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## EDITORIAL

**T**HE death occurred on the 4th February, 1961, of Miss A. K. Rydings, of Onchan, an old friend of the school whose careful teaching and encouragement produced so many competent violinists at this school and elsewhere.

From August, 1960, until March, 1961, the school was administered by Mrs. J. M. Watkin as Acting Headmistress. The school year 1960-1961 was very successful academically for at both advanced and ordinary level in the G.C.E. examinations, several girls obtained distinction marks. These are recognised at advanced level but not shown in ordinary level results as published. These successes show that the work of the school went on steadily despite vicissitudes.

For the first time the school was honoured to have a distinguished old girl to address the school and distribute the awards on Speech Day, Mrs. Aylwin Cotton, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A., the well known achæologist. Her visit made this Speech Day a memorable occasion for the school. We are deeply grateful to her for the generous gift of £50 she made to our stage fund.

In March, 1961, Mrs. J. M. Watkin, B.A., DIP.ED., was appointed Principal, and Miss R. Shannon, B.SC., DIP.ED., Senior Mistress.

In May, 1961, the Junior School was transferred to Westhill. This proved of great benefit to the juniors and the seniors had much additional accommodation available to them at Bowling Green Road. The Art and Craft Room was moved to the ground floor to a much more spacious room while larger classrooms were found for the increased number of seniors.

The Library at Westhill was increased by the generous gift of a set of the children's Britannica from Archdeacon Stenning. There is already a set at school, bought by the library fund.



## ANNUAL REPORT, SPEECH DAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1961.

MRS. COTTON, Your Excellency, My Lord Bishop, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls.

It is my privilege to thank you all for coming to our Speech Day this afternoon. I regret that we have had to exclude part of our Junior School from this afternoon's gathering, as there is very limited space in our Hall and the number of parents and friends has risen this year.

We are greatly honoured by the presence with us today of Mrs. Aylwin Cotton, a very distinguished old girl of the Buchan School, who has had a notable career not only as a doctor, qualifying at a time when few women were accepted into the medical profession, but also as an archaeologist of wide reputation. We are delighted to welcome her back to her old School and I am particularly proud that she should have returned here at the close of a year of particularly fine achievement. I take this opportunity of welcoming to the Board of Governors, Mr. J. S. Kermode and Lt.-Cdr. Vereker. Mr. Kermode served the School for many years as Secretary and Correspondent to the Governing Body, and he is a very old and valued friend. Cdr. Vereker, in the short time since he joined the Board, has shown the keenest interest in the School both as a member of the new Finance Sub-Committee and also in a practical way as an engineer, in supervising the working of the hot water system at School. The unanimous effort of our Board of Governors and the tireless efforts of its Executive Committee have already brought about great changes and improvements to the school premises in building and equipping a new kitchen at Westhill, able to cook for the whole school; in enlarging and modernising the dining-room at Westhill; by providing new lighting for classrooms; fitting up the Art room, and improving premises for the Junior School at Westhill. Their new plan for additional dormitory accommodation at Westhill is already in hand, together with new arrangements for provision of hockey pitch, netball courts and a hard tennis court at Westhill. We now have studies for our Sixth formers there. We acknowledge with gratitude the gifts of money from our benefactors and the gifts in kind, so generously made to us by the Parent-Teachers and the Old Girls' Associations. No public expression of gratitude to our friends would be complete without mention of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Garvey, who never fail to support us in every venture and so graciously allowed the Parent-Teachers' Association to hold the Fete in aid of the School, in the grounds of Government House in July. We are also grateful to the Lord Bishop for conducting our Confirmation Service and for allowing us to hold it in the beautiful Chapel at Bishop's Court; a service we shall all long cherish in our memories.

Through the goodwill of the Principal of King William's College and Mrs. Rees Jones, King William's College continues to take our Advanced level students of Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology, thus enabling our scientists to obtain first class tuition and to use their excellent laboratories. We are indebted in countless ways to the Principal and it is always re-assuring to me to have a "Big Brother" at hand not watching over us but ever ready to help. We try to show our gratitude in a small way by holding a Dance at the end of the Autumn term.

To the members of the Board of Education, to Mr. Webster, and to the Director of Education, Mr. Wilkinson, I also owe my thanks for ready willingness to advise and help me at all times. Through the good offices of Mr. Wilkinson and the Education Authority, a number of our Senior girls attend the College of Domestic Science to take the Cookery part of their G.C.E. We are indebted to Miss Bartram for whom this had made much extra work. As we have not yet equipped our own Domestic Science room, the girls' examination work has been enabled to continue without interruption.

Our relations with the Castletown Town Commissioners continue to be most amicable. We lend them a piano from time to time while they in return have cut Westhill field for us!

In common with every other school on the Island, we mourned the sad loss of Miss Rydings in the Spring. The Orchestra she created, the violinists she inspired and the example she left of faithful service are her memorial. There have been no major changes of staff during the year except that our P.E. Mistress, Mrs. Robertson, has left us. She has served the School well for years and remains a good friend to it. We were very fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Qualtrough who is well-known on the Island not only in her profession, having been before her marriage, Physical Education Mistress at the Douglas High School for Girls, but also for her splendid achievements in winning the Island Tennis Championships this year, both singles and doubles. Her example should inspire keen competition next year for the handsome Tennis Cup presented this year to the School by Mr. and Mrs. William Firth. Mrs. Colman, who has assisted us part-time in the teaching of English for some years, has also left us. We acknowledge the generous gift from Mrs. Colman of two handsomely framed modern pictures which you will see hanging in the main entrance and passage, and from Mrs. Robertson who gave a clock for the Staff Room. Our experienced and excellent teaching staff has now been reinforced by the addition for part-time work of Mr. H. J. Carr and Mr. B. J. Pendlebury, and our examinations supervisor is Mr. P. E. Humphreys, all three late of Douglas High School for Boys. The Vicar of Castletown, the Rev. E. B. Glass, who teaches Divinity here, to "A" level candidates only, is to be congratulated on the Distinctions obtained by both of his candidates in the Oxford and Cambridge G.C.E. examinations in July.

This has been a year of great progress. Our numbers both of day pupils and boarders are the highest in the history of the School, and we now have waiting lists as far ahead as 1966! In our Kindergarten I hope we shall soon be able to field two boys' teams and the boys there already have their football shorts and shirts! Here I must draw your attention, ladies and gentlemen, to an error I have discovered in published material about the School. May I state that boys are taken from 4 to 11 and not 5 to 9 as printed in some educational manuals, and we take boarders from 7 years. There is an increase in the number of boarders from the mainland and overseas, and several girls have entered the school in the higher forms this year. Our six form is now 28 strong. This also is a record for the school. Our examination successes; you may see for yourselves. Bearing in mind that none of our girls are streamed out of taking G.C.E., and remembering that our pupils are of varying capabilities, it is very satisfactory to find that every girl in Upper Five obtained a General Certificate of Education; that only one girl has left this form, and that was on account of her family's removal to the mainland. We had eleven girls taking 26 Advanced level subjects and they obtained five Distinctions and fifteen Good passes amongst them. Especially I would mention Raya Kharusi, who came to us in September, 1959, without even her "O" level pass in English language. Her success reflects the greatest credit on our teaching staff; on the facilities for study our boarders enjoy, as well as on her own application to work. All of our Upper Sixth took the special General Studies paper for Advanced level candidates and two obtained Good passes. In Mathematics I must mention the achievement of Barbara Jones who obtained 99% and 98% in her two papers, together with 94 in Practical Physics, a very good start for her Advanced level Science studies. In the "O" level examinations of the Oxford and Cambridge Board twenty girls sat in July, 1961, offering numbers of subjects from eight to one. Some of the marks were particularly pleasing. Our girls have won success in other fields of endeavour; our Junior choir, trained by Miss Norah Moore shared the Vancouver Shield with Rushen Primary School choir at the Manx Music Festival, trained incidentally by one of our past Head Girls, Miss Phyllis Kennaugh. Manx successes were gained also by individual competitors in classes in the Manx Music Festival. Our youthful team won the ladies' section of the gruelling Parish Walk. Three of our old girls, after training as teachers and in domestic science have gone to see the wider world in Canada and Australia. Any school, particularly a boarding school, measures its success, not merely by Academic results, worthy though they are, but in the lasting influence it has created on the outlook and way of life of the girls who has passed through it.

