chasing some quick runs in the later stages of the game.

Our form finally picked up and we won the next three games convincingly against Canon Slade, Bolton County GS and Bolton School. Our easiest victory was the shock defeat of Bolton School by ten wickets. A devastating bowling spell by John Harrison, who took 8 wickets for 29 runs, meant that Bolton School were shot out for a meagre 58. Openers Alan Hitchen, 18 not out, and Stephen Woods, 44 not out, soon knocked up the runs in even time.

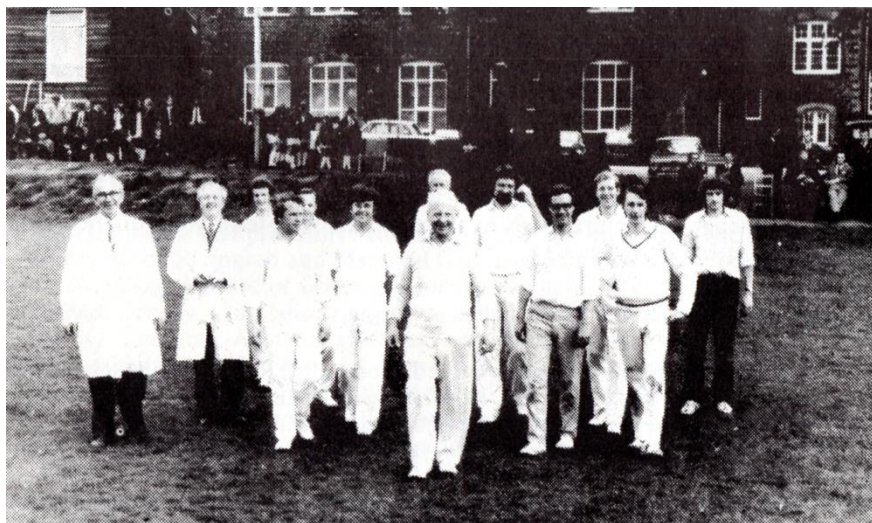
We then suffered two more defeats against Hindley GS and the Old Rivingtonians. Against Hindley Brian Gore gave a useful performance by taking 4 wickets for 31 and in being top scorer with 17 when we collapsed to 37 all out.

During the Bolton holidays we lost three of our regular players because of holidays and examinations, and consequently our middle batting suffered. We still managed to beat both Darwen and Chorley. Against Chorley we had another close match. We batted first and could only manage 69 runs on a very soft wicket. Walmsley (28), Harrison (11) and Woods (17) were the pick of the batsmen. However some good bowling by Harrison, Cregan and Woods removed the opposition for only 64 runs.

In the final match against the Staff we were easily beaten by 5 wickets after we had scored only 38 runs. Harrison was the only player to reach double figures, and he managed 14. At 29, for 9 some crisp hitting from Malcolm Harrison, who scored 8 not out, pushed the score to 38. Perhaps if we had scored another 30 runs we may have stood a chance, as only Mr Topping put up much resistance on a very soft wicket.

During the season there was some economical bowling from John Harrison, Brian Gore, Stephen Woods and Michael Cregan when called upon. The batting, however, was disappointing and only Stephen Woods scored over 100 runs during the season.

Stephen Woods



*Mr Jenner leads out the Staff team for the annual match against the School XI.*

# Wheels

*I saw a 'bus the other day;  
A sickly, big red 'bus, pushing its way through the grime  
Of the town.  
It's not unusual, I suppose;  
People see 'buses every day, they 're nothing new.  
But it made me feel sick.  
Sick, because I knew that somewhere in that 'bus's engine  
was a screw, and near that screw was a lever that turned  
a wheel, and if it wasn't for that wheel the engine  
wouldn't go;  
And I put that wheel there.  
Every morning six days a week, I sit at my stool, while  
the moving belt glides past,  
Arthur on one side, Charlie on the other.  
Along comes an engine; Arthur puts a screw in; I put a wheel in,  
Charlie sticks a wire in.  
Along comes another engine; Arthur puts a screw in; I put a  
wheel in; Charlie sticks a wire in.  
Along comes another engine . . . . and so on.  
So on until the bell rings, then the belt stops, and we all go  
for a cuppa — to fill our energy gap.  
Then another bell goes, we amble back and start all over again.  
On till lunch, then on to 5.00, then home for tea.  
It gets into a routine somehow.  
Every night I dream about wheels.  
One day I 'll wake up and find myself turned into a wheel,  
Then I 'll think, "Ha!  
Who will have my job now?"  
What a life I'd have though.  
In next to no time I'd be slapped into an engine, alongside of  
a screw and a piece of wire. Then I 'd be stuck into a 'bus  
and whizzed round town all day, every day!  
What a life!  
I think mine is bad enough, but perhaps it 's better than being  
a wheel,  
I get dizzy very easily anyway!*

*Janet Baxendale (4P)*

# HOUSE REPORTS

## Holme House

Staff: Miss Bury, Mrs Bannister, Mrs Ramsdale, Miss Duckworth, Messrs Crabtree, Morgan, Topping, Metcalfe and Morris.

At the time of writing this report the final points total, which will decide the House championship and hence the holders of the house shield, has not yet been finalised. I have, however, a sneaking feeling that once again our efforts in the academic field may have nullified our generally successful year on the sports field.

The boys won both senior and junior cross-country events handsomely, and also the soccer, were second in cricket and basketball, and tied for second place with Pilkington in athletics. The Watkin trophy for intermediate boys was secured for the fourth time in seven years.

The girls also played their part well and won the netball and tennis trophies, tied with Pilkington for first place in rounders and came second in hockey.

On the whole it has been a good year for the House, with many people contributing to our successes.

Mrs Bannister and Mrs Ransdale leave us at the end of the term. We thank them for all they have done for the House and wish them well for the future.

P.S. Please disregard the feelings that I expressed in the first paragraph. Congratulations on winning the House shield.

