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## EDITORIAL

NO anti-climax seems likely to follow our Jubilee issue of 1954, for this present number of our magazine records as notable achievements of our members as any in the past. During the year 1954-55 the Sixth Form was exemplary, well led by Roy Oakey and Audrey Bradley as Captains. Both girls and boys of the School held their own in competition with others, as was exemplified by the Company of Girl Guides continuing to bring trophies to the School, and, on the boys' side, by our First XI Football Team returning victorious from the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools' Cup Final on the Albion Ground. We feel justified in saying that our success in sport is but one indication of markedly high qualities of personality and character shown during the year by many of our pupils in the senior school. J. Jennings returned from an Outward Bound camp with one of the few first class badges awarded; H. C. Lane was awarded the Royal Humane Society's testimonial for rescuing a man from drowning; David Morrall, a First Class Scout, was selected from fifteen groups to go as a representative from England to the International Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake; G. N. Holloway, a member of the Air Training Corps, was selected as one from this country for a tour of Canada and the U.S.A.; A. Dodson, promoted from Form 3 into Form 5, won the cup for the best General Certificate of Education there and, in athletics, brought the Martineau Cup to the School for his long jump in the Birmingham Inter-Schools' competition. Over thirty of those leaving at the end of the year from our Sixth Form have gone on to university or college courses, and almost everyone has qualified for some financial award. Joy Howard did particularly well to win both a State Scholarship and an Open Scholarship to Birmingham University. In its 51st year pupils of the School have maintained a standard worthy of its best traditions, as we believe the pages to follow will show.

During the year we have said goodbye to Mrs. D. Nash, Miss N. J. Bryant, Miss R. M. C. Busby and Miss S. M. Pickett. All gave loyal service to the School, Miss Pickett for a short period, Miss Busby for more than three years, Miss Bryant for eight years and Mrs. Nash for nearly fifteen years. We thank them all for their services and wish them well in their new posts. We particularly appreciate the work done by Mrs. Nash over such a long period of time, especially as she is an Old Student of the School. We welcome those who have joined us during the year, Miss H. E. Gough, Miss L. A. Bullen, Mr. J. D. R. Townsend, Mr. E. Jones and Mr. R. J. Clarke.

Concerning the organ project for our Assembly Hall, the building alterations and the construction of the organ chamber have been completed. The actual installation of the organ is now due to follow. The School is grateful to all who contributed to the Jubilee Fund for the building expenses. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Eric Dawes for the magnificent gift of the organ itself. It will be a worthy memorial to his parents and a magnificent addition to our amenities. We look forward to the dedication and opening ceremony. It is hoped that Dr. Dawes will give the first recital. Both Dr. and Mrs. Dawes have for very many years associated themselves closely with all our interests. It was a very great pleasure to have Mrs. Dawes as our guest of honour at our last Speech Day. Her speech on that occasion will long be remembered.

Other recent changes in the premises include the seeding of our playing field extension and the preliminary preparation of the swimming pool site for a hard playground for boys. Both these projects will improve our facilities for outdoor games. In particular the asphalted space for boys will fill a most important need, long overdue. It is to be hoped that the whole project of replanning on the space behind the School building will be carried out with generous provision, for the requirements are urgent and most important.

Attention must be drawn to a new feature of our magazine. We have invited the Cresconians to make a contribution to each issue, their first appearing in this present number. We extend to them a hearty welcome, knowing well that as Old Scholars they share all our interests, as we also share theirs. We feel sure that mutual advantage will result.

C. C. H.

**IN MEMORIAM**

It was with deep regret that staff and pupils heard of the passing of Caroline Elvins, at the age of 14, who was drowned during the Summer holiday, while bathing near Dungeness.

Caroline was a well loved member of our School and we greatly mourn her loss.

**THE CRESCONIANS**

President—DR. C. C. HOWARD.

Hon. Secretary—J. M. TURNBULL.

Hon. Treasurer—MRS. R. BROADERWICK.

1955 Committee—

M. FRANKS, R. BROADERWICK, J. COOK, M. ABRAHAMS,  
JUNE WILCOX, JANET SMITH, JEAN WHITE, LORNA DEAN,  
EDNA HADLEY, G. ROBERTS, V. HALE, D. WOOD.

**T**HE Oldbury Grammar School tradition is expressed at School by the passing on of customs and ideas to each succeeding generation. It is expressed by the old scholars either in a passive but strong feeling of attachment, or by an active display in various social activities of the Cresconians, the function of which is to facilitate the meeting of old friends of the School. A sixty-five year old gentleman relating tales of schooldays, in Flash Road, to an eighteen year old youth at the Cresconians Annual Dinner may well touch many aspects of the meaning of the Oldbury Grammar School tradition.

This tradition is so important to us all. We see it in the war memorial tablets at School, the new organ, the stained glass window, the foundation of a former air raid shelter, the playing fields and in many other stirring symbols, but to each of us, perhaps, it has a unique meaning. The Cresconians are aware of that worthy tradition and are proud and delighted to be a part of it.

The President has guided us admirably through the post-war years and we claim that this is "a good Old Scholars' Association." It includes many forms of social activity and has five sections which

unite amiably for many pleasant social evenings. In 1952 we held our first Annual Ball at Langley Baths and ex-prefects were strangely polite and not given to disturbing our mediocrity as they were at School. This regular function is an excellent opportunity for discovering what old friends have been up to recently.

In 1952 we also introduced the School Leavers Dance as a regular social evening every Autumn, but probably the greatest event of the year is the Annual Dinner, which was revived in 1955 and at which the President and Mrs. C. C. Howard were graciously pleased to receive Mr. A. Moyle, M.P., the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. J. D. Beard), Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. F. Newton-Hearne, a distinguished assembly of present members of the School staff, and the Cresconians. This was our most significant day since the war. The 1956 Annual Dinner will be held at the Blue Gates Hotel, Smethwick, on April the 14th.

Not so significant but equally successful are the annual Christmas dances, usually held at the School, but in 1955 it is to be held at the Merrivale Hotel, Langley, on Friday, December 30th.

Individually the various sections flourish. The Ladies' Hockey Club now has 36 members who enjoy good facilities at the Broomfield cricket ground, Smethwick, and who play against first class teams from Wolverhampton, Walsall and Birmingham. Recently in the Worcestershire inter-club tournament three members were nominated as possible selections for the County team, with Brenda Stace gaining a definite position for the County second XI. Close liaison with Miss Tweedie has produced several outstanding players.

The Cricket Club was reformed in 1947 with a nucleus of pre-war players, including J. Harris as captain. Eventually in 1953 the club was composed entirely of players of post-war vintage and in 1955 we had our best season for many years. R. Kimberley astutely captained the club with able lieutenants in G. P. Russell (73 wickets) and B. Waterhouse in the bowling, and G. J. Russell in the batting. The School has generously provided facilities for cricket and courts for the Tennis Club which revived in 1948, and which since 1950 has met every Tuesday and Thursday evening from April until September. Several mixed and men's doubles are played, and many members enter the Mayor of Oldbury's Coronation Cup Competition successfully. K. Smith and Doris Ellis won the 1955 mixed doubles event.

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The most important event in the recent history of the Football Club was the introduction of R. Bordiss as secretary in 1948. His enthusiasm revitalised the whole pattern of our endeavour on the football team. Today three teams, of which two are in the Birmingham A.F.A. and one in the Oldbury League, require a loyal membership of 40 players. Mr. Eacott was largely responsible for our acquisition of most of the outstanding 1955 School team.

The Dramatic Society was formed in 1946 and of the founder members R. Horton, A. Lee and Doris Ellis remain. Originally housed at the Oldbury Parish Rooms, the Society moved to the Chance and Hunt Club five years ago and recently completed its 25th production. A high standard of performance has been attained and we anticipate with pleasure the next presentation, from November 30th to December 3rd, of "Indoor Fireworks," a farcical comedy.

Our purposeful secretary offers a welcome to all new members and even new sections. Is it possible that the School Orchestra may eventually lead to the formation of a Cresconians Orchestra? It would be an expression of the idea that the Oldbury Grammar School tradition is synonymous with that of the Cresconians.

V. B. Hale.

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**SPEECH DAY, 1955**

Chairman—Alderman G. W. ROSE, J.P.  
(Vice-Chairman of the Governors).

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The School Song

Chairman's Remarks

Girl Captain's Report - - - - P. ANNE LAVILL

Boy Captain's Report - - - - A. J. BENBOW

Violin Solo: "Preludio e Gavotta" (Quantz) S. R. HAINE

The Headmaster's Report

Speech and Presentation of Prizes by

MRS. ERIC DAWES, B.A.

Girls' Choir: "The Song of the Music Makers" (Martin Shaw)

Vote of Thanks

Proposer: MRS. N. M. BARNETT, B.A.

(Warden Tutor, University of Birmingham Institute of Education)

**MRS. DAWES' SPEECH**

**M**R. DAWES opened her speech by recalling with pleasure her own and the Dawes' family's long association with the School.

She then asked the question: "What is a school?" and answered the question herself with a series of definitions upon each of which she expanded.

Mrs. Dawes deplored the fact that "this country is far too full of half educated people searching for an easy job and considering themselves too intelligent to work hard." Then she called upon all the members of the School to complete a full education and to enter into life with a world view—the idea that contribution of labour of every worker in the world adds up to one total of work which makes the world function; and to realise that the energy to do the work exists and is ready to be put to use by every one of us.

When one found oneself in a dull, unrewarding job, then was the true need for a "world view." The realisation that the job, however humble, was a contribution to the work of the world, would transform dull work into a vocation.