The girls who left our Upper Sixth in July were not blue stockings, despite their fine results. In fact there was a time, when they were Middle School boarders, when they aroused grief and despondency in the staff and their future was regarded with gloom! Yet their loyalty to the School is an inspiration to all who follow. In a difficult year, the Head Girl, Tanya Sansom, supported the staff loyally and efficiently. Every girl in the last Upper Sixth has expressed her gratitude to the School, and except two who hope to continue their studies in Germany and Pauline Kennaugh our present Head Girl, every one of them has entered professional training; three have gone to Honours Schools at Universities; one to I.C.I. linguist-secretarial course; one to banking; one to ophthalmic optics; one to meteorology; one to practical pre-University pharmacy.

But all girls cannot excel in the sciences and arts; so we have made a start this year, in arranging for some Lower Sixth girls to commence Domestic Science and one girl also has commenced a course in Shorthand and Typing at this School.

Good buildings are necessary to ease and comfort, but they do not make a school. If the heart is sound, the school will be sound. The heart is sound if our Senior girls themselves decide that they must stay on in the Sixth form, that they must prepare themselves for a profession in life; that they have a duty to God and society. Miss Norah Clague, who served King William's College so faithfully for many years, and whose tragically sudden death we mourned earlier this year, often said, the very finest products of any school are those who find nothing "too hard or too heavy". The secret of happiness is to find pleasure and take pride in whatever we have to do.

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## OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Present : Mrs. J. M. Watkin.

Vice-President : Miss Halsall. Chairman : Mrs. Kewley.

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

Committee :

Miss Renton, Miss Black, Miss Lewthwaite, Miss Kinvig,

Miss Kennaugh, Mrs. Hawton.

THE Annual Dance was held on the 4th January, 1961, at the Fort Anne Hotel. H.E. The Governor and Lady Garvey were present.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Fort Anne Hotel and as this was not very well attended it has been decided that this social meeting will be discontinued in future.

A very successful coffee morning was held however, and of course the Tennis Match against the School.

We should be pleased to hear from any old girl who has anything of interest to tell us, particularly those who marry and change their names. Also we would like to know of any change of address so that we may keep in touch with members more easily. Please get in touch with the Secretary, Mrs. Burton, Main Road, Ballasalla.

May we remind you that a Life Subscription costs £3 3s 0d. and a yearly subscription 7/6d., and we are hoping to welcome more new members in the next few months.



# THE BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Chairman : Mrs. E. M. Preston.  
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Hon. Auditor : Mr. L. J. Kewley.

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Committee Members representing the Parents :— Lady Garvey, Mrs. Brownsdon, Mrs. T. E. Cubbon, Mrs. Kennaugh, Mrs. Kewley, Mrs. Lightbody, Mrs. Maughan, Mrs. T. G. Moore and Mrs. Sansom; Messrs. Gore, Kissack, W. J. Moore and Standen.

THE Annual General Meeting was held on the 21st October, 1960, when a fair representation of parents and teachers was present. The Chairman, Mr. Leslie Gore, welcomed new members with the hope that they would be able to enter more closely into the life of the school by their meetings with other Association members.

It was stated that many useful amenities had been purchased for the School out of the proceeds of the Fayre held in St. George's Hall in June. The main items were stage curtains, a record player, a VHF radio, thirty steel/canvas chairs for the Assembly Hall, gowns for the prefects and music for the choir. The final gift for the year was the purchase of semastic tiles for the recreation room floor at Westhill at a cost of some £40.

During the year a social evening was held at which two films were kindly shown by Mr. William Firth, one of the members, and a most interesting lecture on "Careers" was given on another evening by Miss Rees, Youth Employment Officer for Girls of the Manchester Education Committee. Miss Rees promised a return visit to the school.

A "Scavenger Hunt" was arranged one evening in May when 22 cars set out from Tynwald Hill and by devious routes reached Derbyhaven in time for supper having collected sycamore trees, sea shells, signatures and many other specified specimens on the way.

The climax of a very fruitful and happy year was an enjoyable Garden Party in the grounds of Government House in June. The labours of a willing band of organisers and helpers were well rewarded when the financial results were known for a sum of nearly £120 was raised. The afternoon's enjoyment was completed by some pretty dance displays by Buchan pupils of Miss Hammonds and Mrs. Mudie.

A. C. JONES,  
Hon. Secretary.

## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1960-1961

Head Girl : Tanya Sansom.

Deputy Head Girl : Patricia Leather.

Head Boarder : Sandra Phillips.

Prefects : Honoris Causa — J. Beagle, P. Davies.

Prefects : Helen Bull, Carole Clague, Marilyn Conroy, Pauline Kennaugh, Raya Kharusi, Vivien Pedder, Elaine Radcliffe, Tanja Wray.

Sub-Prefects : M. Standen, D. Firth, E. Kinrade, J. Wright, S. Gilmour, F. Gore, J. Keggins.

House Captains : Godred — Michele Standen.

Magnus — Raya Kharusi.

Olaf — Eileen Kinrade.

Magazine Editor : Janet Wright.

## SALVETE

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 Lohead.

January, 1961.—Maxine Glander, Linze Glander, Marilyn Barton, Clive Vant.

May, 1961.—Janet Montgomery, David Forrester, Lynne Buchan.

June, 1961.—Caroline Furnivall.

September, 1961.—Shirley Kermode, Patricia Peacock, Fiona Macpherson, Adenike Solarin, Jean Faragher, Caroline Simcocks, Jacqueline Barnes, Pamela Allen, Nadine Wilkinson, Angela Eagles, Martha Blakey, Amber Kaighin, Gillian Turner, Stephanie Gilbert, Maureen Starling, Sarah Creer, Nicholas Vereker, Margaret Charles, Sarah Galloway, Luise McCormick, Kathleen Crebbin, Brian Cuthbert, Diana Tate, Ann Golding, Elizabeth Elliott, Valerie Santhouse, Susan Bond, Deirdre Usher, Mary Taubman, Nine McFee, Julie Critchley, Sally Clague.

## VALETE

Autumn Term, 1960—

Janet Beagle, Marilyn Conroy, Virginia Matthews, Dawn Ashley.

Easter Term, 1961—

Summer Term, 1961—

Anthea Bull, Carol Clague, Pamela Davies, Raya Kharusi, Patricia Leather, Vivien Pedder, Sandra Phillips, Elaine Radcliffe, Tanya Sansom, Tanja Wray, Ann Jones, Joan Keggins, Norma Robertson, Carol Evans, Caroline Furnivall, Gillian Cowley, David Brookfield.

