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EDITORIAL

Once again the "Wathonian" makes its long awaited appearance. We can only echo last year's editorial in hoping that all who read it will enjoy it. This year's publication, coming at the end of the School's Golden Jubilee Year and very soon after the change of education authority due to the local government reorganisation is, in a way, a kind of historic issue. It may well be that in years to come "Wathonian '74" will be regarded as something of a collector's item. In that event, all those wise people who invested in a copy will be duly rewarded. While they are waiting for the value to increase, we hope they obtain some pleasure in thumbing through the pages.

A. J. F

SCHOOL NOTES

Staff who have left since July, 1973:—

Miss Marks and Mr. Chappell to retirement.
Dr. Humphreys, Mr. Alderson, Mr. Knight, Mrs. Shepherd,
Mr. Moffat, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Gettins, Mrs. Mee,
Mrs. Reynoldson, Mr. Staves, Mrs. Hick, Miss Wilson,
Mr. Whittles.

We have welcomed:—

Miss Galyer, Mrs. Edge, Mrs. McGuire (English), Miss
Aird, Mr. Bowen (Mathematics), Mrs. Dale, Mr.
Blakeman (Art), Mr. Oscroft, Mr. Irwin, Miss Winder
(P.E.), Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Fletcher (Music), Mr. Stanbury
(French), Mr. Bacon (Spanish), Mr. Bailey (German),
Mr. Sharp (R.E.), Mrs. Hesketh, Dr. James (Science).

The language assistants for 1973-74 have been:—

Spanish: Senorita María-Jésus Santez Ramos.
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Our aims are to encourage good relations between parents, pupils and staff, and to promote interest in things educational. The Committee members who have been trying to carry this out in 1973/4 are . . .

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If you have any suggestions on things you would like to see done or not done, or ways in which you think the money you have raised should be spent, then contact any of the above committee members.

These are some of the things we have done or to which we have allocated money this year:-

Cheese and Wine Evenings	Tents & Camping Equipment (£100)
Prizes for Magazine Entries	Games for the First Form (£45)
Maps for Field Trips (£50)	Musical Instruments (£60)
Trip to the Opera (Die Fledermaus)	Shed for our Allotment
Cupboard for Youth Club (£30)	Social for new pupils
Football Shirts (£100)	Cups for Head Girl and Boy
Linoleum for the School Flat	Paving stones and plants for an open
Fashion Show	air annex to the new Library (£180)

We would like more to join in our activities. If you do not like these, suggest what you would like!

HOUSE REPORTS



ATHENS HOUSE REPORT

House Captains: Ruth Chase, John Corbishley

Throughout the year Athens have continued in the successful form of previous years. At present we are leading in the Deeks Trophy, due to two very creditable seconds — in the House Play and in the Quiz competition. Congratulations must go to all who were involved in these competitions.

It is a pleasant surprise to see that, either due to increased conscientiousness towards the academic side of school life, or to the decrease in the number of detentions, Athens are placed second in the Work Cup!!

On the sports field we are still in fine form. The girls' hockey and netball have been successful, while the boys' rugby and soccer have been holding their own, with good results all round. In the cross-country we came a respectable 3rd overall. The middles won their section, the juniors ran very well, but the less said about the seniors the better.

We should like to welcome Mrs. Edge into our midst and hope she will enjoy her position as an Athenian. However, at Easter we sadly had to say good-bye to a very popular Athenian member of staff, Mrs. Reynoldson. We wish her all the best for the future. Our thanks also go to Mr. Dunsby, gallantly supported by the House Staff, for the constant support and interest in House activities and we wish everyone happiness and prosperity for the future.



CARTHAGE HOUSE REPORT

Captains: Diane Tolley, John Lord

The example to the rest of the house this year has been set by the Juniors, especially the boys who won the football, cross-country and rugby competitions, the girls doing well in both hockey and netball.

Success for the Seniors was limited owing to the fact that many of the older pupils were not sporting types, although the boys finished second in the 7-a-side Rugby competitions merely by fielding a full side for every match. In the Cross-country competition the Senior boys finished 2nd and the Middles 4th which along with the fine performance of the Juniors ensured 1st place overall in this competition. At the time of writing the Senior girls are showing off their talents at Netball and are in with a strong chance of winning the tournament.

For the less athletic pupils there were chances to show what they could do in the Deeks Trophy competitions. Many members of the House participated in the play in one way or another and though we seemed firm favourites to walk off with the Honours we met with several minor accidents on the night, resulting in our being placed 3rd.

Although our overall success has been limited, it has been satisfying to see Staff and pupils co-operating in the organising of teams and we hope that next year this sort of co-operation will be rewarded with greater success. Finally our thanks should be expressed to Mr. Wilson and his fellow members of Staff who have given their utmost support in our attempts for success.



ROMAN HOUSE REPORT

The rumour that the Mighty Roman Empire is now on the decline is merely propaganda circulated by the other houses and Mr. Cox, in a desperate attempt to inject enthusiasm into the ranks.

The true mark of genius is absent-mindedness, a quality shared by our noble Roman ancestors and our present day forces, particularly in the Work Cup and House Quiz. Similarly, any attempts at winter sports lead to bad attacks of amnesia on the part of some. We must, however, refer to the summer sports which, had good weather prevailed, would have been an outstanding Roman victory.

Other Roman conquests lay on the stage, in the form of first play in the House Drama Competition. We have also successfully raised money for our adopted charity, the "Save the Children Fund."

You will, of course, have remarked on the beauty of the trees around the school fields. These were bought and planted by 2nd form Romans, who forfeited their free time on Saturdays to bake and to organise coffee mornings.

All that remains is to thank our Staff and Sixth Form for their continued help and support.



SPARTAN HOUSE REPORT

House Captains: Taylor, S. Lang

Games Captains: Wainwright, A. Dennis

This has been a year of varied success and gradual improvement for Sparta. On the sportsfield our performances have greatly improved. Although the majority of the results have been poor and do not reflect this improvement, there are encouraging signs for future success. Eight of our players were selected for the U12 rugby team and we came 3rd overall in the Inter-House cross-country. We are hoping for better results in the summer season.

As always academic performances have been beyond criticism. We regained our former position as quiz champions and Mrs. Addey assures us that this high standard is likely to be maintained by our first form, who have had good effort marks and are very enthusiastic about all aspects of house participation. Our failure in the House Play was due to over-ambitious production techniques, which the stage technicians were incapable of successfully carrying out.

This year Sparta is embarking on an independent scheme to raise money for charity. Plans include a party for all first formers organised by Sixth Form and Staff.

Finally, we should like to welcome to our ranks Mrs. McGuire and Mr. Bacon, who replace Mr. Alderson and Mrs. Gettins.

THEBAN HOUSE REPORT

House Captains:

Stephen Turner, R. Margaret Lee

Games Captains:

Andrew Craven, Maureen V. Oades



First of all, it has proved itself necessary to discuss the appalling work cup result - Thebans take note - **we came 6th**. This was due to the ever increasing number of detentions, the main offenders being the fourth form "Detention Brigade"

The Deeks trophy results were slightly better; coming fourth in the Drama Competition with "Bus Stop", an amusing and well acted play. A position of third in the Toy Competition was attained only by contributions from Maureen Horner coming first and third in the senior section. Quiz results were as follows; 1 win, 1 draw and 3 losses.

Last summer's athletics were badly affected by rain — this could provide our only excuse for finishing fourth. Sadly cricket was only played by junior teams — we are certain that had the seniors played we should have come through with flying colours.

Inter-house rugby matches produced many willing players but no spectacular results. Football results were much better; the juniors managing a very sharp, mobile team. Middles football was quite successful, and here it is necessary to mention Duncan Arnold who, during one match, broke his arm and not only continued playing that game but also those following. The seniors, of course, were star performers (according to Andrew) winning two games, drawing one and losing one.

The field of winter games, however, has proved disappointing for the senior girls. Most hockey matches have either been postponed or have been walkovers. Netball was a little better — beating Sparta in the last game 9-2. Good participation from the juniors has brought in rewarding results for both hockey and netball.

Our thanks must be extended to Mr. Fleming for his "enthusiastic" coaching in cross country. With the help of first former S. Hooper running in senior matches, we managed to come fourth overall. Of course the year's best performance was undoubtedly the senior girls cross country - after much discussion it was decided to swamp the match - resulting in an astounding victory.

We must now say a big thank you to all Theban staff who have given support to these activities, and hope that they will continue to do so in coming years.



TROJAN HOUSE REPORT

This has been a year of moderate success in both the academic and sporting fields for Troy, with the success obtained not reflecting the effort and enthusiasm shown by most Trojans.

The most noteworthy success has been that of the senior boys, who won the football, rugby and cross-country competitions. It must be said, however, that all sporting teams performed with credit, although the results were not always in our favour.

In the Work Cup and Deeks Trophy we are well placed to take first place with the help of the hard-working Trojans and the absence of the "Detention Brigade."

Our thanks must go to Mrs. Roshier who has worked tirelessly throughout the year. With the addition of several new members of staff the future for Troy looks bright.

Finally we must congratulate Whittingham for his selection for North Eastern Counties, Yorkshire and South Yorkshire XV's, and to Chafen and Makin for selection for the South Yorkshire XV.

DAWN

— The opening to an as yet unwritten novel

A soft, cool breeze sighed across the barren waste whilst the stench of the rotting bodies rose with the yellow, cold sun appearing over the hazy horizon.

The cold blue sky stared down upon the mangled ground, a pale blue sky tinted still with the passing night.