M. E. Crabtree

## Pilkington House

Staff: Mr Greaves, Mr Rowe, Mr Walton Mr Allenby, Mr Hale, Mr Hawes, Miss Wilson, Miss Nutter

This year was not one of our best though we would have had to have done exceptionally well to equal last year's success. However, we were successful in winning the cricket and hockey trophies and sharing the rounders title with Holme House.

There has been a lack of drive in many of our members who have refused to take part in matches, or have let us down at the last moment for no reason. There was a surprising lack of interest in the senior athletics team which had no representatives from the Fifth and Sixth Forms, and was composed of the Lower Sixth and Fourth Forms. All credit must go to our juniors who are always dependable and willing to represent the House, and because of their efforts we came in joint second on Sports Day.

Unfortunately we relinquished the House championship after four years. We lost by a narrow margin only, showing that there has been a high standard of academic work during the year.

Earlier this year Mrs Hayes left us after several years with the House, and Mr Hale, who has been with us for the last twelve months, is retiring. We wish them both every happiness in the future.

We would like to thank our Staff members for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

## **Queen's House**

Staff: Mr Cowell, Mr Livesey, Mr Nuttall, Mr Rowlandson, Mr Green, Mr Watkins, Miss Gleave, Mrs Lyon, Miss Murray, Mrs Harrison.

House affairs, whether successful or not, have a habit of occurring in cycles. We have had a lean year or two but now believe we have turned a corner and that a period of success may be imminent. Whether this achievement occurs depends on effort by everybody in both academic and athletic pursuits. There has been a considerable effort in many respects this year. One hears expressions such as "We shall overcome!" and "We shall not be moved!" We should strive to overcome but we should be moved to be more successful. It is this kind of spirit which enabled us to win the Athletics cup on Sports Day - a great achievement which should breed confidence for the year ahead.

We would like to thank every member of Staff, House officials and members for their efforts during the year.

## **Geography Field Trip : Swanage 1972**

The journey from Horwich to Swanage took eight hours. The coach was stuffy, the scenery boring and the weather appalling, but when we arrived at Swanage we felt that it had been worth it. The town was clean and not too commercialised; the hotel was comfortable, although situated on top of a vertical cliff (well, it certainly seemed as if it were!). Our doubts receded — we might even enjoy the field week!

For most of the week the weather was ideal. Blue Skies and sun (for more information on this rare meteorological phenomenon consult W. B. Watkins, Esq.; local met. officer) - but not too hot to work in. The countryside abounds in textbook examples. Land forms resulting from coastal erosion and deposition made these processes startlingly clear — as if some Geography master had constructed them. Chesil Beach, Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove were somehow a shock to see.

They substantiated Geography lessons in rooms 11 and 14 as no book could. We also saw examples of folding and slumping (rocks and clay, as well as each other).

We must congratulate Miss Duckworth and Mr Topping on the valiant way in which they put up with Mr Watkins's tyranny. After about two days Mr Topping refused to stop when we took field notes. Instead he continued to plod on. One gained the impression that should he stop we would never again muster the impetus to reach the next hill-top. Miss Duckworth, however, trudged and stopped, trudged and stopped with us. She listened to our muttered curses, threats and reflections on the Welsh Wizard with an air remarkably akin to that of sympathy.

Predictably enough, Mr Watkins contented himself with bounding about from peak to peak like some Welsh Nureyev (I would have said Welsh mountain goat, but that one's been cracked often enough!). As he dashed about he cried, "Look you here, boyo!" or words to that effect, and we were expected to jot down notes on what we saw. Weakly lifting our heads, we caught glimpses of him, about three hill-tops away looking like a cross between a storm trooper and Tom Jones and singing "Land of My Fathers" off-key. Certain members of the party were of the opinion that he didn't care too much about our safety. Edwin Maher accused him of leading us along a cliff edge in the hope that he (Edwin Maher) would fall off. Mr Watkins obligingly led us on to the beach at the foot of the cliff. Edwin stated that he was now in mortal danger of falling rocks.

Howard Rhodes and I were the only two doing 'O' level Geology, and not 'A' level Geography. On the Wednesday we were sent to dig fossils out at Chapman's Pool. We were told to walk back along the cliff-top, and that it would take only about an hour. Three hours later we arrived back at the hotel, the distance being about three times more than that calculated. What happened on that lonely trek only Howard and I shall ever know. Search parties had been sent out, and the leers and knowing looks on their return proved quite embarrassing. My room-mates were also a little peeved, as they had to return my baggy cords, perfumed goatskin coat and tatty pumps to which they had laid claim!

"We thought you'd fallen over a cliff," they remarked blithely, if not a little plaintively, as I wept over my blistered feet.

Apart from that sore point, the week went remarkably well. At various times members of the party were chased by mad bulls, mad Scotsmen and old ladies who took us for Peeping Toms. The only other grouse we have is that the hoteliers treated us like a mob of five-year-olds; they went about seemingly with a microscope to find specks of boot-blackening on the carpet, they sent us up to bed on our last night and fed us barely enough to keep a sparrow alive (most of our money went on food, and I lost nearly a stone that week).

We would like to thank Mr Watkins, Miss Duckworth and Mr Topping for giving up their time to take us on what turned out to be a most enjoyable field trip (we will all try to pass our various exams - promise!!).

A final question: Is there any truth in the rumour that Clarke Kent is alive and well and teaching Geography at RBGS with a phoney Welsh accent?