## SPEECH DAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1961

MRS. AYLWIN COTTON, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A., daughter of the late

Dr. Robert Marshall, of Douglas, who attended the "Castletown High School" 1914-1919, visited the School in October, 1961, and gave the prizes. Mrs. Cotton was one of the first pupils to matriculate from the school, and is one of the most distinguished of its former pupils. In 1926 she qualified in medicine at London University (M.B., B.S. & M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P.). In 1928 she married Dr. Thomas F. Cotton, the Heart Specialist, and retired from the practice of medicine. In 1936 Mrs. Cotton took a Post-graduate Diploma in Western European Pre-history at London University. From 1940-1948 she worked at the Ministry of Economic Warfare and at the Foreign Office (Far Eastern Economics). Since then she has worked as an archæologist and conducted excavations at Silchester, Verulamium (St. Alban's) and Camulodunum (Colchester) and elsewhere. Mrs. Cotton is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London; Vice-President of the Pre-historic Society; Vice-President of the Royal Archaeological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland; President of the Berkshire Archaeological Society; President of the Watford and S.W. Hants. Archaeological Society; Chairman of the Silchester Excavation Committee. Her special interests are in the Western European Iron Age and hill-finds and other earthworks.

Mrs. Cotton gave a most interesting talk to the large number of parents, friends and past and present pupils who crowded the hall, recalling her own schooldays with affection and amusing anecdote. She concluded her address with a reading of the following lines from the Third Sonnet by William Shakespeare:

"Thou art thy mother's glass, and she in thee  
Calls back the lovely April of her prime;  
So thou through windows of thine age shalt see,  
Despite of wrinkles, this thy golden time."

A bouquet of carnations was given to Mrs. Aylwin Cotton by Martha Blakey; single orchids to Lady Garvey and Mrs. Watkin by Sally Clague and Anne Elliott; carnation buttonholes to H.E. the Governor, to the Lord Bishop, to the Archdeacon, and the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. F. M. Cubbon. The Lord Bishop thanked Mrs. Aylwin Cotton for her presentation of the prizes and interest in the school. The Head Girl, Pauline Kennaugh, thanked Mrs. Aylwin Cotton for the extra day's holiday she had obtained for the school.

## PROGRAMME

God Save the Queen.

Spring's Refrain (Strauss)—Senior Choir.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors—The Archdeacon of Man,  
The Ven. E. H. Stenning, M.B.E., M.A., T.D.

Report of the Head Mistress.

The Chairman introduced Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., F.S.A.

Address by Mrs. M. Aylwin Cotton.

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man,

The Right Rev. Benjamin Pollard, T.D., D.D., M.Sc.

Distribution of Prizes and Certificates.

School Song.

The Manx National Anthem.

## PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

**Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.**

**General Certificate of Education, July, 1961.**

### Scholarship Level:

P. Davies	Zoology (Good)
R. Kharusi	History (Distinction); English (Good).
T. Sansom	History (Distinction); English (Good).
T. Wray	History (Good); English (Strong Pass).

### Advanced Level:

H. Bull	Divinity (Distinction); History (Good); English (Strong Pass).
C. Clague	English.
P. Davies	Zoology (Strong Pass); Chemistry.
P. Kennaugh	English (Good); German (Strong Pass); French (Strong Pass).
R. Kharusi	History (Distinction); English (Good).
S. Phillips	English (Good); French; German.
E. Radcliffe	English (Strong Pass); German.
T. Sansom	History (Distinction); English (Good).
T. Wray	Divinity (Distinction); History (Good); English (Strong Pass).

### Ordinary Level:

S. Al-Ansari	English Language; English Literature; History; Music.
P. Brennan	Scripture; English Language; Geography; Biology; Art.
J. Callister	English Language; English Literature; History; Latin; French; German; Mathematics; Biology.
M. Callister	English Language; English Literature; History; Latin; French; Mathematics; Biology; Music.
C. Carter	Scripture; English Language; History; French; Biology.
A. Creer	English Language; English Literature; History; Latin; French; German; Mathematics; Biology.
C. Cubbon	English Literature; Biology; Music.
C. Evans	English Language; English Literature; History; French; Biology.
S. Griffin	Art.

V. Gwynn Jones	English Language; English Literature; Biology; Art.
B. Jones	English Language; English Literature; Geography; Latin; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry.
G. Keig	Scripture; History; Geography; Art; Biology.
C. Lochhead	Scripture; English Literature; History.
C. Marsden	English Language; English Literature; History; Latin; French; German; Biology.
J. Moore	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; Art.
J. Neild	Scripture; English Literature; History; Art.
A. Nicholl	English Literature; History; Geography; Art.
J. Sewell	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; History.
J. Siddell	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; Art.
D. Firth	English Language; Geography.
S. Gilmour	Physics (O.A.); Botany.
F. Gore	Biology.
J. Keggin	Geography.
N. Robertson	French; German.
M. Standen	Physics (O.A.).

**December, 1960 — Ordinary Level :**

D. Firth	English Literature.
S. Gilmour	English Language; Chemistry.
A. Jones	Scripture.
J. Keggin	English Language.
J. Quirk	Scripture : English Language; English Literature.
N. Robertson	English Language.
M. Standen	English Language; French; Chemistry.
T. Wray	Mathematics.
J. Wright	English Literature; Latin.
V. Matthews	English Language.
R. Kharusi	English Language.

**University of London General Certificate of Education.  
Advanced Level — July, 1961.**

R. Kharusi	Swahili (Distinction).
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**January, 1961 — Ordinary Level :**

R. Kharusi	Swahili.
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**Form Prizes :**

Upper VI	R. Kharusi.
Lower VI	S. Gilmour.
Upper V	J. Callister.
Lower V	M. Preston.
Upper IV	J. Callow.
Lower IV	P. Caithness.
Upper III	C. Nicholls, F. Caithness.
Junior School	G. Moore; S. Holt.
Progress	E. Rees-Jones; A. Clague; P. Hudson.

**Subject Prizes :**

Scripture	T. Wray, H. Bull	P. Caithness
English	T. Sansom	P. Caithness
History	T. Sansom, R. Kharusi	J. Allen
Geography	L. Garvey	J. Forrester
Science	J. Callister	C. Nicholls
Mathematics	B. Jones	H. Christian
French	P. Kennaugh	P. Brownsdon
Latin	J. Callister	P. Caithness
German	P. Kennaugh	
Art	G. Keig, J. Moore	J. Macpherson
Music	S. Al-Ansari	P. Brownsdon
Needlework	K. Kewley	

**Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music  
Michaelmas Term, 1960**

**Pianoforte :**

Grade II	P. Caithness (with Merit), L. Garvey.
Grade III	P. Brownsdon (with Merit), K. Kewley.
Grade IV	G. Brown, J. Fargher (with Distinction), R. Jones, S. Kinvig.
Grade V	B. Jones.
Grade VI	M. Kegg (with Distinction).
Grade VII	S. Al-Ansari (with Merit).
Grade VIII	M. Callister (with Merit).

**Violincello :**

Grade IV	M. Callister (with Distinction).
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**Singing :**

Grade VI	A. Creer (with Distinction).
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**Theory :**

Grade VII	S. Al-Ansari.
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**Easter Term, 1961**

**Pianoforte :**

Grade I	H. Christian, M. Faragher.
Grade II	L. Gelling, B. Parkinson.
Grade III	J. Allen, J. Bordell, H. Singleton.
Grade VIII	P. Kennaugh (with Merit).

**Theory :**

Grade IV	G. Brown, P. Brownsdon, R. Jones, K. Kewley, S. Kinvig
Grade V	J. Gibb.
Grade VI	E. Kinrade.
Grade VIII	S. Al-Ansari.

**Trinity Term, 1961**

**Pianoforte :**

Grade I	P. Cooney.
Grade V	J. Fargher (with Merit).
Grade VII	E. Kinrade.

**Theory :**

Grade III	H. Singleton.
Grade V	G. Brown, P. Brownsdon, K. Kewley, S. Kinvig.