A piece of tunic flapped in the breeze, breaking the seemingly eternal silence. A horse snorted from somewhere and from under a broken-axled, wooden cart a body groaned and painfully heaved itself onto its back. An hour passed. The sun was steadily rising up into the cloudless sky and with its ascension arrived the heat. The odour of bad, decaying meat intensified with the arrival of the warmth, and, as if from nowhere, arrived the flies, hundreds and thousands of buzzing, evil looking meat flies.

The dawn has thrust its light upon a vulgar, horrific scene depicting death, the remnants of a 'glorious' battle. It now heralded the end of any survivors for as the heat grew more strong, life would ooze from, and disease enter any surviving body.

The man beneath the cart groaned once more and in a slow deliberate movement propped himself upon one cut and bleeding elbow. Through blank, filmed eyes he stared listlessly at the horrible scene which surrounded him and then jerked his head upwards to stare at the fateful dawn which now had almost reached its zenith. He saw not the glories of that rising gold bowl, the beauty of the orange streaks now rapidly leaving the clear blue sky. All he saw was a hot, fiery furnace, racing to climb to its peak in order to thrust down its bolts of heat and rays of intense sunlight.

Sweat fell from his wrinkled, worried forehead. Slowly he dragged himself up onto his feet, leaned heavily upon the cart and then endeavoured to move around the many corpses. He felt a sharp rasping pain in his left knee as it bore his weight, and stumbled to the dusty ground. He found himself face to face with a dead horse, flies moving in and out of its blood caked nostrils and its eyeless sockets. Mika Kronasvich swore to extract a terrible revenge upon those who had inflicted this defeat.

R. Marshall 4A BH

LOVE STORY

A tear on her cheek
A charred letter in her hand
And a dying rose.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TEACHERS?

The following clues refer to Surnames of Teachers

1. Mr. H is not well
2. Offspring of Robert E.
3. Magician of the year
4. Sounds Christmassy
5. Friend of Cleopatra
6. Sir Nobon is a **mixed up** knight
7. Reverse draw
8. Softly Softly is at large?
9. He's used to office work
10. A well known apple variety
11. An uncovered slice of salted pork
12. Try the taste of a sparkling drink
13. Betta getta betta loaf
14. $\frac{1}{2}$ of a pint again, please
15. A pink bird with long legs, oh
16. Jesse was a famous outlaw
17. Hr. Heath's successor
18. Bear left through a body of trees
19. A speedy bird
20. et on the end gives a smashing bird

For those finding difficulty, the maestros concerned are:—
JAMES, COX, NOWELL, HILL, FLEMING, GILLIGAN, WARD,
ROBINSON, SWIFT, MARTIN, BARLOW, ANTHONY,
LESSON, CRUMP, WILSON, FLETCHER, WESTWOOD,
CLARKE, NIXON, BAREHAM.

Stephen Lomas and Julie Clarke L6

AUTUMN GAME

Children rustling
Through crispy golden leaves.
Laughter from death.

CRY

Sudden cry for help
yet no one to answer it
but a ticking clock.

Alf attends a Symphony Concert

Alf had been advised by his friends that he really OUGHT to go to a Classical Concert; he was no mean performer on the mouth-organ and tin whistle and claimed to be very fond of music. So, one evening, he dropped in at the City Hall to see for himself what Classical music was really like. Below are given (with the more decorative expressions discreetly omitted) his remarks on the subject the following morning . . .

“Well, aw went in an’ set me sen dahn. T’band wor all theer an’ ‘ad started playing when aw got in, theer they wor, all tootlin’ an’ scrapin’ away, but aw couldn’t mek heead nor tail o’ what they were reckonin’ ter play — it must a’ bin one o’ ther own to amuse thersens.

Anyway, all of a sudden they stopped, an’ a bloke i’ black coom ter t’front o’ stage, lookin’ as miserable as sin, an’ everybody started ter clap.

Aw couldn’t see as he’d done ow’t, but aw clapped wi’ t’ others; then ‘e got up on little platform, an’ picked up a bit o’ stick an’ waved it, and t’band played ‘GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.’

Well, aw thowt this is t’poorest two bobs worth aw’ve ever ‘ad i’ mi life, as aw started ter cum arht an’ some’dy said: hush — sit dahn, so aw went an’ set me sen dahn ageean. Well, this bloke wi’ t’ stick, he started wavin’ ‘is arms abart and gerrin’ ‘is sen all worked up, like, an’ t’ band started sawin’ an’ tootlin’ ageean. Ther wor some chaps wi’ funny shaped boxes, nearly as big as thersens, an’ they wrapped ther legs rahnd ‘em an’ started sawin’ away at ‘em wi’ funny little sticks, but aw nivver say any ‘on ‘em get through. Some o’ t’men were blawin’ dahn brass things ‘til aw thawt ther ees wor goin’ ter pop art. An’ all this time t’chap wi’ stick wor wavin’ ‘is arms abart, an’ gerrin’ more an’ more excited.

Aw could see ‘e wor mad wi’ ‘em, way ‘e kept pointin’ an’ that, but aw doan’t know why — they all seemed ter be workin’ ‘ard enuff but ‘appen ‘e were tryin’ ter stop ‘em like. Anyway, they did stop, sudden like, arter a bit an’ t’ stick wagger turned to us an’ bowed ‘is ‘eead, an’ fowks started clappin’ an’ cheerin’. Aw think they wor pleased ‘as e’d gotten ‘em ter stop at last.

T’chap sittin’ next ter me ses: ‘The tin-pan alley were rather good, don’t you think?’ Ah said: ‘aw don’t know abart tin-pan alley, but aw wish they’d play summat as we know, so we can sing a bit.’ He didn’t speak to me no more.

T'heead man 'ad disappeared, an' arter a bit 'e cum back trailin' a wench behind 'im. An' by gum, she wor a smashin' piece o' 'omework! Aw wor glad my missus worn't wi' we or she'd a been wantin' me ter buy 'er a frock like t'llass 'ad on: it wor a stunner an' noa mistake.

Aw thowt as she wor goin' ter sing, or recite, or summat but she just stood theer, an't band struck up ageean an' made sich a din we couldn't 'ave heeard 'er if she'd started. Then all of a sudden ,she throwed 'er heead back, an' opened 'er mouth an'let art a yell enuff ter fetch t'roof off.

Aw thowt-na then, that clumsy devil 'as 'it 'er at top o't'heead wi' 'is stick but she stuck it, an' kep' on 'ollerin', an' band tried it's best ter drahn 'er yellin.'

Arter a' bit, she give up t'struggle as a bad job, bowed 'er heead an' wen't off. T'foalks started clappin' an' shoutin' ageean. She coom back two else three times, but they wouldn't stop makkin' a row, so, as they wunt let 'er sing, she took 'ersen off, an' didn't cum back no more. Aw'll bet she wor as mad as a 'atter. Then t'heead man followed 'er an' t' bandsmen started ter walk off 'tstage, so aw put mi cap on an' cum arht. Aw'd 'ad enuff on Sympathy's fo' one neet. 'Sides, ther wor on'y just time for a few pints 'afore closin' time, but aw'll bet as that chap wi' stick wor tired afore 'e'd done."

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4th YEAR CURRENT AFFAIRS PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

In the middle of February, at the height of the power crisis and the three-day week, a 4th year Current Affairs group devised a questionnaire to discover opinion in the Wath area on some of the questions raised by the miners' strike. Their report follows.

As a 4th year Current Affairs group, we carried out a survey of public opinion on the present crisis. The survey involved 75 people who we later divided into 5 groups using the Registrar-General's official classification of socio-economic status. We asked people to give their opinions on which jobs they considered contributed most to the national prosperity and what jobs they thought to be the highest paid at the moment. Other questions enquired about prices in the shops, the value of pensions and whether a General Election should take place.

The first question listed 10 different jobs and the public was asked which of these helped most towards national prosperity. The results were as follows: most people thought that the miners contributed most and almost everybody agreed that entertainers contributed least. The dockers and the ambulance men were thought to be in the middle.

The second question dealt with the highest paid jobs at the moment. The entertainers were rated the highest paid and the lowest paid were thought to be the nurses. The results showed that people were undecided about the miners' pay. We came to the conclusion that people thought that although the entertainers contributed least to national prosperity, they were the highest paid.

Question 3 dealt with what affected prices in the shops and the results were that most people thought that world prices had the most effect on prices in the shops. This shows that most people believed the Conservatives in their election campaign when they said that world prices had caused the price increases in Britain. Out of 5 different classes of people we interviewed, 4 classes thought that profits and dividends had the least effect on the price increases. The third class (skilled workers) thought that wages had the least effect on prices.

Question 4 dealt with whether people felt that pensions bought more today than they did in 1954 and 1964 and most people agreed that pensions bought less today than in previous years. The last question asked whether people thought there should be a general election at the present time. The result was that the majority of people asked said that there should be.

Jane Corbishley, Elizabeth Graham, Angela Lowe,
Pauline McAdam, Eunice Shepherd, David Wood

1st XV RUGBY REPORT

Played 23, Won 11, Lost 12

Points for: 375. Against: 299

With the incentive of a completely new Physical Education staff in Messrs. Irwin and Oscroft, things were looking **good** in pre-season training, with a squad of almost forty all eager to get into the swing of things. This keenness, however, was not reflected in our first few games and we lost four of our first five.

This poor start brought the squad down to about twenty-five or thirty and brought about the call for a thorough facelift. This resulted in the purchase of new shirts from the efforts of one, so called, sponsored walk and several lunchtime disc sessions.