Paula Howard



## *Winter*

*Branches  
Are not barren.  
Fields  
Are not green.  
But  
Isn't this a lovely  
Sight  
To be seen?  
The countryside  
All  
Gleaming white,  
Frosted  
And glowing with  
Unearthly  
Light.*

*Lesley Town (4P)*

## *Winter Sunlight*

*Light descending  
On a  
Beautiful  
Sight. Snow  
Glistening and  
Gleaming bright,  
Snowdrops  
Nodding, pure  
White heads,  
Green stalks  
Standing upright  
Like  
Soldiers,  
Proud and  
Straight.*

*Lesley Town (4P)*

## *He Comes*

*With the sun, every day he comes,  
It wouldn't be the same if he didn't come,  
Like something missing, irregular.  
I don't like the night, claustrophobic, stifling.  
It's hard to relax, for fear.  
I long for the day.  
Each night I hope that the sun will come;  
(I don't pray, anyway hoping's just the same)  
I hope that he will come with the sun.  
Every day I live for him, yet  
I don't know who he is. I don't even know  
What he looks like. I probably never will.  
Yet I know he comes; even though I can't hear him,  
See him or speak to him.  
He's there, and I wish he wasn't*

*Janet Baxendale (4P)*

## Biology Field Week in Scotland

One Wednesday morning in late October a party of Sixth Formers, carrying sleeping bags, hiking boots and other necessities, met on Wigan station. Our destination was the Kindrogan Field Centre in Perthshire. After a long journey which included struggling across Glasgow with our heavy luggage, freezing in the Scotch mist on Perth station and waiting three hours in Pitlochry for the coach, we finally arrived.

The field centre is a large house in the middle of the Scottish Highlands, about two miles from the nearest village and miles away from any large towns. The only thing to do was work, and we did just that - from half past nine in the morning to half past nine in the evening, with breaks for meals. By the end of the week we were becoming accustomed to these hours, and we covered more Biology in that time than we thought ourselves capable of. During the first two days we studied the ecology of both a pond and a stretch of moorland; on the third day we studied a plantation of young pine trees; on the fourth, conservation and for the last two days we worked on our own chosen project.

On presenting these projects, two of our members had the distinction of belonging to the three-man group which produced what was described by the warden as the best he had yet seen.

The warden was the one who led our expeditions every day. These expeditions led us up steep hillsides which seemed to us like mountains. On the way down we had to battle our way through pine plantations, trying hard not to get lost among the trees. It made a very pleasant change on the Sunday to walk on fiat land around the Loch of the Lowes.

Although we did not experience the rain we are used to at home, it was extremely cold and in the mornings, when work was completed, the more practical among us lit the log fire and tried to thaw ourselves out. It did seem to grow warmer towards the end of the week, or maybe it was because we were becoming acclimatised by then. We made many new friends from among the other parties who were there for the Biology and Geography courses, and each day four students served the food and set up the tables for meals.

Wednesday came around again and we returned to the wet but considerably warmer climate of Lancashire. On behalf of all the pupils who braved the cold and isolation in the interests of science, I should like to thank Mr Nuttall and Mrs Addicott for arranging the trip, for accompanying us and for providing us with a week that will not easily be forgotten.

Laura Holden

## Community Volunteer Service

During the year thirty pupils throughout the school have been visiting old people in their homes and in hospital. The range of tasks performed have varied from general errands to gardening. In Fall Birch Hospital members of the First Form have taken round the tea trolleys as well as talking to the patients. Two Sixth Formers have visited the

Mere Oaks School in Standish each week to help the spastic children; they have gained valuable experience from this work.

The area so far covered includes Adlington, Blackrod, Horwich and Westhoughton. It is hoped to extend the field of service in these districts and also to open an Aspull Branch.

Certain members of the Sixth Form have undertaken Wednesday afternoon duties at Bolton Hospital and also at Eaves Lane.

## Balloon Race

Balloon which travelled farthest:

Sender: Mr B-. Miller, 7 Highfield Road, Blackrod £15 prize

Returned by Beth Prout, Rowston Farm, Stackpole, Pembroke, South Wales £2 prize ("Found in one of our fields")

Present pupil's balloon which travelled farthest:

Barbara Fulton (2H)

Returned from Machynlleth, W. Wales

Most tickets were sold by W. Charnley ( 1P)

## School Sports Day

Queen's 298 points

Holme 258 points

Pilkington 258 points

### John Watkins Trophy (Intermediate Boys)

Holme 72 points

Pilkington 67 points

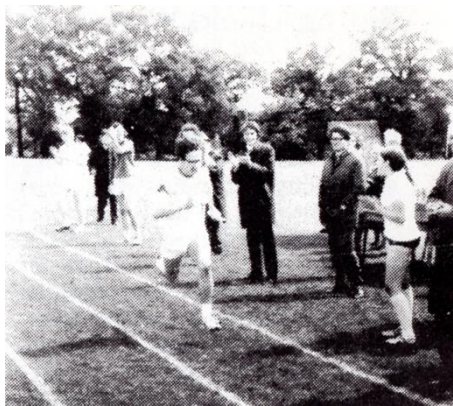
Queen's 41 points

The boys' pre-sports day events had to be postponed on three consecutive occasions and eventually became post-sports day events. Thus, although the rains subsided on the Sports Day, the weather nevertheless had a detrimental and telling effect upon the event, for not only was the track sodden and slow but the final results and the distribution of trophies had to remain unknown until the following day.

It was not long before everyone realised that Queen's had been training secretly behind closed doors. They took the opposing Houses by surprise by quickly establishing what proved to be an unassailable lead. Their secret weapons lay in the talents of M. Hurst, S. Ironfield, A. Aspinall, C. Kennedy, K. Brabbin, Taylor, Winch, Cooper, Snape, Burgess and Schofield, and also in their ability to win three of the six relays.