AWARDS, 1955

Form Prizes for General Proficiency

Form 1C	W. Janet Guest R. A. Stevens	Form 3C	Margaret F. Bishton Sylvia M. Crees
Form 1B	Carol W. Jones Nina Rogers	Form 3B	Diana T. Holtom R. J. Smith Hazel D. Mansell
Form 1A	D. R. Stephens Jennifer M. Turner	Form 3A	Nora C. Reynolds D. C. Owen
Form 2C	M. Biddlestone R. Smallwood	Form C4	Ann M. Hardcastle H. R. Hall
Form 2B	Judith M. Bagley R. Broadbent	Form 4B	F. Darby M. J. Wharton
Form 2A	Angela M. Downs Luned M. Morris	Form 4A	J. S. Smith J. F. Richards

General Certificates of Education  
at Ordinary Level

W. J. M. Barrie	N. A. Allaway	G. R. Holding
D. E. Blundell	M. H. Bagnall	K. V. Horton
B. K. Dingley	H. C. Lane	T. A. Lowe
A. Dodson	I. M. Law	A. R. Martin
R. Dunn	P. Marks	B. Parker
G. H. Eaton	E. J. Morgan	Judith E. Barrett
T. W. Eaton	M. R. Northall	Jeanette V. Bosworth
D. H. Horton	T. Reynolds	Jillian A. Burnell
A. F. Jefferies	J. A. Russell	Sandra V. Davis
G. B. Kettle	A. G. Sabin	Jean M. Edwards
R. A. Maddock	M. R. Skerratt	Joan Hollyhead
F. Matthews	J. H. Thomas	S. Patricia Hulse
J. E. Padgham	B. W. Wilcox	Margaret J. Millward
I. P. Smith	C. W. Woolley	Barbara J. Mullett
D. G. Taylor	Gillian P. Cox	Beryl J. Phillips
D. A. Westwood	Jennifer A. Cox	Maureen B. Shepherd
June Bevington	Valerie M. Dawes	Elizabeth A. Storey
Joyce Brown	Sheila F. Harrison	G. A. Ahlberg
Mary E. Charles	Sheila J. Johnson	D. M. Chaplin
Dorothy B. Costin	Margaret L. Kershaw	D. C. Handy
Ann Darlington	Ann Marshall	P. Hipkiss
Marjorie M. Downing	Naomi M. Northall	D. Morrall
Janet E. Fenton	Sandra Payne	Ann Elsdon
Sylvia M. Fletcher	Jean M. Sherwood	Mary Grieve
Eileen Hollinshead	Ann V. Ward	Gillian M. Haine
Eileen J. Lewis	Wendy J. E. Woollams	Alma O. Langley
Olwen A. Llewellyn	R. J. Bates	Sarah Martin
Jean W. McLelland	D. T. Blewitt	Eunice B. Painter
Patricia A. Owen	V. C. Brown	Janet Sheldon
Judith M. Rose	K. E. Comley	R. R. Holden
Sheila Smith	A. E. Firkins	
Jean Wiggins	N. Hart	

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B

C

Extras



## General Certificates of Education at Advanced Level

B. J. Bailey	D. E. M. Price	Beryl Fanthom
A. J. Benbow	R. M. Savage	Pamela A. Grant
R. G. Birch	R. W. Simmonds	Judith A. Green
B. J. Blagden	D. W. D. Slim	Kathleen Hadley
D. T. Cook	C. J. Smith	Joy V. Howard
D. Edge	H. S. Ward	Jeanne Palmer
J. S. Jennings	G. K. Withington	Kathleen A. Shenton
R. J. Oakey	Audrey K. Bradley	Jean M. Whitehouse
M. P. Osborne	Jillian R. Cryer	M. Ann Whittingham
K. W. Parkes	Janet C. Cutler	
A. W. Pooler	Norma Davis	

## Special Awards

Open Scholarship to Birmingham University	Joy V. Howard
State Scholarship ... ..	Joy V. Howard
Worcestershire University and College	J. B. Bailey
Awards ... ..	Shelia E. Bastable
	J. E. Chalk
	Janet C. Cutler
	D. Edge
	Margaret A. Grieve
	J. S. Jennings
	R. J. Oakey
	M. P. Osborne
	A. W. Pooler
	D. E. M. Price
	R. M. Savage
	Kathleen A. Shenton
	R. W. Simmonds
	D. W. D. Slim
	H. S. Ward
	Jean M. Whitehouse
Albright University Scholarship ... ..	No award
Dawes Memorial University Scholarship ...	No award
Oldbury Educational Trust Scholarships ...	Not yet awarded
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achievement	Joy V. Howard
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership ...	R. J. Oakey
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership ...	Audrey K. Bradley
Best General Certificate of Education—Girls	Jean W. McLelland
Best General Certificate of Education—Boys	A. Dodson

## Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure

Boys' Prize, awarded by the late	
Mr. A. P. Hands ... ..	R. Gowing
Girls' Prizes, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow	Janet Sheldon
	Irene Walker
	Nora Reynolds
	Veronica Bishop
Junior Prizes, awarded by the late	
Mr. C. T. Barlow ... ..	Nina Rogers
	J. Hollyhead
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time activities	155 Awards

**Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, etc.**

Girl Guides Prizes ... ..	Audrey K. Bradley M. Ann Whittingham
Games Prizes ... ..	R. J. Oakey H. S. Ward Jillian A. Burnell Jean M. Whitehouse
Girls' Athletic Champion, awarded Albright Cup ... ..	Ann Elsdon
Boys' Athletic Champion, awarded Vernon Cup ... ..	A. Dodson
Parents' Cricket Match, Cricket Shield ...	The School

**House Cups**

The Davies Cup for Junior and Middle School Studies ... ..	KING'S HOUSE
The Howarth Cup for Inter-House Games ...	KING'S HOUSE
The Beard Cup for National Savings ...	SCHOOL HOUSE
The Jephcott Cup for Athletics ... ..	KING'S HOUSE
The Davies Cup for Music ... ..	KING'S HOUSE
Swimming Cup ... ..	SCHOOL HOUSE
The Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors ... ..	QUEEN'S HOUSE

**Trophies won by the School**

Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Challenge Cup for Football.  
 Birmingham and District Secondary Schools Athletic Association,  
 Martineau Cup for the Broad Jump (won by A. Dodson).  
 County of Birmingham Girl Guides—Ranger Swimming Cup.

**Some Recent Successes of Old Scholars, 1955**

**Birmingham University**

*Faculty of Medicine*

D. C. Pearson	Passed final M.B., Ch.B. (Distinction in Obstetrics and Gynaecology)
A. Cutler	Passed final M.B., Ch.B.
M. Cole	Passed Part I of final M.B., Ch.B.
A. Wootton	Passed Part I of final M.B., Ch.B.

*School of Dentistry*

G. J. Walker	Passed Part II Examination for B.D.S.
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*Faculty of Arts*

G. E. Brown	B.A. Hons. Class IIA English
Olwyn Ruston	B.A. Hons. Class IIA. History

*Faculty of Science*

- R. Stephens, B.Sc. Awarded Degree of Ph.D. (Industrial Chemistry)  
 J. B. Taylor, B.Sc. Awarded Degree of Ph.D. (Physics)  
 R. M. Edge B.Sc. Hons. Class I. Chemical Engineering.  
 Awarded the Sir John Cadman Medal in  
 Engineering  
 G. R. Salter B.Sc. Hons. Class IIB. Metallurgy

**University of Nottingham**

- D. R. Parkes B.Sc. Div. I. Civil Engineering  
 T. E. Smith Completed Part I of B.Sc. course in Mechanical  
 Engineering  
 J. Hawkins Completed Part I of B.Sc. course in Electrical  
 Engineering  
 B. E. S. Trueman B.A. Hons. Class II(i). History. Awarded Arts  
 Research Scholarship

**University of Manchester**

- Janet C. Hawley B.A. Hons. Second Class, second division. School  
 of Politics and Modern History

**University of Wales—Swansea**

- J. M. Lomax, B.Sc. Completed 2nd year of post-graduate research.  
 Awarded Radley Research Studentship by In-  
 stitution of Civil Engineers

**St. David's College, Lampeter**

- J. E. Chalk Passed Intermediate examination for B.A. Degree

**Training Colleges***Dudley*

- Janet Watson Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma  
 Doris Ellis (Mrs.) Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma

*Birmingham*

- Josephine Stamp Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma  
 Christine Middleton Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma

*Coventry*

- Eileen Harris Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma

**The Diocesan Training College, Salisbury**

- Barbara Gregory Completed Two-Year Course for Teaching Diploma

**Birmingham College of Technology**

- Patricia A. Newman Passed Pharmaceutical Chemists' Qualifying  
 Examination (Ph.C.)

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- B. Ashby Passed Chartered Auctioneers Examination (Inter-  
 mediate, Part II).

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## JOINT SOCIETIES

### Session 1954-55

President—DR. C. C. HOWARD.

Vice-Presidents—MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

Chairman—D. T. COOK.

Secretary—JEANNE PALMER.

September 23rd.—The first meeting of this Session was opened by the President who spoke of the valuable experience which could be gained from the Joint Societies and also introduced the new officers.

The Chairman thanked the Society for the honour bestowed on him and then welcomed all new members. The meeting took the form of an Inter-House Quiz. Two rounds of questions each were asked by Mr. Pearson, Mr. Morris, Miss Busby, Miss Williams, Miss Bryant, Mr. Smith, Mr. Laycock, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Swain. This resulted in a win for Trinity, with School second, Queen's third and King's last.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Judith Green and seconded by Jennings.

September 30th.—Members of the Fifth and Sixth gave informal talks on their holidays in the Summer and Easter vacations.

Oakey, Jennings and Bailey spoke of their holiday in Jura. Oakey described the outward journey, Bailey gave a description of Jura and the cottage where they stayed, and Jennings told of their excursions to the South of the Island and their ascent of the Paps.

Ann Whittingham gave her account of her stay at the Dale Fort Field Centre and her visit to the bird sanctuary.