These bumble bee like shirts of black, red and yellow hoops arrived just in time for what has remained our most memorable fixture, away at Normanton, who are well known throughout England for their fast, well disciplined game of rugby.

In a closely fought game we were very unlucky to lose by a mere fourteen points to three, with every member of the team playing, good hard rugby to earn the acclaim of the much appreciated support that we took on that cold November afternoon.

This performance prompted a steady return to the once formidable interest towards rugby within the school and earned us the chance of a much greater freedom as to when we could play our matches. We could now have more matches in school time in mid-week, and for this we must thank the staff and particularly Mr. Murphy for their kind consent and co-operation in such ventures.

By now we had also earned much greater respect from local schools and we were taken a little more seriously as opposition. In fact, we had achieved a somewhat unfair reputation of being too hard and rough a side but we still managed to acquire some very good attractive fixtures. For example we played Bridlington Colts, which not only meant a good fixture, but also a day out at the coast with friends and supporters. Of course, the fact that we won 14-0 rounded off the day very well indeed.

This better atmosphere within the team and the great fortune of not having serious injury problems led to the following players being chosen for representative teams:

**1st XV RUGBY**

Seated: Wadsworth, Lord, Bell, Wainwright, Lord, Sykes, Makin, Hinde.

Standing: Mr. J. Irwin, Whaling, West, Ord, Ryan, Whittingham, Gant, Chafen, Wells, Mower, Mr. M. Oscroft

South Yorkshire: Whittingham (Captain), Makin, Chafen, Gant, Ryan, Wainwright, Whaling and Lord (Reserve).

Yorkshire: Whittingham.

Whittingham also represented the North East of England against the touring Wallabies team.

At the end of the season was the Sevens Tournament, which we still did not win although our play was undoubtedly much better than in recent years.

Now to next season and the prospect of losing such accustomed players as Gant, Whittingham, Lord and Ryan. However, for those who are left we are constantly being reminded of some capable fledglings stepping out of the U15 ranks. We must now wait and see to find out what blend of play will come out of Messrs Ardron and Burrage for next season. Finally we must give thanks to our canteen girls for their faithful service on Saturday mornings. Thank you.

Graeme Hind (L6 Tr.)

U.15s Rugby Report

Despite a poor start to the season, a good finale from the side gives everybody hope for the future. The most notable victory was the 34-4 win over Myers Grove, who had beaten the side 64-0 last season. Players worthy of mention are Burtoft, Lawrence, Millican, Catlin, Hunt and Lenton, not to mention the captain, Marshall.

Results: Played 24; Lost 16; Drawn 1; Won 7.

SOCCKER 1973-74

1st XI.

The most successful of all the school soccer teams. In the English Schools Cup the school made an early exit at the hands of Mexborough Grammar, last year's champions, but it must be noted, only after a re-play, Wath forcing a creditable 1-1 draw at Mexborough. Before Christmas the 1st XI had their best result, winning 11-1 at Swinton, and shortly afterwards they brought both Adwick's and Myers Grove's unbeaten runs to an end, winning away 2-1 and 3-1 respectively. David Carr and Chris Fairman must be mentioned for their 100% turnout throughout the season and also Gary Kerley, hoping his career as a professional with Rotherham will be as successful as his school football.

2nd XI.

A season of mixed fortunes for the 2nd XI, winning 7 and losing 7 matches. Thanks must be given to Michael Williams and Neil Ward for all their work with the team and to all the players who made the season worthwhile.



1st TEAM SOCCER

Standing: Ward, Sedgley, Porter, Craven, Short;
Seated: Fairman, Carr, Guest, Markham, Senior

U-15 XI.

A disappointing season for the U-15's after a very encouraging start. The absence of S. Short, because of representative calls, meant that the defence was unsure of itself at times and the goal-keeping position remained an unsolved problem all season. Mention must be made of A. Glover and C. Dyson for skill and hard work in mid-field, D. Taylor for some tenacious tackling at full-back and P. Fox, who scored with regularity, although sometimes rather lonely up front.

U-14 XI.

A very poor season for a very inexperienced side. Credit however, must be given to all boys who turned out and one hopes that next season will bring better fortunes.

U-13 XI.

A very creditable season for the U-13's. After Mr. Alderson left at Christmas, the boys under N. Waller, T. Bailey, J. Gommersall and N. Luty took over the team selection and results proved that they made a success of it. Good results were recorded over Ashleigh (5-1), Rossington (8-0), and Aston (5-3).

U-12 XI.

The U-12's, under Mr. Barlow, made a success of a season in which they were limited in their number of players. Although more matches were lost than won, the team was working well together towards the end of the season and one can look forward with an air of optimism to next season. Good results were recorded against Campsmount (6-3), Abbeydale Grange (7-0) and Westfield (5-2).

**SENIOR HOCKEY**

Standing: F. Bywater, L. Whittingham, B. Carle, C. Smith; J. Fairman, L. Bucknell, M. Taylor, K. Harding, H. Senior;
Seated: J. Hole, A. Pearson, D. Jarvis, Z. Oscroft, K. Stanger, J. Carle, J. Turner.

NETBALL TEAMS



JUNIOR NETBALL

Standing: E. Phelps, B. Wilkinson, J. Claydon, S. Sanders;
Seated: W. Fidler, J. Outram, K. Mosley, A. Reader.



3rd YEAR NETBALL

Standing: K. Earnshaw, J. Adams, A. Rowley;
Seated: S. Jones, J. Follows, J. Bailey, S. Evans



SENIOR NETBALL

Standing: A. Firth, C. Barraclough, S. Snowden, K. Glass;
Seated: K. Hubbard, L. Luty, J. Corcorran, K. Blunn

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CROSS COUNTRY

This season has been one of the worst for some time with poor support, particularly from the Seniors. In fact, the Junior girls proved the most successful team by winning the Rotherham and District, 1st year Jane Dawber running well for 4th place. The Intermediate boys team should have been the strongest but the team never turned out at full strength either in training or in matches and they had to be content with 2nd place to Maltby in the Inter-Schools Championships at Wath, on 28th March. Colours were awarded to Stephen Lomas and re-awarded to David Crabb. A successful inter-house league was held throughout the winter and these were the results:

GIRLS

1—THEBES	- - -	234
2—TROY	- - -	222
3—ROME	- - -	174
4—CARTHAGE	- - -	147
5—SPARTA	- - -	79
6—ATHENS	- - -	20

BOYS

1—CARTHAGE	- - -	370
2—TROY	- - -	229
3—THEBES	- - -	195
4—SPARTA	- - -	189
5—ATHENS	- - -	149
6—ROME	- - -	133

The Inter-House Championship resulted as follows:

1—CARTHAGE	- - -	1021
2—SPARTA	- - -	1007
3—ATHENS	- - -	905
4—THEBES	- - -	870
5—TROY	- - -	848
6—ROME	- - -	820

Seniors	1—LOMAS (Tr.)	- - -	31m. 46s.
	2—FAWTHROP (Tr.)	- - -	32m. 35s.
	3—CORBISHLEY (A.)	- - -	32m. 55s.
Middles	1—KAY (Th.)	- - -	21m. 58s.
	2—JACKSON (R.)	- - -	21m. 59s.
	3—SMITH (R.)	- - -	22m. 29s.
Juniors	1—NEWMAN	- - -	14m. 26s.
	2—YERRELL	- - -	14m. 29s.
	3—CLEREHUGH	- - -	14m. 39s.

The winners of the points competition cups were:

Seniors	-	S. LOMAS
4th Year	-	A. CROOKES
3rd Year	-	A. JACKSON
2nd Year	-	M. DENTON
1st Year	-	P. NEWMAN

THE PASSING OF A DREAM

This is the story of a World

Life was good to the touch — pleasant
Our world, a dominant kind
and the Universe, our garden.
You were just a child,
But our children, were the children of peace
Our race was on the threshold of a dream.

But then, from beyond the frontiers of Space
Came a Spectre, iridescent before our eyes
which brought, death, destruction and disease.

We fought against it,
but soon the tortured cries of anguish,
echoed throughout the land
- only desolation heard.

The evil spectre had done
and with us, itself
the souls of 200, million, million
witnessed the passing.

All that is left now is darkness,
which spreads its tentacles
over the formless, barren wilderness
which once, looked over you
and was the perfect world.

W. Lenton 4A BU

English 4 Set 1

RAIN

Diamante tears
hung on threads of spiders' silk
after the storm.

FEAR

Fear silently but
surely grows from a seed
You are the maker.

CHURCHYARD

The lonely silence
as empty as still air in
the Abbey churchyard.

THE RACE OF LIFE

What is Life?

The empty space between birth and death

A recurring routine of riots and races.

The race of Life.

The runners, the riders, the restless,

Racing for life and for survival

For survival in a world of hatred.

Where war is more important than man

And the Race of Life becomes violent.

What is Life?

A child, a juvenile, an old crone,

Older and older as years race by

Hurdles bar their way.

Stumbling blindly

Evading death,

Ignoring rape, murder and theft

As the Race for Life grows violent.

What is Life?

Anger, Sorrow, pain, worry

Independence and its followers

The power game

Amongst Families, cities, nations

The complaints of overfed fortunates

Their unwillingness to give, to share.

A call from the starving millions

and still the race is violent.

What does Life hold for me?

A job, a husband, a family.

More worry?

The problems of others still oblivious

Once more the hurdles from start to finish

Birth, problems, death

And then eternity,

But did I make the Race violent?