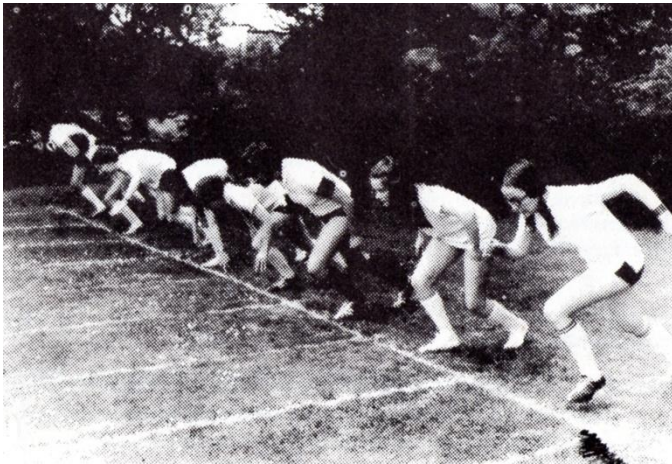
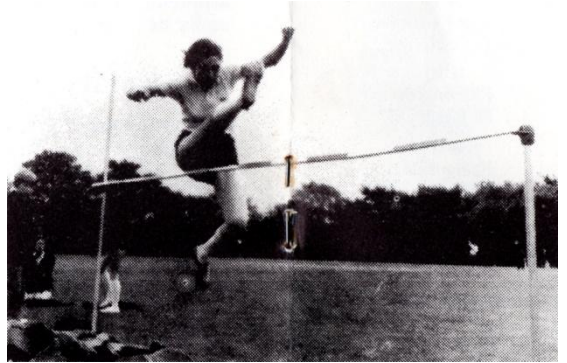
Susan Ironfield is to be congratulated on breaking one of the school's long-standing sprint records by covering 80 metres in 11.3 seconds. P. Daniels also deserves praise for a prodigious jump of 16ft 2in which broke the Under 13 record by thirteen inches.

*Sports Day Album Pt.1*





## *Sports Day Album Pt.2*



# Prize Winners 1970 - 1

## War Memorial Prizes

R. Caldwell

Judith Kaye

## J. Ackers Prizes

Senior: D. Steadman

Junior: Susan Dudley

## Headmaster's Prize

Janet Robinson

## Saxelby Prize for Geography

Kathleen Daniels

## Shawcross Prizes for History

Senior: Elaine Seager

Junior: Alison Higham

## Margaret Morris Memorial Prizes

Science: R. James

Mathematics: D. Steadman

## John Wilkinson Memorial Prizes

English:

French:

Linda Jones, Lynda Hill

Gillian Sharp

## Parents' Association Prizes for Effort

Senior:

Junior:

Christine Evans, D. Urmston

I Hill, D. M. Spencer

## Bonnor Prizes

Scripture ..... Linda Jones

Physics..... D. Steadman

German..... Judith Kaye

Chemistry..... R. James

Economics..... Carole Boardman

Biology ..... G. Handley

## German Embassy Prizes

Elizabeth Coffey, Mariamie Woods, Susan Dudley

## Special Prizes

P.E. Boys..... M. Farnworth

Domestic Science.....Elizabeth Burnett

P.E. Girls ..... Carole Adamson

Engineering Drawing ..... S. Booth

Music .....M. Farnworth

## Form Prizes

### Vth Form

Nicola Hacking

Alison Higham

P. Gibson

Kathleen Higginson

Karen Brabbin

H. Rhodes

### IV H

Pamela Chadwick

L. Taylor

### III H

E. Gaskell

J. Chadwick

### II H

Susan Dudley

Nan Miller

### I H

Ann Norman

Diane Beresford

### IV P

Elizabeth Coffey

P. Phethean

### III P

Marianne Woods

Janet Steadman

### II P

Judith Cunliffe

M. Von Wielligh

### I P

K. Green

D. Almond

### IV Q

Jean Cochrane

Janet Hough

### III Q

I. Cowburn

M. Hardman

### II Q

Elaine Kirkham

D. Parr

### I Q

A. Taylor

Susan Hargreaves

## General Certificate of Education 1971 (A Level)

Carole Adamson

K. S. Gregory

Julie Milton

P. S. Ainscough

M.Gregson

Julie Milton

Carole Boardman

Anne Grimshaw

Susan Partridge

Catherine Brown  
 N.T.E. Burnett  
 R. G. Caldwell  
 D. J. Chesney  
 D. Chivers  
 Brenda Cooker  
 S.C. Cox  
 R. Crutchlow  
 Kathleen Daniels  
 P.W. Davies  
 Gillian Ellis  
 Christine Evans  
 M. Farnworth  
 D. Fitton  
 J.S. Fletcher  
 M.E. Garstang

Janet Adamson  
 J. M. Adamson  
 G.T. Allen  
 Judith Allen  
 Kathleen Atherton  
 J.H. Baker  
 R.J. Barnes  
 Janet Baron  
 Ann Berry  
 A. Birchall  
 S. Booth  
 Karen Brabbin  
 Sheila Brown  
 Carole Bullough  
 P.B. Burgess  
 Elizabeth Burnett  
 Patricia Calland  
 Elizabeth Coffey  
 Josephine Cooke  
 Jean Coombes  
 G. Cooper  
 Janet Cotton  
 Ruth Crompton  
 Jayne Crook  
 I. Danks  
 Edna Davies  
 Florence Davies  
 Denise Dawber  
 Sandra Delafield  
 Pamela Ellis  
 P.H. Fairclough  
 Elaine Fearnley  
 Jane Fletcher  
 Kathryn Foley  
 P. Gibson  
 Kathryn Gittins  
 B. Gore

Dilys Grundy  
 Christine Hall  
 G. Handley  
 Susan Harrison  
 Lynda Hill  
 A. J. Hopkins  
 P.W. Hurst  
 L.W. Huson  
 R. James  
 R. Jolly  
 Linda Jones  
 Margaret Jones  
 Judith Kaye  
 D. Kitts  
 C.J. Livsey  
 Jane Mellows

### **Ordinary Level**

Nicola Hacking  
 Elaine Hadley  
 Hilary Hall  
 Susan Hart  
 Pauline Hatton  
 Kathleen Higginson  
 Alison Higham  
 Susan Higham  
 A.G. Hitchen  
 Laura Holden  
 Susan Holding  
 Christine Hoofe  
 A.R. Hornby  
 S.A. Horrocks  
 D.P. Horsley  
 Paula Howard  
 G.F. Hunt  
 G.R. Hunt  
 Mary Huson  
 Susan Hutchinson  
 D.A. Ireland  
 Margaret Jameson  
 Marjorie Kay  
 Carol Kennedy  
 Janet Lawless  
 J. Lawson  
 G.H. Liptrot  
 W.E. Mears  
 Caroline Moody  
 Ann Morris  
 S. Moss  
 Judith Mylroie  
 Jacqueline Ord  
 Shuba Panja  
 Margaret Parker  
 Lynn Parkinson