Finally Osborne and Corbett described the senior boys visit to Brittany. Birch introduced their talk by playing records he had bought while in France.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jean Whitehouse and seconded by Benbow.

October 7th.—This meeting took the form of short debates. Joan Hollyhead and Martin spoke on "Examinations are an unnecessary evil." Russell and Margaret Kershaw on "The modern tendency to take a passive rather than an active part in life is to be deplored." Barrie and Janet Fenton spoke

on "The fans of stars of sport, film and theatre have deplorable values." Bayliss and Suffield spoke for and against the motion that "Arts are a better preparation for life than the Sciences." Price and Joy Howard finished with "The future of our civilisation is too terrible to think of."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Savage and seconded by Audrey Bradley.

October 14th.—The Gramophone Society entertained us with "The tale of a tune." Sheila Smith, Jean McClelland and Harry Lane introducing the records. They began with music for younger children and then played music from the Ballet, the Planet Suite, Tchaikovsky's romantic overture Romeo and Juliet and ended with Beethoven's Choral Symphony.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Janet Sheldon and seconded by Willetts.

October 21st.—Miss Pickett entertained the Society with art films. Botticelli's "Spring", Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel roof, "A revolutionary experience in Cubism," and Ronald Searle's illustrations of Cowper's John Gilpin were introduced respectively by Kathleen Hadley, Janet Greaves, Wendy Billings and Beryl Fanthom.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Kathleen Shenton and seconded by Pooler.

November 11th.—The Oldbury Grammar School Guide Company gave a display of their activities. They began with the enrolment of a Guide and Cadet, and continued with badge work. They then performed an American square dance and ended with Camp Fire songs.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jeanne Palmer and seconded by Price.

November 18th.—The Sixth Form presented extracts from three plays.

Vyvian Welch introduced two scenes from Bernard Shaw's "Joan of Arc." The caste was:

Ann Lavill as Joan of Arc.

Cook as Robert de Baudricourt.

Jennings as Monsieur de Poulengey.

Lago as a Servant.

Bayliss as the Inquisitor.

Price as D'Estivet.  
Smith as Courcelles.  
Birch as Cauchon.  
Savage as Ladvenu.  
Willetts as the Chaplain.  
Parkes and Edge as Assessors.  
Oakey as the Executioner.  
Bailey and Ward as Soldiers.

Janet Bate introduced the last scene of "Pride and Prejudice."  
The characters were:

Lady Catherine played by Kathleen Shenton.  
Elizabeth Bennett played by Jeanne Palmer.  
Jane Bennett played by Norma Davis.  
Mr. Darcy played by Suffield.  
Mr. Bingley played by Chaplin.

Thirdly there was a scene from "1066 and All That," introduced by Eunice Painter. The caste was:

Withington as Henry VIII.  
Janet Sheldon as Katherine Parr.  
Sarah Martin as Anne Boleyn.  
Janet Greaves as Jane Seymour.  
Diane Williams as Anne of Cleves.  
Wendy Billings as Catherine Howard.  
Mavis Letts as Catherine of Arogan.  
Morrall as a Monk.  
Hipkiss as a Man.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Joy Howard and seconded by Spooner.

November 25th.—This meeting took the form of a dancing class, tuition being given by Miss Darby.

January 13th.—The Sixth Form Biology Group gave three talks, introduced by Smith. Price spoke on "The Fundamentals of Genetics." Oakey talked about "Blood and Blood Groups." Finally Jean Whitehouse talked about "Genetics in Plants, taking into account the different type of soils and quality of the plant."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Savage and seconded by Ann Elsdon.

January 27th.—6B History Group presented a talk "under the Nazi Flag." Gillian Smith began by describing Hitler's rise to power. Hipkiss spoke of the Treaty of Versailles, Ann Elsdon described the years of the Weimar Republic, Janet Greaves gave an account of Hitler's early life, and Bayliss Political Theory of Nazism, Ann Kelly recounted his internal policy and Anne Lavill his external policy.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Vivienne Welch and seconded by Chaplin.

February 3rd.—"Physics is a Fiddle," was the title of this evening's subject. The Sixth Form Physics Group demonstrated a number of experiments which included taking X-Rays, testing our voices and various marvels of electricity.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Gillian Smith and seconded by Bayliss.

February 10th.—The French Group showed to us four French films. The first one portraying a French shopkeeper was introduced by Vyvian Welch. The other three films in more advanced French, about a typical French family, were introduced respectively by Kathleen Shenton, Withington and Sandells.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Gillian Haine and seconded by Hancox.

February 17th.—The President of the Society, Dr. Howard, gave a talk on Organs. He traced the development from 240 B.C. up to the present day, explaining the difference between cinema and concert organs.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Oakey and seconded by Audrey Bradley.

March 3rd.—The Society was shown a Geography film, "Scott at the Antarctic," which was obtained by Mr. Laycock. The film was introduced by Janet Sheldon, who described the general setting and importance of the expedition.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Handy and seconded by Ann Kelly.

The last meeting of the Session took the form of a very enjoyable dance.

Janet Sheldon.

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## MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

THE musical activities of the School continue to draw enthusiastic musicians and to pay handsome dividends in providing most enjoyable evenings.

As is its custom, the orchestra has met every week and has been nobly supported by all its members. At the present time there are 9 first violins, 7 second violins, 4 violas, 6 'cellos, 1 double bass, timpani and pianoforte, a total of 29 players, which is slightly below last year. However, the standard of playing has not diminished in any section. Small sections of the orchestra have continued to give good service by providing variety with their chamber music items at our concerts.

Following our usual custom, we again had the Girls' Choir, Four-Part Choir, Assembly Choir and the Large Choir, of which all maintained the high standard set in previous years.

This year we had two concerts. Our annual Christmas concert was so widely acclaimed that it was decided to hold another one at the end of the Summer term. In this concert, our first half consisted entirely of soloists, a new feature which was very popular. At this point I do feel that we should reprove the Four-part Choir for their too-obvious enjoyment in teaching others to evade the Excise Officer (Smuggler's Song) and in the downfall of a certain medical man (Doctor Foster). This lapse was more than made up for when the Large Choir and Orchestra under their conductor gave us with such sincerity their item "England" to complete a most enjoyable evening.

On Thursday, January 20th, we were paid another visit by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra which was again appreciated. On December 2nd the County Quintet are to play to us once more; we look forward to hearing them with pleasure.

Our orchestra need not fear any lack of recruits for the future, as the classes for learning to play the violin, viola and 'cello are being well attended again this year.

The building of the organ chamber for our pipe organ, the gift of Dr. Dawes in our Jubilee Year, is now complete and we all eagerly await the arrival of the actual organ which we hope will be installed and dedicated early in 1956.



From 40 to 50 members of the Senior School attended the meetings of musical appreciation each week during the Autumn and Spring Terms, and enjoyed the following programmes:

**Programme for Autumn Term, 1954**

- 24th Sept.—Opening programme: Request items.  
Presented by Mr. Laycock.
- 1st Oct.—Vocal programme :“Sopcontenkasic.”  
Presented by Mr. Laycock.
- 8th Oct.—A programme of music by Franz Liszt.  
Presented by M. Grieve.
- 15th Oct.—Tchaikovsky. Presented by Mr. Richards.
- 22nd Oct.—A programme of waltzes.  
Presented by Mr. Lawton.
- 5th Nov.—Some early discs and cylindrical recordings.  
Presented by Mr. Richards and Mr. Hawley.
- 12th Nov.—Excerpts from Handel’s “Messiah.”  
Presented by H. Lane.
- 19th Nov.—What is Jazz? Presented by Mr. Metcalf.
- 10th Dec.—Music that’s cheery in days that are dreary.  
Presented by Mr. Laycock.
- 17th Dec.—A selection of humorous records.  
Presented by J. Cooke and C. Smith.

**Programme for Spring Term, 1955**

- 14th Jan.—Opening programme: Request items.  
Presented by Mr. Laycock.
- 21st Jan.—Selections from the Oratorio “The Dream of Gerontius.” Presented by Mr. Laycock.
- 28th Jan.—Glenn Miller records.  
Presented by A. Pooler and C. Smith.
- 4th Feb.—Prime Numbers. Presented by Mr. Woodward.
- 11th Feb.—Music by British Composers.  
Presented by Joy Howard.
- 18th Feb.—Selections from Verdi’s “Aida.”  
Presented by Parkes.
- 4th March—On the Boards. Presented by Miss Scriven.
- 11th March—“Guitaristics.” Presented by Mr. Eacott.

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18th March—"Operatic and Operatic Arias."  
Presented by W. Billings and A. Elsdon.

29th March—"End of Term Frolic."  
Presented by Mr. Laycock and Mr. Lawton.

It will be seen from this brief report that once more the musical activities of the School were whole-heartedly enjoyed by pupils, ably supported in their work by members of the staff who gave freely of their time to encourage us.

Mavis Letts, VIA.

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### STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

OUR activities during the last School year have been very varied. They included talks by members about their own denominations, illustrated talks on some famous Christians and the showing of two film strips on "The Jewish Way of Worship" and "The Roman Catholic Way of Worship." Attendances have been well maintained and our aim now is to contact more members of the School.

As a result of strong pressure from junior members of the School a junior branch of the S.C.M. has been formed, meeting with a very good response. So far only two meetings have been held. At the first a film strip was shown illustrating the relationship between the Christian faith and postage stamps, and at the second a talk on the Psalms was given which included some choral speaking of the Psalms.

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### THEATRE VISITS, 1955

"THE Merry Wives of Windsor," which the Sixth Form saw this summer was, I think, very representative of the traditionally high standard of Stratford. Euthusiasm and experience were the hall-marks of the production, and the whole company, without descending to the slapstick level, staged a rollicking, joyous performance in a bright setting, combining cheerful energy and good acting under the direction of Glen Byam Shaw.

