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## EDITORIAL

**T**HIS issue of the Buchan School Magazine has appeared much later than we intended ; we apologise to our faithful advertisers, without whose support the magazine could not be produced, and to our regular readers who expected publication in September. The chief reason for delay is that the last issue contained accounts of two Speech Days and it was necessary to wait for 1959-60 Speech Day to take place before publication. Many friends of the School complimented us on our Speech Day and the Press were generous to us in the matter of photographs, all of which were very well taken. The Head Boarder, however, was put down as Miss Godred, no doubt a tribute to her devotion to her House!

In July, 1960, we said good-bye to our Headmistress, Miss A. Nicol Smith, M.A., who left us to take up tutorial work in London in a Roman Catholic Training College, after three years' service to the School. Mrs. Quayle and Miss Brew also left the School in July. We send our good wishes to Miss Brew for her wedding which is to take place in St. George's Church, Douglas, on December 27th, and we thank her again for her gift of a silver cup for the Junior Swimming Champion. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Quayle on the birth of their daughter. Mrs. Quayle has given to the School the Quayle Prize for Handwriting, won this year by Hazel Christian.

## ANNUAL REPORT, SPEECH DAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1960

**Y**OUR Excellency, Lady Garvey, Mr. Chairman, My Lord Bishop, Governors, Parents and Friends, Staff and School.

I am very happy to welcome Lady Garvey as our Guest of Honour today. We would have no-one more concerned for our happiness and welfare.

During the past sixteen years in which I have been associated with this school, as parent, part-time teacher, full-time teacher, Deputy Headmistress and Acting Headmistress—in fact I am a Parent Teacher Association in my own right—I have seen it weather many storms! Some of these have been severe, but in spite of some gloomy prophecy, none of them has swept it away! On the contrary, numbers continue to rise, we shall have four new girls in January, an unusual increase at that time of the year. It is a small school with large problems. But none of these is insurmountable while we have unity of purpose and endeavour, from Governors, Staff and Parents, all of whom have this year put forth more strenuous efforts than ever before for the good of the school. Here, I would mention that Mr. J. S. Kermode sends his apologies for absence today. He has served this school most loyally and faithfully for over twenty years as Secretary and Correspondent to the Governors, and although we shall miss his services now that he has retired, we hope he will continue his association with the school. The Governors have set in motion a building scheme, the first section of a considerable number of building plans, for the improvement of our school meals service. A kitchen is being built at Westhill, which will be equipped to provide all meals for the school. This is a further step in unifying the running of the two parts of the school, Westhill and Bowling Green Road. The converted stables have made an excellent recreation room, which is used by Boarders and Day Girls as a club room, games room and cinema. When it has been properly tiled, it will be put to still further use by dancing classes. There are further plans for the enlargement of the school dining room and for extra accommodation at Westhill.

The school is deeply grateful for all the gifts it has received, and is receiving, from the Parent/Teacher Association and other friends. May I here express thanks to the Forestry Board for its generous assistance in preparing the platform today, and to Mr. Peach of Ellerslie Nurseries—one of many of our ever helpful fathers. Another Association which continues to flourish is the Old Girls' Association, which has made many gifts to the School during the year. A successful dance was held last year and another is to be held on the 4th January, 1961, at the Fort Anne Hotel.

At this point also I particularly wish to express the thanks of the school to the Principal of King William's College who continues to help us in countless ways, but particularly for allowing our "A" level candidates in Physics and Chemistry to work at the College and use the Laboratory facilities there—and not the least for lending us partners for our Senior Dance!

Individual benefactors of the school continue to support it loyally and practically; we are again indebted to Lady Collet, staunch friend of the school for many years, and we wish she were well enough to attend functions such as this. Prizes have been donated by the Old Girls, by Mrs. Kinvig, Mrs. Radcliffe, Mr. Humphreys, Mrs. Quayle and Miss Brew, and by the Board of Governors.

Reviewing the past year in the academic field, I am happy to learn that Margaret Kelly has graduated with the degree of G.R.S.M. from the Royal Schools of Music and is now taking a Diploma course in Education. Margaret Prew has completed her training at Manchester College of Music and is teaching in Manchester. This school has a strong musical tradition and whether a girl wishes to take up a career in music or not, I believe that everyone benefits in

ability to appreciate and enjoy music, who has battled, however unsuccessfully, with learning to play an instrument when young, in the same way as many have to battle to learn to read. That many parents share this view is apparent from the long list of girls wishing to take music lessons. In order that these may not coincide with other lessons it has been found necessary in some cases to reduce the double weekly lesson to a single. I think it is wrong to suppose that because a girl is not going to take up a career in music she should not have the opportunity of learning to play an instrument.

Results in the General Certificate of Education of the Oxford and Cambridge Board taken in July, 1960, were more or less as expected, although we feel that it will take a little time for the school to gain the same familiarity with the form and requirements of the Oxford and Cambridge Board's papers, after being geared for so long to those of the Joint Matriculation Board. Some girls obtained excellent results which bode well for their "A" level studies; others, as usual, paid more attention to the lighter occupations—and reaped their reward! As a result of this "O" level examinations we have no less than five girls in Form VI taking Advanced subjects in Science, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Zoology are all being taken to Advanced and Scholarship level. We have no less than twenty three girls in Form Six, the next year it will be even larger—a remarkable number for the size of the School.

Outstanding in other fields are in Music, Pianoforte, Shirin AlAnsari obtained a Distinction, Grade VI. Other girls who obtained this high mark earlier in the year were Pauline Kennaugh, Pianoforte, Grade VII and Violin Grade VII. Maria Kegg, Pianoforte, Grade IV, Christine Lothead, Pianoforte, Grade II, Margaret Callister, Cello, Grade II and Marilyn Conroy, Viola, Grade V, and in the Guildhall School of Speech and Drama, Suzanne Lawson was awarded the rare Distinction mark.

Since August 1st, 1960, I have done my best to keep the school running smoothly, and I am deeply grateful for the splendid way in which the Staff at School, Office Staff, and the House Staff at West Hill have given me their full support. The Governors this term have made progress in providing more suitable accommodation for Sixth form boarders, who now have either a study bedroom for two or, thanks to additional accommodation at the Crofts, single or double bedrooms, and a Sixth form study. We hope, in time, to provide individual cubicles or studies for all Sixth form boarders. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Cain and the co-operation of Mr. Devereau, the golf professional at Pulrose Golf Course, our Sixth form boarders now have a very flourishing golf club, and, who knows, we may in time emulate the success of King William's College in producing an Island champion golfer! Three of the Sixth form boarders are taking driving lessons under the R.A.C. scheme.

The Ballet class run by Mrs. Mudie continues to be popular, and in addition, we now have a ballroom dancing class, and a class in Greek dancing, mime, and stage movement, taken weekly by Mrs. Gelling. This training will be invaluable to members of the dramatic Society and to any girls who may wish to train later in Speech and Drama.

A Riding Club has been formed and there is already a membership of twenty-three, of ages ranging from four years to sixteen! Badges of membership are to be provided and graded tests may be taken which will lead to the Preliminary Certificate of the British Horse Society. We may have a budding Pat Smythe amongst us!

In P.E. generally, we are keeping up to date with modern developments. Our P.E. specialist, Mrs. Cain, took a course in new methods at Dartford Physical Training College during the summer.

Conferences on education have several main topics for discussion at the present time. One of these is the necessity for our Sixth form scientists to have some knowledge of the humanities and for our arts students to be aware of the progress of science, in order to keep the broad basis of a cultural education. To keep pace with up-to-date views in Sixth form work we continue to provide certain non-examination studies for our Sixth formers, together with courses in the appreciation of art and music. They all take the General Paper for Sixth form students. Another current topic is concerned with a change of attitude of authority to the senior pupils in view of earlier maturity of school-boys and girls, a third is the changed future for women. We treat our Sixth form as adults; they have been given more responsibility and authority and certain privileges, such as the wearing of prefects' gowns, generously provided by the Old Girls' Association and the Parent/Teachers' Association, and this term Upper VI have a separate dining room and study. Increased freedom has been entirely justified by the united support the prefects have shown to the Staff and myself this term, and by the reliable way in which they have carried out their duties.