June Pendlebury  
 D. R. Pryce  
 Janet Robinson  
 Pauline Rudd  
 Elaine Seager  
 Gillian Sharp  
 I.R. Sharp  
 D.P. Speak  
 D. Steadman  
 W. Strong  
 Susan Sumner  
 S.G. Urmston  
 A. Wickham  
 Margaret Winstanley  
 Elizabeth Yeldon

R. Parr  
 Jayne Partington  
 S. Pedley  
 P. Phethean  
 Jane Ratcliffe  
 Susan Ratcliffe  
 M. Rearden  
 H. Rhodes  
 J.F. Richardson  
 E.C. Robert  
 R.J. Robinson  
 P. Rock  
 S. Rudd  
 J. Scaldwell  
 Jennifer Simm  
 Margaret Singer  
 Kathleen Sledge  
 K. Smith  
 N. Smith  
 P. Snape  
 Ann Southern  
 Lynn Stott  
 R.C. Stubbs  
 Sheila Sutton  
 D.J. Taylor  
 L. Taylor  
 Susan Taylor  
 A.R. Turner  
 J. Turner  
 Linda Walkden  
 Barbara Watkinson  
 M. Wickham  
 I. Wilson  
 Linda Womack  
 Jacqueline Wroe  
 Karen Yates



## Girls' Athletics 1972

We like to think that in this, one of our two joint activities (the other being swimming) we make a fair contribution to Rivington's success. If effort, determination and esprit de corps are anything to go by, then we are justified in claiming that we do.

As for results, they speak for themselves and while it would be invidious to single out any particular performance we must congratulate C. Kennedy (Senior long jump), K. Brabbin (Senior discus), J. Goth (Intermediate high jump) and J. Hodgkinson (Junior 100 metres) for qualifying to attend the Lancashire County Championships.

Regular members of Rivington Girls' Athletics teams have been:

**1st Year:** S. Ironfield, L. Parkinson, C. Alker, C. Butterworth, K. Wood, H. Wilcox, J. Von Wielligh

**2nd Year:** M. Hurst, M. Pendlebury, C. Hampson, B. Fulton, K. Holt, D. Walmsley, K. Fearnhead

**3rd Year:** J. Hodgkinson, A. Smith, L. Pendlebury, S. Watkinson, S. Meadows, A. Bradley, A. Rutter, E. Pollard, A. Swift

**4th Year:** A. Aspinall, L. Miller, S. Birch, J. Baxendale, J. Goth, C. Tallis, J. Mason, J. Berwick

**5th and 6th Forms:** C. Kennedy, P. Ellis, K. Brabbin, J. Ord, J. Allen, V. Kaye, M. Kay, J. Winstanley, L. Holden

## Kindrogan: November 1971

A party of Sixth Form biologists accompanied by the Biology Staff attended Kindrogan Field Centre in Perthshire for a week in order to carry out some ecological studies. The volume of work and effort achieved was considerable, and involved a 12 hour stint every day of the week. The topics studied involved a freshwater pond, a moorland area, a coniferous forest and the conservation of a loch supporting a pair of breeding ospreys which occupied it during the summer months. This left two days in which to study individual projects by small teams of students.

The course was organised and conducted by the resident warden, who was known as the "Frontiersman" on account of his display of physical energy, particularly on steep mountain slopes, which was then matched by a mental capacity to cope with statistics at 9.30 on Saturday night.

The overall effect was to make a statutory school day seem like a tea break, and opinions were voiced to the effect that he could have "done" the A-level syllabus in a month!

After this intensive week's work, undertaken with some acquired friends from Chorley Grammar School who were also attending the course, there were some sentimental tears on the train home and one of our number was subsequently alleged to have fallen asleep during a Chemistry lesson on the following morning back at school.

"Joe"

## **County Athletics Championship: Accrington**

On Saturday, 10 June amidst rain and gale force winds a Horwich and district team of eleven boys and girls, eight of whom were from Rivington, set off for Accrington. Over an hour later we arrived at the Sandy Lane Stadium, where our track competitors got out of the coach. The field events were to be held elsewhere. When we finally arrived I was fifteen minutes late for my event (the Senior Girls' long jump) and as a result had to forfeit the practice and first jump but I managed to gain fifth place.

Our next competitor, Karen Brabbin, sylph-like among the somewhat elephantine competitors in the Senior Girls' discus event and hindered by driving rain, failed to reach the final six. Meanwhile the Intermediate Girls' high jump had been brought forward and as we failed to hear the announcement Janet Goth almost missed the event.

Unfortunately, due to the rush she was unable to clear the required starting height. The last of our competitors to perform was Paul Daniels, who failed to reach the final jump off in the Junior Boys' long jump.

Somewhat disheartened we returned to the track in the hope that the rest of the team had achieved something. It transpired that Lesley Noble, Keith Smith and Christopher Dowbekin had had no success in their heats of the Intermediate 1500 metres and the Intermediate and Junior 800 metres respectively. Janet Hodgkinson, however, had reached the final of the Junior Girls' 100 metres but was not placed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wright for reviving flagging spirits with cups of coffee and for accompanying us.

Carol Kennedy (L.VI.)

## **Hobbies Club**

Hobbies Club was held on Thursday evenings from 4 to 5 pm and was regularly and well attended by senior members of the school. During the year some interesting and in some cases artistic objects were made. One or two Sixth Formers, aided by Mr Cowell, spent the greater part of their time making three cabinets, given by Mr Jenner, which will be used to display House trophies and will be situated in the Hall.

I would like to thank Mr Cowell, on behalf of the group, for devoting so much time and patience during the year.

Brian Gore (L.VI.)