No serious adverse criticism can be directed at any of the players: it was a very level performance, and the level was a high

one at that. Angela Baddeley and Joyce Redman lived up to the title of the play very well, in the roles of Mistress Page and Mistress Ford. The minor parts were played with no less skill; the comic duel was particularly well contrived, and Geoffrey Bayldon was a delightfully sloppy Slender.

The outstanding performance was, however, Anthony Quayle in the leading role. He played the "fat knight" in a way which would have warmed the heart of Queen Elizabeth herself. From the time he entered with a beery bellow from the basement to the last moment of the play, the best description of his performance can be said to be that of Falstaff himself, expansive, dominating, joyous and meaty. He attacked his part with aggressive relish: few of us will forget the positive glee with which he extolled the merits of his beloved belly, rubbing that portion of his anatomy with energy as he did so.

His movement and gesture were superb throughout, a study in laboured, ponderous action. Whether lowering himself laboriously to plump breathless into his chair, or making love, in his elephantine fashion to the giggling Mistress Ford: his sudden eruption from behind the arras to plunge into the laundry basket, and his stumbling flight from the house, in woman's clothes, with Mistress Ford's staff belabouring his fat shoulders were excellently done.

Well planned too were the riotous searches of the Ford household for the hidden lover, with Master Ford, beside himself with impotent rage and jealousy, rushing from room to room, midst smashing crockery and tumbling furniture, pursued by a stream of puzzled and curious neighbours, while the two women rolled helpless with mirth in the centre of the stage.

A second visit to Stratford was made by a party of Fifth-Formers to see "Twelfth Night," a production notable for Sir Laurence Olivier's very novel and interesting interpretation of Malvolio.

Two visits were made to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see a charming performance of "Noah," and a really excellent production of T. S. Elliotts' "Confidential Clerk."

Once again our thanks are due to Miss Jones and all who organise these most enjoyable theatre visits.

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**“ PETER PAN ”**

ON Wednesday, March 23rd, 1955, Form 2 paid a visit to the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, to see “Peter Pan,” written by Sir James Barrie.

We all had looked forward to seeing this play, particularly as “Peter Pan” was to be acted by Barbara Kelly, the television star. About a week before we were due to go, the daily press made the announcement that due to an illness Barbara Kelly would not act in the matinees. This came to us as a great disappointment, so much so that some pupils wrote a letter to Barbara Kelly imploring her to act on the Wednesday we were going. She replied to this letter and said that she was extremely sorry to disappoint us, but could not accede to our request as her doctor would not allow her to perform more than eight times a week, but her place would be taken by her able deputy, Tessa Clark.

What excitement there was, when, at 1-30 a.m. on the Wednesday, we left School by two double-decker 'buses! We arrived in Wolverhampton soon after 2 p.m. and went to the theatre. The buzz of excitement was still present when the curtain arose for the first act.

The first act showed the nursery in the Darling's house and how Peter Pan came and took Wendy and her brothers to the Never Never Land.

Acts two, three, four and five were based on scenes in the Never Never Land. These were very beautiful. They showed the lost boys, the leader of whom was Peter Pan and the jealous little Tinker Bell; the pirates with their colourful but harsh leader, Captain Hook, and the attractively dressed Redskins.

The finale was really in two scenes, the one showed the return of Wendy, her brothers and Peter Pan, who would not stay in case he grew old.

Then followed the last scene. This was delightful! It showed a glimpse into the future of Peter Pan's little house in the trees in Never Never Land to which Wendy would return every spring-time and, with clouds wafting amongst the trees, the curtain fell, leaving a hushed and appreciative audience.

**EDGMOND HALL VISITS, 1955**

**T**WO parties of 30 pupils again visited Edgmond Hall, one at Easter, the other for the first week of the summer holidays. The parties left School at 2 p.m., arriving at Edgmond about 4 p.m. when a most welcome meal was waiting for us. The first day was spent surveying Edgmond and the surrounding country, and those of us who had not been before realised what a lovely place Edgmond was. On Sunday morning we all went to Church, and in the afternoon our parents and friends visited us, all having a very pleasant afternoon. The mornings of both visits were taken up by field work, but more outdoor activity was possible during the summer visit. The next day senior pupils took a packed lunch and went to Ercall Heath, three miles from Edgmond, taking with them soil testing apparatus. Soil sections were cut and soil samples taken up to a depth of 2ft. 6in. on the open moorland.

Both excursions from Edgmond were to Cardingmill Valley in the foothills of the Welsh mountains. A short stop was made at Ironbridge to view the first ever iron bridge; many photographs were taken. Our next stop was at the very ancient town of Much Wenlock. Some of the party visited the old Church and were shown around by the Rector. They were conducted up the narrow spiral staircase, past the Abbot's Room and on to the roof, where we had a very fine view of the surrounding countryside. He then took us into the Guildhall where the quarter sessions used to be held, and described the historical background of the beautiful carvings for which this hall is famous. Meanwhile the coach had been waiting for 20 minutes for this party and hurriedly thanking the Rector, the party continued its journey through Church Stretton to Cardingmill Valley, where we at once ate our picnic lunch. Pupils divided themselves into small groups and spent the afternoon investigating the narrow valleys and the moorland, some collected plants, some watched birds, and others just rambled. A very tired party returned to Edgmond at 6 p.m. having spent a most enjoyable day.

During the summer visit the weather was ideal and Mr. Barker was able to arrange a visit to the lido at Market Drayton. The same evening the boys played a cricket match against Newport Boys' Club, who had challenged us to Indoor Games at Easter. We were very pleased to see our boys win by three wickets. The weather continued to be ideal and the following days were spent by the senior members of the party making transects, surface distribution of vegetation, and "sampling" the microscopic life of the

canals. Junior boys were meanwhile very busy replanting the Monks' Pool with a wide variety of weeds collected from the canal, and then restocking the pool with fish, the success of this experiment will be gauged on future visits.

Saturday came too soon, the morning was spent packing, and then waiting for the coach to arrive at 2-30 p.m. we played the now well known records in the recreation room. Then "good-bye" and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barker for two wonderful Edgmond visits.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Swain for arranging these two most enjoyable visits.

Janet Sheldon.

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## THE EIGHTH WORLD JAMBOREE, CANADA, 1955

I WAS lucky enough to be able to attend the 8th World Scout Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada. I learned that I would probably go last November, when a few of us went to an interview. The cost was to be £150, and the money was raised by jumble sales and Scout shows.

The Jamboree was held from August 18th—28th, but the Birmingham Troop, of which I was a member, left England on August 9th. On that day the Troop gathered at Snow Hill station and left by the London express at noon. We arrived at Brompton air terminal where our luggage was weighed and our air tickets were given to us. The weight of our kit was limited to 44 lbs. as we were going to Canada by air. After about two hours waiting we were taken to London Air Port, where we passed through the Customs and then we waited. The time was 6-30 p.m. and it was not until 9 o'clock that we eventually took off after being held up because of bad weather over Shannon, which was on our original journey outwards. Because of the adverse conditions we had to fly right down to the Azores and up to Gander, then on to Toronto. The flight itself was quite uneventful except that we ran into a thunderstorm just off the Azores, and it was quite exciting to see the vivid flashes of lightning around us. We landed at the Azores at 3 a.m. and had a quick breakfast and then boarded the plane again. Our next stop was Gander, and after a dreary flight across the Atlantic we arrived there at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th

August. We had a lunch here and then took off for Toronto, which was our destination. We arrived after a rather bumpy flight at about 7-30 p.m. When we got there it was raining and we learned that it was the first real rain they had had for two months.

In Canada we had a week in Toronto living with a Canadian family. The Scouts on our plane, 68 of us, were billeted in the township of Scarborough in East Toronto. At the Air Port we were given 15 dollars of Canadian money, about £6, to spend in the first week that we were there. I was billeted with another Scout from Taplow near Slough, at the house of a Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

The hospitality of the Boyd family, and all the Canadians was overwhelming. They were generous, thoughtful and went out of their way to do anything they could for us.

In the first week we were there we looked around Toronto, which is a city of no small means, and were impressed by the cleanliness everywhere. We saw a baseball game but I can't say that I was impressed, as the game was so slow — slower than cricket. On the 16th August we toured the Bell Telephone Company, and on the following day were guests of the Scarborough Council, who arranged visits round some of the factories on the "Golden Mile" of factories in Scarborough. After all these tours there was a swim in the local swimming pool, which was extremely welcome after the heat of the day.

The morning of August 18th dawned bright and clear, and at 7-30 a.m. we were all assembled at the docks of Toronto which were on the shores of Lake Ontario. There were approximately 3,000 Scouts assembled here, 1,000 British and 2,000 Canadian. At about 8-30 a.m. we boarded the good ship ss. Cayuga which took us across Lake Ontario on one of the narrower parts of the lake. Some 27 miles distant was Niagara-on-the-Lake, which was our destination. We sailed at 9 a.m. and found the lake as calm as a mill pond. At about 11-30 a.m. we arrived at Niagara-on-the-Lake. We streamed off the boat and then marched up to the camp. The camp was split up into sub-camps; the Birmingham Troop were in Timberlands sub-camp. We reached our camp site and after a salad lunch pitched camp. All the time Scouts had been pouring in from 50 different nations, and eventually the population of the whole camp reached 11,058.

The next morning we had a medical check up and one chap was unfortunate enough to have to go to the camp hospital with tonsillitis. On the first two days we settled down in camp and wandered around the camp sites talking to all sorts of different Scouts, French, German, Swiss, Canadians, Americans, and this is the whole idea of a Jamboree—all nationalities to mix and be friendly and extend the fellowship and brotherhood of Scouting throughout the world.