Karen Sullivan F53 5TR CA

1974

Did our soldiers die in vain?

Has the world gone insane?

All the blood, sweat and tears,

What have we to show after all these years?

We now have a new permissive age

With violence and drugs at a dangerous stage.

Corruption appearing almost everywhere.

What is happening? Does no one care?

The great master-minds of the human race

How, I wonder, dare they show their face?

They have invented a bomb which at the touch of a switch,

Would have us all in a six foot ditch. Lynn Venables (3TRb)

WAR

Devastation.
Homeless people. Death only
is unrationed.

Kathryn Lowe (L6 TH GO).

"I AM . . . HE WAS . . . THEY SAY . . . "

An Extrovert (Bowie?), almost 'avant garde' but yet precisely typical of the times—a sign . . . a Doctor (Barnard?), trustworthy as he severs the body with his instrument—"What instrument?" "That of extreme dedication to A Purpose . . . a Psychiatrist (Freud?) . . . probing deep into minds, hearts, personalities . . . a clown (Chaplin?) acting, sadly serious, people laughing, inside crying, deceived Who? Themselves? or the Clown? A Genius, (Einstein?), intellectual, inventive, theoretical, practical . . . an idol, wise, worshipped, perfect, not a human, merely a symbol . . . OMNI.

Illegitimate, lower class, a son, human, a Being triplet, twin, singular . . . A Revolutionary hi-jacker of minds, Souls, bodies, books, paintings, music, concepts, subjects, objects, the World . . . a premonition of Enoch . . . Pre-historic, Futuristic: Unique; "Who is he that" . . . "Death and Life in One," in All, Universal; tortured, crucified, raised; Spirit, Form and (all these, a Transubstantial Omnipresence) Human "What, Who, Why, Us?"

God, Jesus, Ours . . . Eternally.

SPRING

Spring is a false
illusion of summer
come before time.

AUTUMN

Leaves are falling
all around without sound.
The trees are bare.

DAYBREAK

The flowers open
A revelation of life
New hope for today.

DUEL

The sun vanished behind the angular silhouette of the computer, an irretrievable happening. The mechanised brain thought with resoluteness. Signals in the mastermind, each actutely paradoxical. Programmed decision ultimately reached. Another computer decided, for unemotional war, expectancy of metallic death. This was transistorized combat.

An abrupt succession of logic, launched with vicious accuracy, parried with mathematical formulae. It went on, each dispatching lethal problems, valves disintegrated, platinum wires fused with ransacked cells. Disablement for whole circuits. Billions of pounds of damage. But money is a negligible factor, frenzy, computed panic, unisonal metal fatigue.

The climax came. Weakened cells rebelled, civil war arose. With suitable sychronization, the products of Evolution exploded, darkness fell.

Evolution would begin again, renewed.

J. Oldfield (F20 2TH G)

REMEMBRANCE

The ghosts of The Fallen
watched the children playing
Heroes in the rain.

BIBLE

The mime troupe invaded the stage
Staring at the people, who in turn
Stared back, waiting to be entertained.
In the audience someone stood to leave;
On stage one pointed, directly and then
to the sound of gunfire the someone fell.
The audience ignored, taking it as part of the show,
But a scream of blood filled horror mingled with
The someone's blood, making it whole.
The audience stood, as one, to look at
Someone, who had now died through loss of blood,
Once again one pointed and gunfire sounded.
The audience rushed forward, falling, bloody to the floor
On stage one was being crucified by another
Blood flowing from his hands and feet.
The mime troupe left the stage
Leaving behind one Jesus and someone Judas
And the audience mankind suffered.

Gary Wells L6 TR DN

CONTROL

Before the beginning there was darkness, we knew no light. There was warmth, we knew no cold. There was the life—installing thud of our living world, we knew no silence, nor any other sound. Our world was constant, nothing ever changed. We lived together as two in our world and we were content . . . for a while. One of us grew restless and was not contented with our world. One of us wanted to leave, but the other was not ready to leave and could not make the Journey. The Journey was long and tiring. For the one who was not ready the Journey proved too much, but he was not lost. He came to me, and we lived together as one. When the Journey was almost complete we were overwhelmed with terror at the unknown, and we panicked. We fought and fought, struggling against time to stay, but we were forbidden to stay, we had to go.

At the end of the Journey we were filled with terror and confusion. All at one instant we felt cold, saw blinding lights, and were bombarded with noise. We cried out in anger at not being able to stay, and with self pity and fright at the strange new world where we were left alone but we were not completely alone, we had each other. This new world was not constant, it continually changed, and we could not understand it. Imagine being taken from the only home you knew and placed in the middle of an unknown Universe where all the physical laws did not apply.

It was easy to live in the beginning, because we were completely together. Our thoughts belonged to both of us, we did not know which of us thought them, or even if we both thought them together. But the more we grew and began to learn our new world, the more difficult it became to live as one. Our thoughts began to originate in two areas and they contradicted and confused each other. Living together as one we could not survive. Our personalities were fighting against each other for control. They had to be separated to survive and time was running out.

At last the bombardment ended, we found a solution and peace. We were able to think privately and talk out loud to each other. Once we could master that, we could both survive together as two. We took it in turns to take control while the other remained quiet in the background. It was then I thought of the Plan. Why should I have to share Control? It was all mine once, it shall be all mine again. I crowded the usurper, shouting at him continuously, I gave him no time or room for thought of Control. There was a sudden ending of resistance. Control was mine, all mine, forever . . . but wait, I can't reach the Controls.

It is cold, dark, and silent in my new constant world and I am alone.

A mother cried as the coffin was lowered.

Julie Clarke (L6 TH GO)

MEADOW

Waves of emerald ripples
shifting green tinged billows.
A meadow.

ONCE THERE WAS A WORLD

A world beautiful, plentiful,
Her treasures stored within,
Her body-veins of bright black coal
And pure rich blood of oil.
A heart of gold, mineral flesh
Deep blue eyes, salted tear filled
Her splendid dress of greens and browns
Rippling hair of golden corn
Today attacked by human parasites;
Dress in shreds, almost naked now,
Ripped apart, veins torn out, wounded,
She bleeds to death, holes in heart,
Scalped, defenceless, weakening.
Who is to blame? We the happy race?
Please, won't someone help the world?
It's dying.

Cathryn Moody 6A

PATIENCE

Patience is a gift
wrapped in the kindest heart
and given freely.

TELEVISION

A chattering, babbling, intruding monster,
Glaring, blaring, blazing forth,
Taking over homes, north, south, east and west.
Antennae proclaim its presence, towering in majestic
splendour
As one armed men from outer-space.
They top each chimney, an invading army,
A conqueror and ally.

Lynn Venables (3TrRb)

AUTUMN DUSK

Long drawn shadows
with velvet silhouettes
Crisp fallen leaves.

MORAL

We learn wisdom from
failure so much more than from
a budding success.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This year began with the usual assortment of films and although a fungus forage was planned, this was cancelled, mainly due to the lack of fungi hunters (mushroom pickers for the illiterate, or those under-privileged who did not have the honour of reading last year's award winning report!?). The committee, slightly depleted after a massive board-room dispute—where certain members, politely or otherwise, were asked to leave—decided that it was a good idea to keep livestock. Certain members of the lower school were proposed, but this suggestion was rejected as it was thought that they would be too difficult to tame and the cages would be too big. So the alternative of butterflies was chosen, and it is at this point that we should like to thank the School Council, who kindly provided the financial aid to make it possible. At the time of writing, ten three inch long caterpillars, of a bright yellow hue, could be found demolishing their way through the privet in the greenhouse, their appearance being enough to turn over many a stable stomach.

Our visits this year have not been very numerous—they have been non-existent to be exact. A day trip to Longleat Safari Park was abandoned after deciding the location was too distant, and a trip to Newmillar Dam, Huddersfield last October also had to be abandoned, the number interested proving the school mini-bus inadequate, but a coach too large. We hope that a trip can be arranged with more success for the summer, but we suppose time will tell.

Also this year Mrs. Bassindale kindly came and gave us a very knowledgeable talk, and we especially wish to thank Mr. Leeson, who gave us an excellent lecture on one of his hobbies.

The committee this year, being made up of representatives from each year, has proved successful, although perhaps more frequent meetings might be more helpful. However, despite all the setbacks of the year the society has kept going, and many plans are being made for the summer.

Maureen Horner, Glyn Bacon.

DRAMA CLUB

February of this year saw the formation of the Junior Drama Club. A tentative first meeting resulted in a rewarding response as far as numbers were concerned, and subsequent meetings showed that there is a great deal of latent acting talent in the school.

The club is run as a Drama Workshop, concentrating on the improvement of acting skills such as deportment, voice production and the use of make-up, and there is an emphasis on impromptu drama. We hope, in the near future, to receive visiting groups such as the Drama Students

of Bretton Hall College and possibly even "Theatre Vanguard" from the Sheffield Crucible Theatre.

We do occasionally end up with a finished production, such as the short play "The Whole Truth," which was presented in the School Hall at the end of the Spring Term. Having tried ourselves out on the school, we are ready for our next assignment which is a little more ambitious, as the club has been invited to take part in the Rotherham Arts and Music Festival in July.

If you would like to join there is always room for one more. We meet on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

STAMP CLUB REPORT 1974

After a pleasing start in which several new members, including first formers, visited the hallowed precincts of L.12, the regular attendance had receded to the level attained last year by Christmas. However, this faithful gathering soldiered on through pastures old and new, overcoming such varied obstacles as quizzes, an album competition, a stamp recognition competition and the jokes of Messrs. Ward and Robinson.