**Riding Certificates**

**Proficiency Grade I :**

M. Preston	M. L. Kenworthy	P. Cooney
J. Gibb	J. Allen	A. Clague
E. Watkin	P. Brownsdon	J. Sofio
T. Hawton	D. Cottier	B. Parkinson
S. Kissack	L. Jackson	H. Singleton
M. Connal	F. Caithness	G. Brown.
J. Stevenson	W. Leach	

**The Manx Music Festival — 1960**

**SINGING**

Senior Choir 1st place (Watterson Cup)  
tied 1st place (Vancouver Shield).  
Junior Choir 2nd place.

**CELLO**

M. Callister, 1st place (under 18 solo—Caine Cup).

**PIANOFORTE**

C. Cubbon, 2nd place (14-16 solo);  
3rd place (sight-reading).

**HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE—T. Sansom.**

**HEAD BOARDER'S PRIZE—S. Phillips.**

**PRIZES** awarded by the **MILK MARKETING BOARD** for an Essay.—  
J. Callow; P. Caithness.

**THE M. J. C. WATKIN PRIZE** for outstanding performance in the Shakespeare Competition :—

Senior: G. Brown. Runner-up: B. Bishop.

Highly Commended: M. Standen, S. Lawson, E. Watkin, J. Garvey.

**THE NEWTON CUP** (awarded for all-round service to the School).—  
P. Kennaugh

**THE KEWLEY CUP** for Junior Gymnastics: J. Barratt.

**SWIMMING CUP.**—Senior: J. Keggin. Junior: F. Caithness.

**THE FIRTH CUP** for Tennis.—Not awarded.

**HOUSE CUP.**—Olaf.

### SPECIAL PRIZES

**THE CURPHEY PRIZES FOR MANX HISTORY** open to Upper III to Upper VI. The subject was: "What do you understand by the words 'Manx Crosses'?" Illustrate your account with a description of any stone you have seen, and, if possible with a diagram. Notes and sketches may be brought in and used. The essays were written on Wednesday afternoon, 26th July. The prize was won by Jane Callow, and the runner-up was Patricia Thacker.

**THE HUMPHREYS PRIZE FOR GEOGRAPHY** was won by Paula Brennan.

**THE LADY DUNDAS CUP FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING** was awarded to Bruna Bishop.

**A Lower IVth BIRD BOOK COMPETITION** was held on 14th June, 1961—  
1st: Jane Stevenson.

Highly Commended: Daphne Cottier, Janet Forrester, Jane Macpherson, Fenella Madoc.

This form arranged an exhibition in the laboratory and gave short talks on birds they had observed in various widely different climates in parts of the world where they have lived.

### WE WARMLY THANK ALL DONORS OF PRIZES

### SPORTS DAY, 1961

**THE Annual Sports Day** was held on Friday, June 9th, 1961, in the School field in bright sunshine. Mrs. H. Colbourn attended and presented the awards; she very graciously brought some prizes for individual winners.

### RESULTS

Juniors—80 yards (under 10 years 10 months): 1, J. Sofio; 2, J. Faragher; 3, W. Leach.

Juniors—100 yards (under 13 years 4 months): 1, J. Macpherson; 2, S. Evans; 3, L. Jackson.

Middle—100 yards (under 15 years 4 months): 1, E. Kinley; 2, J. Lightbody; 3, J. Fargher.

Seniors—100 yards: 1, C. Cubbon; 2, V. Pedder; 3, C. Evans.

Prep—60 yards: 1, J. Sofio; 2, J. Barratt; 3, J. Montgomery.

Middle and Juniors—Exchange Relay, 60 yards: 1, Godred; 2, Magnus; 3, Olaf.

Seniors—Exchange Relay, 60 yards: 1, Godred; 2, Magnus; 3, Olaf.

Prep—Three-legged, 60 yards: B. Parkinson, J. Faragher; 2, W. Leach, J. Barratt; 3, S. Hedges, A. Kissack.

Dressing Race, 60 yards: 1, A. Simcocks; 2, S. Holt; 3, D. Brookfield.

Three-legged Race, 80 yards: 1, E. Kinley, I. Corrin; 2, J. Keggin, C. Cubbon; J. Lightbody, H. Bull.

Skipping, 80 yards: 1, J. Keggin; 2, I. Corrin; 3, T. Hawton.

Prep—Skipping, 60 yards: 1, J. Sofio; 2, W. Leach; 3, J. Faragher.

Middle—250 yards: 1, G. Brown; 2, J. Lightbody; 3, R. Jones.



Seniors—250 yards : 1, J. Keggin ; 2, H. Bull ; 3, V. Pedder.  
 Seniors—Hockey Throw : 1, I. Corrin ; 2, C. Cubbon ; 3, M. Callister.  
 Middle—Hockey Throw : 1 (tie), C. Carter, J. Fargher ; 3, J. Stevenson.  
 Junior—Rounders Ball Throw : 1, D. Cottier ; 2 (tie), T. Hawton, W. Leach.  
 Prep—Sack Race, 60 yards : 1, A. Chambers ; S. Holt ; 3, A. Simcocks.  
 Juniors—Sack Race, 60 yards : 1, J. Sofio ; 2, J. Barratt ; 3, G. Moore.  
 Seniors—High Jump : 1, J. Keggin ; 2, I. Corrin ; 3, G. Keig.  
 Middle—High Jump : 1, E. Kinley ; 2, J. Battersby ; 3, J. Garvey.  
 Juniors—High Jump : 1, F. Caithness ; 2, P. Caithness ; 3, G. Moore.  
 Seniors—Long Jump : 1, C. Cubbon ; 2, V. Pedder ; 3, M. Standen.  
 Middle—Long Jump : 1, C. Taggart ; 2, J. Fargher ; 3, C. Carter.  
 Juniors—Long Jump : 1, J. Macpherson ; 2, T. Hawton ; 3, J. Barratt.  
 Seniors—Hop, Skip and Jump : 1, M. Standen ; 2, C. Cubbon ; 3, D. Cottier.  
 Middle—Hop, Skip and Jump : 1, E. Kinley ; 2, J. Fargher ; 3, C. Carter.  
 Juniors—Hop, Skip and Jump : 1, J. Macpherson ; 2, P. Caithness ; 3, J. Barratt.  
 Seniors—House Relay : 1, Magnus ; 2, Olaf ; 3, Godred.  
 Juniors—House Relay : 1, Magnus ; 2, Olaf ; 3, Godred.  
 Middle—House Relay : 1, Magnus ; 2, Godred ; 3, Olaf.

#### CUPS—

Junior Victrix Ludorum—Jacqueline Sofio.  
 Senior Victrix Ludorum—Elizabeth Kinley.  
 Senior High Jump Cup—Elizabeth Kinley.  
 100 yards Cup—Christine Cubbon.

HOUSE SHIELD—Magnus.

## SWIMMING SPORTS, 1961

THE Buchan School Swimming Sports were held at King William's College baths by permission of the Principal on Monday, 24th July, 1961, at 2-30 p.m. Mr. Morgan, from College, and Mrs. I. Qualtrough judged the diving.

Lady Cowley presented the awards. The Senior Cup was won by J. Keggin and the Junior Cup by F. Caithness. Magnus won the House Cup.

### RESULTS

Junior length, free style, speed : 1, P. Caithness, 2, F. Caithness ; 3, J. Garvey.  
 Beginner's Dive : 1, M. Casement ; 2, J. Stevenson ; 3, W. Leach.  
 Junior Breast Stroke : 1, C. Taggart ; 2, F. Caithness ; 3, J. Garvey.  
 Senior and Middle Schools, 2 lengths, free style, speed : 1, J. Keggin ; 2, L. Garvey ; 3, M. Standen.  
 Breast stroke style, open : 1, L. Garvey ; 2, F. Caithness ; 3, J. Garvey.  
 Junior Dive : 1, C. Taggart ; 2, F. Caithness ; 3, J. Sofio.  
 Back crawl style, open : 1, J. Keggin ; 2, P. Caithness ; 3, J. Garvey.  
 Junior relay race : 1, Olaf ; 3, Magnus ; 3, Godred.  
 Senior breast stroke, speed : 1, P. Leather ; 2, J. Keggin ; 3, M. Standen.  
 Senior and Middle Schools Dive :—1, P. Leather ; 2, M. Standen ; 3, P. Caithness.  
 Crawl style, open : 1, F. Caithness ; 2, J. Garvey ; 3, L. Garvey.  
 Senior and Middle Schools, Relay Race : 1, Magnus ; 2, Olaf ; 3, Godred.