The next day, Saturday 20th, was the opening day. All the Scouts marched into the arena in the broiling sun, and the public filled the 10,000 seats available to them to overflowing. The Governor-General of Canada opened the Jamboree, which was greeted by a salvo of guns.

The Jamboree continued, the spirit of freindship never failing. We had Scouts of other nationalities to supper with us every evening, and attended camp fires as well as holding them on our own site. On the 23rd August the British contingent held their display in the arena, and our Troop gave a games display.

On the 25th great excitement reigned in our Troop as we went to see the famous Niagara Falls not far from the camp site. They were very impressive, with the sheets of water thundering to the bottom of the falls. From there, too, we were able to go into the United States. The next day the whole camp was transported to the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, where we had a day to ourselves.

Saturday the 27th was the closing day of the Jamboree, and we informally marched into the arena mingling with other Scouts from other nations. Speeches were made, and the Jamboree was officially closed. After this, all the Scouts linked hands and sang Auld Lang Syne in their respective languages, then marched out of the arena. I think that this was the most impressive part of the Jamboree, as the nations of the world literally linked hands.

So ended a wonderful holiday abroad.

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## A HOLIDAY EXCURSION TO THE FRENCH ALPS

**J**UST before midnight on Monday, the 22nd of August, this year, a luxurious motor coach, containing a varied party of Oldbury Grammar School boys, having made a tour of such local beauty spots as Shell Corner and Oldbury Town Square, departed by way



of Coventry, Dunstable, London and Canterbury to Dover, partaking of light refreshments at various establishments en route, including breakfast at Canterbury.

Arriving at Dover Marine, we embarked on the steamer "Lord Warden," and shortly after 9 a.m. set sail for Boulogne.

The boat entered Boulogne harbour two and a half hours later, lunch having been served on board. After passing the eagle eye of the Customs, and greeting a rather mystified gendarme, the party continued across the Pas du Calais, a land of gently rolling countryside to Rheims, our destination for that night.

The following day, Wednesday, we travelled via St. Dizier to Joinville, stopping for lunch, and thence on to Poligny and Champignole, where we had our first view of the wooded slopes of the Jura mountains. The driver now proceeded at almost snail's pace up the winding mountain road, then once again, having reached the summit, began to edge his way with equal caution down the other side. At the bottom was seen a breath-taking aurora of light. This was Geneva, and 30 miles ahead lay Annecy, our destination.

It was now discovered that by a slight miscalculation on the part of the organisers that we were over five hours late, so that it was amid hoarse whispers that we later invaded the now dormant Hotel Peumelan, and retired to bed.

On Thursday morning, we arose, somewhat reluctantly, and had breakfast, after which we spent our time shopping, lounging on the beach (which was of prefabricated structure), or sitting in one of the many small cafés in Annecy, drinking coffee, and airing our smattering of French with the locals. In the afternoon, some of us were thoroughly soaked during a short, but peculiarly heavy downpour, which later proved a daily occurrence. That evening the most popular pastime proved to be watching a peculiar game of bowls; the player needing the agility of an athlete and the practical eye of a fast bowler.

The following morning an excursion was arranged to Geneva with its fine modern shops lining the shores of the magnificent lake, in the middle of which is a world famous fountain nearly 300 feet in height. On the homeward journey, the main topic of conversation, proved to be the estimation of amounts that would have to be paid on various articles purchased, when returning to England.

The second excursion, was the trip to Chamonix and Mont Blanc, which took place on Saturday. All previous thoughts were forgotten, when, having reached Chamonix, by means of precipitous mountain roads through the Col D' Aravis, we saw for the first time, the majestic, towering, snow-capped peaks of the Alps, amongst which, high above the clouds, rose Mont Blanc.

During the four hours stay in this quaint town of wooden chalets, the now prosperous ones among us, took full advantage of the funicular railway, which ascended to "La Mer de Glace," and also of the cable car which climbed ever higher, to the summit of L'Aiguille de Midi at a height of 12,700 feet.

Having spent our last day in Annecy, attempting to annexe a small amount of money for the homeward journey, we departed at 6 a.m. on Monday morning en route for Paris.

When we arrived some 14 hours later in Paris, and proceeded to the Hotel au Petit Manoir—it was found that our rooms were taken, and dinner not served, but due to the vivaciousness of Madame and her assistants every member was in bed, somewhere, by midnight.

After a short tour of Paris, made before lunch the next day, the coach proceeded once again along the never-ending roads of N.E. France to Dunkirk, where we arrived at midnight in time to board the steamer "Saint Germain."

The whole party arrived in Birmingham at 6 o'clock that evening, none the worse for our holiday, much of this being due to the care and attention paid by the most excellent driver, and members of the staff, Messrs. E. G. Swain, H. Laycock, and E. Jones, without whom this holiday would not have been made possible.

W. J. Barrie.

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## THE GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION EXCURSION

ON Wednesday, 6th July, the Geographical Association's excursion for Sixth Formers was joined by the geography students of the Sixth Form from Oldbury Grammar School. We were eager to discover what interest, if any, was to be found in a journey by way of the Tame Valley to East Warwickshire. Miss

Nicklin, the leader of the coach to which we was assigned, soon made the landscape full of interest to us all. Nor were we allowed to remain inactive.

Travelling eastwards through Birmingham, we traced the development of the city from the old centre, showing many signs of re-development, through the inner ring to the outer suburbs. At the same time we were kept busy watching the varied uses of the River Tame and its valley. The broad plain had provided sites for industrial development as shown by such factories as Fort Dunlop. Main lines of communication follow the valley despite the handicap of fog which occurs all too frequently in the Tame valley. The rain water is used by the electric power station at Hams Hall. Many and diverse are the uses of the valley of the river.

At Kingsbury we left the coach to visit the gravel workings. Here the landscape had again been modified by man's activity. The old gravel workings had become "lakes" clearly marked on the New Edition of the Ordnance Survey Map, but not on the older editions. The lakes now provide facilities for such pleasant activities as sailing and fishing. We watched the scooping up of the gravel, which was carried by a conveyor belt to the monster machine which washes and grades the gravel. Much of the sand and gravel, within a few hours, is incorporated in the new brick and concrete structures of the re-development areas in the older parts of Birmingham.

We next investigated the use of local clays by large brick and tile works, and after a walk of about one and a half miles we arrived up on the E. Warwickshire Plateau above the river. Here the predominantly rural landscape made it difficult to realise that mining was proceeding below ground. Piccadilly, with its miners row, and lack of amenities, made us realise how isolated and forgotten are some of these small mining communities.

Our return journey, broken by a short interval for refreshments, took us through the narrow lanes of the plateau making us appreciate the lack of good communications mentioned by Miss Nicklin.

Finally we arrived back at Birmingham, after a most interesting and enjoyable excursion.

We would like to express our thanks to Miss Firth, Miss Nicklin and the Birmingham Branch of the Geographical Association.

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**PROBLEM—FIND THE RENDEZVOUS (114676)**

**H**AVE you ever been lost in a hay field? Such was the experience of eager Geography students who towards the end of the Summer term met at Birmingham Art Gallery to take part in a mystery hike planned by Miss Firth and Mr. Laycock.

We were divided into small groups, each of which was given a sealed envelope containing instructions for the morning's hike. On examining these we found that each group had to proceed to specified destinations by 'bus, and had also to find out important facts about these places. These facts varied from County boundaries to the opening time of the ice cream shop in Henley-in-Arden.

We then made our various ways along 'absent' paths to the common rendezvous, namely a hay stack in the middle of a field somewhere on the borders of Worcestershire and Warwickshire. Here we were to meet for a picnic lunch; some of the party, however, had nearly finished by the time the rest arrived.

We were again given a sealed envelope containing instructions for the afternoon. Off we set, feeling a little more refreshed. The triumphant map readers met at the appointed time on the green at Tanworth. The last to arrive were Miss Firth and Mr. Laycock—for so absorbed had they been in their photography sheet they had forgotten to study the map.

Assured by some members of the party that Danzey Green station was only a few minutes' walk away, we decided to round off our day's adventures by catching a train back to Birmingham.

After a twenty minutes' walk, we at last arrived at the station, only to find that we had at least half an hour's wait for the train, which was so full that many of us had to make ourselves as comfortable as possible in the guard's van. Pleasantly tired, sunburnt and gnat-bitten, we arrived at New Street station after an unforgettable day.

Janet Sheldon, Mavis Letts.

**GUIDES**

Captain—F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenant—B. PINE.

Cadets—

A. BRADLEY, A. WHITTINGHAM, N. DAVIS, J. SHELDON,  
A. KELLY, J. HOLLYHEAD, O. LLEWELYN, D. COSTIN.

Leaders—

JEAN McCLELLAND (Purple Heather), SHEILA SMITH (Chaffinch),  
SHEILA HARRISON (Daffodil), IRENE WALKER (Hawthorn).

**T**HE Guides again this year had a full and interesting programme. The first important date was the Remembrance Service parade in November when a Guide and a Cadet again presented the flags at the sanctuary.

The Guides held another sale of work in December. Nearly seventy pounds were raised for Camp funds.

The last meeting of the Autumn term took the form of a Christmas Party, each Patrol having its own table in the Domestic Science Room. After much hilarity and plenty of food the evening concluded with games in the gym.

Our Guides again attended the Edgbaston Church Parade, this year providing a colour party.

This year the Guides were given an evening at Joint Societies and they presented "A Special Guide Night."

The St. John Ambulance Brigade, holding their annual meeting at School, asked our Guide Company to prepare tea for them. Major Atwell wrote us a letter of thanks for the much appreciated hospitality which we gave them.

A number of our Guides again took part in the Oldbury Youth Swimming Gala in July. They were fortunate enough to retain the Oldbury Guide Swimming Shield which they had won the previous year.

Janet Sheldon, one of our Cadets, was one of three Cadets chosen from the Birmingham County to attend the Cadet Conference at Foxlease, the Guide Training Centre.