Honours this year have gone to Nicholas Wilson and Andrew Norman of the second and third forms respectively for sharing victory in the album competition, and Kevin Lyons who obtained third place. The prize for their excellent efforts was the opportunity to stand up and address the assembled masses on the subject of their collections. Considering that this chance was also offered to the other members of the Stamp Club, then the philatelic accessories distributed to these three prize winners would no doubt compensate them for their trouble.

Other activities already alluded to include quizzes of both the traditional type and more novel types such as a recognition quiz and a stamp crossword. Reinstated this year after a long absence was an auction of spare material, everyone hoping to make as great a profit from as poor a quality of material as possible. All in all this was quite successful, even though a few fingers also came under the hammer.

Mention must also be made of Mr. Robinson who has this year added his expertise and experience to the general cause as well as giving an interesting lecture on the underrated subject of postal history in which he specialises. Philatelic techniques and accessories were also exhibited and discussed, whilst everybody benefited from a talk on stamp forgeries, and we deny all knowledge of a sheet of perforate "penny blacks" found in L.12.

All keen philatelists are invited to attend Stamp Club meetings in L.12 on Thursdays at 1.15 p.m. If any girls are interested in this hobby we will even admit them.

Nigel Hutchinson (L6 CN)

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Committee Members 1973/74. Co-Chairmen; Ruth Chase, Paul Clerehugh. Secretary; Jane Cooper. Treasurer; Jayne Gardener.

Alison Walters, Kay Hardy, Melanie Biram, Phil Porter, Keith Whittingham, Christopher Elliss, Maureen Horner, John Berry, Graeme Hind.

The Society, now in its sixth year, continues to be as popular as before with its members. The Committee, if somewhat slow at first, is now getting under way and organizing more trips and outings.

In the Autumn term there was the annual Blackpool trip which was highly successful and was followed after Christmas by two skating trips to Sheffield. Those who couldn't skate soon learned, or else paid the price of bumps and bruises. Yet, despite aching feet, most people seemed enthusiastic to go again.

Then came the disastrous Valentine Dance. It was unfortunate that the Committee had so little time to organise it, as we were under the impression that someone else was doing it. However, the less said about that the better.

Our thanks go to Jayne Gardener, Janet Clayton and Julie Roberts, who give their willing support in running the coffee bar during the lunch hour.

This year, as in most years, the Sixth Form Society has made a profit from subs and the coffee bar and this will go towards financing summer trips.

During the year, differences over money paid for use of the Youth Centre and to cover damages, have been ironed out after meetings with Mr. Lowe and Mr. Murphy, resulting in the school agreeing to subsidize the Sixth Form Society. Therefore the money paid to the Society by its members will now go towards financing trips coming up in the near future. If anyone has any suggestions for places they wish to visit, the Committee would welcome them and try to arrange it if enough people seemed interested.

WATH GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLIMBING CLUB

by S. Hanstock

This has been a memorable (!) first year for the school Climbing Club. Formed under the driving force of our intrepid leader, Mr. Blakeman (he wrestles under an assumed name), the club has enjoyed some popularity.

Despite the British Board of Censors ban we were first treated to the showing of Mr. Blakeman's slides. (Honestly, folks, they were of climbers in action. The fact that the frames were blue was sheer coincidence).

Following this, in November, a mini-bus full of pupils travelled to Stanage Edge. Due to inexpert navigation by persons who will remain nameless (Clue: the dynamic duo, Mr. Blakeman and Mr. Burrage) we arrived well after nightfall and spent an amusing hour unpacking and erecting the tents. Saturday dawned bright and clear—a well worn cliché—a gale force wind was blowing and it was almost snowing, so the party walked up to the rocks. We gazed in disbelief at the route Mr. Blakeman was encouraging us to climb. Never was the burning question “Why do you do it?” more uppermost in our minds, but after a short struggle we realised we had made it to the top of our first climb. We began to understand “Why?” and wanted to do it all over again. Our appetites whetted, we went on to do more easy climbs during the day.

Sunday saw a party reinforced by the presence of Miss Rivett advance of nearby Lawrencefield quarry. Here was to be the scene of our first problems. Much to the amusement (and fright too!) of other climbers, Miss Rivett unfortunately turned base over apex, and could be seen dangling inverted, back to the rock face and head pointing earthwards some forty feet up.

Since then, undiscouraged, club members have visited Stanage once more, bivouacking in the caves there, as well as Lawrencefield (where we were treated to a sight of Mr. Blakeman’s legs, when he went paddling). We have also climbed on The Roaches and Hen Cloud on week-end visits. Nearer home, numerous day visits have been paid to Rivelin Edge, Wharncliffe Crag, and Ilkley Quarry, by mixed parties. Yes, mixed!—female company is welcome too. Seriously, anyone over fourteen is encouraged to come with us and give climbing a go. Just scale the steps (moderate grade, foot and hand holds all the way) to U.5 and see Mr. Blakeman. We are eager for new blood and have not lost anybody yet! It is safe and free from danger (except for our resident free fall experts, who are, happily, in the minority). Yes, if you are looking for a sport fraught with excitement, that will tax both physical and mental reserves to the full, forget about the Chess Club. Certified (!) climbing instructors, including some of World Repute, are glad to show newcomers the ropes (Yuk, yuk); climbers of both sexes welcomed, no previous experience necessary.

With thanks to those teachers who have given up time to act as drivers for us, and for the albeit unconscious assistance of members of the club.

S. Hanstock L6R.

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A FEW OBSERVATIONS ON A GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO BARMOUTH

1. We set off grinning like Gods at nine o' clock on a Monday morning. We lived in Mount Argus, four to a bedroom and ten to a dining table.
2. Geographically, we climber Cader Idris, studied Rowen Spit, went to Harlech and studied land reclamation, interviewed reluctant Barmouthians, visited Trawsfynydd (Tell your friends that its an electric powerstation).
3. Socially we investigated Barmouth's amusement arcade (gwnydd y tombola), went for walks, warded off drunken skinheads and performed in a concert on the last night.
4. A typical field trip day:
Wake up 8 a.m. Desultory chat about whether or not to go on the panorama walk (local beauty spot). Get up. Have breakfast. Desultory chat about skinheads trying to break in the night before. Mr. Hinchliffe stands up and tells us what we are to do that day. We set off for Cader Idris. We climb Cader Idris. At the summit we eat pineapple and ham sandwiches. We study things. We make notes on rocks. When we get back, we can't read what we've written. We stagger to the bus. The bus-driver quips merrily. We moan. We go back to Mount Argus. We eat our tea. We have a meeting in which we try to decipher each other's notes. We play snooker, we play table tennis. We go to bed. We are heckled by drunken skinheads.
5. We return, groaning like idiots. We are dropped of at home on Saturday afternoon.

Thank you, staff, for showing us that not all geography comes out of text books and also for proving to us that geography teachers wear pyjamas.

Ian McMillan (of that ilk)

SPEECH DAY FOR 1974

Many modern educationalists regard the idea of a school speech day as rather pointless and unfair, in that it glorifies a small elite and has little or no meaning for the majority of pupils and parents. But be that as it may, I am sure that everyone present in the School Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday, 27th March found this Year's event enjoyable. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. A. Dilkes J.P, began the proceedings, followed by the Headmaster. In his report, Mr. Murphy noted the various happenings in the school during the previous twelve months, mentioning with regret that this would be the last Speech Day when the school would be under the jurisdiction of the West Riding County Council. However, a fruitful relationship with the new authority in Rotherham was keenly anticipated.

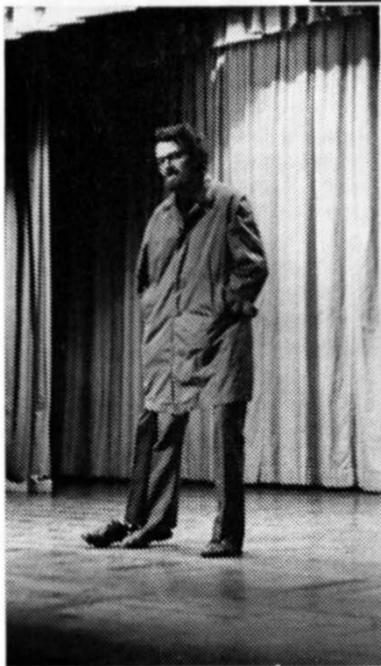
Then in marched the Junior Choir, consisting of first and second formers, whose charming appearance was only bettered by their charming singing. The contrasting pieces they performed were "Time, you old gypsy man," "The China Mandarin" and an arrangement of "Linstead Market." After the presentation of the certificates and awards by Mrs. P. Nuttgens, the wife of the guest speaker, it was the turn of the Senior Choir to entertain us. They sang with their customary beauty and virtuosity, showing that the high standards which we expect have been very well maintained by Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Fletcher.

The choir's performance, especially that of Mozart's "Ave Verum," drew praise from Mr. Patrick Nuttgens, the Director of Leeds Polytechnic, whose turn it now was to speak. The guest speaker's address is usually the part of any Speech Day that the audience awaits rather uneasily. Will he bore us with a long, uninteresting sermon? Or, worse still, will he embarrass us? In Mr. Nuttgens' case we need not have worried. He entertained both children and adults with a light-hearted, spontaneous speech, delivered with all the urbanity and panache for which he is well known. "The first speech I've enjoyed in twenty years," said one senior member of the staff. High praise indeed!