A third topic of discussion among educationalists, the change in the future for girls, most of whom will no doubt find themselves running a career as well as a house, was forecast by Miss Hilton in her address to the Parent/Teachers' Association some time ago. A new social system is evolving in this respect, and, where, formerly continuing to work after marriage was only possible in certain professions such as the medical and legal professions and the stage, nowadays practically all careers remain open to women after marriage. This point was stressed by Women Inspector Christie of the Metropolitan Police and Squadron Officer Binns of the Women's Royal Air Force who addressed the school in the first week of term. Therefore it is gratifying to note that our girls are determined to qualify themselves as highly as they can. Never in the history of the school have we had so many girls applying for University entrance as hope to go there in 1961. Never have applicants offered such a variety of subjects in one year. They are applying for courses in Pharmacy, Dentistry, Medicine, Optics, Modern Languages, English, History, Social Science and Economics. To have twelve of them applying from Upper VI is something to be proud of, and each of them deserves to succeed. In other ways too, I am glad to be able to say that I am proud to be associated with the Buchan School. Of course, in any school, there are bound to be one or two who are not as well behaved in public or private as they might be. But there are more who show enterprise and resolution just as exceptional. Three Sixth form girls were plucky enough to enter for the Parish walk and Patricia Leather did particularly well, completing nearly forty miles; Michèle Standen went to Aviemore in Scotland during the vacation, on a Senior School Exploration course run by the Scottish Council for Physical Recreation. Marilyn Conroy had an audition for the National Youth Orchestra in Manchester in October, and as a result, is a reserve for this year and has been given a definite place for 1961.

Finally, if I may, I should like to read to you, with the permission of Mrs. Proctor, an extract from a letter received from the County Commissioner for the County of London North and East, in which two girls whom this school may be said to have "brought up" as they were both here from an early age, were mentioned in the following words:— "I do want to write and report on Jean Ellis and Janet Honey whom you sent to our National Camp this summer. They were quite delightful, friendly, charming mannered Guides and good campers and were popular with the Guides and staff alike. Unfortunately we had the most appalling weather. At one point we had 48 hours' continuous downpour. But throughout it all your guides were bright and cheerful and a joy to have with us". This is the spirit we would wish to see in our girls; it is the spirit of our school motto; a spirit so greatly needed in the world today; a spirit of goodwill and helpful consideration for others.

J. M. WATKIN.



## OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Acting President : Miss Halsall.  
Chairman : Mrs. Kewley.

Secretary : Mrs. Burton.  
Treasurer : Mrs. Davies.

### Committee :

Miss Renton, Miss Black, Miss Lewthwaite,  
Miss Kinvig, Miss Kennaugh.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1960

**T**HE past year has brought another varied and interesting calendar for the Old Girls' Association for which we must thank the work of the President and the Committee under its new Chairman. The date of the Annual General Meeting was changed from November to April and an Annual General Meeting was held at the Sefton Hotel on November 7th.

On January 2nd the Annual Dance, held at the Sefton Hotel, was well attended and a most enjoyable evening resulted. This is now becoming a very popular annual event.

The Annual General Meeting for 1960 was held at Fort Anne Hotel on April 4th.

On June 9th the Old Girls' Association assisted the Parent/Teachers' Association Fair, in St. George's Hall, by holding a Produce Stall. The tennis match against the School was played on July 21st, and was won by the Old Girls' team. The following night we attended the school Country Dance Party at Westhill and had a stall there towards the Association funds.

Subscriptions are now due and should be sent to the Treasurer.

The Annual Dance will be held next year on January 4th, 1961, at the Fort Anne Hotel. Tickets (12/6) may be obtained from the following addresses :

Avril's Hairdressing Saloon, Buck's Road, Douglas.

Mrs. Davies, c/o Kermode's, Chemist, Port Erin and Port St. Mary.

Mrs. Preston, 12, Ash Grove, Ramsey.

Mrs. Burton, Main Road, Ballasalla.

### NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

**Patricia Stowell** (nee Price). Living in Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire. Secretary to the Professor of Architecture at Liverpool University.

**Margaret Keggins** and **Kathleen Hunter** have gone to Australia under an exchange scheme for teachers.

**Marjorie Watton** (nee Simcocks) is home from Canada on a short visit.

**Jean Ellis** is taking up physiotherapy when she returns from Switzerland.

**Gillian Swales**, S.R.N., is taking a midwifery course.

**Sylvia Corkill** has been on the Island for the summer and has now returned to London.

**Margaret Kelly** graduated at the Royal Schools of Music. Now taking the Diploma of Education of London University.

**Marriages.**—Margaret Cain is now Mrs. Gelling.

Audrey Holmes is now Mrs. Owens.

Betty Brént is now Mrs. Cubbon.

Amorel Gresswell is now Mrs. Collister.

Rosemary Waters is now Mrs. Jackson.

# THE BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Chairman : Mr. L. K. Gore.  
Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. J. E. Moore.  
Hon. Secretary : Mr. A. C. Jones.  
Hon. Auditor : Mr. L. J. Kewley.

Committee Members representing the Staff :— Miss Brew, Miss Shannon.  
Committee Members representing the Parents :— Lady Garvey, Mesdames Brownsdon, Lightbody, Maughan, Kewley, Preston, Kennaugh, Cubbon, Riggall, and Sansom, and Messrs. S. Standen and W. J. Moore.

**T**HE Annual General Meeting was held on the 3rd November, 1959, when there was a fair representation of parents and teachers under the chairmanship of Mr. Gore. An account of the previous season's activities was given and the Chairman thanked the officials and committee members for their good work during the previous school year. Miss Nicol Smith thanked the Association for providing funds to improve the library and for the purchase of a Tape Recorder. Among other desirable amenities mentioned by the Head Mistress was the need for a "Mapograph," the functions of which were described to the meeting by Mr. Percy Humphreys. It was greatly appreciated that by the end of the meeting sufficient funds had been donated to make the immediate purchase of a "Mapograph" possible.

The two main functions of the year were a Social evening in March, during which a very interesting private film of life and activities in Fiji was shown by Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey, and a FAIR in June, originally planned to be held in the Gardens of Government House, but which was held in St. George's Hall, Douglas, on account of inclement weather. This Fair proved to be a great success and a profit of about £170 was made. This money will be used to provide further amenities for the School.

It is a pity that fewer than one half of the parents join the Association as paid-up members, and that many do not avail themselves of the opportunities presented by the Association for meeting socially with other parents and discussing matters of interest and advantage to all pupils.

During the past three years the Committee has enjoyed friendly and helpful co-operation with Miss Nicol Smith and her resignation as Head Mistress means that we have lost a loyal friend. We wish her every success and happiness in her new appointment.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. C. JONES,

Honorary Secretary.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1959-1960

Head Girl : Peggy Howarth.

Deputy Head Girl : Pamela Davies.

Head Boarder : Vivien Hughes.

Prefects : Janet Beagle, Jean Ellis, Tanya Sansom.

Sub-Prefects : Helen Bull, Carol Clague, Marilyn Conroy, Pauline Kennaugh, Patricia Leather, Sandra Phillips, Tanja Wray.

House Captains : Godred — Sandra Phillips.

Magnus — Carol Clague.

Olaf — Pauline Kennaugh.

Magazine Editor : Janet Beagle.

## SALVETE

September, 1959.—John Brookfield, David Brookfield, Fiona Caithness, Katherine Callow, Jane Cubbon, Lynne Jackson, Wendy Kissack, Susan O'Meara, Sheila Robins, Carole Robins, Christine Taggart, Elaine Watkins, Julia Garvey, Lavinia Garvey, Raya Kharusi, Patricia Thacker, Hazel Christian, Janet Forrester, Fenella Madoc, Lynne Gelling, Jane Stevenson, Jacqueline Sofio, Alexander Moore.