The annual camp was again held at Beer, in South Devon. This is always a highlight in our guiding year, and this year was no exception. It was enjoyed by all, and full advantage was taken of the excellent weather.

Seven of the Cadets took part in the Birmingham County Ranger Swimming Gala. We are pleased to see how well they did, winning eleven out of fifteen events and gaining second and third in two others, thus winning the Ranger Swimming Cup.

Janet Sheldon was chosen to carry the County Standard at the Ranger Parade in Birmingham.

It can be seen that our Company is flourishing and upholding its good reputation. Our thanks are due to our Captain, Miss Tweedie, and our Lieutenants for making this such an enjoyable and worthwhile year.

Janet Sheldon.

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**SPORTS RESULTS—Girls**

**ATHLETICS**

**LONG JUMP**

- 11 yrs.—1, Pat Webb (S); 2, Christine Haines (Q); 3, Jennifer Turner (Q).  
12 yrs.—1, Catherine Edmonds (K); 2, Sandra Monk (S); 3, Pat Hadley (Q).  
13 yrs.—1, Nora Reynolds (Q); 2, Janice Bagnall (T); 3, Pat Barnsley (K).  
14 yrs.—Maureen Brehaut (Q); 2, Pat Horton (T); 3, Christine Gregory (S).  
15+ yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Carol Mellichap (Q); 3, Pat Hulse (S).

## HIGH JUMP

- 11 yrs.—1, Pat Webb (S) and Valerie Beardmore (S); 2, Jennifer Turner (Q); 3, Sylvia Brown (Q) and Irene Abell (S).
- 12 yrs.—1, Sandra Monk (S); 3, Josephine Brooks (T).
- 13 yrs.—1, Janice Bagnall (T); Carole Walton (S); 3, Janet Parkes (T).
- 14 yrs.—Janet Currell (T); 2, Maureen Brehaut (Q); 3, Christine Gregory (S).
- 15+ yrs.—1, Joyce Powell (K); 2, Janet Sheldon (K); 3, Mary Grieve (S) and Judith Barratt (Q).

## ROUNDERS BALL

- 11 yrs.—1, Pat Webb (S); 2, Christine Haines (Q); 3, Jacqueline Shipstone (T).
- 12 yrs.—1, Joyce Fletcher (K); 2, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 3, Christine Andrews (S).
- 13 yrs.—1, Janice Bagnall (T); 2, Sylvia Moss (S); 3, Diane Driver (T).
- 14 yrs.—1, Janet Currell (T); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Ann Sault (K).
- 15+ yrs.—1, Pamela Rowe (T); 2, Joyce Powell (K); 3, Ann Ward (K).

## 100 YARDS

- 11 yrs.—1, Janice Phipps (S); 2, Pat Evans (Q); 3, Pat Webb (S).
- 12 yrs.—1, Pat Hadley (Q); Jean Thursman (K); 3, Sandra Richards (T).
- 13 yrs.—1, Hazel Griffiths (S); 2, Sylvia Moss (S); 3, Janice Bagnall (T).
- 14 yrs.—1, Pat Horton (T); 2, Maureen Rawlins (S); Maureen Brehaut (Q).
- 15 yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Joyce Powell (K) and Pat Hulse (S).

## 220 YARDS

- 13 yrs.—1, Hazel Griffiths (S); 2, Gillian Newman (Q); 3, Judith Bagley (K).
- 14 yrs.—1, Maureen Rawlins (S); Maureen Brehaut (Q); 3, Christine Gregory (S).
- 15 yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Joyce Powell (K); 3, Joy Howard (S).

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SKIPPING

- 11 yrs.—1, Pat Evans (Q); 2, Pat Webb (S); 3, Janice Phipps (S).  
12 yrs.—1, Pat Hadley (Q); 2, Jean Thurman (K); 3, Catherine Edmonds (K).  
13 yrs.—1, Sylvia Moss (S); 2, Betty Leadbeater (K); 3, Judith Bagley (K).  
14 yrs.—1, Pat Horton (T); 2, Maureen Brehaut (Q); 3, Christine Gregory (S).  
15 yrs.—Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Joyce Powell (K); 3, Pat Hulse (S).

RELAY

- Junior—1, King's; 2, School; 3, Queen's.  
Intermediate—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity.  
Senior—1, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, School.

MEDLEY RELAY

- 1st and 2nd Forms—1, Pat Hadley (Q); 2, Josephine Brookes (T); 3, Jacqueline Dawes (Q).

CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Junior Championship—Pat Webb (S) 12 points; Pat Hadley (Q) 7 points.  
Intermediate Championship—Maureen Brehaut (Q) 10 points; Janice Bagnall (T) 9 points.  
Senior Championship—Ann Elsdon (K) 12 points; Joyce Powell (K) 10½ points.

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GIRLS' SWIMMING RESULTS

- 1, School House, 56 points; 2, Trinity, 33 points; 3, King's, 19 points; 4, Queen's 18 points.  
Senior Champion—Sheila Smith (S) 9 points; Runner-up, Ann Whittingham (T) 8 points.  
Intermediate Champion—Christine Gregory (S) 17 points; Runner-up, Janet Brown (T) 10 points.  
Junior Champion—Judith Hemming (Q) 8 points; Runner-up, Pat Webb (S) 5 points.



**FOOTBALL**

1st XI.—Played 15, won 11, lost 4. Goals for 74, against 32.

**BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS CUP**

1st Round—Kings Norton, won 6—2; 2nd Round—West Bromwich Tech., won 8—2; 3rd Round—Dudley, won 2—1; Final—Bilston, won 6—1.

2nd XI.—Played 12, won 6, drawn 2, lost 4. Goals for 35, against 34.

Junior XI.—Played 10, won 7, drawn 1, lost 2. Goals for 38, against 22.

Under 13½ XI.—Played 3, won 2, lost 1. Goals for 12, against 7.

**HOUSE MATCHES**

King's—Won 3, lost 0. Queen's—Won 2, lost 1.

Trinity—Won 1, lost 2. School—Won 0, lost 3.

Football Colours—Jennings, Edge, Handy, Sloan, Oakey, Bailey, Pooler, Benbow.

Oldbury Schools' Football Association Medals presented to Darby and Lewis (played in every match this season).

**ATHLETIC SPORTS****Group A****HIGH JUMP**

1, Freeman (S); 2, McKittrick (K); 3, Robertson (K). 4 ft. 4¼ ins.

**100 YARDS**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Robertson (K); 3, Webb (T). 12.6 secs.

**220 YARDS**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Robertson (K); 3, Webb (T). 29.5 secs.

**LONG JUMP**

1, McKittrick (K); 2, Hughes (T); 3, Freeman (S). 12 ft. 3 ins.

**H. S. JUMP**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Freeman (S); 3, Hunter (K). 27 ft. 3 ns.

**CRICKET BALL**

1, Harris (Q); 2, Hunter (K); 3, Mallard (T). 161 ft. 3 ins.

SHOT

1, Robertson (K); 2, Lloyd (Q); 3, Harris (Q). 27 ft. 8 ins.

RELAY

1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 59.3 secs.

Group C

HIGH JUMP

1, Spooner (K); 2, Glover (Q); 3, Hebberts (T). 4 ft. 2 ins.

100 YARDS

1, Glover (Q); 2, Walters (K); 3, Bristow (Q). 12.1 secs.

220 YARDS

1, Burns (Q); 2, Walters (K); 3, Bristow (Q). 28.3 secs.

LONG JUMP

1, Burns (Q); 2, Allen (Q); 3, Moore (S). 13 ft. 1 in.

440 YARDS

1, Burns (Q); 2, Glover (Q); 3, Spooner (K). 62.4 secs.

SHOT

1, Bristow (Q); 2, Cotton (T); 3, Detheridge (T). 26.6 secs.

DISCUSS

1, Bristow (Q); 2, Walters (K); 3, Matthews (K). 95 ft. 4½ ins.  
Record.

JAVELIN

1, Spooner (K); 2, Detheridge (T); Currier (S). 68 ft. 6 ins.

Group D

HIGH JUMP

1, Ashley (K); 2, Templeton (S); 3, Vaughan (S). 4 ft. 2½ ins.

100 YARDS

1, Stubbs (T); 2, Ashley (K); 3, Cox (T). 11.1 secs.

220 YARDS

1, Stubbs (T); 2, Eaves (K); 3, Barlow (S). 25.8 secs.

440 YARDS

1, Eaves (K); 2, Walmsley (Q); 3, Barlow (S). 60.7 secs.

## 880 YARDS

1, Ashley (K); 2, Cox (T); 3, Pollard (Q). 2 mins. 24.9 secs.

## LONG JUMP

1, Stubbs (T); 2, Hathaway (S); 3, Templeton (S). 14 ft. 10½ ins.

## H. S. JUMP

1, Templeton (S); 2, Cox (T); 3, Hathaway (S). 34 ft. 4½ ins.  
Record.

## JAVELIN

1, Pearce (S); 2, Eaves (K); 3, Davies (Q). 91 ft. 1½ ins.

## DISCUSS

1, Pearce (S); 2, Foster (S); 3, Walmsley (Q). 69 ft. 11½ ins.

## SHOT

1, Stubbs (T); 2, Eaves (K); 3, Pitt (K). 32 ft. 4½ ins.

## RELAY

1, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School.

## Group E

## 100 YARDS

1, Dodson (Q); 2, Harrold (K); 3, Lewis (T). 10.5 secs.

## 220 YARDS

1, Dodson (Q); 2, Field (S); 3, Smith (K). 24.5 secs.

## 440 YARDS

1, Harrold (K); 2, Taylor, D. (Q); 3, Lane (Q). 57 secs.