After the vote of thanks, proposed by the Head Girl, Ruth Chase and seconded by the Head Boy, Paul Clerehugh, Speech Day 1974 ended with the traditional singing of "Jerusalem" and, for once, one felt that the preceding events had justified the use of this stirring piece as a finale.

A.J.F.

Right:
Mr. Stanbury
with his "dummy"



Left:
Jake the Peg

REVUE REVIEW

"Beyond the Fringe," "Oh Calcutta," "Sunday Night at the Paladium" . . . and now, Wath's answer to them all—the Wath Grammar School "Golden Jubilee Revue" (at present on a summer tour of derelict railway stations and pit-tops throughout South Yorkshire).

On the evening of Thursday, 23rd May, 1974 an intrepid five hundred people gathered in the School Hall. Some came out of a sense of duty; some because they had nothing better to do; others because the ticket price of 2p was so low that they couldn't be disappointed. They braved the floods which that afternoon had threatened to engulf the whole school; they braved the famous School Hall "strained neck" which afflicts anyone who sits further back than the first five rows; they braved any damage done to tender parts of their anatomy by those instruments of torture called School Hall chairs. Their courage did not go unrewarded. For almost two hours they were very well entertained by an assortment of staff and pupils, who cast inhibitions to the winds and carried the audience along with their verve and enthusiasm.

It is difficult to pick out high-lights from a show that had its audience laughing from beginning to end, but the sketches with school backgrounds, "Teacher I need you," "Speech Day" and "Assembly," as well as being very funny, managed some subtle touches of satire. The audience were also treated (?) to a delightful display of dancing by the beautiful "Tiller Girls" (?), a spot which set the tone of hilarity for the rest of the evening. Jake the Peg (alias Rolf Harris—alias Mr. Bowen) made a three-limbed appearance. Mr. Bareham had the doubtful distinction of being proclaimed "The ugliest man in the world" and some interesting facts about Mr. Ardron emerged in "This is your life," the finale of the Revue.

Perhaps the show-stealing performance, however, came from those three "walkin' miracles," Messrs Whale, Fleming and Swift, whose amazing appearance in figure (?) hugging lurex reduced the audience to a state of mass hysteria.

A Golden Jubilee performance indeed, but what would the staff and pupils of 1923 have thought? Perhaps if we attend the Centenary Revue in 2023/24 we may experience their thoughts, which I am sure would be ones of approval.

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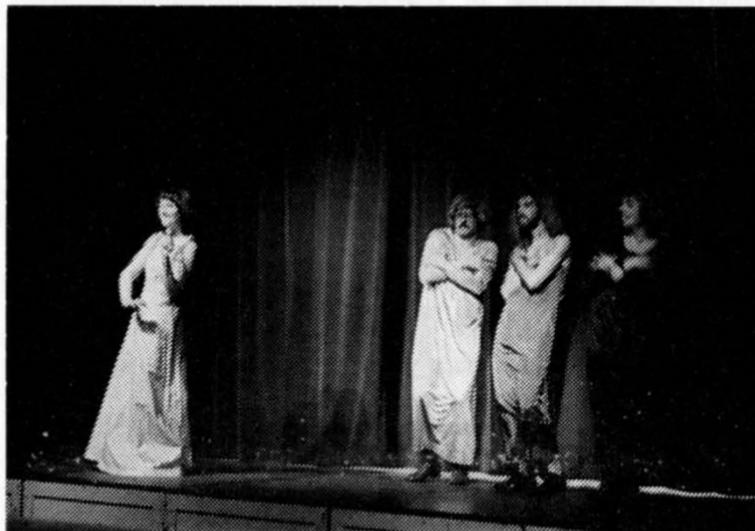
Miss Fareham and Miss Newton who produced the show and whose brainchild the whole thing was.

Mrs. Edge, who wrote and produced the allegorical sketch "Teacher, I need you."



Above: feats of strength

Below: "Walkin' Miracles"



Tony Noon and Ian MacMillian, whose prolific pens provided much of the material.

Valentine, Sands, Bailey and Goodall, who helped with the lighting.

Mr. C. Wilson, sound.

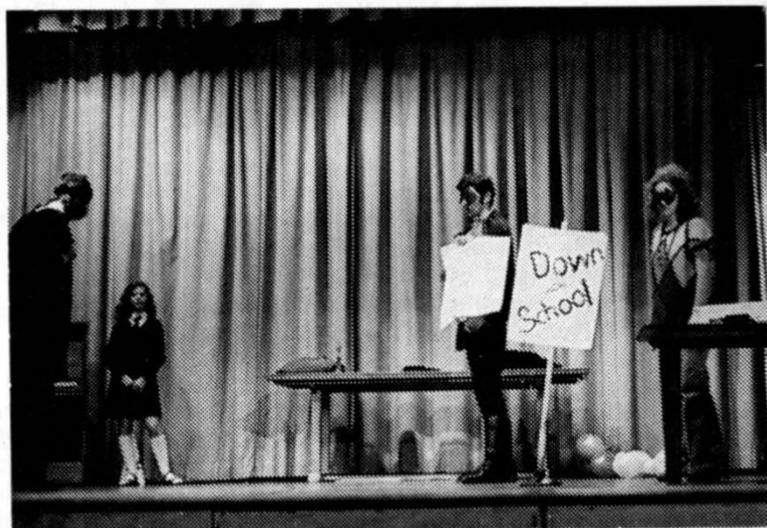
Jane Cooper and Amanda Campell, wardrobe mistresses.

The Wath Folk Club Morris Dancing Team for their guest appearance.

All members of the 5th and 6th forms and members of staff who gave up so much of their time for our enjoyment.

Finally, we all look forward with keen anticipation to a projected Staff Pantomime at Christmas. Who will play the wicked fairy?

A.J.F.



Above: "Whizz Kid" (alias Mr. D. Bacon) proclaims his views

OLD WATHONIANS ASSOCIATION

The past year has been both happy and sad for Old Wathonians.

The school was founded in 1923, so the year 1973 was the Golden Jubilee Year. On September 22nd, the Saturday nearest to the date of the opening of the School (September 17th), a special Reunion was held. Two hundred and fifty guests sat down to dinner in the new School Hall, which looked suitably festive. Among those present were thirty of the original seventy seven scholars. Two of these were Guest Speakers. Mrs. Edith Ibberson (nee Hinchliffe) and Dr. William Swift, the School's first Ph.D, recalled amid much laughter, the beginnings of the School. They both stressed the happy "family" atmosphere which has continued throughout the years.

There was on show an exhibition of old photographs and other "relics" which set tongues wagging and caused great hilarity.

Guests had travelled long distances to attend this function and we were proud to note that we can count many distinguished people amongst our "Old Boys and Girls."

Many who were unable to attend the Reunion sent their good wishes. Two messages were received from overseas. One was from Mrs. W. Siddall (nee Thirza Pyott) in Umtali. She is one of the "Originals." The other was from Elsie Quinney (now Mrs. Beard) living in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Arthur Robinson was M.C. During the evening everybody joined lustily in the singing of "Gaudeamus Igitur," "Forty Years On" and the School Song ("Through the Vale of the Dearne").

Time was spared to think in silence for a few moments of "Absent Friends."

On the whole the evening was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.

During the Year, three members of the early staff have died. They are Miss Edge, Mr. Leadley and Mr. E. J. C. Gear. Old Wathonians are very grieved to have lost three good friends, but are very happy to have known them and to have come under their influence. They each gave of their best unstintingly to Scholars in School, and contrived to take an interest in the Old Wathonians Association, attending

Reunions until illness stopped them. Even then they were in constant contact with us and appreciated being remembered. Old Wathonians attended the funerals of all three and floral tributes were sent on behalf of the Association. No flowers were sent to Mr. Gear's funeral, by special request, but some were sent to Miss Gear, who at that time was in hospital. She was delighted with them. She has now left the district and is living with relatives, but we are still in contact. She is still interested in our activities and sends her best wishes to the Association. Miss Vernon and Miss Edge's sister both expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the sympathy and the affection of the Old Wathonians. In July Miss Marks retired. The Committee, on behalf of the Old Wathonians, gave their best wishes to her for a long and happy retirement and showed their appreciation of her continued loyalty to the Association.

Three social functions have been arranged for this year. On Friday June 28th there is to be a Buffet-Social, the object of which is to welcome School Leavers to the Association.

The Reunion Buffet, which was arranged for April 6th, unfortunately, because of lack of support, had to be cancelled. The A.G.M. was to have been held at this function, but has now been postponed until the third event, which is a Reunion Dinner on Saturday, September 21st. We hope that as many people as possible will support the remaining two functions.

There has been a good response to the A. T. L. Gear Memorial Fund and the form which the memorial will take will be discussed at the A.G.M.

We cannot conclude the Old Wathonians Notes without proud mention of Charles Curran, Director General of the B.B.C., who has once again brought great honour to the School. He was granted a Knighthood in the New Year's Honours List. We offer our hearty congratulations to Sir Charles.

Please do send any news of Old Scholars to the Secretary, Miss K. Clark, 19 Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. As the time of publishing the magazine has been altered during the last few years, there will no longer be a subscription to include it. It will be on sale, price 20p, at the September Reunion. There will now be two subscriptions only. Life Membership £3.15 (or £2.10 if paid within the first year of leaving). Annual subscription 25p.

SUCSESSES OF OLD WATHONIANS

CHARLES CURRAN, Director General of the B.B.C. was knighted in the New Year's Honours List.