April, 1960.—Wendy Leach, Claire Peach, Jane Bordell.

September, 1960.—Bruna Bishop, Paula Bishop, Angela Clague, Saida Lemki, Salma Lemki, Jacqueline Singleton, Claire Nicholls, Patricia Hudson, Patricia Cooney, Mary Faragher, Ingrid Murray, Susan Cormode, Derry Ennett, Susan Evans, Margaret Sillick, Maureen Casement.

October, 1960.—Susan Lothead.

## VALETE

Michaelmas Term, 1959—

Entered September, 1959.—Wendy Kissack. Carole Robins and Sheila Robins to Tanganyika.

Easter Term, 1960—

Penelope Robertson. Sandra Brooks. Pamela Brooks. Prudence Lockwood. Rebecca Comish.

Summer Term, 1960—

Entered September, 1951.—Jean Ellis.

Entered April, 1955.—Peggy Hughes to Redlands Training College, Bristol.

Entered September, 1954.—Vivien Hughes. Christine Dale to Secretarial Training College.

Entered September, 1955.—Christine Nicholls.

Entered June, 1952.—Gillian Riggall.

Entered September, 1957.—Elizabeth Clague. Joyce Mills. Peter Freer (to King Williams College).

Entered September, 1958.—Lesley Jones.

## ABERDEENSHIRE,

11th August, 1960.

Dear Buchaneers,

This letter is addressed to you all, both present and past pupils, staff and parents. Its purpose is to thank you all for your generous gifts and the appreciation of my work during the past three years which you expressed. The beautiful Manx rug goes everywhere with me and has already often been used for picnics on the heather and the beaches of Scotland. The book-trough, given by the Boarders and so well made and uniquely carved by Mr. Keig, holds my holiday library perfectly and among the books are those presented by the School. The records have reached me and are a pleasure in store, when I am once more settled.

Even if I were not surrounded by your kindness, I should remember with pleasure the time I spent with you and the interest of working with you and trying to build up the Buchan School. I am very glad to have been able to make a contribution to its long tradition and to the careers of some of its pupils. The reward of a Head Mistress is that some of the seeds of scholarship, value and character-training, which she sows, bear fruit, that some of her ideas are woven into the development of the school. In saying good-bye to you, let me add how pleased I shall be to see any of you in London or to hear from you.

With all good wishes for a prosperous and happy future at "the Buchan".

Yours very sincerely,

AILSA NICOL SMITH,

Head Mistress, 1957-1960.

### SPEECH DAY, 25th November, 1960

**L**ADY GARVEY presented the prizes and certificates at the Annual Speech Day held in the School Hall, and addressed the school. Claire Peach, Patricia Hudson, Wendy Leach and Angela Clague welcomed Lady Garvey, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Watkin with flowers. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who had not expected to be able to attend, at the last moment was free to come and we were delighted to have him with us. Lady Garvey's request for an extra day's holiday was granted by the Archdeacon, Chairman of the Board of Governors, so the school was closed on Monday, 28th.

### PROGRAMME

1. Song of Shadows (Armstrong Gibbs)—Senior Choir.
2. The Chairman of the Board of Governors—The Archdeacon of Man, The Ven. E. H. Stenning, M.B.E., M.A., T.D.
3. Report of the Acting Head Mistress.
4. Address by Lady Garvey.
5. Distribution of Prizes and Certificates.
6. The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, The Right Rev. Benjamin Pollard, T.D., D.D., M.Sc.
7. School Song.
8. The National Anthem.

### PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.  
General Certificate of Education, 1960.

#### Advanced Level:

J. Beagle	English Literature ; German.
J. Ellis	History.
P. Howarth	History.
P. Davies	Chemistry.

**Ordinary Alternative Level :**

P. Davies                      Physics.

**General Paper (for VI only) :**

J. Beagle                      J. Ellis                      P. Davies

**Ordinary Level :**

C. Dale	English Language ; English Literature ; French ; German.
S. Gilmour	English Literature ; French ; Mathematics ; Physics ; Biology.
F. Gore	English Language ; English Literature ; French ; History ; Scripture ; Art.
E. Kinrade	English Literature.
A. Jones	English Language ; Latin ; French ; German ; History ; Mathematics ; Biology.
J. Keggins	English Literature ; History ; Biology.
V. Matthews	English Literature ; History ; Geography ; Biology ; Scripture.
C. Nicholls	English Language ; English Literature ; Latin ; French ; History ; Mathematics ; Biology ; Art.
J. Riggall	Geography ; Scripture.
N. Robertson	English Literature ; Scripture.
M. Standen	English Literature ; Geography ; Mathematics ; Biology.
J. Wright	English Language ; French ; German ; Mathematics ; History.

**Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board.****General Certificate of Education, November, 1959.**

M. Conroy	History.
V. Hughes	Scripture : Art.
P. Leather	English Language ; Chemistry.
V. Pedder	English Language.
S. Phillips	Latin.

**Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.****General Certificate of Education, December, 1959.**

M. Conroy                      Greek.

**Form Prizes**

Upper VI	J. Beagle.
Lower VI	T. Sansom
Upper V	E. Kinrade
Lower V	B. Jones, J. Callister.
Upper IV	M. Kegg.
Lower IV	R. Jones.
Upper III	P. Caithness.
III Remove	G. Moore, F. Caithness.
Lower III	J. Barrett, B. Parkinson.
II and I	P. Freer.
K.G.	S. Holt.

**Subject Prizes**

Scripture  
English  
History  
Geography  
Science  
  
Mathematics  
  
Classics  
French  
Latin  
German

**Senior**

F. Gore  
J. Beagle  
C. Nicholls  
B. Jones  
B. Jones  
  
S. Gilmour  
  
M. Conroy  
C. Nicholls  
E. Kinrade  
J. Beagle

**Junior**

E. Maugham  
F. Caithness  
L. Garvey  
L. Garvey  
R. Jones  
P. Brownsdon  
R. Jones  
J. Callow  
  
S. Kinvig  
J. Callow  
J. Callister (special)

Art  
Needlework  
Music

G. Keig  
J. Moore  
K. Kewley  
M. Callister

J. Allen  
K. Callow  
P. Brownsdon

**Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music  
Michaelmas Term, 1959.**

**Pianoforte**

Grade II  
Grade III

P. Brownsdon.  
J. Fargher (with Merit), R. Jones (with Merit),  
S. Kinvig (with Merit).  
B. Jones, M. Kegg (with Distinction).  
E. Kinrade.

Grade IV  
Grade VI

M. Callister.

Grade VIII

**Viollincello**

Grade II

M. Callister (with Distinction).

**Viola**

Grade V

C. Clague (with Merit), M. Conroy (with Distinction).

**Violin**

P. Kennaugh (with Distinction).

**Easter Term**

**Pianoforte**

Grade I

P. Caithness (with Merit), G. Cowley, C. Finan,  
D. Cottier (with Merit).

Grade II  
Grade III  
Grade IV  
Grade VII

C. Lothead (with Distinction).  
G. Brown.  
C. Carter.  
P. Kennaugh (with Distinction)

**Theory**

Grade V

M. Kegg, B. Jones, S. Al-Ansari, D. Ashley.

**Trinity Term**

**Pianoforte**

Grade I  
Grade II  
Grade V  
Grade VI

B. Parkinson.  
J. Allen, H. Singleton.  
J. Gibb.  
D. Ashley, S. Al-Ansari (with Distinction).

**Theory**

Grade III  
Grade V  
Grade VI

J. Fargher.  
M. Conroy.  
S. Al-Ansari.

**Violin**

Grade I

F. Caithness, C. Carter (with Merit).

**Guldball School of Music and Drama**

Grade IV

S. Lawson (with Honours), J. Moore, B. Jones (with Merit), C. Marsden.

Grade III

S. Kinvig (with Merit), H. Singleton (with Merit), J. Taylor, J. Callow, G. Brown (with Merit), E. Watkin, K. Kewley, M. Preston (with Merit), C. Finan (with Merit), R. Jones, J. Lightbody (with Merit).