## INTER-FORM SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

THE Inter-Form Shakespeare Competition was won this year by Lower V with a scene from "Macbeth". The final took place on the afternoon of Thursday, March 3rd. The judge was Miss Nora Moore, whose careful judgments and advice will be of great value to aspiring actresses.

### RESULTS

1st—LOWER V. "MACBETH"—Act II, Scene ii.

Lady Macbeth — Suzanne Lawson (Highly commended).

Macbeth — Bruna Bishop (Very highly commended).

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
16/20	18/20	15/15	22/25	71/80

2nd—UPPER IV. "THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR"—Act III, Scene iii.

Mistress Ford—Elizabeth Watkin (Highly commended).

Mistress Page—Helen Singleton (Commended).

Sir John Falstaff—Rosa Jones (Commended).

Page—Tania Hawton.

Serving Men—Jane Lightbody; Marian Connal.

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
16/20	15/20	12/15	20/25	63/80

3rd—LOWER VI. "OTHELLO"—Act V, Scene ii.

Othello—Michele Standen (Highly commended).

Desdemona—Diana Firth.

Iago—Fiona Gore.

Emilia—Eileen Kinrade (Commended).

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
15/20	15/20	10/15	17/25	57/80

4th—LOWER IV. "A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"—Act IV, Scene i.

Bottom—Jane Bordell (Commended).

Titania—Julia Garvey (Highly commended).

Pease Blossom—Susan Lothead.

Mustard Seed—Daphne Cottier.

Cobweb—Marie-Louise Kenworthy.

Oberson—Jean Allen.

Puck—Patricia Brownsdon.

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
17/20	12/20	9/15	18/25	56/80

5th—UPPER IV. "AS YOU LIKE IT"—Act V, Scene i.

Touchstone—Lavinia Garvey.

Audrey—Janet Moore (Commended).

William—Gillian Brown (Best all-round performance)

Corin—Elaine Maughan.

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
10/20	16/20	12/15	16/25	54/80

6th—III TRANSITION. "TWELFTH NIGHT"—Act II, Scene iii.

Malvolio—Gillian Moore.

Sir Toby Belch—Sally Hedges (Commended).

Marie—Gillian Cowley.

Sir Andrew Aguecheek—Susan Cormode.

Feste—Wendy Leach.

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
12/20	10/20	10/15	14/25	46/80

7th—UPPER III. "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW".

Kate—Paula Bishop (Commended).

Bianca—Margaret Sillick (Commended).

Petruchio—Fiona Caithness.

Baptista—Jacqueline Singleton.

Hortensio—Katherine Callow.

Lucentio—Clare Nicholls.

Presentation	Acting	Audibility	General Effect	Total
8/20	7/20	6/15	14/25	35/80

These seven teams reached the final but other scenes presented had commended acting by individuals as follows:—

Jane Callow, U IV.—"As You Like It" Act I, Scene i ("Oliver").

Marilyn Barton, U IV.—"As You Like It" Act I, Scene iii  
("Duke Frederick").

THE M. J. C. WATKIN CUP for the best individual performance was won by Gillian Brown, U IV, as "William"; the runner-up was Bruna Bishop, L V, as "Lady Macbeth".

Best Junior (L IV down) was Julia Garvey.

## 1961 UNIVERSITY ENTRY AND OTHER TRAINING

### FORM UPPER VI

- Janet Beagle (September 1953 to December 1960)  
to Nottingham Training College.
- Helen Bull (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to University of Liverpool, Honours School of History.
- Carol Clague (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to I.C.I. Training Course as Linguist Secretary.
- Pamela Davies (April 1948 to July 1961)  
to Practical Pharmacy, pre-University.
- Raya Kharusi (September 1959 to July 1961)  
to University of Leeds, Honours School of History.
- Patricia Leather (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to a Course of Technical Training in Ophthalmic Optics.
- Vivien Pedder (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to Meteorological Office.
- Sandra Phillips (September 1953 to July 1961)  
to University of Munich—Course in German Language.
- Elaine Radcliffe (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to further language study in Austria.
- Tanya Sansom (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to University of Liverpool to read Law.
- Tanja Wray (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to National Provincial Bank in London for one year, then accepted by  
University of Leicester, Honours School of History for 1962 entry.

### LOWER VI

- Virginia Matthews (September 1955 to December 1960)  
to Secretarial Course and position at Ronaldsway Airport ; then accepted  
at Didsbury Training College.
- Ann Jones (September 1958 to September 1961)  
to Secretarial Course.
- Joan Keggins (September 1954 to July 1961)  
to Secretarial Course.
- Norma Robertson (September 1956 to July 1961)  
to Secretarial College.

### UPPER V

- Carol Evans (September 1956 to July 1961)  
to Secretarial College, Burton-on-Trent.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### REMOVAL OF JUNIOR SCHOOL TO WESTHILL

ON Wednesday, 3rd May, 1961, the Junior School removed to new surroundings at Westhill. They soon became quite at home in their new surroundings and the advantages of these, including the use of the new dining room for lunch at Westhill, outweighed all the difficulties entailed in the transfer. This was a very important event in the history of the school as it represented the first step towards the planned future siting of the school buildings at Westhill.

Forms Upper VI and Lower VI held a farewell dinner at Westhill at which Mrs. Watkin and Miss Shannon were present.

On Saturday, October 8th, 1960, a Reunion was held at Westhill of the members of the 1960 School Tour to Paris. Parents attended and there was an exhibition of pictures and souvenirs.

### SERVICES, CONFERENCES, CHARITY COLLECTIONS

A CHRISTMAS Festival of the Nine Lessons was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Castletown, on Wednesday, 14th December, 1960, at 2-45 p.m. by

courtesy of the Reverend E. B. Glass, M.A., Vicar of Castletown, who gave the Bidding Prayer. The Service was attended by a large congregation of parents and friends, and the silver collection was given to the Isle of Man Children's Home and to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

This year for the first time twelve girls have joined St. Mary's Church Choir and attend both morning and evening services in term time. A Choir Half on the 2/10 October was granted to the girls who have regularly assisted in the Church Choir.

The Student Christian Movement Conference was held on Friday, February 10th, 1961, at Douglas High School. Miss Black, Carol Clague, Vivien Pedder, Helen Bull, Tanya Sansom, Patricia Leather, Elaine Radcliffe, Pauline Kennaugh, Tanja Wray, Sandra Phillips, Pamela Davies, Fiona Gore, Eileen Kinrae, Michele Standen, Susan Gilmour, Anne Jones, Diana Firth, Jennifer Quirk, Norma Robertson, Janet Wright and Joan Keggin attended and took part in the discussion groups.

The School Confirmation Service took place at Bishop's Court Chapel on Thursday, 27th July, 1961. This was the first time Confirmation of candidates from the Buchan School had been held in this beautiful chapel. Parents and god-parents of the candidates attended the service together with some members of the school and the school choir sang. Those confirmed were Gillian Brown, Susan Ellis, Julia Garvey, Lavinia Garvey, Katherine Kewley, Carol Marsden, Elaine Maughan, Mary Preston, Helen Singleton and Elizabeth Watkin.