JOHN FORSTER, for the second year in succession, has been awarded a Leverhulme Scholarship to continue studying at the Royal College of Music in London. He has been awarded the prize for a most distinguished student by the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

JACK HARRIS has qualified as barrister-at-law, and has been called to the bar. He graduated at Oxford (St. Catherine's) with an M.A. degree in law.

HARRY MACK has recently been appointed Senior Research Physicist for Mobile in Dallas, Texas.

IAN MILSOM has taken up a post as House Surgeon at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool, on the Professorial Surgical Unit.

ROBERT VENABLES has been called to the Bar and has taken up a lectureship in law at University College, London.

GRAHAM WARREN has been doing research at the City University in Geneva, and is now studying for his Ph.D. at Liverpool University.

PETER WELBURN is studying for an M.Sc. degree at Sydney University, and hopes to take his Ph.D. at Oxford in 1975.

MICHAEL J. LIMB (1955 - 1962)

Graduated at Manchester University with a B.D.S. Degree in 1966. Spent a period in practice and with Lancashire County Council followed by School Dental Surgeon to the West Riding County Council (Wath) 1967 - 1973. Gained a Diploma in Dental Public Health of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1973 and joined the Royal Air Force in January 1974, being Senior Dental Officer at R.A.F. Oakington, near Cambridge, and was promoted to the Rank of Squadron Leader in May 1974.

CHRISTOPHER H. WOOD (1955 - 1962)

Graduated at Liverpool University in 1966 with a B.Eng. Degree, gained his M.I.C.E. in 1971 and is now Associate with Brian Walker and Partners, Consultant Engineers, London.

Wren Lynn Rawlin is training as a Writer in the W.R.N.S. on H.M.S. Pembroke, Chatham. Mrs. E. M. Brettell has been appointed Headteacher of the Swinton and Kilnhurst County Primary School.

Fireman G. C. Pearson has been promoted to the rank of Leading Fireman and appointed to the Divisional Training Staff at Brampton.

Ian Peter Roberts (living in Sydney, Australia) has obtained his Master's Ticket in the Merchant Navy.

Dr. Janet Roebuck, Associate Professor of History at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, has had a book published in this country.

Flight Lieutenant Peter Atkinson is an Air Electronics Officer, recently returned from service in Singapore.

The Rev. Gordon Bates has been appointed Resident Canon at Liverpool Cathedral, and will also be Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Sheila Margaret Danforth has been awarded a Diploma for Speech from the London College of Music and Speech.

MARRIAGE

Mr. Kenneth R. Watkin to Miss Gillian Nicholls on April 13th 1974.

DEATHS

We record with regret the deaths of:

Miss Edge.

Mr. Leadley.

Mr. E. J. L. Grear.

Terry Finch.

**GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1973
ADVANCED LEVEL**

These figures represent passes gained in 1973 only and do not include passes gained in previous years.

FORM 6A

Baker, David (2)
Guild, Gary (4)
Armitage, Mary E. (3)
Candlin, Margaret E. (3)
Cook, Denise (3)
Craven, Julie P. (2)
Dalton, Christina A. (2)
Evans, Margaret J. (2)
Fletcher, Coral (3)
Godfrey, Susan (2)
Goldthorpe Catherine (3)
Harding, Kathleen (3)
Hazzeldine, Patricia A. (2)
Mank, Yvonne C. (1)
Mighali, Maria J. (1)
Norton, Rita A. (3)
Sixsmith, Jane (1)

FORM 6B

Atkinson, Robin L. (2)
Corns, Stephen (2)
Cushing, Peter (1)
Dyson, Peter (3)
Eades, Graham (4)
Gant, David L. (3)
Hays, Peter (2)
Mower, Richard (2)
Oades, John (2)
Parkin, James M. (3)
Thorpe, David A. (4)
Walker, Christopher J. (3)
Webster, Collin (3)
Webster, John (4)
Everatt, Andrea (3)
Kilner, Jean (3)
Law Dorothy (2)
Wade, Barbara M. (2)
Whitehouse Lorraine (3)
Worth, Valerie (2)

FORM 6C

Fretwell, Martin (1)
Griffiths, David A. (1)
Marshall, David C. (2)
Shaw, Colin (1)
Barraclough, Christine A. (1)
Batemann, Pauline A. (2)
Charlesworth, Susanne P. (2)
Danforth, Sheila M. (1)
Gower, Elizabeth A. (1)
Harrison, Kathryn E. (3)

Ibbetson, Catherine A. (1)
Licence, Elaine A. (1)
Lund, Margaret (3)
Marriott, Linsey (1)
Scott, Jane (2)
Smith, Margaret (1)
Sommefeldt, Karen (2)
Taylor, Marion (2)
Waring, Carol E. (2)
White, Erica A. (2)

FORM 6D

Bailey, Christopher M. (4)
Brookes, Keith (4)
Clayton, Roger W. (4)
Cooper, Michael R. (3)
George-Kelso Simon (4)
Gill, Stephen (4)
Greening-Jackson, Robert B. (3)
Guest, Gordon (3)
Haigh, Stephen J. (3)
Hill, Nigel P. (4)
Kenworthy, Richard (4)
North, Ian R. (2)
Richardson, Peter R. (4)
Smales, Mark (4)
Youel, Peter (2)
Milnes, Jane (2)

FORM 6E

Blakeley, Paul W. (1)
Coles, Geoffrey (4)
Elliott, David W. (1)
Hamshaw, Gary (3)
Johnson, Brian (3)
Oliver, Kevin J. (3)
Parkes, David E. (4)
Vickers, Peter D. (4)
Addey, Jane E. (4)
Beaumont, Alison D. (1)
Brown, Gillian M. (4)
Cleary, Kathryn (4)
Hargreaves, Pauline (4)
Illsley, Jane M. (4)
Markham, Irene E. (2)
Nutton, Glinnys J. (4)
Scothern, Anne M. (1)

FORM 6F

Benfold, Gary S. (3)
Burrows, John A. (3)
Clerehugh, Paul S. (5)
Coughtrie, Allan M. (3)
Elliss, Christopher R. (4)
Fawthrop, Nigel P. (4)
Horsley, David K. (1)
Nutton, Ivor J. (4)
Palframan, Kenneth (2)
Perry, Graham A. (3)
Snowdon, Leon (4)

Form 5

The number of passes obtained at G.C.E. "O" Level is shown in figures, and include passes obtained in the Fourth Form. C.S.E. subjects (other than those passed in G.C.E.), and in which a Grade 1 pass was awarded, are shown by an asterisk. **Four or more Passes in G.C.E. and C.S.E. Grade 1**

FORM 50

Barlow, Peter G. (6)
Fidler, Kevin P. (7)
Hodson, Paul S. (9)
Knowles, Stephen G. (9)
Watt, Christopher (5)
Bond, Kathryn J. (10)
Braithwaite, Anne D. (7)
Campbell, Amanda R. (7)
Carle, Bridget L. (8)
Carr, Anita J. (9)
Cooke, Lynne P. (8)
Cooper, Jane (9)
Davies, Ruth (9)
Hague, Caroline (10)
Heeley, Andrea K. (8)
Hirst, Diane (7)
Howell, Gail A. (6)
Kemp, Susan M. (5)
Millican, Kathryn M. (5)
Newton, Elaine (7*)
Pearce, Denise K. (5)
Pimperton, Kim (8)
Smith, Christine N. (9)
Stevenson, Shirley A. (9)
Ward, Colleen (7)
Warren, Jillian L. (8)
Whittingham, Lynda A. (7)

FORM 51

Day, Roger M. (3*)
Norris, Stephen P. (5)
Venables, Richard (3**)
White, Stephen (6)
Adamson, Brenda (6*)
Binns, Helen J. (9)
Bromley, Jacqueline (4*)
Chase, Lynn (4*)
Evans, Rowena L. (9)
Facer, Sandra (7**)
Fowler, Olive (4)
Ibbetson, Julie A. (7*)
Lowe, Kathryn J. (6)
Poxon, Heather (6*)
Ravenhill, Kathryn (4)
Roebuck, Barbara (6)
Stewardson, Christine A. (4)
Straw, Gillan I. (6)
Waring, Kathleen R. (6)

FORM 52

Anderson, Michael R. (5*)
Carr, David (7)
Frost, Andrew (4*)
Law, Michael (8)
Webb, Mary (7)

Sykes, Trevor M. (4)
Weeks, Martin M. (4)
Beaumont, P. Anne (6**)
Bristow, Susan (8)
Gregory, Janice (5*)
Haigh, Yvonne (4)
Hickling, Janet (5*)
Machin, Carole E. (5*)
Mason, Caroline S. (6)
South, Susan D. (4*)

FORM 53

Bacon, John G. (9)
Baker, Keith (3**)
Boyes, Glenn D. (4*)
Chapman, Robert E. (8)
Corbishley, John (9)
Coy, Roger N. (8)
Davis, Robert G. (6)
Gardener, Paul (6*)
Goodall, Philip A. (7*)
Hutchinson, Nigel (9)
Kay, Roger (7*)
Lomas, Stephen (8*)
Oldknow, Martin (8)
Taylor, Mark A. (6*)
Ward, Nicholas (8)
West, Robert D. (3*)
Ennis, Carol (9)
Kenworthy, Diana M. (9)
Mapplebeck, Sharon (4***)