Grade II

J. Allen, C. Taggart (with Merit), J. Garvey (with Merit), P. Caithness (with Merit), H. Christian, G. Cowley, S. Hedges (with Merit), G. Moore (with Merit), S. Kissack, P. Brownsdon (with Merit).

Grade I

K. Callow, F. Caithness, J. Macpherson, R. Connal (with Merit), B. Parkinson, J. Barratt.

Preliminary

A. Simcocks, S. Holt, E. Rees-Jones, C. Peach, A. Chambers, J. Shimmin, J. Sofio, A. Kissack, W. Leach.



## The Manx Music and Drama Festival—1959

SINGING	School Choir—1st place. Phillippa Caithness—3rd place (10-12 solo). Anna Creer—1st place (14-16 solo).
CELLO	M. Callister—1st place (under 18 solo—Caine Cup). C. Cubbon—2nd place (under 18 solo).
ORCHESTRA (with members of other Schools)	Avondale Junior Orchestra—1st place. C. Cubbon, M. Callister, M. Conroy, C. Clague. E. Kinrade.
TRIO	C. Cubbon (with members of other Schools)—1st place.
DRAMA	The Buchan School Dramatic Society. Intermediate Group. "The Chimney Corner" produced by Miss Lace—2nd place.

## Royal Manx Agricultural Society's Annual Show

Class 404 (Painting, any medium, 13-15 yrs.)

G. Keig—1st Prize. J. Moore—2nd, 3rd Prize.

Class 393 (Draming, black and white, 13-15 yrs.)

J. Moore—1st Prize.

HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE—P. Howarth.

THE CURPHEY PRIZE for an Essay on Manx History—H. Bull.

QUAYLE PRIZE for Handwriting—H. Christian.

M. J. C. WATKIN CUP for Outstanding Performance in the Shakespeare Competition.

Seniors : S. Lawson. Commended : M. Standen.

Juniors : E. Watkin. Commended : R. Jones.

Best Minor Part : J. Garvey.

HUMPHREYS CUP for Geography—V. Matthews, M. Standen.

SPECIAL PRIZE for very good work in Entrance Examination—G. Moore.

THE NEWTON CUP (awarded for all-round service to the School)—T. Sansom.

THE LADY DUNDAS CUP for Elocution—S. Lawson.

THE KEWLEY CUP for Junior Gymnastics—C. Taggart.

SWIMMING CUP—Senior : J. Keggin. Junior : P. Caithness.

HOUSE CUP.—Godred.

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We warmly thank all donors of prizes for their generous gifts.

## INTER-FORM SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

**T**HERE was a large entry again this year and we had two judging sessions. Teams which were successful in reaching the final were from Upper Five, Lower Five, Upper Four, Lower Four, and Upper Three. The final placing by the judge, Miss Norah Moore, was as follows :—

**1st—Upper Five—"Julius Caesar"**—the quarrel of Brutus and Cassius.

Brutus, C. Nicholls ; Cassius, M. Standen ; Lucius, J. Riggall ; Ghost, E. Kinrade.

**2nd—Upper Four—"Antony and Cleopatra"**—Cleopatra receives the news of Antony's marriage with Octavia.

Cleopatra, Suzanne Lawson ; Charmian, Carole Finan ; Mardian, Susan Ellis ; Slave, Irene Corrin ; Iras, Jennifer Gibb ; Slaves, Mary Preston and Patricia Thatcher.

**3rd—Lower Four—"The Tempest",**  
Stephano, Rosa Jones; Ariel, Gillian Brown; Trinculo, Sandra Kinvig;  
Caliban, Elizabeth Watkin.

**4th—Lower Five—"Romeo and Juliet".**  
Romeo, Anna Creer; Mercutio, Christine Cubbon; Tybalt, Carol  
Evans; Benvolio, Judith Sewell.

**5th—Upper Three—"The Merchant of Venice".**  
Portia, Philippa Caithness; Shylock, Lynne Gelling; Bassanio, Patricia  
Brownsdon; Nerissa, Susan O'Meara; Messenger, Julia Garvey.

The best presentation of a character was Suzanne Lawson's Cleopatra, well supported by Irene Corrin as the slave. Runner-up for the M. J. C. Watkin Cup was Michèle Standen for a remarkably good Brutus. Best junior actress was Elizabeth Watkin in the difficult part of Caliban, ably supported by Rosa Jones as Stephano. The best minor part was Julia Garvey's Antonio; and highly commended were: J. Forrester, P. Caithness, C. Nicholls, L. Gelling. Several girls were commended by the judge for learning two parts at short notice.

## DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**O**N Wednesday, December 10th, 1959, the Dramatic Society held its Annual Tea, in the Recreation Room at Westhill. It was the first club to use this fine room. The boarders presented a short play "The Spirit of London" by L. du Garde Peach and then everyone joined in playing "acting" games and varieties of charades.

The Dramatic Society's Tuck Shop is proving very popular, it is hoped to sell fruit, and a number of small necessities such as pins, elastic bands, hair grips and coloured pencils, later, when we have enlarged it. A successful Jumble Sale held on November 13th has provided funds for the improvement of the stage.

On Friday, December 11th, 1959, IIR and IIL presented two plays from "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll, assisted at short notice by UIIL, and produced by Mrs. Watkin.

**The Mad Tea Party.**—Mad Hatter, Fiona Caithness; March Hare, Aileen Kissack; Dormouse, Joyce Barratt; Alice, Jane Shimmin. The parts of Hatter and Dormouse were to be played by J. Sofio and B. Parkinson.

**Who Stole the Tarts.**—King, Gillian Moore; Queen, Jane Shimmin; Knave, Gillian Cowley; White Rabbit, Katherine Callow; Mad Hatter, Sally Hedges; March Hare, Aileen Kissack; Dormouse, Joyce Barratt; Alice, Fiona Caithness; Gryphon, Jane Stevenson; Cook, Janet Forrester; 1st Juryman, Patricia Brownsdon, 2nd Juryman, Rosemary Connel; 3rd Juryman, Christine Taggart; Lizard, Sandra Kissack; Two Guinea Pigs, Lynne Jackson, Lynne Gelling; Other Jurymen, UIIL. Props., M. Preston. Guards, Jane Macpherson, Jane Cubbon.

## OPEN DAY

**A** WELL attended and successful Open Day was held on Thursday, June 16th, at the Buchan School.

In her introductory remarks, the headmistress, Miss A. Nicol Smith, stressed the aims of herself and her staff to provide a liberal education of grammar school standard, which would be demonstrated by the activities of the afternoon and the various exhibitions of work. She referred particularly to the Sixth Form policy of "literacy and numeracy" as recommended by the Crowther Report, in which the senior girls took part in general studies in order to bridge the gap between the sciences and the humanities.

The programme of the day accented the work done by the girls in music, languages and physical education, and included songs from the junior and Guild choirs, a recorder group, and plays performed in English, Latin and French. The German scholars also presented a sketch which they had written themselves.

In physical education, a demonstration of limbering and skipping exercises developed to a "free" modern dance interpretation in which the girls translated a poem on the emergence of spring into movement. And among the many exhibits on display in the classrooms were specimens of art, needlework, and illustrations of the Tramp Club and Jazz Club activities, and not least the Mouse Club, where a creche of black and white mice gave practical evidence of the Mendelian Law.

The afternoon was attended by several members of the School's Governors, who included Mrs. Rees-Jones, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. McGrath, and, in her role as a parent, by Lady Garvey.

## SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT

1. Slow Music for a Ballet (Handel), Slow Gavotte (Woodhouse)—School Orchestra.
2. I love all graceful things (Thiman)—Vocal Solo : P. Caithness.
3. Sonatina in F Beethoven)—Pianoforte Solo : B. Parkinson.
4. Rose softly blooming (Spohr)—Vocal Solo : A. Creer.
5. Pierrot, Arlequin Aveu (Schumann)—Pianoforte Solo—S. Al-Ansari.
6. Tempo de Menuet (Haydn)—Duet for two Cellos : C. Cubbon, M. Callister.
7. Consolation No. 2 (Liszt)—Pianoforte Solo : E. Kinrade.
8. Norwegian Folk Song Arietta (Grieg)—Recorders.
9. 2nd Movement Sonata in D (Mozart), Petit Mari Petit Homme (Biset)—Pianoforte Duet : M. Kegg, S. Al-Ansari.
10. On Wings of Song (Mendelssohn)—Junior Choir.
11. Ballet—Petite Suite (Debussy)—Pianoforte Duet : M. Callister, D. Ashley.
12. Shepherd's Cradle Song (Somervell)—Vocal Solo : H. Singleton.
13. Clair de Lune (Debussy)—Pianoforte Solo : M. Kegg.
14. Gathering Daffodils (Somervell)—Vocal Solo—C. Taggart.
15. Tempo di Menuetto (Boyce)—Duet for 2 violas : M. Conroy, C. Clague.
16. Boats (Thiman)—Vocal Solo : G. Keig.
17. Soho Forenoons (Ireland), Ragamuffin (Ireland)—Pianoforte Solo : M. Callister.
18. Greeting (Mendelssohn)—Senior Choir.

This was the programme of the school concert which, it was generally agreed, was one of the best ever given at the school.

## CONCERT

A recital of Folk Songs of many lands was given by Madame Maria Piccaver at school on the 9th May. Madame Piccaver sang to a very appreciative audience of school, parents and friends.

## HOUSE NOTES

### GODRED

**G**ODRED'S academic achievements during the last year were extremely high, enabling us to win the "year cup" even though we did not do so well in the athletic and swimming sports last term. We are not, however, completely deficient in the field of sport, as is shown by the splendid effort of our teams in winning the Junior House Netball and the House Hockey matches. We won the House cup for two consecutive terms with a very high total of House points, in spite of the "black sheep" of the House.

On the whole, Godred has had a very good year, and, with more initiative and more enthusiasm in athletics, I am sure it can keep up the standard.

Our Housemistress, Miss Black, has helped in everything to further the success of the House, for which we are very grateful to her, and I trust that the House will do its best to be as much credit to her this year as it was last.

SANDRA PHILLIPS, Lower Six.

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### OLAF

**I**N spite of the achievements of our House, we just failed to gain the House cup for the year. Owing to the splendid efforts of the majority of our members, we won the cup for the Summer Term, by winning the Athletic Sports and tying with Magnus for first place in the Swimming Sports.

I should like to mention especially our games captain, Joan Keggin, who assisted the House considerably by winning both the senior Swimming Cup and the senior Athletics Cup.

In the hockey and netball matches we played some hard and close games, but were unfortunately beaten. This was, however, no disgrace to the teams, who played both enthusiastically and well.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Brew as our House mistress last year and we were sorry to see her go at the end of the summer term. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Barratt as our House mistress.

The House has done well in 1960, but I hope it will do even better in 1961, and that the House spirit will continue to increase.

PAULINE KENNAUGH, Lower Six.

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### MAGNUS

**W**E were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Brookfield as our new House mistress for the year 1959-60. We can only express regret that our academic results were not perhaps as gratifying as they might have been. However, in the field of sport we did make up for our failure a little, especially in the Athletic and Swimming Sports. E. Kinley won for us the Junior Victrix Ludorum and P. Caithness the Junior Swimming Cup; also we must congratulate the entire swimming team for their inspired effort in bringing our total equal to that of Olaf, thus jointly gaining the Swimming Cup.

We must also congratulate the senior Netball team on their complete victory over the other Houses and also the Hockey team for their effort, although not quite so successful, which gave us second place.

Let us hope that the progressive spirit of the majority of our members spreads to the minority of those not so progressive and that our new House mistress, Mrs. Parys, and the House captain, have a more successful year and we wish them "Good Luck" in this period of office.

CAROL CLAGUE, Lower Six.

## FORM NOTES

VI FORM. ALL DONE BY KINDNESS!  
HERE BIGYNNETH THE VIth FORM TALE  
with apologies to Geoffrey Chaucer.

### Part I.

**W**HILOM, as olde magazines tellen us  
There was a form that highte Sextus,  
Of Buchan they weren lord and gouvernours  
And in hir tyme swich conquerours,  
That gretter was the noon under the sonne—  
Ful many a riche praise hadde they wonne  
That with hir wysdom and hir kindenesse  
They conquered al the regne of naughtinesse,  
And certes, if it nere to long to heere,  
I wolde han told you fully the manere  
How wonnen was the regne of naughtinesse  
By Sextus and hir kindnesse.

### Part II.

I trowe men wolde deme it negligence  
If I foryete to tellen the dispence  
Of those that goon so bisily  
To thinken of mischief wickedly  
Then fallen gruf, and cryen pitously  
"Have on us wrecced wommen som mercy,  
Ane let oure sorwe synken in thyn herten"  
These gentil prefects down from hir pedestal sterten  
With herter, pitous, whan they herden hem speken  
They thoughten that hir herten wolden breken  
When they saught hem, so pitous and so maat,  
That whilom weren of so greet estaat.  
What governance is in this prescience,  
That giltelees tormenteth innocence?  
Greet was the strif, and long, bitwix hem tweye,  
If that I hadde leyser for to seye.  
Ne may with Sextus holde champartie,  
For as hir list the school than may she gye,  
Lo, alle thise folk so caught were in hir las  
Til they for wo ful ofte seyde, "Allas.  
Out of this prison help that we may scape  
And if so be our destynce be shape,  
By eterne word, to dyen in prisoun,  
Of oure sadness have some compassioun."  
The answer of this lete I to dyvynys,  
But well we wooten in this world greet pyne ys.  
And in this world we haven care and wo;  
Withouten doubte it may standen so.  
This is your ende and your conclusion.

We compaignye of ladyes, clad in gown,  
Have mercy on their wo and their distresse !  
Some drop of pitee, thurgh hir gentillesse !  
Thus endeth thise tale, pardce  
And God save al this faire compaignye !

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#### UPPER V FORM NOTES

**W**E managed to start off term well despite Dr. Rose's absence, and most of the Staff had a turn at controlling us ! After his return, life was smother with constant reminders of July. After the annual dance at the beginning of Easter term, we settled down to work for "mock". Some members of the form however found time to learn the quarrel scene from Julius Caesar and they won the Shakespeare competition with it. Then came Trinity Term, with our G.C.E. examinations, although Joan Keggins and Virginia Matthews had time to win the swimming and the games cups. At the end of term we were sorry to say goodbye to Christine Dale, Eileen Clucas and Virginia Matthews who are all going to a secretarial college ; Gillian Riggall, who is going to Paris, and Christine Nicholls to a convent. Christine Dale, however, is going with four more of us to Paris and the Loire Valley, with the School Tour.

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#### LOWER V FORM NOTES

**M**ISS SHANNON has been our form mistress again this year, for the second time. We really don't know what she has done to deserve it ! Our form captains were Gillian Keig, Judith Moore and Judy Sewell. Since we attained the great height of Lower V, the mistresses have over-loaded us with work, as we have started on our G.C.E. syllabus—a frightening thought.

Our form seem to have taken to travelling abroad this year. In April Rebecca Comish left us to visit America with her grandmother, and Christine Lochead went to join her parents in Tanganyika. Most of us stayed a little nearer British shores than these two. Judy Sewell went to Italy, Carol Evans went to Holland ; and eight of us joined the school trip to Paris.