On Palm Sunday, boarders enjoyed an illustrated talk by Mr. and Mrs. A. Parr on their visit to Oberammergau and the Passion Play.

A special Youth Service was held at St. John's Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 14th May, 1961. It was attended by a party of Senior boarders and day girls and the School members of the Castletown Guide Company were there too.

Representatives of the International Bible Reading Association visited the School on Thursday, 1st June, 1961, and gave a short talk on their work.

The End-of-Term Services were taken by the Archdeacon, The Ven. E. H. Stenning, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

**CHARITIES.**—Collections were made during the year and the following amounts were sent:— £10 to the Congo Relief; £13 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes; £10 to the Honduras Relief.

#### CAREERS: SEPTEMBER, 1960 — JULY, 1961

ON Friday, September 23rd, Squadron Officer Binns, of the W.R.A.F., visited the School and gave an interesting and informative talk on careers for women in H.M. Forces.

On Saturday, September 24th, Woman Inspector Christie of the Metropolitan Police gave a talk at Westhill on her work and experiences in the police service. On Monday, September 26th, she gave a talk to the senior girls on police work as a career.

Through the kind co-operation of Mr. Wilkinson, Director of Education, Miss Rees, Youth Employment Officer for Girls, of the City of Manchester Education Committee, gave a talk to the Parent-Teachers Association and senior pupils on the subject of "Careers for Girls". The talk took place at Bowling Green Road on Tuesday, March 7th, 1961, at 7-30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Miss Rees, the N.W. Region Careers Adviser, visited the School on Wednesday, 17th May, 1961, to interview senior girls and advise them about careers.

Educational visits were made to the Isle of Man Dairy and to the Cheese Factory in Douglas on Friday morning, 21st July, 1961, and to the Knock-e-Loughan Farm at Santon by kind permission of Mr. M. Macpherson. The purpose of these visits was to gain practical knowledge of the production and processing of milk and milk products.

### EXCURSIONS

THE Tramp Club excursion to North Barrule on October 1st, 1960, was taken by Miss Black.

In March, 1961, a Tramp Club Competition was held. This took the form of a Quiz. Results were :— 1st (tie), Tanja Sansom, Sandra Phillips, 27 points ; 3rd, Jennifer Collister, 26 points.

In the Spring Term a Tramp Club Walk took place on 14th March, 1961, and a Tramp Club Fair was held in the Hall at lunch time on Monday, 27th March, 1961.

On Wednesday, 14th May, 1961, Forms Upper IV and Lower IV went with Mrs. Watkin and Mrs. Parys on a tour of Manx Churches where Runic Crosses are preserved. The party was welcomed at Maughold Church by the Vicar, The Reverend Duckworth, who assisted the girls with advice and information. Many rubbings were made of the stones with ogham and runic inscriptions at Maughold, Andreas and Bride.

### EDUCATIONAL FILMS — SPRING TERM 1961

ON Wednesday, 18th January, a film lent by the Hampshire Education Committee was shown at the School to an audience of Island Physical Training teachers. The Director of Education, Mr. H. C. Wilkinson, attended, together with the Island Organiser, Miss Griffiths. The film was called "New Methods of Teaching Physical Education".

On Friday, 20th January, "Cæsar and Cleopatra" was shown in school in the afternoon. Forms Lower IV to Upper VI attended.

On Saturday, 21st January, the School attended a performance of the film "Royal Ballet" at the Regal Cinema in Douglas.

### WESTHILL CINEMA — 1960-1961

Films shown during the Autumn and Spring Terms were :—

"Father Brown" from G. K. Chesterton's book, with Alec Guinness.

"The Admirable Crichton" by James Barrie.

"The Mouse that Roared" with Peter Sellers.

"Me and the Colonel" with Danny Kaye.

"Serengeti Shall Not Die"—a marvellous colour film of wild life in Africa.

"Lost Horizon" with Ronald Colman.

Sat., 28th Jan.—"The Lady Vanishes" and "Pluto at the Zoo".

Sat., 18th Feb.—"The Tudor Rose" and "Jack and the Beanstalk".

Sat., 4th March—"Man of Aran" and "Three Little Pigs".

Sat., 18th March—"The Lavender Hill Mob" and "Fantasy on Ireland".

### CONCERTS

ON Wednesday, November 2nd, 1960, The Grissell Piano Quartet played at King William's College and a large number of boarders and day girls attended.

On Tuesday, November 8th, 1960, a Piano Recital was given in the Buchan School Hall to a large audience of parents and friends by Miss Iris Loveridge, who also came to the School the following day to play for the juniors and for those who had been unable to obtain seats at the recital the previous evening.

On Saturday, December 3rd, 1960, Joseph Ward, baritone, about to join the cast of Britten's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" delighted the audience who attended his recital of Opera and Song at King William's College.

During the Spring Term, Bernard Brown gave a recital "Sound the Trumpet" at King William's College. This was greatly appreciated by the group of boarders and day girls who heard it.

Miss Florence Hooton gave an excellent and varied Violincello Recital at King William's College on Saturday, 11th March, 1961.

#### THE MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL—MAY, 1961

**BOTH** the Senior and Junior School Choirs took part in the Manx Music Festival this year, trained by Miss Norah Moore. Their performance was all the more praiseworthy as much of their work had to be done in the Easter holidays.

**SINGING**—School Choir (16 years and under): 1st and 2nd place.

**VIOLINCELLO**—Margaret Callister—1st place (under 18 solo—Caine Cup).

**SOLO FOR GIRLS** (10 and under 12)—1st place, Ingrid Murray.

**ELOCUTION** (12 to 17)—1st, Suzanne Lawson. Under 12—3rd—Joyce Barratt.

#### GIRL GUIDES

**ON** Friday, 8th December, 1960, six of the boarders were enrolled as members of the 3rd Castletown Girl Guide Company at 7-30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

#### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

**ON** March, 22nd and 23rd, 1961, a programme of plays was presented, produced by Miss Lace.

##### JUNIOR SCHOOL—"THE STOLEN PRINCE"

(a playlet in the Chinese fashion) by Dan Totheroh.

Cast :

The Chorus .....	Philippa Caithness
The Property Man .....	Julia Garvey
Long Fo (the little son of the Royal Cook) ..	Maureen Casement
Wing Lee (his little sister) .....	Jane Stevenson
The Royal Nurse .....	Fiona Caithness
Hi Tee (a poor but honest Fisherman) .....	Jacqueline Singleton
Li Mo (his wife) .....	Rosemary Connal
Joy (the little Prince) .....	Susan Lochead
Lee Mee (the Duck) .....	
Two Soldiers of the Royal Court ...	Lynne Gelling, Paula Bishop
The Executioner .....	Janet Forrester
The Orchestra .....	Hazel Christian, Patricia Brownsdon
	Daphne Cottier, Jane Macpherson, Christian Taggart

Costumes and Props :

Patricia Thacker, Jane Lightbody, Marie-Louise Kenworthy

Music : Miss N. Moore.

##### MIDDLE SCHOOL—"FOUR QUEENS WAIT FOR HENRY"

(an Obituary Comedy) by L. Du Garde Peach.

Cast :

Katherine of Aragon .....	Suzanne Lawson
Maid .....	Gillian Brown
Anne Boleyn .....	Bruna Bishop
Catherine Howard .....	Jennifer Gibb
Jane Seymour .....	Helen Singleton

Time : The year A.D. 1547. Place : The next world.

Costumes and Props : Mary Preston and Elizabeth Watkin.



## SENIOR SCHOOL—"CATO'S DAUGHTER" by Margaret Wood.

### Cast :

Julia (a waiting woman) .....	Barbara Jones
Claudia (a waiting woman) .....	Anna Creer
Megara (a bond woman) .....	Carole Marsden
Portia (wife to Marcus Brutus) .....	Michele Standen
Calpurnia (wife to Julius Caesar) .....	Eileen Kinrade

The action of the play passes in an apartment in the house of Marcus Brutus in Rome. Time : The Ides of March, 44 B.C.