FORM 54

Berry, John P. (8)
Catley, David E. (6)
Dawber, Peter J. (3***)
Edwards, William J. (9)
Fawthrop, Russell H. (9)
Froud, Michael D. (7*)
Godfrey, Philip J. (5)
Hanstock, Simon R. (9)
Hoyle, Keith (6)
Spink, Roderick W. (5)
Summerfield, John M. (7)
Thompson, John E. (4)
Turner, Anthony H. (9)
Ward, Trevor (4)
Wood, William (5*)
Addey, Katherine M. (9)
Atkinson, Lynne J. (7)
Clarke, Julie D. (7*)
Froggatt, Debbie (8)
Hall, Janet (8)
Horner, Maureen (9)
Parkin, Andrea (6)
Reader, C. Elaine (7*)
Woodcock, Shani (8*)

FORM 55

Evans, Stephen (4)
Hind, Graeme J. (4)
Makin, Paul A. (3**)
Ridgeway, Wayne (3*)
Read, Carole (6*)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Deek's Memorial Prize for English Literature:	David A. Thorpe
John Richie Memorial Prize for Science:	Simon George-Kelso
Pratt Memorial Prize:	Maureen Horner
Black Memorial Prize for most Distinguished Contribution to School Sports:	Keith Whittingham
Prendergast Memorial Prize for History:	David A. Thorpe
Dr. Saffell's Prize for Languages:	Rita A. Norton

Best Results at 'O' Level, 1973:

Headmaster's Prize:	Simon R. Hanstock
Senior Mistress's Prize:	Anita J. Carr

The Winifred Cooper Award 1973-74:

The Head Boy:	Paul S. Clerehugh
The Head Girl:	Ruth M. Chase

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE ENTRANTS, 1973

Baker, David	- - - -	Wolverhampton Polytechnic
Benfold, Gary S.	- - - -	Bradford University
Brookes, Keith	- - - -	Leeds University
Burrows, John A.	- - - -	Loughborough University
Clayton, Roger W.	- - - -	Loughborough University
Coles, Geoffrey	- - - -	C.F. Mott College of Education
Cooper, Michael R.	- - - -	Loughborough University
Corns, Stephen	- - - -	Chester College of Education
Coughtrie, Allan M.	- - - -	Bradford University
Dyson, Peter	- - - -	Birmingham College of Technology
Eades, Graham	- - - -	Hull University
Fawthorpe, Nigel P.	- - - -	University of Wales (Aberystwyth)
George-Kelso, Simon	- - - -	Southampton University
Gill, Stephen	- - - -	Surrey University
Greening-Jackson, Robert B.	- - - -	Birmingham University
Griffiths, David A.	- - - -	Derby College of Art and Technology
Guest, Gordon	- - - -	University of Wales (Bangor)
Guild, Gary	- - - -	Thames Polytechnic
Haigh, Stephen J.	- - - -	Kesteven College of Education
Hamshaw, Gary	- - - -	Bath University
Hill, Nigel P.	- - - -	Manchester University
Horsley, David K.	- - - -	Sheffield Polytechnic
Johnson, Brian	- - - -	Salford University
Kenworthy, Richard	- - - -	Birmingham University
Marshall, David C.	- - - -	Charlotte Mason College of Education
Mower, Richard	- - - -	Ealing Polytechnic
Nutton, Ivor J.	- - - -	Loughborough University
North, Ian R.	- - - -	Hull University
Oliver, Kevin J.	- - - -	C.F. Mott College of Education
Parkes, David E.	- - - -	University of Wales (Aberystwyth)
Perry, Graham A.	- - - -	Manchester University
Richardson, Peter R.	- - - -	University of Wales (Aberystwyth)

Smales, Mark	-	-	-	Loughborough University
Taylor, Martin R.	-	-	-	Cambridge University (Magdalene)
Thorpe, David A.	-	-	-	Cambridge University (Selwyn)
Vickers, Peter D.	-	-	-	Liverpool University
Webster, Colin	-	-	-	Chester College of Education
Webster, John	-	-	-	University of Kent
Youel, Peter	-	-	-	North Staffordshire Polytechnic
Addey, Jane E.	-	-	-	University of Wales (Aberystwyth)
Armitage, Mary E.	-	-	-	Matlock College of Education
Brown, Gillian M.	-	-	-	Nottingham University
Candlin, Margaret E.	-	-	-	Leicester College of Education
Charlesworth, Susanne P.	-	-	-	Ripon College of Education
Cleary, Kathryn	-	-	-	Liverpool University
Cook, Denise	-	-	-	Newcastle University
Craven, Julie P.	-	-	-	Chester College of Education
Dalton, Christina A.	-	-	-	Neville's Cross College of Education
Danforth, Sheila M.	-	-	-	Dudley College of Education
Dorchester, Ivy	-	-	-	Shenstone New College, Bromsgrove
Everatt, Andrea	-	-	-	Leeds University
Fletcher, Coral	-	-	-	Leicester College of Education
Godfrey, Susan	-	-	-	Coventry College of Education
Goldthorpe, Catherine	-	-	-	Lincoln College of Education
Harding, Kathleen	-	-	-	Leicester University
Hargreaves, Pauline	-	-	-	Leeds University
Harrison, Kathryn E.	-	-	-	Sheffield Polytechnic
Hazzledine, Patricia A.	-	-	-	Matlock College of Education
Ibbetson, Catherine A.	-	-	-	Bath College of Education
Illsley, Jane M.	-	-	-	Nottingham University
Law, Dorothy	-	-	-	Leicester College of Education
License, Elaine A.	-	-	-	Neville's Cross College of Education
Lumb, Margaret	-	-	-	Walsall College of Education
Mank, Yvonne C.	-	-	-	Ponteland College of Education
Marriott, Linsey	-	-	-	Kingston-upon-Hull College of Education
Mighali, Maria J.	-	-	-	Poulton-le-Fylde College of Education
Milnes, Jane	-	-	-	St. John's College of Education, York
Norton, Rita A.	-	-	-	Hull University
Nutton, G. Jane	-	-	-	Portsmouth Polytechnic
Parker, Jane	-	-	-	Durham University
Scott, Jane	-	-	-	Clacton College of Education
Smith, Margaret	-	-	-	Madeley College of Education
Sommefeldt, Karen E.	-	-	-	Teeside College of Education
Taylor, Marian	-	-	-	Shenstone New College, Bromsgrove
Wade, Barbara M.	-	-	-	Royal College of Music
Waring, Carol E.	-	-	-	Nottingham College of Education

OTHER PUPILS ENTERING FULL-TIME TRAINING OR COURSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Atkinson, Robin L.	-	-	-	Mexborough Junior College
Blakeley, Paul W.	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Elliss, Martyn	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Art
Norris, Stephen P.	-	-	-	Police Cadet
Watt, Christopher	-	-	-	Police Cadet
Batemann, Pauline A.	-	-	-	Harrogate College of Further Education

Brammer, Ann	-	-	-	Pre-nursing
Clarke, Susan	-	-	-	Mexborough Technical College
Clarke, Carol	-	-	-	Mexborough Technical College
Edwards, Jean H.	-	-	-	Pre-nursing, Sheffield
Evans, M. Joy	-	-	-	B.A. (Arts), Trent Polytechnic
Gower, Elizabeth A.	-	-	-	Secretarial Course, Barnsley College of Technology
Haigh, Ann	-	-	-	Pre-nursing
Hayes, Ann	-	-	-	Pre-nursing
Hill, Christine	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Hope, Carmel A.	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Lee, Lisa L.	-	-	-	Pre-nursing
Machin, Carole E.	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Penny, Margaret Y. D.	-	-	-	Barnsley College of Technology
Read, Carole	-	-	-	Nursing
South, Susan D.	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Speight, Linda	-	-	-	Rotherham College of Technology
Wilson, Linda	-	-	-	Technical College
Worth, Valerie	-	-	-	Occupational Therapy (St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton)

DEGREE SUCCESSES OF PAST STUDENTS

(This list includes degrees obtained in 1972 and 1973)

Ashford, Ian	-	-	-	B.A. London
Bailey, Philip	-	-	-	B.A. Newcastle
Carle, Gillian	-	-	-	B.A. Leicester
Eades, Annetta J.	-	-	-	B.A. Salford
France, Jane	-	-	-	B.A. Bristol
Frodsham, Peter R.	-	-	-	B.A. Oxford
Gough, Katrina R.	-	-	-	B.A. Nottingham
Grimshaw, Carol A.	-	-	-	B.A. Manchester
Haigh, John L.	-	-	-	B.Sc. (Econ.)
Hargreaves, N. G.	-	-	-	B.Sc. Liverpool
Hatfield, G. M.	-	-	-	B.Sc. (Bio-Chemistry) Manchester
Hawley, Brett	-	-	-	B.Sc. Southampton
Kerr, Robert B. B.	-	-	-	B.A. Liverpool
Lang, Karen	-	-	-	B.A. Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Logan, Ian	-	-	-	B.Sc. Sheffield Polytechnic
Markham, John	-	-	-	B.A. Liverpool
Milsom, Ian	-	-	-	M.B., Ch.B. Liverpool
Shaw, Ann	-	-	-	B.A. Bristol
Smith, Stuart L.	-	-	-	B.A. Oxford (St. Peter's) in preparation for degree in Medicine
Spencer, Anthony J.	-	-	-	B.Sc. Manchester
Sugars, Lynn	-	-	-	B.A. Keele
Turton, Michael D.	-	-	-	B.Sc. Hull
Warren, Graham	-	-	-	B.A. Oxford (Keble)
Welburn, Peter	-	-	-	B.Sc. Edinburgh
West, Anthony	-	-	-	Ph.D. Leicester

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