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#### LOWER IV FORM NOTES

**A**T the beginning of the year we were glad to welcome Lavinia Garvey and Carol Robins. Carol left us shortly after to return to Tanganyika, and at the end of term Lesley Jones left. We are not exactly a tidy form, but made up for this by our success in the Shakespeare competition. We entered a scene from the Tempest, which came third. Also, Elizabeth Watkin and Rosa Jones won prizes for the best junior individual and runner-up. We did quite well at the sports, also Elizabeth Kinley won the Junior Victrix Ludorum. Our form also performed on Open Day. We acted two Latin plays, "Pyramus and Thisbe" and "Androcles and the Lion". Also several of us sang with the Junior Choir, and some played recorders.



## UPPER III FORM NOTES

**I**N the Summer Term of 1960 we were very happy to welcome Jane Bordell (that made our fourth Jane) to our Form. We had not that year won any form pictures (but that was only because we thought our form was pretty enough without them). In the Summer term, we won two, one for Needlework and the other for House points. Philippa Caithness, from our form, won the Junior Swimming Cup. All the girls who were non-swimmers when they came, could swim a breadth by the end of term. Our form mistress was Miss Lace, and we are all very happy that she is still our form mistress in Lower IV.

Christine Taggart was the only person in our form who went on the French tour with Miss Lace and Miss Black.

Olaf had the most House points in Upper III.

We were a very tidy form and that is why we got 28 out of 100 for tidiness; we decided we should not always be the tidiest form and to let another form have the chance of winning the picture.

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### III REMOVE, LOWER III AND TRANSITION

**T**HIS year we have two new girls, Jacqueline Sofio and Wendy Leach. Prudence Lockwood left us in the Easter term, and we were all sorry to see her go. In the Summer term we collected wild flowers and Katherine Callow won first prize. Fiona Caithness was second and Gillian Moore and Sally Hedges won A's. We all received a bar of chocolate because we had tried so hard. We kept tadpoles until they grew into frogs, then we let them go. We also kept goldfish, but the tank broke and the fish went back to their pond. We visited the Marine Biological Station with Kindergarten and Upper III, and we also went to Castle Rushen with Miss Black. We can all swim now and enjoy the swimming lessons.

Gillian Moore went to New Zealand and the Fiji Islands and brought back some lovely shells. Jacqueline is going to Africa for her summer holidays to join her parents who are in Uganda. We all passed Speech and Drama Examinations Grades I and II. Fiona Caithness passed her violin examination and Barbara Parkinson her piano examination, both Grade I. Our form captains all through the year were Jane Shimmin, Jacqueline Sofio, Fiona Caithness, Gillian Moore and Barbara Parkinson. Our form mistress is Mrs. Barratt. We have won the Junior attendance picture, the Scripture picture and the Needlework picture during the year.

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### K.G., I AND II

**S**ARAH HOLT, Ann Chambers and Peter Freer have been our form captains this year.

We have been for some nature walks down by the river, and one day John fell down a hole.

We went in a coach to the Marine Fisheries at Port Erin and saw many interesting things, among them a conger eel, an octopus, a crab and huge shells.

Elizabeth has learned to swim and has gained her Tadpole badge. Anne Simcocks can climb the ropes to the top.

We have made a doll's house from a box and the furniture for it from match boxes. David wired it for electric light.

Derry, Alex and Anne are learning to ride. Sarah, Anne Simcocks, Anne Chambers and Elizabeth are learning ballet.

We are going to start woodwork this term. We hope to make lots of nice things.

Mrs. Quayle, our form teacher, left us after the summer holiday. We were sorry to see her go. Mrs. Sayle is our new teacher.

Peter has gone to King William's College, and Claire has moved up to Lower III.

## SCHOOL GAMES, 1959-60

**M**ATCHES were arranged with Douglas High School, Ramsey Grammar School and Castle Rushen High School, but none were played between October 17th and November 28th on account of bad weather and on the whole the term was not remarkable in its successes in games that were played. Weather conditions were better in the Spring Term, but our teams did not do very well in either netball or hockey. In the Summer term our match record was better, but still left much to be desired.

In the Old Girls tennis match on July 26th, the Old Girls beat the school 67 games to 32. The Old Girls teams were:— Miss Black, Miss Barbara Lewthwaite (1st couple); Mrs. Kewley, Mrs. Gallagher (2nd couple); Miss Leslie Carter, Miss Pat Cross (3rd couple).

Tennis teams this season were chosen from the following:— Peggy Howarth, Vivien Hughes, Jean Ellis, Tanya Sanson, Tanya Wray, Joan Kegg, Patricia Leather, Vivien Pedder, Gillian Riggall, Diana Firth, Margaret Callister, Maria Kegg, Jean Faragher, Christine Lothead, Helen Singleton.

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House matches were held in the Spring term, 1960.

Middle and Junior Netball (age 14 years, downwards):

First Round—Magnus 7, Olaf 10; Godred 1, Olaf 10; Godred 1, Magnus 3.

Second Round—Godred 9, Magnus 0.

Final—Godred 4, Olaf 3. Winner—Godred.

Final teams — **Olaf**: G.K., R. Jones; C., J. Faragher; D., C. Cubbon; G.S., P. Thacker; A., D. Cottier; C.A., S. Ellis; D.C., B. Gahan. **Godred**: G.K., M. Kegg; C.D., D. Ashley; D., J. Gibb; G.S., C. Evans; A., S. Kinvig; C.A., H. Singleton; D.C., C. Carter.

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Senior Hockey: First Round—Magnus 3, Olaf 2.

Semi-final—Godred 3, Olaf 2.

Final—Magnus 0, Godred 2.

House Hockey teams in final—**Godred**: G.K., M. Kegg; R.B., P. Howarth; L.B., D. Ashley; C.H., H. Bull; R.H., J. Sansom; R.I., P. Davis; L.I., J. Sewell; L.H., C. Carter; L.W., C. Evans; R.W., M. Standen; C.F., J. Gibb. **Magnus**: G.K., S. Al-Ansari; R.B., F. Gore; L.B., J. Ellis; R.H., C. Marsden; C.H., T. Wray; L.H., J. Moore; L.W., J. Riggall; L.I., V. Pedder; C.F., J. Beagle; R.I., P. Leather; R.W., E. Clucas; reserves, C. Dale, A. Creer.

## SPORTS DAY, 1960

Juniors—80 yards (under 10 years 10 months): 1, F. Caithness; 2, J. Sofio; 3, J. Barratt.  
Juniors—100 yards (under 13 years 4 months): 1, E. Kinley; 2, P. Caithness; 3, J. Macpherson.  
Middle—100 yards (under 15 years 4 months): 1, J. Lightbody; 2, V. Lamont; 3, J. Fargher.  
Seniors—100 yards: 1, V. Matthews; 2, J. Keggin; 3, J. Ellis.  
Prep—60 yards: 1, S. Holt; 2, A. Simcocks; 3, P. Freer.  
Middle and Juniors—Exchange Relay: 1, Magnus.  
Seniors—Exchange Relay: 1, Olaf.  
Prep—Three-legged, 60 yards: 1, E. Rees-Jones, C. Peach; 2, S. Holt, J. Sofio; 3, J. Shimmmin, G. Moore.  
Juniors—Dressing Race, 60 yards: 1, E. Rees-Jones; 2, J. Sofio; 3, B. Parkinson.  
Three-legged Race—80 yards: 1, V. Matthews, J. Keggin; 2, E. Manyhan, G. Brown; 3, J. Macpherson, P. Brownsdon.  
Skipping—80 yards: 1, I. Corrin; 2, S. Kinvig; 3, P. Thacker.  
Prep—Skipping, 60 yards: 1, E. Rees-Jones; 2, S. Holt; 3, C. Peach.  
Middle—250 yards: 1, C. Cubbon; 2, D. Ashley; 3, I. Corrin.  
Seniors—250 yards: 1, J. Keggin; 2, J. Ellis; 3, S. Gilmour.  
Seniors—Hockey Throw: 1, T. Sansom; 2, V. Pedder; 3, E. Clucas.

## SWIMMING SPORTS, 1960

**T**HIS year the Swimming Sports were held on July 22nd in King William's College baths by kind permission of the Principal, Mr. Rees-Jones.