### Costumes and Props :

Shirin Al-Ansari, Susan Gilmour, Jennifer Callister, Judith Moore.  
Make up : Members of Staff. Stage settings : Mrs. S. M. Blencowe.  
Producer of the three plays : Miss D. P. Lace.

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A Jumble Sale was held on Friday, 3rd March, 1961, to raise funds for the wardrobe of the Dramatic Society.

On Saturday, 4th February, 1961, a School party of boarders and day girls attended a matinee performance of "The Desert Song" by the Douglas Choral Union at the Gaiety Theatre produced by Miss Katherine Cowin.

On Saturday, 4th March, 1961, a school party attended a performance of "Brigadoon" produced for the Manx Operatic Society by Miss Norah Moore.

During the Spring Term members of the School also saw the Service Players' production of "The Unexpected Guest" at King William's College.

King William's College Dramatic Society presented "Macbeth" on Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th March, 1961. Boarders and day girls attended the Saturday evening performance.

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## ITALY

IN Italy, where I was a boarder, I enjoyed it. We got up at seven o'clock and went down to breakfast and went to school. The school was just below the dormitory. We finished school at two o'clock, had something to eat, then we could go and change. The lessons were awfully hard, and I just managed to scrape through them. Italy in summer was wonderful, we could go swimming with the nuns if we wanted to. We went for a walk to a place called Como. It has a big lake and we were allowed in yachts. At the end of term we would see if we passed our exams or not. If you had not passed your exam, you would have to stay behind and revise.

I loved Italy and its warm sun. I missed it when I had to come back here, after my year was over.

PAULA BISHOP, Upper III.

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## HOWLERS

Aqua means hot in Latin, hence aquator.

The Wigs were in power.

Haydn was a genesis.

Murder in the Cathedral is by Agatha Christie

A molecule is a baby mole.

## MY TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND

WHEN Daddy and Mummy had to go to New Zealand, Alec, my brother, and I went with them. We went straight to New Zealand on a Boeing Jet, only stopping at Fiji to change planes: The whole flight took about 36 hours. In New Zealand we stayed at the Clarendon Hotel in Christchurch, South Island. After staying about three weeks in Christchurch we went to Lake Taupo where there is black volcanic glass. One day Daddy took us to see the geysers. There was one that sounded like pigs grunting, another that sometimes went 73 feet high,, and the one I liked best was called "lilies and roses". It was a sort of mud that popped up, and when it came down again it looked like flowers. The Maories use it for dyeing. We saw some very hot water that they use for cooking too. After that we went to Fiji and while we were there we stayed first in Suva and then in Korolevu, a bathing place. While we were in Fiji we went to see the Fijian chief who lives in a little island just half a mile from the main one. A man came for us in a boat and we were welcomed by the chief. He wore a sort of skirt called a sulu and a shirt; similiar clothes were worn by all the men. He had a little girl and a baby boy. Mummy painted the girl. The chief told us that he went in one door and his wife came in the other one. He gave Mummy and Daddy the ceremonial drink called yangona. After Fiji we went on to San Francisco. In one of the squares there were some pigeons that are much tamer than the London ones. They even pulled my hair. In San Fancisco we saw cable cars which go up steep hills. Then we went to London and then home.

GILLIAN MOORE, III Remove.

## MALAYA

THE Malay peninsular is about 400 miles long. It is not completely covered in jungle, there are some quite large towns such as Kuala Lumpur (the capital), Kuantan, Johore and Ipoh. Malaya's chief exports are rubber and tin. Malaya provides most of the world's rubber and tin. Rice is also grown but none is exported because it is eaten by the people. Rice is the chief food of Malaya. Fruit and palm oil are also exported but they are not so important.

The native people of Malaya are, of course, the Malays who are a mixture of Indonesians and the native aborigines of Malaya. The Chinese and Tamils (from South India) came as refugees to Malaya about the beginning of the 19th century. They settled in Malaya growing rice and vegetables and tapping a few rubber trees.

The English came to Malaya about 1850 and became traders, rubber planters and tin miners, using the Chinese and Tamils as their workmen. Malaya had been discovered by Europeans before the Portugese and Spaniards visited Malaya in 1600. fought and defeated the Malays and settled in Malaya as traders. They lived there for quite a time and then slowly began to leave, and now there are only a few living there.

The Chinese work as shop-keepers, restaurant keepers, working in offices, working in firms, in the police force and as government workers. The richer Chinese work in offices and own cinemas, big shops, hotels, big restaurants, and the poor Chinese work as road labourers, growing vegetables and rice and working on rubber estates and tin mines. The Malays' and Tamils' work is much the same and the poor Malays work and live in little villages outside the town, in little houses on wooden piles with a roof thatched with "a'ap" (cononut palm fronds).

Malaya was under English government until 1957 when the Malays demanded independence. The English decided that the Malays had been trained enough to govern the country. So on August 30th, 1957, Malaya was given independence. The Malays now work mostly in offices. The English have started slowly to leave Malaya, but the air force, army, rubber planters and tin miners, hospital workers, welfare workers and a few police and government workers have stayed on, and probably will stay for a long time.

The jungles of Malaya are hot and dense, and vegetation grows very quickly. The trees are enormous and some grow to about 60 or 70 feet high. There are many beautiful waterfalls and rivers, and lovely tropical flowers. The animals of the jungle are monkeys (in the North of Malaya), elephants, a few tigers although they are rarely seen. In the deep jungle are are tapirs, a few crocodiles (in the big rivers) and many birds and insects. In the northern part of Malaya there are aborigines who live in little bamboo and wooden houses; they eat fish, wild pig, nuts, rice and fruit. They hunt monkeys and wild pigs with arrows and spears. They make their houses of bamboo and the houses are raised about six feet and have a ladder up to the door. Some of the houses are built in trees, to be out of reach of tigers, which live in very deep jungle.

FENELLA MADOC, Upper III.

## A FLIGHT TO HOLLAND

I HAVE been to Holland four times by boat and last summer my mother and I decided to fly.

We booked our flight and on August 12th at 8-30 a.m. we left for Ronalds-way Airport. It was my first flight so naturally I was very excited. We arrived at the airport at 8-45 a.m. We were informed that the plane had been delayed owing to technical trouble. Soon we were informed that the plane would arrive at 9-26. We said goodbye to Daddy and at 9-30 boarded the plane for Manchester. Our connection at Manchester was not due until 12-30, so we sat in the Lounge at Ringway Airport. At 12-45 we were eating a meal of chicken on board the K.L.M. (Dutch Royal Airways) plane.

We had a lovely flight and when we arrived at Schipol Airport in Amsterdam, my Grand-parents were there waiting for us. They live in Sassanheim which is outside Den Haag.

On Thursday morning we went to Den Haag. We also went to the famous Zeiss Planatarium. We set out for Amsterdam on Friday, 14th. I spent most of the time on the bus looking to see if any of the places had changed since my last visit. The Dutch buses are slightly different from the English ones. Of course they are driven on the right side of the road. The seats on English buses all face the same way, but the Dutch buses have seats that have one facing the front and the next facing the back; these go alternately down the bus. Some buses have no conductors, so the drivers collect the money. Most of the buses are single-deckers.

We reached Amsterdam and went sight seeing by motor launch. Among the buildings we saw were Rembrandt's House, the famous women's shopping centre and the diamond factories.

On Saturday I went swimming in the Swan Bat at the end of the road. I met Corrie Van der Geist there, and we decided to write to each other. In the afternoon we went to Leider and passed by the remains of the tulip bulbs. We passed the factory where they make bubble cars.