# The Gungebuckets

MICK  
GUNGEBUCKET



LOUIS  
GUNGEBUCKET



TARZAN OF  
THE  
GUNGEBUCKETS  
CLARENCE THE  
CROSS-EYED  
GUNGEBUCKET



GUY  
GUNGEBUCKET



MAO-TSE  
GUNGEBUCKET



TOULOUSE LE  
GUNGEBUCKET



GENERAL DE  
GUNGEBUCKET  
THE  
LOCH NESS  
GUNGEBUCKET



GILBERT  
O'GUNGEBUCKET



MICHAEL O'GUNGEBUCKET



ALFRED  
HITCHBUCKET



CASSIUS  
GUNGEBUCKET



JAKE THE  
GUNGEBUCKET



TWIGGY  
GUNGEBUCKET



## Boys' Athletics 1972

While standards in most school sports fluctuate from year to year, athletics goes from strength to strength and contributes to the school's sporting forte. Of the four matches contested, three were won and in the other the side lost narrowly to the considerable strength of the combined forces of the three schools on the Hayward 'Base'. It has been suggested that Rivingtonians sprint from the womb.

The boys deserved their success this season for they began training as early as January, under the knowledgeable guidance of our German assistant, Herr J. Urowsky.

Smith, Noble, Dowbekin and Daniels are to be congratulated on praiseworthy performances when representing the Horwich and District Schools in the Lancashire Athletics Championships.

Regular members of the Athletics Teams have been:

**1st Year:** Taylor, Heyes, Ainscough, Ronan

**2nd Year:** Daniels, Green, Pendlebury, Mitchell, Drinkwater, Abram, Redmayne, Wilmin, Williams, Smith, Lawton, Sanderson

**3rd Year:** Dowbekin, Makinson, Dobson, Parr, Brown, Everett, Idle, Von Wielligh

**4th Year:** Aspinall, Chadwick, Horsley, Allman, Jackson, Sanderson, Foley, Noble Consterdine, Hough, Moss, Reaney, Swift, Partington, Cowburn

**5th and 6th Forms:** Rock, Adamson, Snape, Cooper, Harrison, Smith, Oakes, Snape, Woods, Schofield, Walsh, Liptrot, Thornley, England, Burgess, Westhead

It was disappointing that two of the arranged matches had to be cancelled because of the appalling weather conditions.

## Match v Hayward Schools (Away) Friday, 5 May

Boys: Rivington 208½ Hayward 232½

Girls: Hayward won from the few events contested

Gale force winds howled about our ears as we stood shivering at the bottom of the drive; gale force winds were still blowing one and a half hours later when, almost frozen to the spot we were confronted by one minibus instead of the forty-five seater coaches which had been ordered and which, we were informed, had both suffered punctures. A shuttle service proceeded. All the boys' events took place but, needless to say the meagre number of girl competitors were sorely beaten. The 'bus contained the rest of the team arrived just in time to see the final relay event.

C. Kennedy

# The Malham Trip

We set out from school in the early morning and travelled for about two hours before arriving in Malham. When we alighted from the coach we had a quick exploration of the village. We moved on along the country lanes and then made our first stop. Here we talked about the surrounding scenery and drew field sketches. We made fifteen of these stops during the course of our journey.

Soon we reached a river, and just round the side of a cliff we discovered a waterfall about 150 feet in height. We climbed up the side of the waterfall and in doing so many of us became soaked through. At the top we had our lunch, admiring at the same time the steep-sided valley.

After lunch we crossed a stretch of flat, marshy ground. We arrived eventually at Malham Tarn. After a short rest we moved on across a dry valley. The name was most inappropriate, since many people stepped into muddy patches. We came to a water sink, so named because the water disappears underground.

Further on we had to walk along the side of a cliff on a three-foot wide ledge with a sheer drop at one side of us. We explored the interior of a dark cave which, however I did not extend too far back into the rock.

Mr. Watkins warned us that we should shortly come to a sheer drop at the end of a rocky stretch along which we were walking. At the bottom of this cliff was a small stream, and it was here that nearly everyone cooled off their feet by paddling in the water.

After walking the last mile back into the village, everyone celebrated with sweets and drinks and then we set off back home.

M. Winterbottom

## Sponsored Walk

On 22 March over five hundred pupils set out on the sponsored walk to provide funds for the purchase of a school mini-bus and donations to certain charities. Much to everyone's surprise the weather was fair but windy; no rain!

Off went the participants along Lever Park Avenue and the nearby estate to the main Bolton road. After the long climb to George's Lane came the winding track to the Pike. Thoughts of refreshment at Rivington Barn took preference over admiration of the marvellous views from the high vantage points.

By the time the first walkers reached the point of return for 6 miles, Mr Hawes was striding effortlessly towards Anglezarke, with others valiantly trying to keep up. At this distant place Mr Rowe and Mr Livesey handed out coveted tickets which provided evidence that 12 miles had been covered before returning to school. A welcome cup of coffee or orange juice was the immediate reward for energy expended.

Rumour has it that Mr Rowe and Mr Livesey received a donation towards funds for changing a car wheel for a spectator. Many staff served at other check points on the journey. It is regretted that their names are now beyond recall, but Martin Hill's capacity

to remember past events is limited and I did not participate in the walk because of injury. However, our thanks are due to all helpers, walkers and sponsors. As a result of their efforts a total of £670 was raised towards the 'bus and £200 for charities.

It looks as though we shall be travelling in 5-star luxury next term!

M Hardman and M Hill (4Q)

## Match v Derby School, Bury (Away) Friday, 19 May

Girls: Junior	Rivington 33	Derby School 16
Intermediate	Rivington 45	Derby School 26
Senior	Rivington 39	Derby School 42
Boys: Junior	Rivington 40	Derby School 31
Intermediate	Rivington 59½	Derby School 44½
Senior	Rivington 55	Derby School 39
Overall Result:	Rivington 271½	Derby School 198½

The sun shone enterprisingly down, the competitors arrived on time and in adequate numbers to compete. In a dream-like stupour we watched as every Rivington competitor was placed in the first three; our number of points soared sky high. This convincing victory in our last senior match of the season builds up our hopes for a triumphant season next year.