The Senior Swimming Cup was awarded to Joan Keggin of Olaf, and the Junior Swimming Cup went to Philippa Caithness of Magnus.

Olaf and Magnus tied for the House Swimming Cup with 29 points each. Godred were not far behind with 24 points.

The cups were presented by Miss Nicol Smith, the scores recorded by Miss Shannon, and the announcement of events made by Mr. Humphreys.

We are most grateful to Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Qualtrough who were once again present for the judging of the diving and style events. V.M.P.

## RESULTS

Junior Length (speed, free style): 1, P. Caithness; 2, F. Caithness; 3, J. Garvey.  
Beginners' Width (all): 1, L. Jackson; 2, L. Gelling; 3, S. Ellis.  
Junior Breast Stroke (speed): 1, C. Taggart; 2, J. Garvey; 3, D. Cottier.  
Senior Two Lengths (free style speed): 1, J. Keggin; 2, G. Keig; 3, J. Ellis.  
Breast Stroke (style, open): 1, P. Davies; 2, D. Cottier; 3, J. Beagle.  
Junior Dive: 1, C. Taggart; 2, F. Caithness; 3, J. Sofio.  
Back Crawl (style, open): 1, P. Caithness; 2, J. Gibb; 3, E. Kinrade.  
A Watery Mime.  
Senior Breast Stroke (speed): 1, J. Keggin; 2, J. Ellis; 3, M. Standen.  
Senior Dive: 1, J. Ellis; 2, C. Cubbon; 3, D. Ashley.  
Crawl Style (open): 1, P. Caithness; 2, J. Garvey; 3, D. Cottier.  
Plunge Drive (open): M. Standen, F. Caithness.  
Junior House Relay: Magnus; Olaf.  
Senior House Relay: Godred; Olaf.

## TRAMP CLUB

**WE** were very pleased to welcome Miss Black as President, after her four years' absence from the Club, of which she is a founder-member! Miss Carter left us in July, 1959, and we would like to thank her for everything she did during her two years as President. For the 1959-60 session, Fiona Gore and Michele Standen were elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively, and on the committee were Vivien Pedder, Shirin Al-Ansari, Jean Fargher and Fenella Madoc.

Only one tramp was held in the Autumn term. The route began at St. Luke's, Baldwin; Garraghan, Beinn y Phott and Cairn Gergoil were climbed and the tramp finished in Laxey. A second outing had been arranged, to climb the southern hills, but it had to be cancelled because of bad weather conditions.

In the Spring term the club was opened to Upper III for the first time and several enthusiasts from this form came on the tramp held later in the term. This tramp started at the Plantation; South Barrule and Cronk ny Iree Naa were climbed; and finished in Port Erin. The Annual Fair was held in the hall and £3 5s. 0d. was raised for Club funds.

With better conditions in the summer term, two tramps were held. Cairn Gergoil and either Mullagh Ouyr or Snaefell were climbed, at choice, with tea in Laxey at the end. To help to complete the map badge syllabus, a fifteen-miler was held from the Mountain Road, through Glen Mona, Cornaa and Maughold to Ramsey.

Map badges were won by Jean Fargher and Jennifer Gibb; Elaine Radcliffe was awarded her Second Class Badge.

MICHELE STANDEN, Upper Five.

## PARIS — BLOIS

**WE** left the Island on July 27th on the 9 a.m. boat—twenty-nine suitcases and twenty-seven girls accompanied by Miss Lace and Miss Black! At Liverpool we were met by a bus and driven through the city to Lime Street Station. The train by which we travelled to London was called "The Manxman". We arrived at Euston at 6 p.m. A coach was there to meet us, and to take our suitcases to Victoria. That evening some of us went to the Palladium, and others went to the Festival Hall.

On Thursday morning we went by "Tube" to Victoria Station, collecting our suitcases. Miss Clutterbuck was there to say good-bye and to set us on our way to Paris. We arrived at Newhaven at 12-30 and boarded the Channel steamer bound for Dieppe. The train was waiting on the dock-side to take us to Paris. On arriving there our first view was that of the Eiffel Tower. We were taken by coach from one side of Paris to the other. That evening some of us had our first Continental meal.

Next day our first French breakfast came as a shock! We had been hoping for plates and butter! That morning we went right to the top of the Eiffel Tower, and in the afternoon toured around the Latin Quarter, visiting the Sorbonne, the nearest some of us will ever get to it!

On Saturday morning we went on a sight-seeing tour of Paris, visiting Notre Dame, and Sacre Coeur. In the afternoon we visited the Ile de la Cité, the Palace of Justice and the Flower Market. In the evening we had coffee in one of the many open-air cafes.

On Saturday morning we set off at 9-30 for the Louvre where we saw the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and many more interesting works. At 12-30 we took the train to Versailles. In the afternoon we visited the chateau, and later saw the wonderful gardens; we were fortunate that the fountains were playing.

The next day we decided to walk the Champs-Élysées and met some people from the Isle of Man. After a long walk we reached the Arc de Triomphe and climbed to the top. In the afternoon we went on a boat trip on the Seine. At night from the coach, we had a good view of Paris.

Tuesday we visited the market and the bookstalls by the river. In the afternoon we went shopping in some of the big stores. At night we went to see the "Secret of Marco Polo".

The next day, Wednesday, we finished our packing, and rushed round to complete our shopping; then off to Blois at 1 p.m. When we arrived, we went to look around the town, which we found very different from Paris. It was much quieter, but a very pleasant place.

The next three days we were allowed to go shopping, and sight-seeing in the mornings. In the afternoons we visited the chateaux of the Loire. Among those we visited were Arbois, Chenonceaux, Blois, and Chambord.

On Sunday morning at 5 a.m. we were awakened, to start our homeward journey. At 9 a.m. we arrived in Paris, and reached Dieppe at noon. We were met by Miss Clutterbuck and later she had lunch with us.

We arrived at Euston and dragged our suitcases to the train! We arrived at Liverpool and boarded the 3 p.m. boat to the Island. On reaching the Island we were very happy to see our fathers to carry our suitcases!

All girls who were on this tour would like, I know, to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Lace and Miss Black for the interest they took in preparing the holiday, and for the enjoyable time, and happy memories they have given us.

JANET MOORE, Lower Four.

## CORBRIDGE

**I**N the Easter holidays of 1960 I was fortunate enough to be taken to Corbridge in Northumberland. Corbridge, of course, is a Roman Station and the name the Romans used for Corbridge was Corstopitum. The first part of Corbridge which I saw were the granaries, these are oblong buildings provided with outside buttresses to take the weight of the heavy stone-slate roofs. Between the buttresses are openings through the walls to allow free circulation of the air beneath the floor, so that grain stored in them could be kept dry. Both granaries had their entrances at the south end. There were loading platforms provided with a roof supported on pillars, these platforms were made so that corn could be transferred from under the carts to the granaries.

Next I went to see the fountain, east of the granaries. The bit of the fountain which I saw looked as if it had been an elaborate fountain. The water which was brought to the fountain probably came from a spring near Corbridge. The water from the spring came in a channel under the ground to the fountain. By the fountain, there is a fountain house designed in the fashion of a shrine. There are also two pedestals by the fountain on which the remains of statues stand.

Next I went on to see the store house ; this is one of the largest and grandest Roman structures still surviving anywhere in Britain. It covers more than an acre and in its present form consists of four ranges surrounding a central courtyard. In the east, west and south ranges there were rooms, and in the north range there was most likely a great hall there. After looking at the store house I went on to see the temples ; there are five of these altogether. The first temple stood on a rectangular platform called a podium and the doorway of the temple is in the centre. Then I saw the second temple, it was even more elaborate than the first temple, the front of the second temple was made of large ash blocks. The third, fourth and fifth temples were too badly damaged to see anything clearly. From these temples nobody has yet found out what particular god was worshipped there.