On the Sunday I went to play with Elly, Maris and Hans Classen. They keep rabbits as pets like so many of the Dutch children. On Monday we went to my Aunt's in Geleen, which is the mining district of Holland.

When we arrived I went on the back of my Uncle's "bike" looking at the shops. In Holland it is not unusual to see about four people on one bicycle. We left for Sassanheim on Tuesday. As we were in the train we passed Holland's famous bridges on the river Maas. It was all very exciting. On Thursday we left for Schipol Airport to go back home. We boarded the aeroplane and waved goodbye to my Grand-parents and arrived home after a wonderful holiday in Holland.

SANDRA KINVIG, Upper IV.

## THE CROWN COLONY, FIJI

THE Fiji group of islands are scattered between 15° and 22° latitude south of the equator, which means they are half way round the world from England. It has a tropical climate. The seasons are different from ours because the islands are in the southern hemisphere.

There are three hundred islands and they vary from tiny dots to the principal island, which has a mountain 4,000 feet high and the road around the island covers 350 miles in length.

Abel Tasman, a famous Dutch navigator, discovered Fiji in February, 1642. In 1643 Captain Cook sighted Fiji.

Apart from the Fijian people there are a great number of Indians, in fact more Indians than Fijians, there are also Chinese and Europeans.

The Fijians have many different dances, which tell many stories of war and peace.

The Fijians are of the Micronesian group and like all Pacific islanders they are very good sailors.

There are no wild animals, except the wild boar, which was most probably imported. There are also many species of birds. Unfortunately, due to the importation of mongoose on some island, the bird life has been destroyed. One of the most attractive of the birds is the parrot; this is very brightly coloured in many different shades of red, blue and green.

The Fijians make some of their own utensils from clay, the coconut shell and the gourd. At feasts they use banana leaves, shells and bamboo for plates and dishes.

Fijians used to cook in pits in the ground heated by stones.

On one island only there are people who perform a fire walking ceremony, they walk on red hot stones in bare feet.

Fijian houses are very tidy; they have thatched roofs and often the walls are of woven bamboo. They stand up to the torrents of rain and strong gales. They are always pleasantly cool.

JULIA GARVEY, Lower IV.

## MALAYA

IN 1956 my father who was a Colonel in the Army was posted to Malaya.

We arrived in Singapore in the midst of the Chinese New Year celebrations. We spent the night in a hotel in Singapore, before travelling on to Penang, which is an island on the North West coast of Malaya. Singapore was a very busy place at that time because of the crowds gathered for the Chinese New Year festivities. The Chinese let off fireworks and crackers all night. They also made and painted gigantic dragons which they dragged through the streets. We found Singapore a very exciting place after living in North West London.

The next day we flew on to Penang where we stayed in a very large hotel called the Runnymede, which was specially for English and Australian Service families. They stayed there while their houses were being made ready for them in other parts of Malaya.

Penang is a very pretty place. It has a surprising amount of greenery for

a tropical island, as well as a lot of pleasantly shaded beaches with palm trees fringing the coast. Under these you could stay and sunbathe, or swim, in the warm blue tropical seas all day.

There is also a beautiful swimming pool in Penang which belongs to the Penang swimming club. This is always popular with Europeans, who often swam by floodlight in the evenings. If you wanted to stay the whole day it was quite possible as Chinese servants served meals and iced drinks every day.

After a few weeks in Penang we travelled to Taiping. Taiping is a large Chinese town in the North of Malaya. It had a lot of greenery and orange trees called "the flame of the forest". Our bungalow was situated by a few beautiful lakes and not far away were many jungle clad hills. Not long ago these hills were known as "the Black country" as they were filled with Chinese bandits (Communists) and even now a few are still hiding there.

The school my sister and I went to was called "The British Army Children's School". It was for all European girls and boys whose parents had anything to do with the Army. We did not stay at school for the whole day as schools in Britain would, because the heat was so strong in the afternoons. So we stayed until about 12-30 and then went home for lunch.

In Malaya people always had Malay, Chinese or Indian cooks and "amahs". The cooks were frequently men and were often very good. The "amahs" who were women, did all the washing, ironing and housework.

My sister and I used to go swimming nearly every day at the club. The club as it was called, owned four pools altogether. One was 9 feet deep, one which was for babies was 1 foot, another 5 feet and another 10 feet. They had been carved very well out of ordinary rock. Going half the way round the pool was a cliff. On this cliff were lots of very, very tall trees covered in creepers. There were also quite a few small waterfalls, but there was also one big one which supplied the pools with fresh water all the time. There were always tropical flowers around the pool and tropical butterflies everywhere. While you were swimming you could see and hear monkeys everywhere. Really Malaya was a very beautiful place.

FIONA CAITHNESS, Upper III.

## THE CITY OF MILAN

AS my mother is Italian I go to Italy frequently. So I think am very fortunate. The place we visit most, I think, is Milan. That is because all our relations live there.

Milan is a very large city indeed, and has grown to be the largest industrial city in Italy. And—my goodness! it really is huge, it seems to be getting larger every day. Skyscrapers are beginning to spring up, and huge blocks of flats which are very modern. One day I think it will become like New York with all its skyscrapers and its immensity.

It has many interesting and beautiful things which you can go and visit. The cathedral of Milan is truly wonderful. From the outside it seems to be covered in statues. On the very top there is a lovely statue of the Madonna; this statue is of gold. Inside it seems quiet and stately, very dark too, but it gives you pleasure in looking around it. There is a lift in which you can go to the top, or you can go by foot up the stairs. I think the tourists would pay a rather expensive sum to go to the top, rather than walk up the flights of stairs, which I can assure you are numerous.

Also in Milan is the "Castello Sfozesca". It is a medieval castle in which you can find treasures from all over Italy. We visited it these holidays, it was very interesting.

There is an Arch called the "Arco della Pace" which means the "Arch of Peace". This was erected after the first world war, it has something to do with Garibaldi who was famous at that time. This arch is near one of the parks in Milan. In this park there has been set up a huge iron framework tower. At the top of this tower there is a balcony where you can look out. An amazing sight greets you when you look out. All around, the city seems to stretch out to the horizon. This probably gives you an idea of how large the city must be.

They have now re-opened as a civilian airport the old airport which had been used during the war. It is called "Forlanini" and aeroplanes come from all over the world.

As is in every city and town there are slums and better areas. This is the same in Milan, but now gradually they are pulling down the old buildings and are building new modern flats instead. At the moment they are building a "metropolitan" which is going to run under the city, like the one in London. It is said that it will be ready by 1963. So when I go there again, in three years' time, I shall find something new added to the city of Milan.

BRUNA BISHOP, Lower V.

## PITCAIRN ISLAND

PITCAIRN is a volcanic island in the Pacific. Few people ever land there, as it is difficult to get ashore. But we were lucky enough to be able to go ashore.

We were swung down the side of the ship in a large coal basket into a large rowing boat. Then the men, real sea-faring people, rowed strongly to shore. As they rowed they sang songs. It was about one mile to the shore, and all the time the rocks kept coming suspiciously near. The tiny landing place was full of rocks, but somehow the men got us safely in. A hill rose steeply up from the landing place which we struggled up.

The schoolmaster, who was an Australian, showed us round the school. Later the school children sang songs they had composed themselves. They also had a band.

Later we were taken to the square and we were shown the old Bounty anchor and Bible, and some remains of people who had lived in Pitcairn before the mutineers from the Bounty came in.

We had a large tea in the square. While we were having tea large thunder clouds loomed up and all too soon we had to leave.

On the way back to the ship the boom snapped so the men had to row back against the tide.

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By spreading the cost over as long a period as possible the financial problems involved in giving your child a Public School education are considerably lessened.

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