C. Kennedy

## Dedication to Susan Ironfield

There was a young girl called Sue,  
Who for Pilks and Holmes did boo!  
One day she did score  
In the running once more  
And beat all the school records too

Jane Balshaw, Dawn Crook  
and Charlotte Wolf (IQ)

## *Life*

*Life is a book with its pages clean.  
A child is born into life with a scream  
Grows to childhood innocent, fair  
Reaches teenage and halted there.  
What is life all about?  
Which way to go?  
Why is the world so full of woe?  
Life should be happy, the world happy too.  
Do all people feel the same way that I do?  
I see my future a winding way;  
Which way to go is the order of the day.  
I hope and pray that the path I take  
Is the path of righteousness  
For my own sake*

*Lesley Town (4P)*

## **Railway Society on Humber Paddle Steamers**

It was one cold, wet day when two brave members of the Society and Mr Morris set off from Bolton station on the 9.20am to Manchester. With a swift change of trains we boarded the 9.50 am to Hull. Mr Morris was panic stricken when the guard came round for the tickets, because all he could find was a bunch of old railway tickets and souvenirs. However he found the right ticket, and the journey proceeded in disgusting Weather. Approaching Huddersfield we entered a tunnel, and to our amazement we emerged into brilliant sunshine in Yorkshire. Regardless of weather and tickets we arrived safely in Hull.

Having caught the bus to the Corporation Pier, and entered the ticket office, we walked down the Pier and boarded the Tattershall Castle; then we sat down to eat our sandwiches. During the crossing we continued to eat our sandwiches, and to his amazement Sas discovered he was leaving a trail of coffee around the desk, and so he proceeded to throw the broken flask into the river.

After thirty minutes waiting on the Lincolnshire Bank we boarded the Lincoln Castle; we crossed the river to Hull within twenty minutes.

After cutting it a bit fine for time we managed to struggle aboard the train bound for Manchester.



Altogether it was an enjoyable day, and thoroughly enjoyed by one and all (3 to be precise).

The Society members would like to thank Mr Morris for taking up his own time in organising this society. He would be grateful for seriously interested enthusiasts, to join in our activities.

J. Stevens (3P) I. Mayor (3H)

## **Hockey**

### **The First Team's Final Flourish**

Whatever the failures of the Rivington First XI, the season 1971-2 at least ended with a well-deserved victory.

In spite of numerous disappointments, qualities of mutual aggression and organised defence eventually showed that the orthodox 5 - 3 - 2 style of play was very far from dead. Dedication, determination and discipline at long last reaped their reward.

It will be far from easy next season for we are not yet on the crest of the wave, but let us hope we are rising from the trough. We have a hard-working, and indeed a hard-worked defence, and we caught a glimpse of a forward line with some finishing power. Speed is the answer to most of our problems. Working at our play is the answer to all.

To the members of the junior teams we would advise - be more aggressive, don't give way, get there first and go, go, go!

### **First Team Squad**

E. Ashworth, K. Higginson, J. Allen, M. Jameson, V. Kaye, J. Ord, M. Kay, M. Parker, K. Brabbin, P. Chadwick, P. Ellis, C. Kennedy, J. Fletcher, J. Curzon, P. Allen, E. Hadley  
Played 14, Won 5, Lost 9, Drawn 0

### **Second Team Squad**

P. Allen, P. Hatton, D. Plowes, L. Fairhurst, J. Makinson, C. Kennedy, J. Barron, E. Aldcroft, J. Fletcher, J. Curzon, E. Hadley, H. Greenhalgh  
Played 4, Won 1, Lost 3, Drawn 0

### **Under 15 Squad**

C. Seddon, L. Miller, M. Woods, S. Birch, J. France, E. Partington, A. Bolger, C. Tallis, H. Robinson, E. Collier, C. Leyland, S. Wilkes  
Played 10, Won 1, Lost 8, Drawn 2

### **Under 14 Squad**

S. Thomas, H. Gibson, Y. Hough, C. Coyle, J. Evans, S. Hunt, P. Appleton, D. Forshaw, L. Stebbings, J. Higham, J. Hodgkinson, A. Smith, C. Rearden, G. Witter.  
Played 10, Won 2, Lost 7, Drawn 1

# Tennis

There are some quite promising players in all the teams. Seniors need to cultivate more power and to practise volleying. Juniors, you need to place your shots, speed up your service and practise your backhand shots. Scoring and umpiring are at last beginning to take their very important place.

## First Team Squad

K. Brabbin, K. Higginson, J. Fletcher, M. Jameson, P. Ellis, M. Parker, J. Ord  
Played 6, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 0

## Second Team Squad

J. Allen, P. Chadwick, V. Kaye, M. Kay, J. Curzon, J. Ord, E. Coffey  
Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2, Drawn 0

## Under 15 Squad

D. Ratcliffe, C. Rhodes, M. Woods, J. Martin, J. Goth, N. Dudley.  
Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 0

## Under 15 Squad

J. Evans, H. Gibson, P. Grundy, J. Ferguson, J. Hodkinson, A. Smith, C. Coyle  
Played 1, Won 1, Lost 0, Drawn 0

# Horwich and District Athletics Championships 16 June

	Rivington	St. Joseph's	Westhoughton	Horwich
Junior Girls	42½	16½	12	1
Junior Boys	48	16	12	5
Intermediate Girls	32	34	12	21
Intermediate Boys	80	16	18	3

What luck! After a few days of almost continuous rain the sun shone briefly and the Leverhulme track was in perfect condition for the start of the championships. Heats were contested in the vast majority of the track events and in consequence, successful athletes faced the energy-sapping prospect of four races plus a relay, all in the space of two and a half hours. The following team members showed considerable zeal in fitness and technique in winning both of their events:

M. Hurst	Junior Girls' 100m and 200m
K. Green	Junior Boys' 100m and 400m
P. Daniels	Junior Boys' 800m and long jump
L. Noble	Intermediate Boys' 800m and 1500m

J . Chadwick Intermediate Boys' long jump and triple jump

Mr. A.J.M. Jenner, the retiring Chairman of the Horwich and District Schools Sports Association presented three of the four trophies to the captains of teams from his own school.