In Corbridge there is a military compound which takes up a great part of Corbridge. These are just some of the interesting ruins in Corbridge. Quite near Corbridge is a bridge built by the Romans. The bridge is made of wood, 154 feet long. In the seventeenth century there was another bridge built, it was only twenty yards longer than the Roman bridge. This shows how remarkably clever Romans were. There is a Museum at Corbridge with some most interesting things in it. The first thing I noticed was a stone on which were depicted Romulus and Remus and the wolf. I was told that the wolf was a favourite subject for sculpture in the time of the Romans. Next I saw a rugged piece of work called the Corbridge lion, which is eating a stag. I moved on to see some Roman bronze brooches and then I saw a bronze altar to "celestial Brigantia", the goddess of the Brigantes. Next I saw military equipment ; the first thing I noticed was an ornamental parade helmet from the early second century, also there were some iron spear heads and shanks, spurs, horseshoes and two strengtheners from the tips of horn bows. Also there were tools which were used by the Roman masons and carpenters, blacksmiths and leatherworkers as well as farmers and gardeners. There was writing equipment too ; an unspillable ink-pot and a wooden writing tablet. Through excavations, the bones of Roman domestic animals have been found. It has been discovered that there were three breeds of horses ; the largest of the breeds were about fourteen hands and the other two breeds were the same size as the Exmoor pony and the New Forest pony. Their cattle resembled the wild Chillingham cattle and the sheep were of a small size and resembled the modern black-faced breed. The bones of the dogs showed that the Romans kept whippets and dachshunds. It is supposed that Corbridge was occupied by the Romans from about A.D. 80 to about A.D. 123, and I left Corbridge thinking what marvellous civilisation the Romans brought to Corbridge and to the rest of England.

ELAINE MAUGHAN, Lower Four.

## GLENMORE LODGE

**L**AST summer, I was lucky enough to be accepted for an exploration course at Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore, in the heart of the Cairngorms. The Lodge is a centre for out-door activity and is run by the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation. The Course was for Senior Schools and its aims were to achieve useful scientific work and at the same time train the students in different sports and in leadership.

The Lodge is situated in the Forestry Commission land at about 1,000 feet above sea level and eight miles from Aviemore village. To the South, for about a mile, many small tributaries join together in a flat valley before running into Loch Morlich.



The Lodge is mainly timber built in an ultra modern style, with wonderful drying facilities—so necessary for out-door work. The bedrooms are for four people and are very compact but with plenty of cupboard space. The lounge is furnished with modern tables and chairs, and a movable partition can be drawn back to lengthen the room for dancing.

There were about sixty people on the course and we were divided into small groups of eleven or twelve for the day's activity, but all the groups joined together for hectic scottish dancing in the evening. Everybody was very friendly and life at the Lodge was relaxed and easy.

During the fortnight we had two short camps. For the first camp we subdivided so that half the group camped at Loch Avon, about 3,000 feet above, while the other half plodded on for another mile to Loch Etchegan, 3,500 feet. Although the tents had been set up, we carried all bedding, spare clothing, food, paraffin and timber the eight miles from the Lodge. Our job was to build about seventy-five cairns from the summit of Ben Macdhul for about three miles, to be used by skiers in the winter. Meteorological records were kept—we discovered on the last morning at Loch Etchegan that the minimum temperature had been 32.6°F, and we had been swimming at 9-30 the previous evening !

For the second camp we divided into three groups. Most of the boys went on a rock climbing camp—strictly a male-only party. Another group canoed down half the Caledonian Canal ; three girls, including myself, and an instructor, returned to Etchegan to survey the cairns, so that they could be marked on the Ordnance Survey map of the area. As I was going to sleep that night, with weather conditions worse than they had ever been, I heard from the next tent the strain : " All I want is a room somewhere  
Far away from the cold night air ".

During the rest of the fortnight, there was one camp in each week, we spent two days sailing and half a day canoeing ; one day was devoted to rock climbing which was completely new to most of us, but in bad weather conditions, we managed to do quite a number of climbs. We were given one free day and all the remaining time was occupied in hill tramping and independent way-finding with the help of maps, compasses and guesswork.

Work done by the other groups included a batrimetric survey of Etchegan and a survey of the sides of the Loch, and many detailed weather reports, which enabled conditions at camps to be compared with those at the Lodge. The series of canoe camping treks, completed the journey from Inverness to Fort William, each group taking about twelve miles.

The running of the course was in the very capable hands of the Warden, Mr. Murray Scott, who aided by his small number of premanent staff, and by voluntary helpers—mainly university students—made the course varied and extremely useful. It was hard work, but very rewarding, and at the end of the course we all felt that we had achieved something. It was a wonderful fortnight and I only hope that I can return to the Lodge in the not too distant future.

MICHELE STANDEN, Upper Five.

### TRANSLATED ORDERS—!

K.G.=Kindergarten. F.R.S.=Father's Royal Society. D.D.=Doctor's Divinity  
Sc.D.=School of Driving. O.M.=Old Man . . . according to a Junior form's General Knowledge paper !

## MY STAY IN COBURG

COBURG, the home town of Prince Albert, is the town in which I stayed for three months. Coburg is approximately thirteen kilometres from the border dividing East and West Germany, and during the last fifteen years has grown from a comparatively small town to a town with fifty thousand inhabitants. Coburg, formerly the seat of the Dukes of Coburg, lies in a deep valley surrounded by wooded hills. The town itself is renowned for its beauty. There is a lovely old market place, in the middle of which stands the statue of Prince Albert, and many of the streets are still cobbled. In certain places the old walls can still be seen and the towers where the gates are still standing. At the edge of the town is the great courtyard and here the Castle Ehrenburg stands; Queen Victoria stayed here for some time. The old Royal theatre is also built here and one is able to see very good plays and operas by the Coburg Company most of the year round. There is a special performance for all school children once a fortnight. In front of the Ehrenburg is a castle built on a hill; it is surrounded by parkland which reaches right down to the town. The Castle Veste is very famous and was the main residence of the Dukes.

Coburg is known as a town for school children and tourists and has eight or nine schools of different kinds. My school was the big main school for girls, equivalent to a Grammar School in England.

School began at eight o'clock and there was no morning assembly beforehand. Instead each class has its own separate prayers with the member of the staff who was present. Lessons went on until one o'clock or twelve-fifteen and there was no afternoon school. To compensate for this, more home-work was given for the next day and there were lessons on Saturday mornings. I was in the same class as my friend (the girl with whose family I was living) which would be an Upper Five in England. This was the form in which girls who did not want to take their Abitua could leave school. Except for two, all the girls were going to stay on and take Abitua. This meant three more years of school. They would then be nineteen or twenty which is the normal age for taking Abitua. The girls were all very agreeable and we had much in common.

Two events which I particularly enjoyed were the "Class Evening" and the "Wander Day". The Class Evening was arranged entirely by the girls. A room in a guest house was hired, everyone brought decorations and invitations were sent out to boys. The whole evening was a great success and those girls or boys who could play an instrument or sing, performed for us all. This is where the Germans are different from the English in that they are not so reserved. The other event, Wander Day, I also thoroughly enjoyed. This only happens in the Summer term, as the weather is only fit during this term. We had decided to walk to a very famous church which was known for all the pilgrims that visited it every year.

The work in school I found much the same as in my school at home, except that more emphasis seemed to be placed on learning work, than on writing exercises. The system for the normal school examinations is different from ours, as they have what they call "works", two every term in every subject, and the marks for all these tests are added up at the end of the year, and, depending on these marks, is whether they repeat the class the next year or move up. It is much more usual for a pupil to have to say down a year in Germany than it is here. This method of examination means that steady work is required throughout the year.

My three months' stay in Germany was an experience that I will not easily forget. I have learnt so much about the German people, their language and their customs. I hope that more English students may have this wonderful experience, and perhaps in this way we shall be able to overcome the bitterness that there still is between the English and the Germans after the last world war, and make for still better relationships.

CAROLINE RIGGALL.

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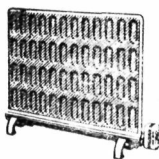
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