## 880 YARDS

1, Pooler (S); 2, Williams (Q); 3, Oakey (T). 2 mins. 18.6 secs.

## HIGH JUMP

1, Taylor, D. (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Taylor, G. (Q). 5 ft. ¾ ins.  
Record.

## LONG JUMP

1, Dodson (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Sloan (K). 18 ft.

## H. S. JUMP

1, Taylor, D. (Q); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Harrold (K). 35 ft. 8½ ins.  
Record.

JAVELIN

1, Lewis (T); 2, Sloan (K); 3, Tongue (Q). 151 ft. 1½ ins. Record.

DISCUSS

1, Spooner (K); 2, Sloan (K); 3, Smith (Q). 83 ft. 4½ ins.

SHOT

1, Sloan (K); 2, Dodson (Q); 3, Spooner (K). 35 ft. 8½ ins.

RELAY

1, King's; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

MILE INDIVIDUAL

1, Pooler (S); 2, Williams (Q); 3, Lane (Q). 5 mins. 15.9 secs.

MILE TEAM

1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's.

Totals— King's, 374 points; Queen's, 352 points; School, 276 points; Trinity, 253 points.

Group Champions—A/B, Hughes (T); C, Burns (Q) and Bristow (Q); D. Stubbs (T); E. Dodson (Q).

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SWIMMING RESULTS

JUNIOR EVENTS

1 length free style—1, Newell (T); 2, Massey (Q); 3, Beach (Q).  
19.8 secs.

1 length breast stroke—1, Graham (K); 2, Beach (Q); 3, Newell (T). 21.55 secs.

1 width back stroke—1, Graham (K); 2, Reardon (K); 3, Beach (Q).

1 width beginners—1, Harris (Q); 2, Coulthard (S); 3, Upton (S).  
11.6 secs.

Dive—1, Graham (K); 2, Page (K); 3, Graham (S).

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

2 lengths free style—1, Glover (Q); 2, Walmsley (Q); 3, Pearce (S). 36.95 secs.

2 lengths breast stroke—1, Pearce (S); 2, Dagley (K); 3, Franklin (Q). 19.9 secs.

1 length back stroke—1, Knowles (K); 2, Walmsley (Q); 3, Glover (Q). 20.4 secs.

1 width beginners—1, Spooner (K); 2, Lodge (S); 3, Key (S).  
11.75 secs.

Dive—1, Knowles (K); 2, Pearce (S); 3, Walmsley (Q).

#### SENIOR EVENTS

3 lengths free style—1, Fardon (K); 2, Bates (T); 3, Downsby (T). 56.85 secs.

2 lengths breast stroke—1, Lewis (T); 2, Cook (K); 3, Fardon (K). 10.5 secs.

2 lengths back stroke—1, Smith (Q); 2, Husband (S); 3, Bates (T). 39.3 secs.

Plunge—1, Smith (Q); 2, Cook (K); 3, Rollason (S).

Dive—1, Jennings (T) and Rollason (S); 3, Cook (K).

Relay—1, Queen's; 2, King's; 3, School. 99.95 secs.

Intermediate Relay—1, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School. 80.17 secs.

Senior Relay—1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 61.9 secs.

Junior Champion—Graham of King's House.

Intermediate Champion—A tie between Pearce of (S) and Knowles of (K).

Senior Champion—Smith of Queen's House.

House Results—1, King's, 46 points; 2, Queen's, 33 points; 3, Trinity, 23½ points; 4, School, 22½ points.

#### ROAD RACE

Junior—1, Burns (Q); 2, Wellings (Q); 3, Spooner (K).  
11 mins. 25 secs.

Intermediate—1, Turner (Q); 2, Cox (T); 3, Spittle (K).  
11 mins. 27 secs.

Senior—1, Pooler (S); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Blagden (Q).  
11 mins. 14 secs.

#### Team Results—

Junior—1, King's, 48 points; 2, School, 78 points; 3, Queen's, 92 points; 4, Trinity, 113 points.

Intermediate—1, School, 68 points; 2, King's, 73 points; 3, Queen's, 74 points; 4, Trinity, 93 points.

Senior—1, Queen's, 43 points; 2, King's, 83 points; 3, Trinity, 101 points; 4, School, 136 points.

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**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS'  
CUP FINAL**

At the Hawthorns on Monday evening, April 12th, Oldbury Grammar School, making their first appearance in the Final of the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools' Cup, defeated Bilston Grammar School by 6 goals to 1. After a slow start the Oldbury XI, playing against a strong wind, settled down to play constructive football which produced three goals in five minutes, scored by Parkes and Sloan (2). Playing with the wind in the second half Oldbury further increased their lead through goals by Sloan (2) and Benbow, and were continually on the attack. Bilston fought back hard and scored once in the second half.

Outstanding in a well balanced Oldbury side were the captain, Ward, whose skilful distribution of the ball was responsible for many openings, and Bailey, who was a tireless worker in the half-back line. Bilston were well served by their inside-left and centre-half.

After the match the cup and medals were presented by E. A. Eden, Chairman of the Birmingham A.F.A.

Oldbury G.S. Team was—T. Cook; J. Jennings, A. Pooler; B. Bailey, A. Benbow, C. Handy; R. Oakey, H. Ward, P. Sloan, D. Edge, K. Parkes.

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The following boys played regularly for the Worcestershire Grammar Schools County XI—Ward, Cook, Parkes and Oakey.

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**BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT SPORTS RESULTS**

The following attained standards set by the Committee:—

Senior High Jump—Derek Taylor.  
Senior Discuss—Sloan and Lewis.  
Senior 100 yards—Harrold.

Certificates were awarded to the following for attaining high standards in their events:—

Intermediate 100 yards—Darby and Stubbs.  
Intermediate 880 yards—Cox.  
Senior 100 yards—Dodson.  
Senior Long Jump—Dodson.

Dodson, in the Long Jump, cleared 20 ft. 1 inch, and was presented with the Lord Mayor's Cup for winning the event. (Last won by the School in 1928).

All the team did well and should look forward to next year with confidence.

### CRICKET, 1955

#### HOUSE MATCHES

Champion House—King's (won 3). The other Houses each won 1 and lost 2.

King's defeated the Rest by six wickets. The Rest 43 (Spooner seven wickets for 11 runs), King's 44 for four (Stubbs three for 9).

#### SCHOOL TEAMS

Under 13 XI—Played 11, won 5, lost 3, drawn 3.

Bowling—Spooner, 32 wickets. Average 4.4. Cotton, 18 wickets. Average 5.4.

Batting—Spooner has scored 145 runs. Average 20.7.

Under 15 XI—Played 7, won 2, lost 2, drawn 2, 1 abandoned.

Bowling—Stubbs has taken 26 wickets. Average 3.4.

2nd XI—Played 7, won 5, lost 1, drawn 1.

Bowling—Matthews has taken 28 wickets for 70 runs. Average 2.7. Field has taken 21 wickets for 79 runs. Average 3.7.

1st XI—Played 11, won 4, lost 3, drawn 4.

Bowling—Ward has taken 17 wickets. Average 4.6. Snooks has taken 28 wickets. Average 6.9. Spooner has taken 27 wickets. Average 9.3.

Batting—Spooner has scored 144 runs. Average 16.

School Cricket Colours awarded to D. Edge, H. S. Ward, M. D. Spooner.

#### PARENTS' CRICKET MATCH, 1955

School beat Parents by three wickets.

Parents—83 (Mr. Barnsley 29, Mr. Davies 26). Ward bowled well to take five wickets for 8 runs in 9.2 overs.

School—84 for seven. After an early collapse Spooner and Benbow batted well. Spooner 33 not out.

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**GIRLS' ROUNDERS RESULTS**

The Junior Rounders Team has played 4 matches, winning 3, losing 1. Rounders scored for the School 12, against 9½.

The Senior Rounders Team has played 3 matches, winning all 3. Rounders scored for the School 14, against 8.

Rounders Colours have been awarded to Ann Ward, Pamela Rowe, Beryl Phillips, Joyce Powell, Kathleen Downing.

**HOUSE MATCHES**

School played 3 matches; won 0 lost 3.

Queen's played 3 matches; won 1, lost 2.

Trinity played 3 matches; won 2, lost 1.

King's played 3 matches; won 3, lost 0.

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**GIRLS' SWIMMING GALA RESULTS**

1, School 54 points; 2, Trinity 33 points; 3, Queen's 19 points; 4, King's 18 points.

**INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**

Junior—Judith Hemming.

Intermediate—Christine Gregory.

Senior—Sheila Smith.

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**GIRLS' SPORTS RESULTS**

1, School 67 points; 2, King's 56½ points; 3, Queen's 51 points; 4, Trinity 35 points.

**INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**

Junior—Patricia Webb.

Intermediate—Maureen Brehaut.

Senior—Ann Elsdon.

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**HOCKEY, Season 1954-55**

1st XI Hockey Team played 9 matches, won 8, lost 1, Goals for the School 53, against 9.



## HOUSE MATCHES

King's played 2 matches, won 1, drew 1; Queen's played 2 matches, lost 2; School played 2 matches, won 1 drew 1; Trinity played 2 matches, won 1, lost 1.

Final placing—1, King's and School, 3 points; 3, Trinity, 2 points; 4, Queen's, 0 points.

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TENNIS

## TENNIS MATCHES

- 1st Couple played 6, won 2, lost 4.  
2nd Couple played 6, won 2, lost 4.  
3rd Couple played 6, won 3, lost 3.

## HOUSE MATCHES

- 1, School—Played 6, won 5, lost 1.  
2, Kings—Played 6, won 3, lost 3.  
3, Trinity and Queen's—Played 6, won 2, lost 4.