## **Youth Hostelling Expedition 1972**

At 8.30 a.m. on Saturday July 1st, 34 pupils assembled at the Crown, Horwich, under the care of Mr Wright, Mr Green and Miss Duckworth to whom we would like to express our thanks.

Our first stop was at Brockhole National Park Centre where there is an exhibition illustrating many aspects of Lake District life past and present.

After lunch at the centre we walked to Ambleside Youth Hostel, which is attractively situated by the side of the lake. Everyone was impressed by the smart appearance of the hostel, and after being shown to our rooms we realised it was first class inside as well as our. Recreation facilities including table tennis and a disco were fully utilised by our party. After an excellent supper and a walk around the area it was time for bed.

After breakfast and a walk around Ambleside, we caught the steamer for a fifteen minute trip to Bowness, and then took the ferry across the lake. We then walked through the hills and a forest of pine trees to the Coniston (Far End) Hostel On the last day we all started to climb the Old Man of Coniston, (2,633) SOME of the party reached the top and later joined the others after bathing in the lake, this soothing our feet.

The afternoon was spent in Coniston, we started for home at 6 pm leaving behind us the rain which had just started for the first time on our holiday. We arrived back in Horwich at 8 pm after a most enjoyable weekend.

M. Mitchell 2P

## **Rounders**

The few fixtures have shown how necessary it is at all times for fielders to be on the alert and on their toes. We have the techniques but lack a sense of urgency. It is no use being accurate if we are too late; it is no use thinking afterwards. We must anticipate .

### **Senior Squad**

P. Chadwick. E. Hadley, J. Allen, J. Curzon, K. Higginson, V. Kaye, M. Jameson, C. Kennedy, E. Ashworth, M. Kay, C. Kennedy, J. Cotton, C. Chadwick, G. Perry, D. Plowes, D. Dawber, E. Coffey, S. Cowburn, K. Brabbin, J. Fletcher, M. Parker, P. Ellis, J. Ord.

### **Under 15 Squad**

H. Maulding, C. Tallis, S. Morris, J. Mason, S. Birch, M. Woods, K. Quilliam, M. Gurney, A. Aspinall, K. Morris, L. Town, E. Collier.

### **Under 14 Squad**

C. Coyle, S. Thomas, D. Forshaw, Y. Hough, J. Beazley, H. Gibson, K. Farrar, J. Evans, J. Higham, L. Jones, G. Witter, P. Appleton.

### **Under 13 Squad**

A. Norman, C. Staton, S. Yates, M. Hurst, B. Marks, K. Fearnhead, C. Atherton, C. Hampson, C. Hughes, D. Walmsley

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7, Drawn 0

### **General Comment:**

Matches and results apart, ie looking at physical education as a school activity, a less superficial attitude with the ability to take constructive criticism and apply it is very necessary for total enjoyment. That, after all, is as important, if not more so, than being top of the league (though no-one denies what a comfortable place that is) . Those of us who enjoy physical education where that are no results at stake (after all, we are not all of team standard) will nevertheless admit that ‘messaging about’, playing at play can be very frustrating. Let us have an aim, let us have an incentive. Let it be a positive involvement, and let us enjoy it.

### ***Just a Poem***

*Light descending,  
Illuminating, shadowing  
Showing the detail of a flower  
The dew on the leaf. Lengthening  
Shadows on a glassy field  
Without this light, there is  
But death about us.  
Light descending  
Slanting, dying  
Strange sounds now  
Chirping, whispering  
There is life in the dark!*

*Lesley Town ( 4P)*

## Match v St Joseph's RC Secondary School (Away) 7 June

Girls: Rivington 101  
Boys: Rivington 130

St. Joseph's 55  
St. Joseph's 60

This junior and middle school track match was arranged at short notice, not only as a match in its own right but also to give both schools a further opportunity to sort out their teams for the Horwich and District Championships.

In a splendidly organised match the Rivington athletes proved to be too strong in many of the events, although St. Joseph's maintained their tradition of high standard middle-distance running.

## Netball

This is regarded somewhat as the Cinderella of our winter activities. We have no magic wand to create a dazzling overnight success but we do have, among the Third Years especially, an enthusiasm and a will to work.

By the end of the season all teams were showing more flow in their game but there is still room for improvement in accuracy of passing and dodging techniques. Moves can be planned and practised beforehand, and it helps to know precisely how the ball can be taken up the court. It is still necessary though to be able to adapt to the counter-moves of opponents.

Advice to all players is to practise passing and receiving at speed, and quicker foot-work to make and fill spaces on court.

The motto is: ask for a pass, but only if you are free.

### First Team Squad

K. Brabbin, J. Ord, M. Parker, J. Allen, M. Jameson, P. Chadwick, M. Woods, M. Kay

Played 7, Won 1, Lost, Drawn 0

### Second Team Squad

J. Curzon, C. Kennedy, K. Higginson, J. Cotton, J. Fletcher, V. Kaye, M. Kay, J. Barron.

Played 1, Won 0, Lost 0, Drawn 1

### Under 15 Squad

J. Mason, S. Birch, L. Miller, J. Gore, C. Rhodes, S. Morris, D. Ratcliffe, C. Tallis, M. Gurney, E. Curzon, K. Quilliam, E. Partington.

Played 8, Won 0, Lost 8, Drawn 0

### **Under 14 Squad**

P. Appleton, J. Hodgkinson, C. Coyle, H. Gibson, J. McGrath, G. Witter, D. Forshaw, S. Hunt, Y. Hough, S. Beresford, S. Thomas, B. Smith.

Played 7, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 0

### **Under 13 Squad**

K. Fearnhead, A. Norman, B. Turner, M. Hurst, C. Atherton, M. Morris, C. Hampson, J. Askew, L. Smith, B. Marks, D. Walmsley

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 1