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A SPECTRAL HALL

IT was almost like some strange fantasy, but everything seemed so real and yet so dead—so full of life and yet so lifeless. Perhaps I had a vivid imagination or perhaps not, perhaps some ancient demon had come to deceive my eyes and I was unaware of it, but as I stood there 'midst the four walls of an ancient Saxon Hall in the heart of some forgotten countryside, I had a momentary vision of a scene from those vigorous old days. There was much noise and much colour—many men, with many tales from much wine, all seated around a long wooden table laden with steaming venison, luscious fruits and golden caskets. . . . Then as quickly as my vision was created it died again, and the demon went from me, leaving me blinking the past from my eyes and looking in its stead at a great awe-inspiring ruin. Through a gap in the far wall the moon sent a solitary, silver, sinister ray, casting prominent grey green shapes of light on to the walls, somehow in mockery of the days gone by. Not much of the original structure remained, the most had been eaten away by the ravages of time, and what was left was covered with a mat of ivy. Nothing shattered the silence of that foreboding atmosphere, for nothing moved, not even a blade of grass stirred. I remembered thinking as I

stood there on that moonlit night in May—why were there no birds? They surely could not have deserted the ancient hall as callous man had? But if they chose to keep away, it was no place for me to be, and I turned, not without a chill shiver down my spine, to retrace my former steps.

Veronica Kingsnorth, Form 3A.

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**Cruel Boreas**

I come from the north lands,  
'Cross berg, steppe and plain;  
Winter within my hands,  
I bring the cold rain.

I howl through the tree tops,  
I strip the sere leaves;  
Coating the harvests,  
With rime on the sheaves.

My breath holds the blizzard,  
It chills to the bone;  
Summer the laggard,  
The sunshine's gone home.

Derek Sutton, 2A.

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**These I Have Loved**

The blazing fire on a frosty night,  
The gleaming stars shining bright,  
The hooting owl, the slinking fox,  
Gliding through the shady copse.  
April's rain and sunny hours  
Bringing forth all summer's flowers.  
The golden sands, the sparkling waves  
Rolling on to secret caves.  
The country village with narrow street,  
Its peaceful church and gardens neat.  
The jostling crowds in busy towns,  
With stores displaying lavish gowns.  
The neat, white bed for tired legs  
And a welcome sight for weary heads.  
All these I know and I love them well.

Luned Morris, 2A

**Under the Sea**

“ ’Tis fathoms deep,” the captain said,  
“ And it’s lying there on the ocean bed.  
The barnacle growth around its hull,  
Holds fast the treasure chest so full.

Many a storm had cut the wave,  
But the ship lay calm as in a grave.  
The fish around did play and hide,  
But never near the hole in the side.

What mystic guardian lurks in gloom,  
To lure the venturer to his doom.  
Two baleful eyes did ever watch,  
Guarding the treasure ’neath the hatch.

He called again for volunteers,  
But heads hung low to hide their fears.  
“ ’Tis fathoms deep,” the captain said,  
“ And it’s lying there on the ocean bed.

Robert Palfrey, Form 1C.

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**The Mermaid**

The mermaid sat on her rocky throne,  
Combing her golden hair,  
Around her was the clear green sea,  
Nothing looked so fair.

She heard the sound of music,  
From her lover’s bower,  
He played romantic melodies,  
Of a fragrant perfumed flower.

Surrounding her were clouds of mist,  
And coral reefs so neat,  
While around her singing sweetly,  
Were children at her feet.

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She gazed up to the world above,  
And saw the white clouds flying,  
And swooping, gliding through the sky,  
She heard the seagulls crying.

She pondered for a moment,  
And then like a bird in flight,  
Into the cool and fragrant sea,  
She vanished out of sight.

Janet Guest, Form 1C.

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**My Paradise**

Softly, gently, blows the breeze,  
The sun comes dazzling through the trees,  
And settles down with pleasant ease,  
On all things in my Paradise.

Ah! would that I were there again,  
Strolling along that narrow lane,  
To hear the birds with sweet refrain  
Filling with song my Paradise.

With oak trees growing all around,  
And bluebells springing from the ground,  
You walk along without a sound  
Silently through my Paradise.

But now I've had to leave that glade,  
Where with my animal friends I played,  
But never will the picture fade  
Of my Earthly Paradise.

Margaret Bloomer, 3A.

**An Old Man's Cricket Memories**

Below him on this summer's day  
An old man watches, while there play,  
Boys at cricket in the street.  
But soon he dozes in the heat,  
His memory takes him back, and then  
He sees his youthful days again,  
Days before he was too old  
To play at cricket, gay and bold.

At the crease he'd take his stance,  
Steady yet eager, with confident glance.  
The crack of willow on leather balls,  
The captain's praise, the crowds applause,  
Centuries made, and winning hits;  
Across the years his memory flits,  
Away from this place a thousand miles,  
And as he dreams, the old man smiles.

D. E. G. Hathaway, Form 3A.

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**Castles in the Air**

An ancient château, ivy clad,  
The merry song of a serving lad,  
A blazing fire in a blazoned hall,  
A maid at hand, if I should call,  
A silver plate and a golden chair,  
A turret room with view so fair,  
A silken gown, a diamond ring,  
A nightingale to sweetly sing.

Fie! These are dreams and soon will pass,  
My château is the cool green grass,  
A robin sings on yonder tree,  
The summer sun brings warmth to me,  
The moon's a plate of silver rare,  
This flowery bank's my golden chair,  
What could be finer for a gown

Than ladies lace and thistledown?  
White daisies make a diamond ring,  
And here does Philomela sing.  
These are not dreams, nor pictures rare,  
They are not castles in the air,  
Though I may travel far and wide,  
I'll find them in the countryside.

Nora Reynolds, 3A.

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**SALVETE**

Allen, Joan	Daniels, Lynnette	Cooke, Alison
Deakin, Joyce	Darlington,	Derricot, Janet
Harvey, Marilyn	Rosemarie	Grant, Angela
Hawley, Susan	Fisher, Ruth	Harris, Barbara
Jones, Christine	Jones, Janet	Hembrough, Margaret
Jones, Margaret	Manning, Pauline	Idoine, Janet
Jones, Margaret Ann	Mills, Jacqueline	Jones, Marion
Leyton, Josephine	Moores, Lilian	Lawson, Joyce
Mills, Vivienne	Pardoe, Gloria	Smith, Kathleen
Moore, Marilyn	Powell, Judith	Somers, Janet
Parkes, Susan	Rowles, Jeanette	Thompson, Diane
Rollason, Judith	Slater, Sandra	Turner, Linda
Smith, Yvette	Tarr, Patricia	Underhill, Valerie
Storey, Veronica	Taylor, Joan	Downing, P.
Totney, Marilyn	Walter, Brenda	Edwards, J.
Tranter, Judith	Bragg, M.	Hadley, P.
Wright, Audrey	Bywater, B.	Holden, A.
Akers, J.	Clemson, S.	Hughes, G.
Chapman, D.	Conyers, R.	Hunt, J.
Childe, R.	Griffin, P.	Lane, A.
Flavell, I.	Griffiths, P.	Lewis, B.
Francis, J.	Harvey, D.	Pibworth, M.
Gerthins, T.	Hurst, P.	Pinson, M.
Griffiths, R.	Jones, R.	Russell, B.
Hall, J.	Limbrick, J.	Trickett, J.
Latham, D.	Moore, C.	Wakeman, A.
Oakes, J.	Palmer, J.	Walker, L.
Powell, D.	Warrilow, R.	Walters, A.
Turner, M.	Westwood, P.	Robinson, P.
Walker, R.	Wyton, B.	Healey, H.
White, R.	Yates, A.	Phipps, Janice
Whittaker, R.	Beach, Jennet	Guest, Janet
Butler, Judith	Bennet, Elizabeth	Beck, D.
Child, Barbara	Bolton, Hazel	Jones, R.
Comley,	Britton, Gloria	Connolly, Mary
Margaret Anne	Buckley, Sandra	

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**VALETE**

Bagnall, M. H.	Green, Judith	Reynolds, T.
Bailey, B. J.	Grieve, Mary	Russell, J. A.
Barrett, Judith	Holding, G. R.	Sabin, A. G.
Beach, A. J.	Holland, A. A.	Savage, R. M.
Birch, R. G.	Hollinshead, Eileen	Sheasby, Lesley
Blagden, B. J.	Holloway, G. N.	Shenton, Kathleen
Blewitt, D. T.	Howard, Joy	Shepherd, Maureen
Blundell, D. E.	Jaynes, Pauline	Sherwood, Jean
Bosworth, Jeanette	Jefferies, A. F.	Simmonds, R. W.
Bradley, Audrey	Jennings, J. S.	Skerratt, M. R.
Brown, Joyce	Kershaw, Margaret	Slim, D. W. D.
Burnell, Jillian	Kettle, G. B.	Smith, C. J.
Charles, Mary	Lavill, Dorothea	Smith, Gillian
Cook, D.	Lowe, T. A.	Snooks, H.
Cox, Gillian	Maddock, R. A.	Storey, Elizabeth
Cryer, Jillian	Maddocks, Valerie	Sturman, J. H.
Cutler, Janet	Marks, P. L.	Taylor, D. G.
Davis, Norma	Martin, A. R.	Ward, H. S.
Dawes, Valerie	Mullett, Barbara	Whitehouse, Jean
Dodson, A.	Northall, M. R.	Whittingham, Ann
Downing, Marjorie	Northall, Naomi	Wilcox, B. W.
Dunn, R.	Oakey, R. G.	Williams, G. E. P.
Edge, D.	Owen, Patricia	Withington, K. G.
Edwards, Jean	Padgham, J. E.	Woolley, C. W.
Fanthom, Beryl	Palmer, Jeanne	Woollams, Wendy
Fardon, M. J.	Pooler, A. W.	Osborne, M. P.
Fenton, Janet	Powell, Joyce	Hall, H. R.
Grant, Pamela	Price, D. E. M.	

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